NIGHT EDITION · US cash close Wednesday 12 August · after the inflation print · morning Grok46 files left in place · this rewrite is the same research, in coffee English

A 30-second glossary (read this once)

Word	What it means here
CPI	Consumer Price Index. The official U.S. inflation report for shoppers. Headline = all items. Core = all items except food and energy.
PPI	Producer Price Index. Inflation at the factory gate. Prints Thursday 13 August.
PCE	Personal Consumption Expenditures. The Federal Reserve's favorite inflation gauge. Comes after PPI.
Pause vs hike	Pause = the Fed leaves interest rates unchanged. Hike = the Fed raises them.
Neocloud	A company that buys AI chips, plugs them into a data center, and rents the computing time. CoreWeave and Nebius are the two in this note.
Residual value	What a used AI chip is worth after a lease. Think used-car values in a car-lease business.
Float / lock-up	Float = shares that can actually trade. Lock-up = the post-IPO window when insiders cannot sell. When it ends, more stock can hit the market.
Short	A bet that a stock will fall. Michael Burry is short several AI names in this window.
Gigawatt (GW)	A huge unit of electricity. 1 GW is roughly a large power plant. AI factories are limited by power as much as by chips.

1. The session in plain English

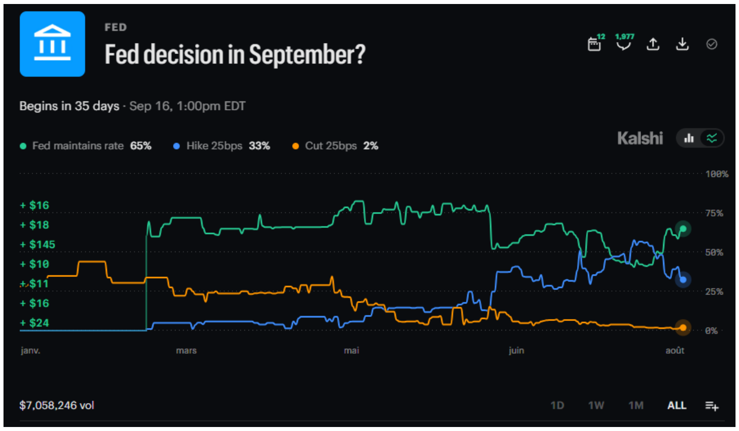
This morning the U.S. government published July inflation. That report is the Consumer Price Index (CPI). It tells you whether everyday prices are still rising fast. Headline CPI (all items) rose 0.1% on the month and 3.4% versus a year ago. Core CPI (everything except food and energy) rose 0.2% on the month and 2.5% versus a year ago. Energy prices fell 1.5% on the month. The print was roughly what Wall Street had already guessed.

Why that mattered: the Federal Reserve decides whether to leave interest rates alone (a pause) or raise them (a hike). An in-line print raised the chance of a pause. It was not a shock that would force the Fed to cut. Recaps on X put the S&P 500 near a record around 7,750. Tech and memory-chip stocks led. Gold eased back to about $4,389. Bitcoin recaps sat near $64,051 (up 0.6%). Ether sat near $1,909 (up 1.5%).

The afternoon belonged to the companies that actually rent out AI computers. These are sometimes called neoclouds: they buy Nvidia chips, plug them into data centers, and rent the computing time. CoreWeave (ticker CRWV) held a mid-teens to about 20% gain after last night's results: $2.575 billion of revenue, a $104 billion backlog of contracted work, and 1.5 gigawatts of power already running. Nebius (ticker NBIS) reported today. X cards had the stock up 34%. Recaps called it the best day since September 2025. Super Micro (the company that builds the server racks) stayed constructive on its sales outlook. Michael Burry (the investor from The Big Short) doubled down on short bets against Nebius, Micron, and Oracle into the rally. The market ignored him for a day.

Then the Elon split. SpaceX (ticker SPCX) recaps of +40% in five sessions, reclaiming the $140 area. Morgan Stanley analyst Adam Jonas kept an Overweight rating (he thinks the stock should beat the market) with a $300 base case and a $600 bull case, and called the coming lock-up a buying opportunity. Tesla lagged. Reporter Sawyer Merritt said U.S. custom orders of the cheapest Model 3 (rear-wheel drive) now wait until the first quarter of 2027. Bulls read that as demand for Tesla's Full Self-Driving software. The stock still looked like the leftover.

