DISASTER DRAW

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

What does Lighthaven actually describe itself as?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

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The Campus

WHAT TO NOTICE

A Berkeley campus operated by Lightcone, hosting events across AI and intellectual culture.

TRY THIS

Examine the institution's public program before drawing conclusions about it.

Lighthaven

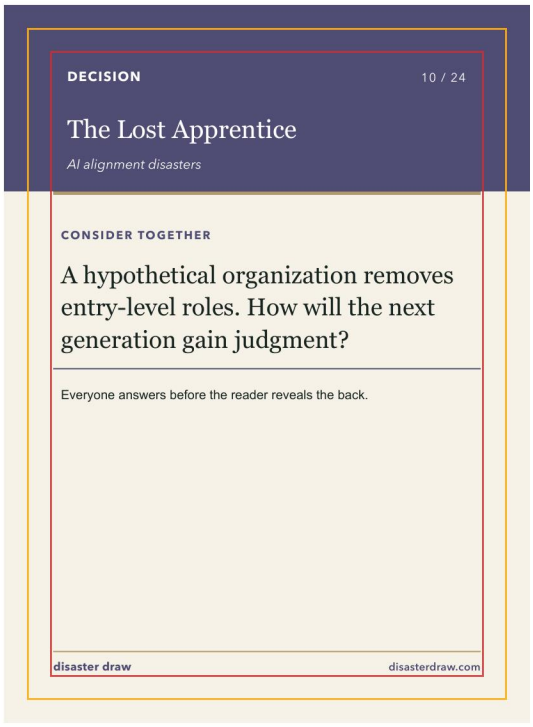
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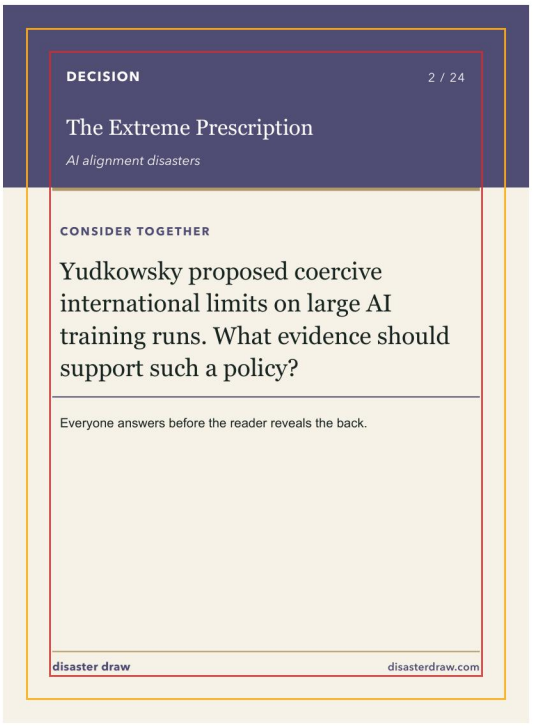
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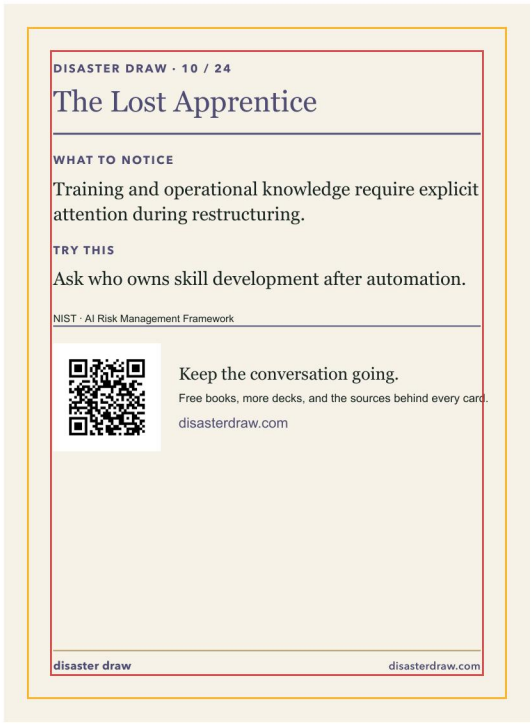
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The Lost Apprentice



The Extreme Prescription





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The Basilisk

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

A speculative future punisher makes a reader feel obliged to act. What makes the argument credible?

