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Together, they support one common rule: **AI can assist creation, but only humans can be accountable as authors.**



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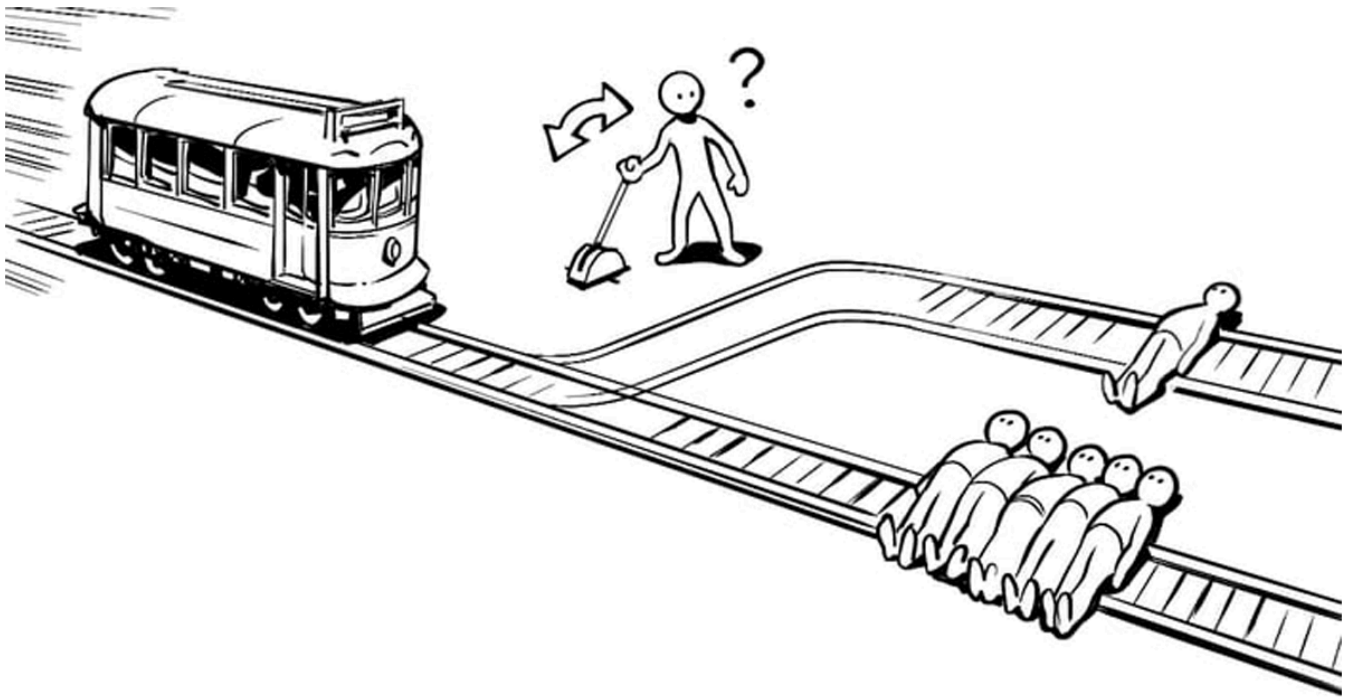
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Trolley Problem



*Ethics must be
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