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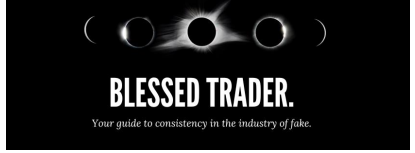
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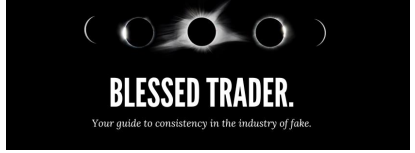


# Digging Deeper Into The Power Of 3

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# Power Of 3 (P3)

*Bullish Example*

This is something that we look for few times a week, it's not an everyday model. The ICT Power of 3 (P3) in simple terms is a concept where we look for Accumulation, wait for Manipulation and then look for a period of Distribution.

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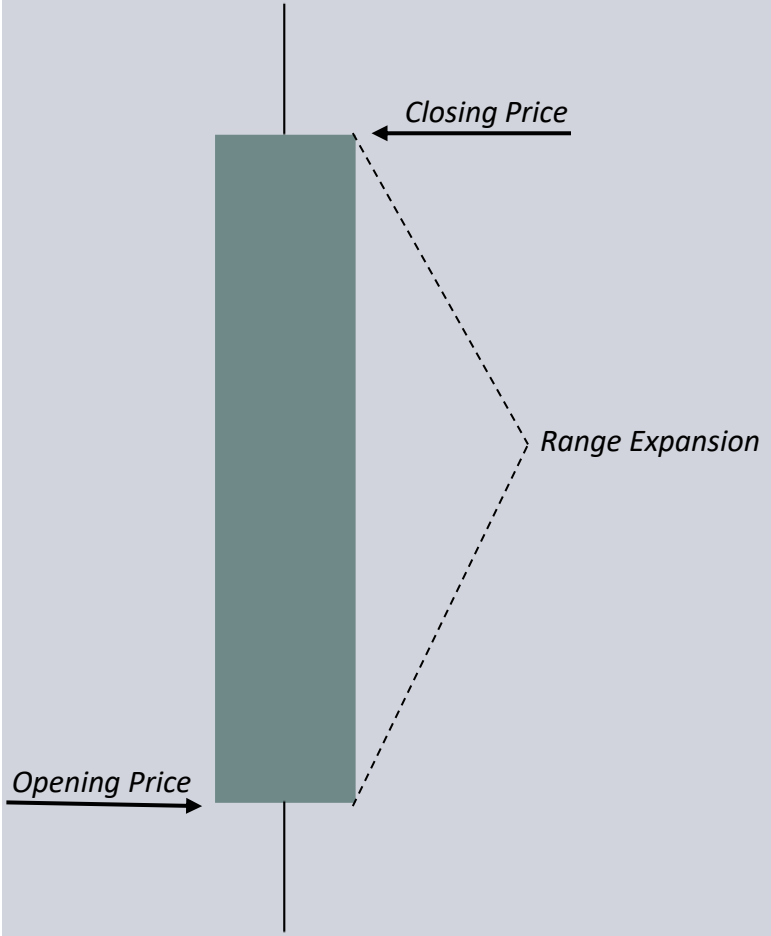

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# Power Of 3 (P3) - Accumulation

The main thing we must figure out is what is accumulating, if we're bullish on the market place we would be looking for accumulation to the upside - long positions building up.

You will see that around the opening price – just above it or below it, that's where the long positions are being accumulated ("Smart Money" is behind this process).