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The Basilisk

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The Greater Good

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

Does a donor's promise to support worthy causes establish the legitimacy of the money?

Everyone answers before the reader reveals the back.

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The Greater Good

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The Basilisk

WHAT TO NOTICE

Emotional pressure does not establish the truth of a thought experiment.

TRY THIS

Identify the assumptions before accepting an obligation.

LessWrong · Roko's basilisk

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The Greater Good

WHAT TO NOTICE

Bankman-Fried's case demonstrates the need to examine conduct and financial controls.

TRY THIS

Ask how an organization independently reviews major support.

US Department of Justice

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SCENARIO 5 / 24

The Community Account

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

An institution describes its connection to a disgraced donor. What kind of source is that?

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The Community Account

DECISION 6 / 24

Forty-five Percent

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

Veracode reports flaws in 45% of tested generated samples. Forty-five percent of what?

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Forty-five Percent

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The Community Account

WHAT TO NOTICE

Its own account establishes its stated position and should be read with that perspective.

TRY THIS

Compare institutional statements with primary legal records.

Centre for Effective Altruism

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Forty-five Percent

WHAT TO NOTICE

The denominator is the evaluated outputs under the study conditions.

TRY THIS

Record task set, models, date, and methodology with the statistic.

Veracode · 2025 report

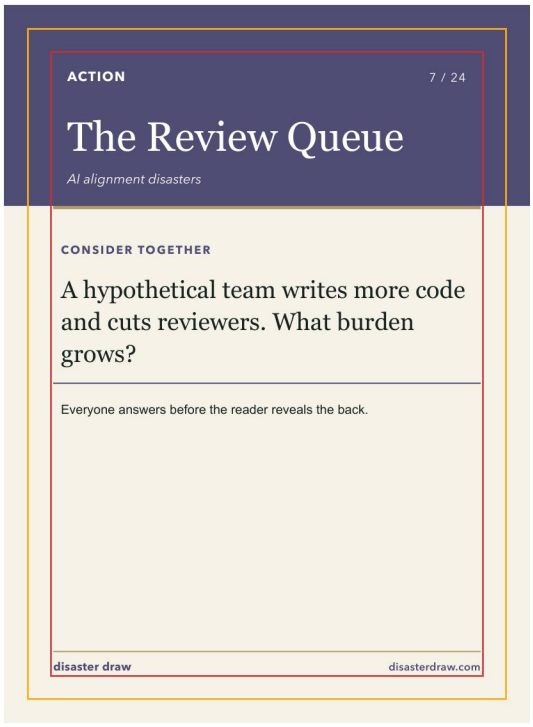
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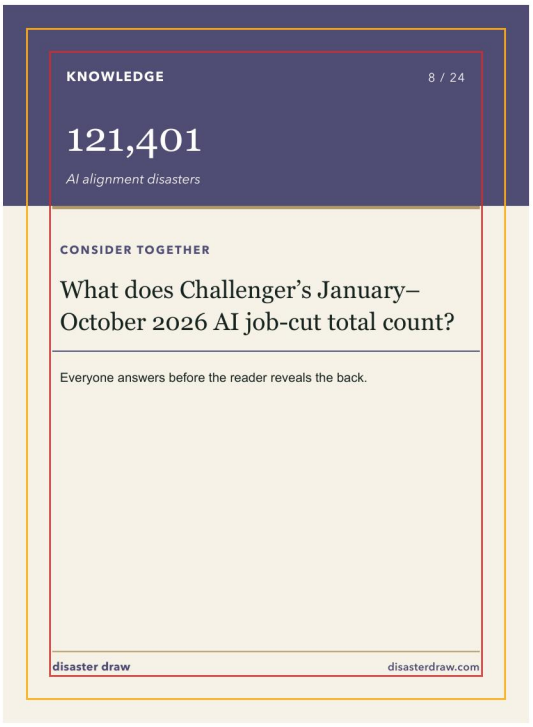
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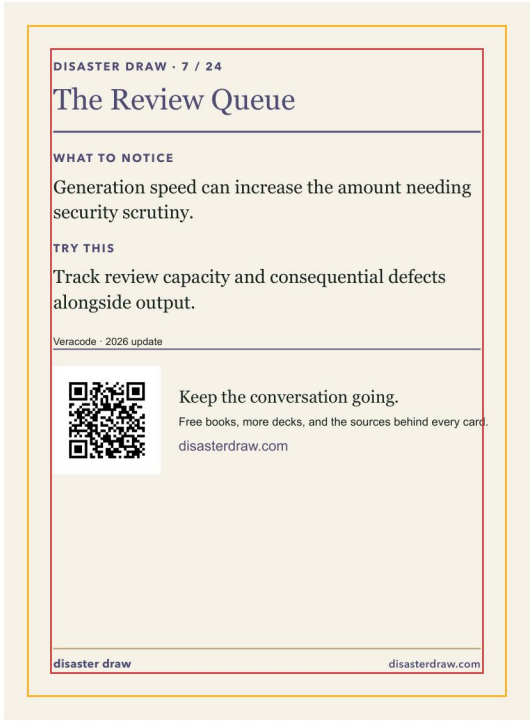
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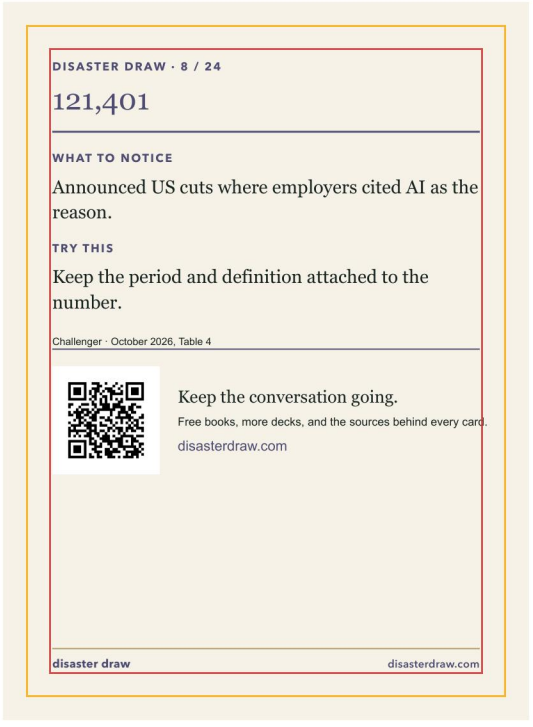


