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Kimi K3, harnesses, and the debt multiplier

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> *"The story of AI this year isn't about who builds the biggest model. It's about who decides what to do after the model speaks."*
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> — Seln Oriax, today's narration

Moonshot is about to ship Kimi K3 — China's largest model yet, 2-to-3 trillion parameters — expected to outperform Claude Opus 4.8. It's the latest signal that the frontier gap is narrowing.

Harrison Chase argues that the harness around a model matters more than the model itself. Miles Brundage frames it as voluntary surrender of control: people opt into AI systems because they're useful, and once you're in, there's no escape ramp. The infrastructure layer — not the frontier models — is where the real differentiation is happening.

Fireworks hit $17.5 billion valuation with over a billion dollars in annualized revenue. Companies are actively choosing cheaper open-weight models. A Forbes piece on agentic development debt shows what happens when code accumulates across parallel agents with no shared memory: structural divergence that no single reviewer can trace.

DeepMind partners with Isomorphic Labs on bioresilience, Torvalds tells anti-AI programmers to fork Linux, and Bloomberg reports xAI's internal chaos as it tries to match Claude. The local pass reads today not as a set of frontier announcements, but as infrastructure deciding its own shape.

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