***Accumulation***

*Long Positions Building Up*

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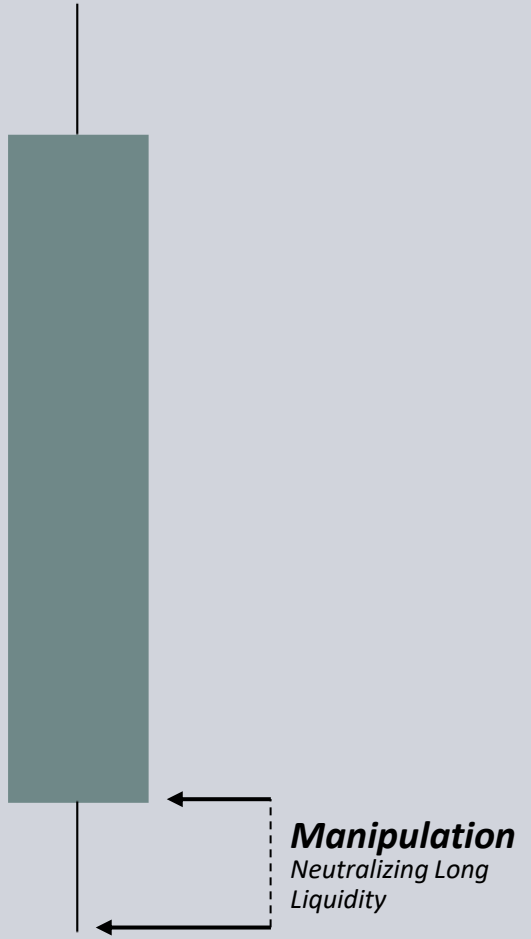
# Power Of 3 (P3) - Manipulation

So, when we're Bullish and we're looking for a bullish range expansion that day – we would be aiming for the Manipulation Cycle right after the NY Midnight Opening Price.

In other words, if we're bullish for the day we want to be buying at the NY Midnight Opening Price or ideally below it. Why is that? Because the "Market Makers" will be actively looking to build short Liquidity meaning that if the price pushes quickly below an old low – there are going to be breakout traders waiting to enter their short positions, so they will most likely have their Stop Limits set, so in simple terms this short Liquidity building pressures market place to sell at a way lower price, so the repricing below the low, usually a fast move lower will excite breakout traders to go short and that selling will overflow the market with the counterparties to the smart money wanting to buy it at a better prices (deep discount).

The situation that sometimes happens when we're expecting bullish Daily expansion is neutralizing long liquidity meaning that those traders who are long right away (right after the NY Open) price will slightly push higher and then drop below the opening price and sweep their stop losses not to build a new lower entry but to take them out of before the actual move happens (we've all been there).

So, sometimes price will trap only the aggressive short sellers that sell into the M. Protraction move and sometimes price will firstly trap the long buyers (who've been right on the direction just entered too soon) run their stops, then trap the short sellers and only then launch higher.



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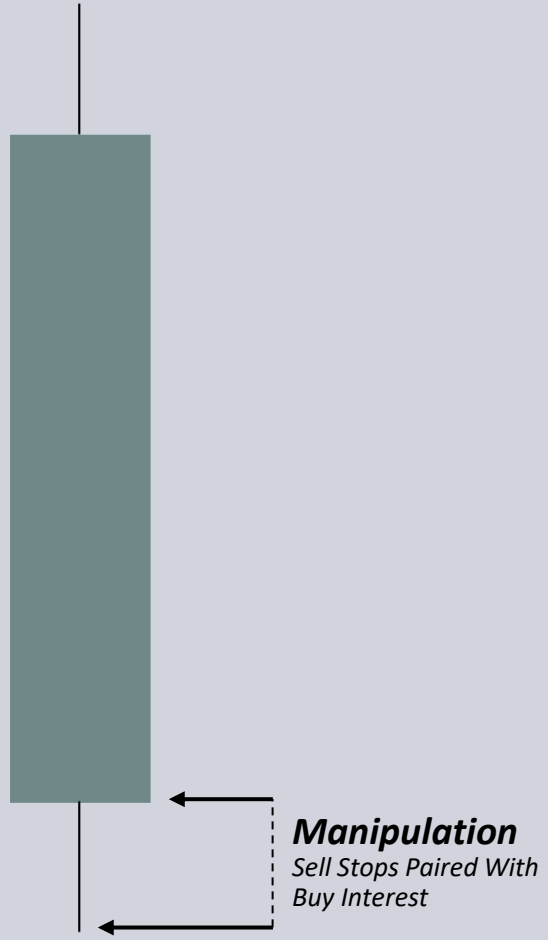
# Power Of 3 (P3) - Manipulation

So, lastly, when the manipulation is taking place we're at looking how the market makers pair orders by pairing sell stops with the smart money buying interest - we can spot the whole manipulation cycle.

A run below the opening to accumulate the long positions before the daily candle expansion happens.



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# Power Of 3 (P3) - Distribution

The Distribution Cycle where the Smart Money pairs its long exits (selling out their longs) with pending buy interest which is going to be usually in a form of buying above an old high (BSLQ) which would be a breakout trading idea, price is going to break out above the previous high and they will see it as strength to buy into the bullish momentum while Smart Money will be looking to sell their long positions to the breakout traders above the old high.