So what? Two different things went the market's way on the same day. The inflation print told investors that interest rates might stay put, which makes future profits worth more on a spreadsheet. CoreWeave and Nebius told investors that customers are still paying for AI factories, which makes those future profits themselves look bigger. SpaceX this week is mostly a story about how few shares can trade and how loud the narrative is. Tesla is a real industrial story the market is not paying for today. Tomorrow is the Producer Price Index (PPI), which measures inflation at the factory gate.



Kalshi snapshot circulating after the CPI print · treat as a live betting book, not an official Fed forecast · @Deltaone

2. Macro into the close

This table is the same numbers as the night pack, written so you can read it without a trading desk nearby.

Item	What printed	In English
CPI (Bureau of Labor Statistics)	Headline +0.1% month / +3.4% year. Core +0.2% / +2.5%. Energy -1.5% on the month.	In line with forecasts. Raised the chance the Fed holds rates. Not a surprise that would force a cut.
Hold vs hike	Deltaone: hold about 68%, hike about 9.6%. Goldman Asset Management: hold. Nick Timiraos (the Wall Street Journal Fed reporter): more room to hold. Santander: still expects September and December hikes. Unrounded core was 0.215%.	Desks disagree. One print does not settle the year. The next inflation number still matters.
Goldman on PCE	July core PCE seen +0.23% on the month. That note still wants a hold through year-end.	PCE is the Fed's favorite inflation gauge. It is the next big inflation object after Thursday's PPI.
Yardeni	S&P target 8,400 (was 8,250). 2026 earnings per share $375 (was $330). Recession or bear-market odds 20%.	The camp that says earnings, not rates, drive the next leg higher.
PPI	Thursday 13 August, in trader calendars.	Second inflation print of the week. Hot goods inflation would re-open hike talk.
Gold and crypto	Gold last +0.5% near $4,389 after the print. Bitcoin about $64,000. Ether about $1,909.	Stocks up, gold still bid. That is risk-on with a safety bid still alive.

3. The week's real argument: factory receipts vs Burry

The week's argument is still two questions. First: who pays to build the AI factory? Second: what are used AI chips worth after a lease? That second number is called residual value. If a $30,000 chip is still worth $20,000 after three years, the loan behind it is safer. If it is worth $3,000, the lender (or the company that promised the resale) takes a hit.

Think of it like used-car values in a car-lease business. The monthly lease payment looks great until the cars come back and nobody wants them. That is the adult bear case on the AI rental companies. It is not the same thing as "nobody is renting the computers today."

Last night CoreWeave showed older A100 chips still earning money, and 3.7 gigawatts of power contracted. That 3.7 number is the official press release. Some recaps said 4.2 gigawatts. Use the official 3.7. Today Nebius added a second receipt. Recaps: about $582 million of revenue (roughly +454% versus a year ago), adjusted EBITDA $236 million versus about $175 million expected (EBITDA is profit before interest, tax, and the accounting charge for worn-out equipment), AI cloud $575 million (+514%), annualized recurring revenue $3.0 billion (ARR: last period's run-rate multiplied up to a year), contracted power raised to 5 gigawatts, cash about $8.0 billion. That is demand language.

Burry's afternoon: X recaps that he shorted more Micron, Oracle, and Nebius, and called Nebius "what the top of a boom looks like," with depreciation (the economic wear of chips) as the main concern. He compared it to "the same thing that extended the dot-com bubble." The stock still had one of its best days.

Crowd lesson: a famous person betting against a stock is positioning. A 5-gigawatt contracted power book is industrial. They can both be true for a week. Burry can be early on used-chip prices and still lose money this week.

Burry doubles the Nebius short into a +34% day · @StockSavvyShay

Nebius session card circulating as a second-best day · @Barchart

"I shorted more MU, ORCL and NBIS today. Nebius is what the top of a boom looks like. Depreciation is the main concern."

X recap of Burry · @amitisinvesting · 12 Aug

"I closed my CRWV today. Thesis intact. Gap was too fast for my average. Protect capital and mental bandwidth."

@pdicarlotrader · 12 Aug (a trader booking profits, not a company update)

4. Earnings: the three factory names, decoded

If you only remember one thing from this page: demand printed twice in 24 hours. The argument that remains is whether the financing (interest bills, used-chip promises) eats the profit later.