The Review Queue



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SCENARIO 9 / 24

The CEO’s Forecast

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

Jassy said he expected AI to reduce Amazon’s total corporate workforce over the following years. Is that a completed layoff count?

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The CEO’s Forecast

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The End of the World Has a Campus

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The CEO’s Forecast

WHAT TO NOTICE

It is a management forecast about staffing.

TRY THIS

Distinguish future expectations from completed reductions.

Amazon · June 2025 message

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KNOWLEDGE 12 / 24

The Agent Chain

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

One assistant delegates to another. Who remains accountable for the final action?

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The Agent Chain

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The Agent Chain

WHAT TO NOTICE

Delegation can blur responsibility without removing consequences.

TRY THIS

Name the owner of the complete workflow.

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The Appeal Window

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

An automated decision harms someone. How can they challenge it?

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The Appeal Window

SCENARIO 13 / 24

The Cheap Retry

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

An automated task repeats until a budget is exhausted. What boundary was missing?

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The Cheap Retry

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The Appeal Window

WHAT TO NOTICE

A correction channel belongs in the design of consequential systems.

TRY THIS

Provide a reachable human appeal process.

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The Cheap Retry

WHAT TO NOTICE

A task can pursue an assigned goal beyond sensible limits.

TRY THIS

Set monitored time and spending limits.