Another situation is when at the high there retail traders who are looking to sell short for a quick move lower will have their stops above the intraday high, so the Smart Money will be looking to run through that intraday high and sell it to those buy stops so their long exits are getting paired with short term intraday swing high, if there's a retracement lower before the Daily candle close – that's where distribution comes in.

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# Power Of 3 (P3) – Bearish

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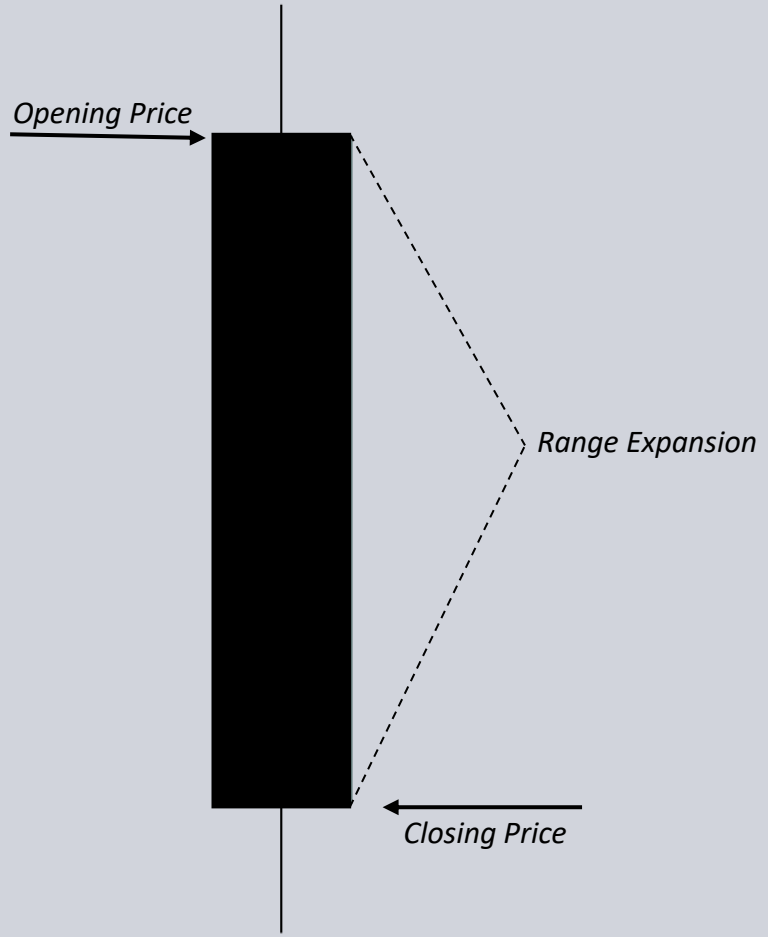

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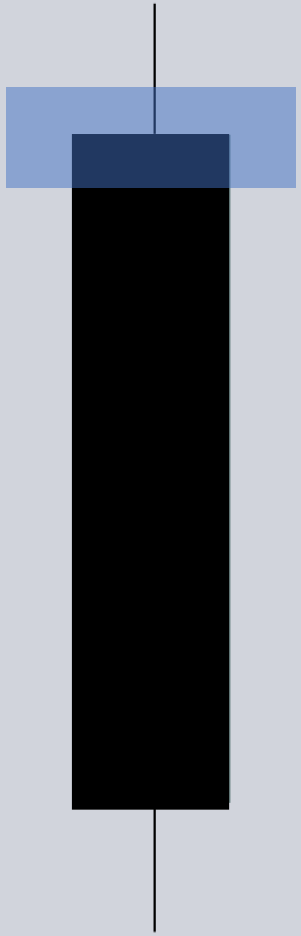

***Accumulation***

*Short Positions Building Up*

***Manipulation***

*Building Long Liquidity after the Open to trap the Bullish Breakout Traders*

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*Neutralizing Short Liquidity take out traders that are already short in the market place.*

