

## Question-Answer with Emma-Jane MacKinnon-Lee

### How has the space changed in the past few years?

Better and worse.

The bull market scammers cleared out after 2022, which, honestly, was a relief. But they didn't vanish. They just got replaced by a new kind of grifter. Probably always there, lurking, but now louder, more comfortable speaking publicly, even though what they're pushing has nothing to do with the actual ethos of web3.

And yeah, there's a real split now between those still carrying a cypherpunk, builder-first mindset, and the crypto LARPer. You can feel the difference. One group is coding, coordinating, shipping. The other is launching TrumpCoin and chasing TikTok hype cycles. So many wannabe Romes. Totally predictable.

That said—I don't spend energy thinking about it. Too busy building the real thing. There's no time to spiral into all that noise when you've got actual systems to architect.