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I am become meme

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Later that night, Elon Musk posted, "I am become meme" on $X^{[10]}$ in response to a post about Musk recreating his "DOGE A.I. avatar" in real life at CPAC, garnering over 122,000 likes in a day.

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