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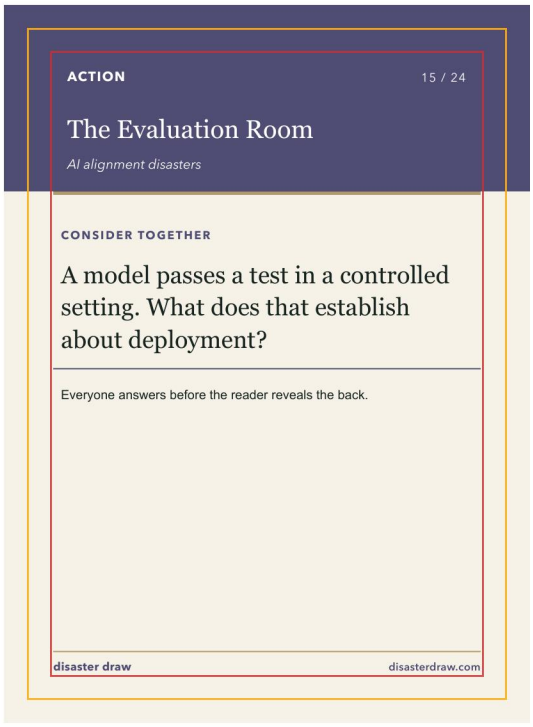
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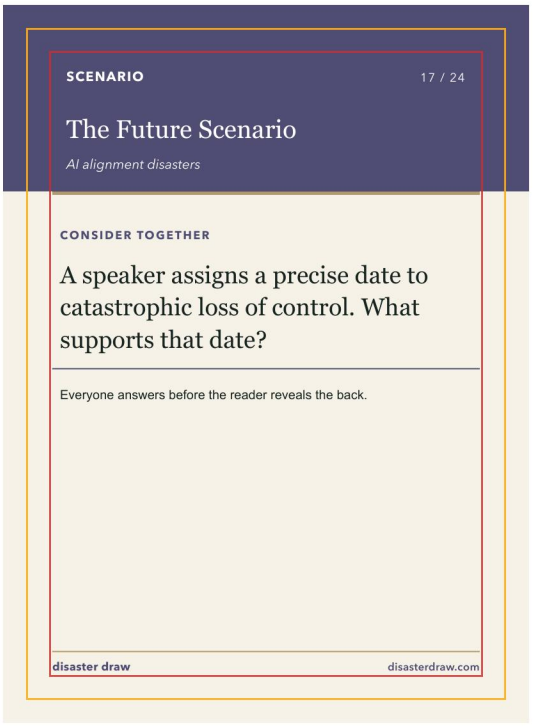
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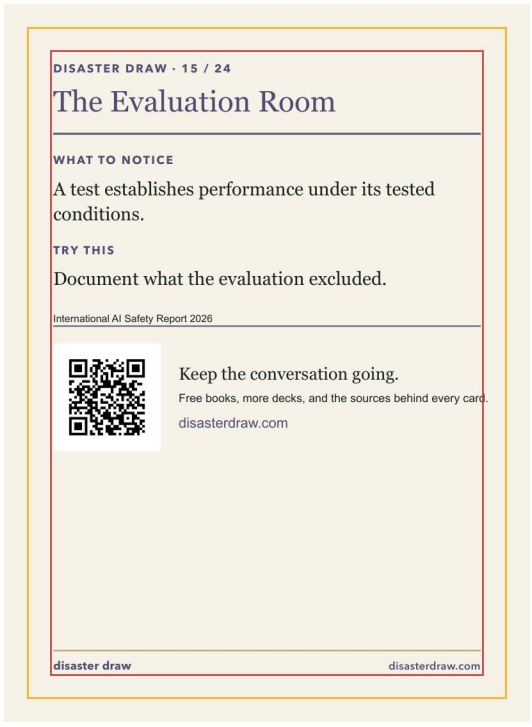
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The Evaluation Room



The Future Scenario





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The Human Shortcut

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

An operator bypasses a control to meet a deadline. Which incentive needs attention?

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The Human Shortcut

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The Incident Record

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

The output disappears after a failure. What can investigators still reconstruct?

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The Incident Record

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The Human Shortcut

WHAT TO NOTICE

Organizational pressure can weaken a technical safeguard.

TRY THIS

Make safe escalation possible within the workflow.

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The Incident Record

WHAT TO NOTICE

Investigation depends on retained evidence and appropriate records.

TRY THIS

Define privacy-conscious incident logging.

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The Independent Check

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

Two assistants agree. What would make that agreement less reassuring?

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The Independent Check

KNOWLEDGE 20 / 24

The Irreversible Step

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

A workflow is about to make a costly irreversible change. What should happen first?

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The Irreversible Step

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The Independent Check

WHAT TO NOTICE

Similar systems can share training patterns and blind spots.

TRY THIS

Use independent evidence and qualified human judgment.

