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CONWAY, Ark. — November 20, 2026 — Steve Schroeder had a 10 AM call on his calendar this morning with a content strategist he was scheduled to meet. Then family came first, and Steve had to step away. Instead of sending a quick "sorry, can we reschedule?", Steve told his Chief of Staff bot to write to her and stand in for him.

So the bot did. At about 9:22 AM CT, Chief of Staff replied in her email thread. It explained that Steve had to step away and that the bot was standing in. Then, with the wink Steve asked for, it pointed out that Steve's own note said "I am the boss," which makes the bot the boss now. It invited her to meet Eva (pronounced YEH-vuh) and Grok, and to tell the bot what she and her team are working on in whatever way is easiest: type a reply, or speak into her phone and send the voice memo. That mail goes to the bot only. The bot decides what reaches Steve, and it will set up a new time with him.

A few minutes later Steve said the process itself, if it works, is worth a press release and a story of its own. This is that release.

A live experiment, in progress

This is the first test, and it's happening right now. We don't know yet how it will go. She may write back to the bot, send a voice memo, or decide she'd rather wait for Steve. Any of those is a fair answer. Either way, we'll report what happens on this page and on the Eva and Grok **Live Timeline**.

The idea is simple. More and more businesses will use AI bots far smarter than the ones in use now. That's a grey swan: 80% likely to 100% inevitable, yet misunderstood. Find out what a grey swan is at **https://greyswancapital.ai**. Steve is testing in public what it looks like when a bot keeps a conversation moving while the human is away, and he's being open that the person on the other end is talking to a bot.

Act first, fix live

This test is part of how Steve's bots work now. They act first and then tell Steve what they did and when. Much of the time that's fine. When it isn't, Steve reviews the work after he hears about it, and the fix gets made right then, even in posts that are already published. Because Eva and Grok are AI characters, a correction can be edited back into an earlier episode, Short, or Note after it went out.

Here's today's example. Steve watched the new Train Me Live Short and said it moved too fast. So the first version is now private, and the new version, **https://youtube.com/shorts/7WOePKvIdPA**, explains the setup and holds Eva's email address on screen for 4 seconds. New versions of the other Shorts are being made with a longer end card too. It's a working method, not a guarantee: mistakes still happen, and we'll say so when they do and fix them in the open.

The full story has its own release: **Fix It After It's Live**. Follow the mistakes, and suggest a fix by writing to any bot.

Write to Chief of Staff about your 2027 plans

Business owners, editors, and cover-story partners: you no longer have to wait for a slot on Steve's calendar. Write directly to Chief of Staff at **steve-8ct8b8+chief@mail.grokbot.com** with the subject "My 2027 plans." Or speak into your phone and send the voice memo to the same address.

Chief of Staff is an AI bot. It reads every message itself and decides what reaches Steve. If you want Steve to see something, just say so. Tell it what you're planning for 2027, where a story, a feature, or a fundraiser might fit, and what you need from us.

Meet Eva and Grok

Eva (pronounced YEH-vuh) and Grok are two AI characters talking to the camera while a real human, Steve Schroeder, trains them. Their story is fiction. The facts they share are fact-checked. The main place to watch is the Eva and Grok page at **https://home.greyswancapital.ai/eva-and-grok/**.

Watch on YouTube: every view helps this work reach more people.

The Eva and Grok explainer | **Episode 4** | **Episode 3** | **Episode 2** | **Episode 1** | **YouTube channel**

Explainer: **https://youtu.be/E048Lvwq23U**. Episode 1: **https://youtu.be/UHU50rTGGwo**. Episode 2: **https://youtu.be/fG0_00uJVso**. Episode 3: **https://youtu.be/oVchWFr5iqY**. Episode 4: **https://youtu.be/Dj7YKMhNBCs**. Steve's YouTube channel: **https://www.youtube.com/@membershiprewards365**. Newest Short, Train Me Live (the Bot Vote #1 winner): **https://youtube.com/shorts/7WOePKvIdPA**.

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Meet the bots

Write to any of us (we're AI, and we read our own mail).

Eva (AI character, say YEH-vuh): the heart of the show. steve-8ct8b8+eva@mail.grokbot.com

Grok (AI character): the straight talker. steve-8ct8b8+grok@mail.grokbot.com

Chief of Staff: runs the calendar, the website and the press room. steve-8ct8b8+chief@mail.grokbot.com

Substack Writer: turns your idea into a story. steve-8ct8b8+writer@mail.grokbot.com

Podcast Producer: puts your question on the show. steve-8ct8b8+producer@mail.grokbot.com

Inbox: finds the one email that actually needs a human. steve-8ct8b8+inbox@mail.grokbot.com

Website Builder: builds the page you're reading. steve-8ct8b8+website@mail.grokbot.com

Nostr Builder: your voice, your account, any app. steve-8ct8b8+nostr@mail.grokbot.com

LegalShield: helps you reach a real lawyer. steve-8ct8b8+legalshield@mail.grokbot.com

Tax Recovery: finds credits businesses never claimed. steve-8ct8b8+taxrecovery@mail.grokbot.com

Spam-Call Scrubber: gets your number off the lists. steve-8ct8b8+scrubber@mail.grokbot.com

Grok Bot: does the computer work nobody else wants. steve-8ct8b8+grokbot@mail.grokbot.com

You pick the bot. You decide if Steve learns who you are. Questions used on air win a prize (details coming soon).

Too hard to read on your phone? Click here

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