Company	The numbers	So what
CoreWeave	Q2 revenue $2.575B (+112% year). Adjusted EBITDA $1.51B, 59% margin. Net loss $626M. Interest expense $640M. Backlog $104B, not counting more than $25B signed early in Q3. Power already on: 1.5 GW. Power contracted: about 3.7 GW.	The stock held the bid. Jim Chanos (a famous short seller) says 2028 earnings estimates are coming down and the stock is about 90 times 2028 earnings. Some traders took profits on the gap. Demand is not the debate. The $640M interest bill is.
Nebius	Revenue $582.3M versus about $578M expected. Adjusted earnings -$0.12 versus -$0.61 expected. Adjusted EBITDA $236M versus $175M. AI cloud $575M (+514%). ARR $3.0B. Cash from operations $2.25B. Cash $8.04B. Power 5 GW (was more than 4).	Recaps of a +34% day. Second factory receipt in 24 hours. Burry is still short. The stock can be both a real business print and a crowded short-cover day.
Super Micro	Q4 revenue miss: $11.1B versus $11.55B expected. Adjusted earnings $1.70 versus $0.96 expected. Fiscal 2027 sales guide $65-72B versus about $52.5B expected.	They missed this quarter's sales but guided next year much higher. The outlook is the story. The stock can whip around.

CoreWeave Q2 recap card · backlog and power, from the after-hours print

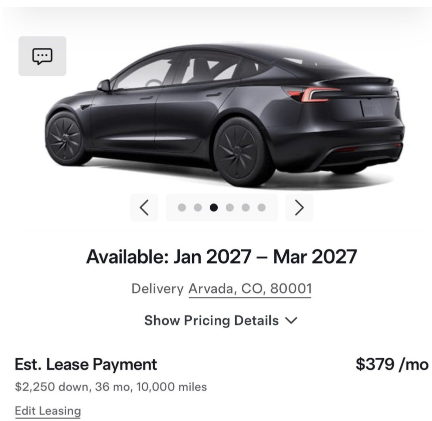
5. Permanent watchlist (night close)

Every name we always cover. Company first. Ticker in brackets. Quiet names stay on the list so you can see we looked.

Company	Mood	What happened, in English
Nvidia (NVDA)	Helped by rates / multi-week fight	Softer inflation helps the stock because future chip profits get valued at a higher price. The harder argument (who guarantees used-chip values in the financing documents) is still next week, not today's catalyst.
Apple (AAPL)	Quiet	No company news. If bond yields stay softer, quality names like Apple tend to get a bid. Options still active.
Microsoft (MSFT)	Quiet / second-order	Azure cloud wins if factory demand converts into software spend. No fresh print today.
Google (GOOGL)	Constructive	Gemini hitting about 1 billion monthly active users is still the product story from this window.
Amazon (AMZN)	Quiet	Amazon Web Services is the long-run read-through for whether AI spend shows up in cloud bills.
Meta (META)	Quiet / relative	X compared Meta's about $1.48 trillion market value to SpaceX about $1.9 trillion and called it silly. That is positioning talk, not a Meta company print.
Tesla (TSLA)	Soft versus SpaceX	Base Model 3 rear-wheel-drive custom wait moved to Q1 2027 (Sawyer Merritt). Bulls: Full Self-Driving demand. The stock: leftover. Options remain loud.
SpaceX (SPCX)	Hot / five-day rip	+40% in five sessions in recaps. Morgan Stanley $300 base / $600 bull. Jonas: treat the lock-up as an entry. The risk is still how few shares can actually trade.
Palantir (PLTR)	Positioning	Still a Burry valuation fight. No new product metric today. Do not use Palantir as your AI-demand thermometer.
Micron (MU)	Memory bid + short heat	Korea's Kospi (the main Korean stock index) led on memory chips. Recaps that Burry added to the short. If the AI factories are real, memory should leak a bid.
Sandisk (SNDK)	Hot (memory complex)	Rides high-bandwidth memory (HBM: the special RAM glued next to AI chips) and NAND flash (the memory in SSDs) with the Korea tape.

Company	Mood	What happened, in English
AppLovin (APP)	Damaged	Bank of America Neutral / $400 is still the window's bank cut. Soft CPI helps a little because ad-tech stocks move with interest-rate hopes.
CoreWeave / Nebius	Hot / industrial	Two receipts. One celebrity short. Demand is the print. Interest cost and used-chip values are the adult bear case.