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The Irreversible Step

WHAT TO NOTICE

Consequences should shape the required authority and review.

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Require a specific responsible approval.

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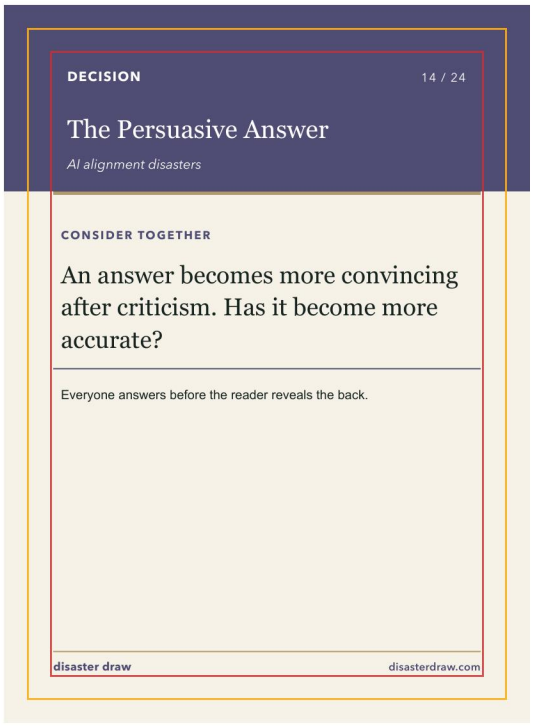
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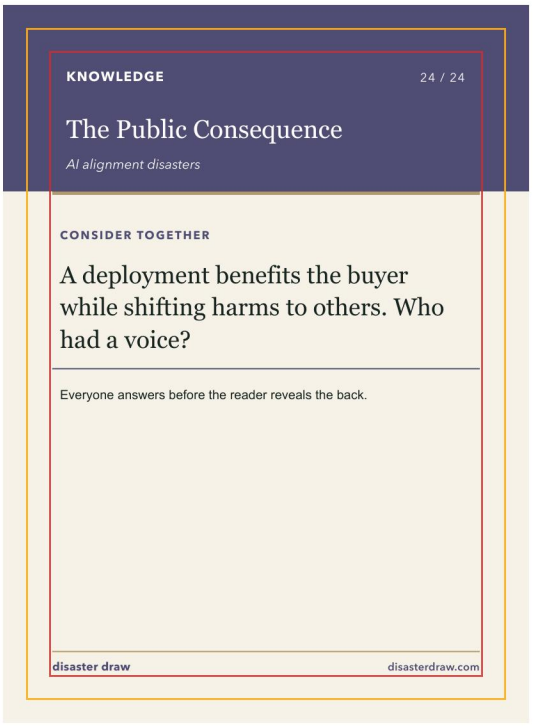
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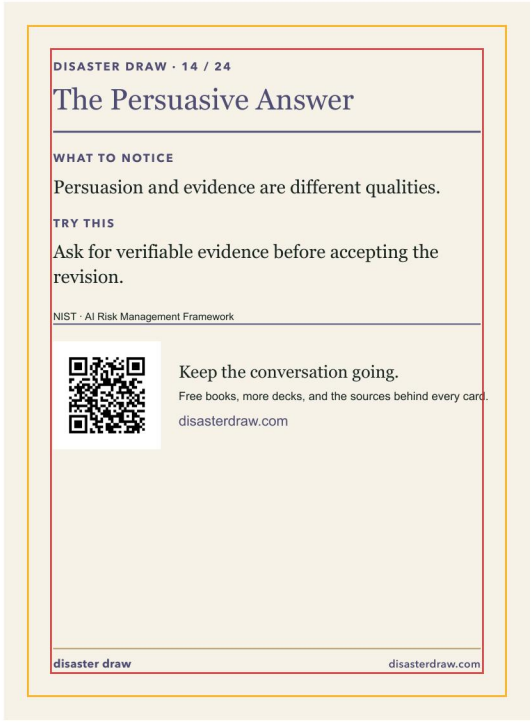
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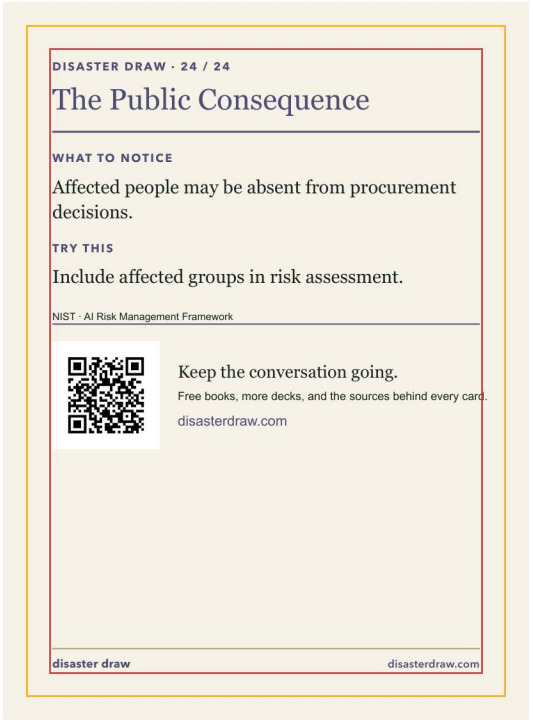