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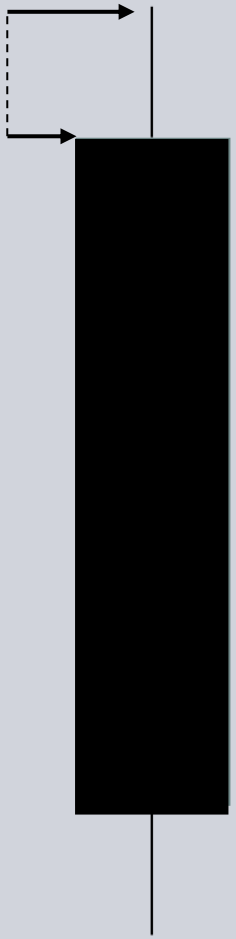
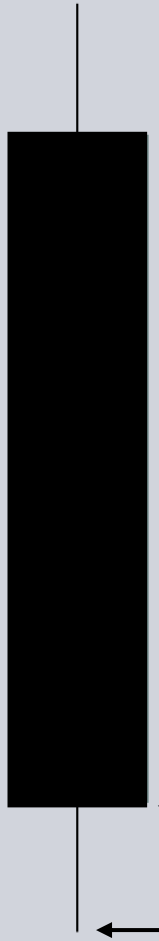
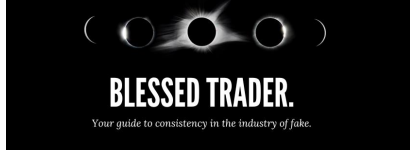
*Buy Stops Paired With Short Interest.*