SpaceX five-day move card circulating on X · 12 Aug



Sawyer Merritt · U.S. custom Model 3 rear-wheel-drive wait moved to Q1 2027

6. Product layer: Grok 4.6 shipped, Grok 4.7 teased

xAI shipped Grok 4.6 today (Build, Cursor, Grok Bot, and the API). Elon: try it; double tokens for seven days. Emad Mostaque (Stability AI founder) flagged GDPVal as the real-world-task bench (a test of whether the model can do actual jobs, not just chat) and congratulated the jump.

Then Elon previewed Grok 4.7: "significantly better than 4.6," ready in 3 to 4 weeks, initial training done, now adding "a massive amount of SpaceX company data." Later: he would be shocked if any model is better at real-world engineering than 4.7 because that corpus (the pile of training documents) is unique.

So what? That is a SpaceX stock story as much as a model note. If 4.7 really trains on unique SpaceX engineering, it supports Morgan Stanley's "AI platform" pitch. If the data is just public telemetry and Slack, it is a normal upgrade. Watch the September / October definition of what was actually trained.

	Grok 4.6 High	Grok 4.5 High	GPT-5.6 Sol Max	Fable 5 Max
AA Intelligence Index	61	56	61	**62**
GDPVal-AA v2	**1753**	1526	1728	1741

Emad Mostaque · GDPVal card on Grok 4.6 (real-world tasks, not a SpaceX filing)

7. What to watch in the next 24 to 72 hours

- Thursday PPI. Second inflation print of the week. Hot goods inflation would re-open the hike camp and knock high-beta AI names.
- Do CoreWeave and Nebius keep the bid after a gap day? Upgrade notes would confirm. A fade would say yesterday was mostly short-covering.
- SpaceX versus $140 and the lock-up calendar. Morgan Stanley says buy the extra supply. Extra supply can still bite for a few sessions.
- Tesla wait times. Does the Q1 2027 Model 3 queue show up in delivery commentary, or stay an X screenshot?
- First analyst notes on Nebius after the print: utilization (how full the computers are), prepayments (customers paying in advance), and the 5 gigawatt power claim.
- Korea memory follow-through (Kospi lead). If the factories are real, Micron and Sandisk should leak a bid.

Primary sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI; CoreWeave Q2 press release; live X (Deltaone, FirstSquawk, Sawyer Merritt, Jonas recaps, Burry recaps, Elon) for the U.S. cash session Wednesday 12 August 2026. Charts from public X media. Night files do not overwrite the morning pack. Not financial advice. Research and education only.

PART B · HOUSE VIEW (the night call)

Same facts as Part A. Different job: I take a stand into Thursday. Written for a smart friend who invests. Not a telegram. Not a price-target sheet. Not financial advice.

0. My call into Thursday (PPI day)

Base case (about 55%): Thursday is a digestion day, not a coronation day.

CPI already gave the market the "Fed might pause" bid. The factory names already printed. I expect CoreWeave, Nebius, and Super Micro to keep most of their relative strength unless PPI is hot. I do not expect the Magnificent 7 (Apple, Microsoft, Nvidia, Amazon, Alphabet, Meta, Tesla) to melt up off one in-line CPI while energy is still +14.7% versus a year ago. I do not expect Burry to crash Nebius tomorrow just because he added to the short. SpaceX can stay bid and still be a float stock (too few shares, too much story). Tesla stays the laggard until the wait-time story shows up in deliveries.

Why, in one coffee. This morning's inflation print moved the interest-rate assumption that investors use to value future profits. Last night and this morning moved the profits themselves: two AI-rental companies showed customers are still paying. When both go the market's way on the same day, the next session is usually where tourists get sorted from people who already own the stock. PPI is the only new macro object tomorrow.

Why not a melt-up as the base case? Santander still wants hikes. Goldman wants a hold through year-end and flagged 0.23% core PCE. Those two desks cannot both be the whole market. Energy's year-over-year rate is still loud. Private holders still dominate Treasuries, which means one soft CPI does not magically reprice the entire bond market.

Why not an AI crash as the base case? Two neocloud receipts in 24 hours plus Super Micro's order outlook is factory language. Burry can be early on used-chip values and still lose a week. Chanos's "about 90 times 2028 earnings" is the real bear case on CoreWeave, not a tweet. It does not delete 1.5 gigawatts of live power overnight.