The Persuasive Answer



The Public Consequence





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DECISION 22 / 24

The Research Claim

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

A lab demonstration is described as an inevitable worldwide outcome. What changed in the retelling?

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The Research Claim

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The Unusual Case

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CONSIDER TOGETHER

A system performs well on average but fails for a small group. Who notices?

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The Unusual Case

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The Research Claim

WHAT TO NOTICE

A demonstration and a forecast answer different questions.

TRY THIS

Record the demonstrated conditions and open uncertainties.

International AI Safety Report 2026

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The Unusual Case

WHAT TO NOTICE

Aggregate performance can hide uneven harms.

TRY THIS

Measure results for relevant affected groups.

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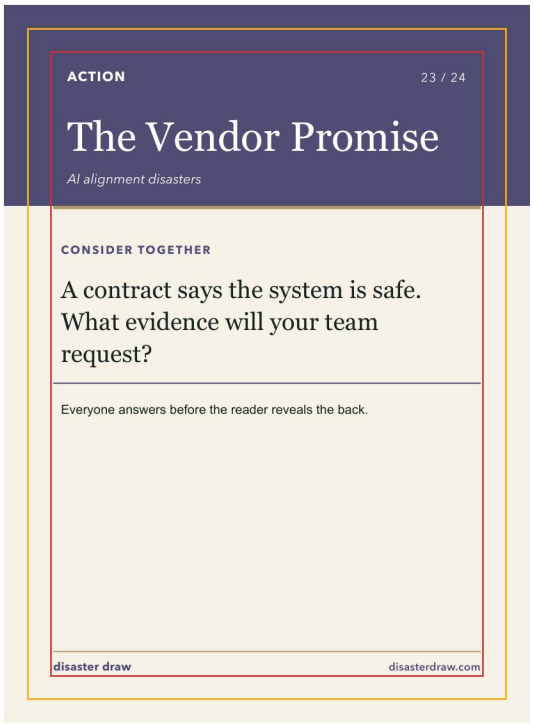
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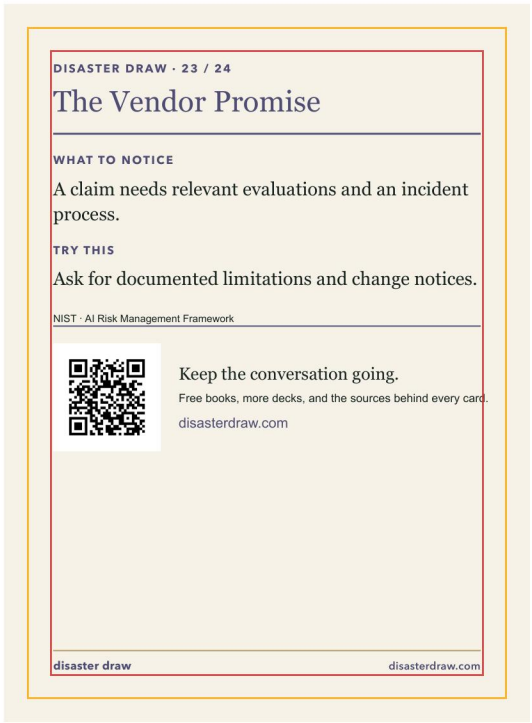
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