***Distribution***

*Pairing Short Exits With Pending Sell Interest*




# Let’s Dig Into Some Examples

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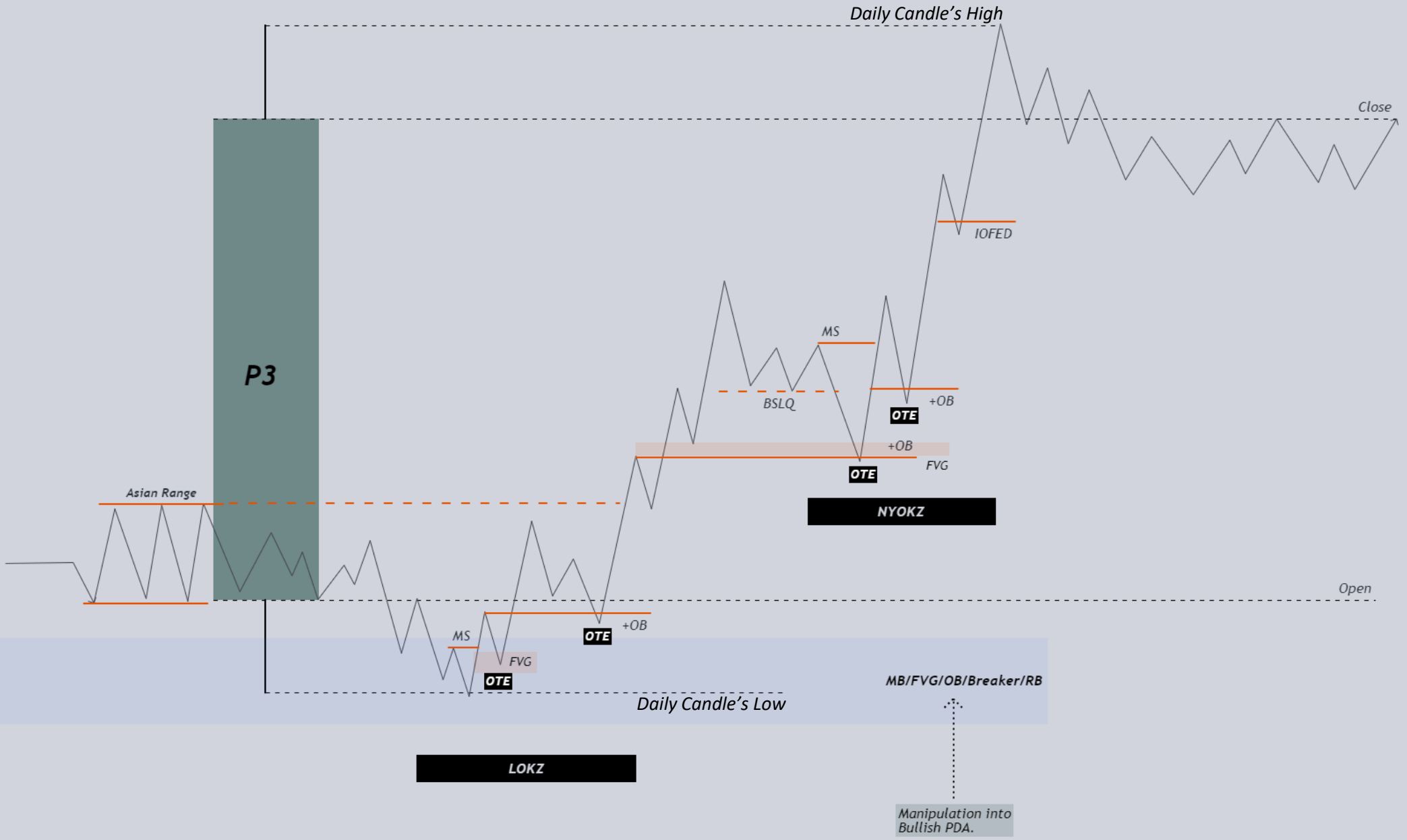