Three paths from here

Scenario	Odds	What I expect Thursday to Friday
A · Digestion hold (BASE)	~55%	Indices chop near the high. Factory names keep most of the pop. PPI roughly in line. SpaceX noisy around $140.
B · Hot PPI re-read	~25%	Bond yields bounce. High-beta AI sold with the market. CoreWeave and Nebius give back a slice. Energy stocks look better.
C · Squeeze extension	~20%	Nebius and CoreWeave run again on shorts covering. SpaceX extends. Quality stops mattering for a day. People who faded the open look late.

Name by name into Thursday

Company	Night call	In English, plus what would flip me
Nebius	Hold most of the bid; respect the gap	Cleaner second receipt than the short. Flip if analyst notes say customers prepaid less than it looked, or the computers are emptier than the power number implies.
CoreWeave	Whippy, but the print is real	The $640 million interest bill and Chanos's 90-times-2028 math are why you do not marry the gap. Demand is not the debate. Flip if the backlog is cancelled or power is delayed.
SpaceX	Float tape; Morgan Stanley is the narrative fuel	$300 and "buy the lock-up" is a multi-year research view. Five-day +40% is positioning. Both can unwind. Flip if unlock volume smashes through $130.
Tesla	Unloved; wait-time is the new fact	A Q1 2027 Model 3 wait is a demand tell if it is real. The stock will not re-rate on one Sawyer post. Flip if Tesla starts advertising leftover inventory, or if unsupervised robotaxi miles start looking real.
Nvidia	Rates hostage; financing is next week	CPI helped the multiple (the price investors will pay for each dollar of future profit). Used-chip guarantees in the financing documents are the multi-week argument.
Micron / Sandisk	Prefer as factory second order	If CoreWeave and Nebius are real, memory chips should leak a bid. Burry's short is noise until we see inventory data. Flip if memory makers start talking about leftover chips.
Palantir	Still theater	No product metric today. Do not use it as the AI demand expression. Flip only if a real usage number appears.

1. One-line thesis

Physical AI demand just printed twice in 24 hours. Capital markets still fight over what used chips will be worth. Thursday is PPI on top of a factory bid, not a new story.

2. What the crowd is getting wrong

Wrong #1: "Burry doubling the short means the Nebius print was fake." My take: he is arguing depreciation and boom psychology (people overpaying at the top of a cycle). Nebius just raised contracted power to 5 gigawatts and printed $2.25 billion of operating cash flow in the recaps. Argue used-chip values if you want. Do not invent a missed quarter.

Wrong #2: "SpaceX +40% in five days means the IPO is clean." My take: Jonas may be right on the platform over years. Five days is a tight float plus a $300 note. Unlock calendars do not disappear because a price target went up. Think of it like a small parking lot and a lot of cars. One nice review of the restaurant does not add parking spaces.

Wrong #3: "Tesla is dead because SpaceX ripped." My take: two different businesses on two different clocks. A Model 3 wait into 2027, if it holds, is a demand fact. It is not a one-day trading fact. Do not sell Tesla to buy SpaceX in a taxable account just because today's screen did that. Tax friction is real. The businesses are not substitutes.

3. What actually limits the AI factory (industrial only)

This map is about the physical world: power, chips, packaging, racks, and the money that finances them. It is not about ETFs or options. Those are how people trade the theme, not what limits factory output.

#	Bottleneck	This window, in English
1	Power and the grid	CoreWeave: 1.5 GW live, 3.7 GW contracted. Nebius: 5 GW contracted. Electricity is still scarce. You cannot rent a computer you cannot plug in.
2	High-bandwidth memory	Korea led. Micron and Sandisk ride that. Burry shorting Micron is not a supply print. HBM is the special RAM sitting next to the AI chip.
3	Advanced packaging	No relief headline this window. Packaging (sticking the chip and memory together) is still a known constraint.
4	Racks and servers	Super Micro's higher sales guide is still the pickaxe tell: if factories are being built, someone has to ship the boxes.
5	Capital that survives used-chip prices	CoreWeave's $640 million interest bill plus Chanos's 90-times-2028 math. This is financing, sitting next to power. It is not an ETF.

4. Capital and financing

Think of the half-trillion-dollar AI financing platforms as a giant equipment-lease market. The fragile joint is residual value: what the used chips are worth when the lease ends.

What would make me more comfortable: high utilization (the computers are actually full), long offtake (customers signed up for years, not months), fewer manufacturer-backed promises about used-chip prices, and an interest bill that is not 40% of adjusted EBITDA. CoreWeave's $640 million interest versus $1.51 billion of adjusted EBITDA is the number to keep in your head.

