Agile Rant Grooming Questions

A list of questions to help guide user story grooming and refinement. These questions will help uncover additional details about the goals and needs of the user story, to help uncover new or previously unknown work. These questions also help build shared understanding of the work for the Agile team.

1. Do we understand what we can do with the system after the story user is completed (that we cannot do with the current system)?
2. How would you test this user story?
3. Where do we see dependencies with other user stories or teams?
4. What architectural challenges do you see?
5. What parts of the implementation looks like code that already exists elsewhere, and should we reuse it?
6. Are there security aspects we need to take into account?
7. Are there performance or UX aspects we need to take into account?
8. Is there any developer that thinks they cannot build this? Why?
9. What should we demo to show it works as planned?
10. Do we know any other implementation of a similar solution (in our own organization or elsewhere), and where does our solution differ?
11. Is there any other implementation that we can do that is clearly not what we want, but much simpler and satisfies the need/goal?
12. What other interpretation could a developer use to build the user story, and what test do we need to perform to detect this?
13. Where do we create technical debt if we implement this user story as planned?
14. What vague terms are used in the user story—e.g., *fast*, *soon*, *early*, *better*, *easy*?
15. What tasks do we need to complete for this user story, and who wants to do (or not do) what tasks?
16. What skills are needed to complete this user story, and do we have these skills in the team?
17. Is it clear how the user story contributes to the product vision of the product owner?
18. Can we split the user story into smaller ones and still add value?