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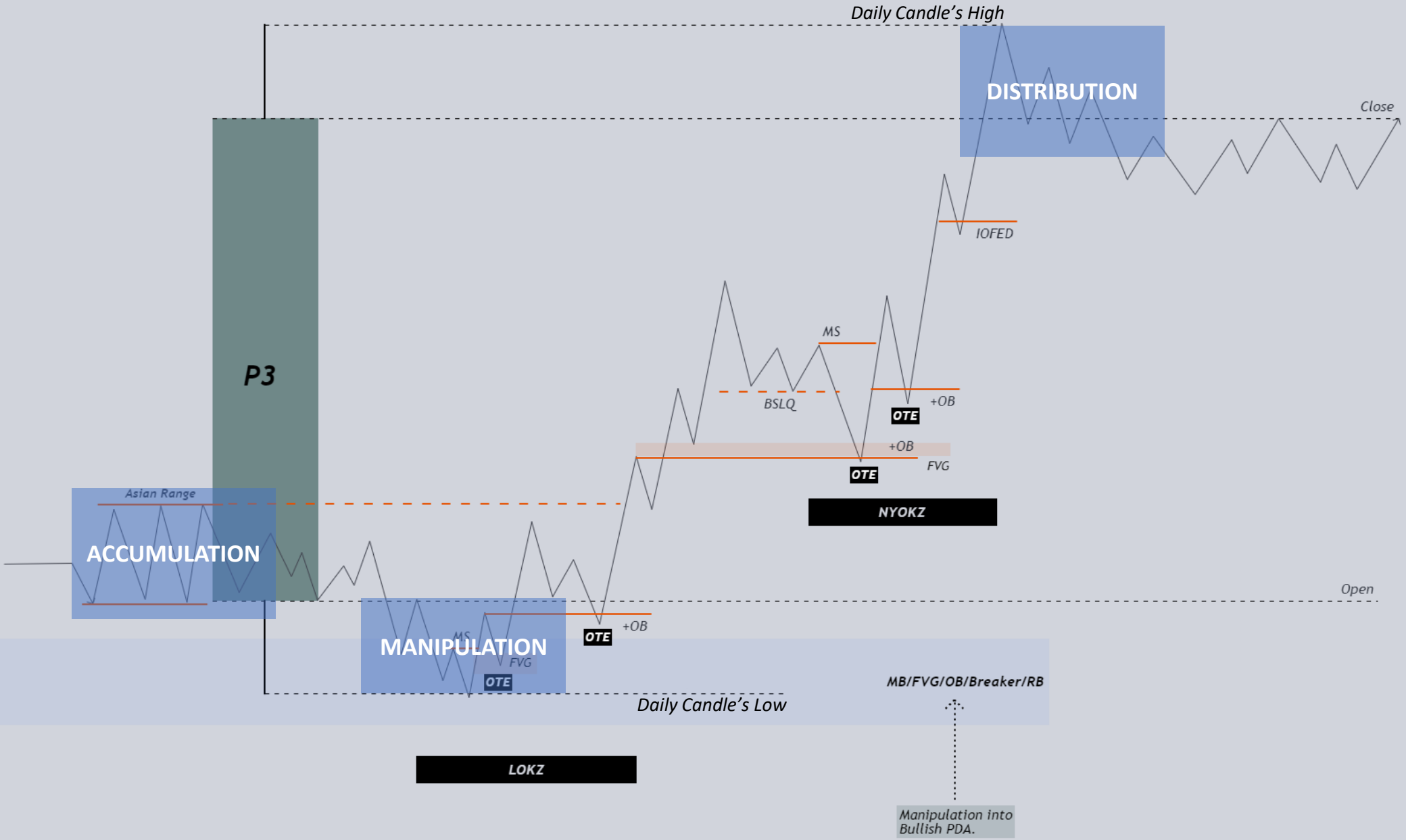
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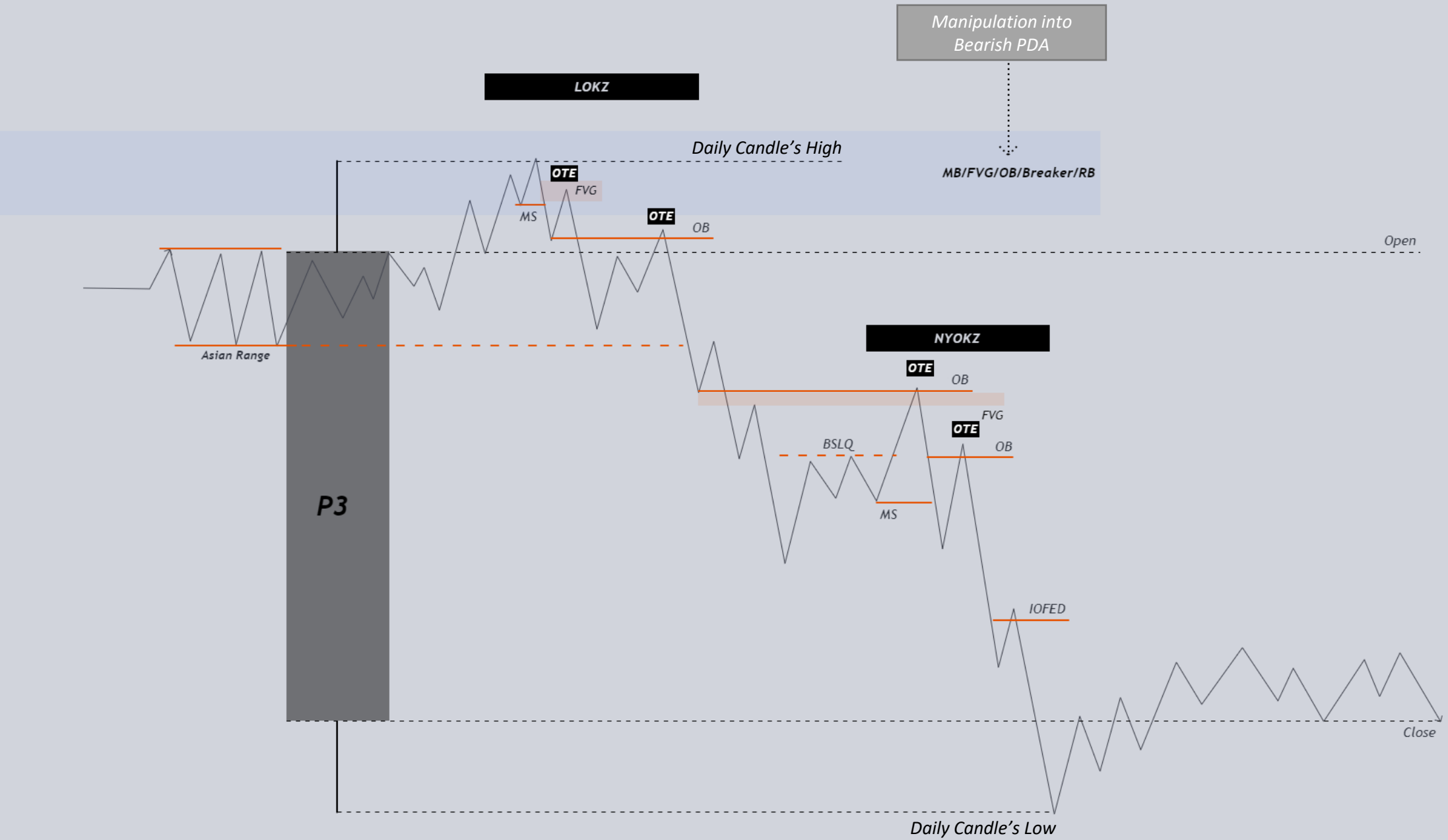
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