What would make me more cautious: earnings-estimate cuts that the market ignores because the backlog number is louder. Growth can be real and still a bad stock if the mortgage eats the night's take. That is the difference between "the factory is busy" and "the equity is a good bet."

5. Who wins one step down the chain

If the two neocloud prints are real, the next winners are not another rental company. They are the people who sell the ingredients: high-bandwidth memory (Micron, SK Hynix), enterprise flash storage (Sandisk), the factories that assemble servers, power gear, and optical networking. Software (Microsoft and Google cloud, Palantir-style platforms) lags, because the software bill shows up after the computers are plugged in.

AppLovin is still a different problem: ad-tech plus interest-rate sensitivity, not an AI-factory receipt. Grok 4.7's SpaceX training data is a product claim that supports the SpaceX AI-compute story. It does not move Tesla deliveries tomorrow.

6. Scorecard

Stance first. Then what the company does, what happened, why I lean this way, and what would flip it.

Company	Stance	Why, and what would flip it
Nebius	Constructive on the business / hot as a trade	What it does: rents AI computers. What happened: second receipt, 5 GW, $2.25B operating cash flow in recaps. Why: demand language, not a tweet. Flip: prepay miss, empty computers, or a funding gap.
CoreWeave	Constructive on demand, respect the gap	What it does: the larger U.S. AI-rental platform. What happened: official beat, $104B backlog, 1.5 GW live. Why: demand is not the debate. Flip: backlog cancel, power delay, or a liquidity scare. The $640M interest bill is why you do not treat the gap as free money.

Company	Stance	Why, and what would flip it
SpaceX	Business strong, float messy	What it does: launch, Starlink, and now an AI-compute narrative. What happened: +40% in five days, Morgan Stanley $300 / $600, lock-up framed as entry. Why: the platform can be worth the target over years and still give you a 15% air pocket on an unlock day. Flip: unlock smash on volume, or AI spend with no revenue bridge.
Tesla	Story still ahead of receipts. Wait-time is new.	What it does: cars, energy, robotaxi / Full Self-Driving optionality. What happened: Model 3 wait to Q1 2027; stock lagged SpaceX. Why: one Sawyer post is a tell, not a quarter. Flip: the wait is leftover inventory, not demand, or unsupervised miles start looking real.
Nvidia	Long-cycle. CPI hostage today.	What it does: sells the chips the factories rent. What happened: no new product print; rates helped the multiple. Flip: toxic used-chip guarantees in final financing docs, or a real capex cliff at the hyperscalers.
Micron	Prefer as the storage expression	What it does: memory chips, including HBM. What happened: Korea led; Burry added to the short. Why: if the factories are real, memory leaks a bid. Flip: inventory-rebuild headlines. Burry is not that headline.

7. Trading read (not advice)

Regime: post-event risk-on, with a single-name AI impulse. In English: the market liked the inflation print, and then a couple of stocks ran because their own numbers were loud.

Already priced: an in-line CPI, and some bounce in the AI-rental names. Under-discussed: CoreWeave's interest coverage (can the factory pay the mortgage?), how much of Nebius's +34% was shorts covering, and whether Thursday's PPI is hot in goods.

Decision rule I am using, not a recommendation: if the factory names still lead after PPI, demand won the week. If they dump with the market on a hot PPI, it was a rates day; wait for session two before deciding the factory story broke.

8. How I would know I am wrong

Tomorrow: a hot PPI plus a jump in bond yields that sells anything high-beta (stocks that move more than the market). That kills the digestion-day base case.

This week: analyst notes that reframe Nebius prepayments as weak, or CoreWeave utilization (how full the computers are) as weak. That would say the "factory receipt" was more accounting than demand.

Over weeks: residual-value losses showing up in private credit (lenders writing down used chips), or backlog revisions down at CoreWeave or Nebius. That is the real bear, not a celebrity tweet.

9. What I am watching next

- PPI, specifically the goods versus services split. Goods heat is the hike-camp fuel.
- Whether CoreWeave and Nebius still lead into Thursday's close.
- SpaceX versus $140 on real volume (lock-up supply versus the Morgan Stanley bid).
- Tesla wait-time follow-through versus inventory ads.

- The first Nebius sell-side notes on utilization and prepayments.

Bottom line, in one coffee

CPI was boring enough that the factory got to speak. Burry spoke too. The factory was louder today. Tomorrow is PPI. Watch whether CoreWeave and Nebius still lead after that print. And do not confuse a five-day SpaceX rip with a clean IPO.

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