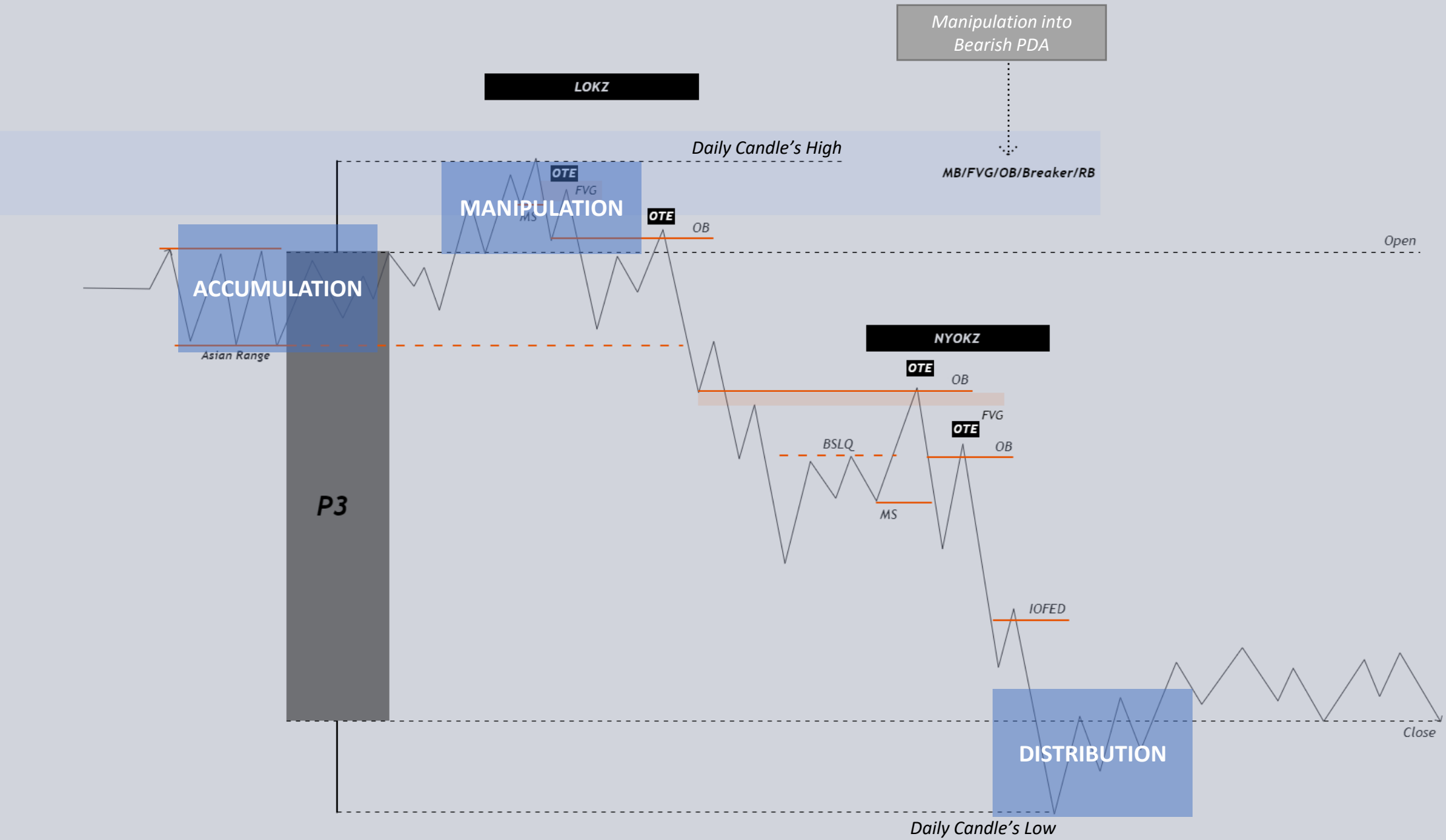
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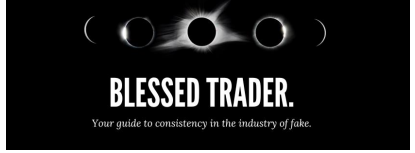
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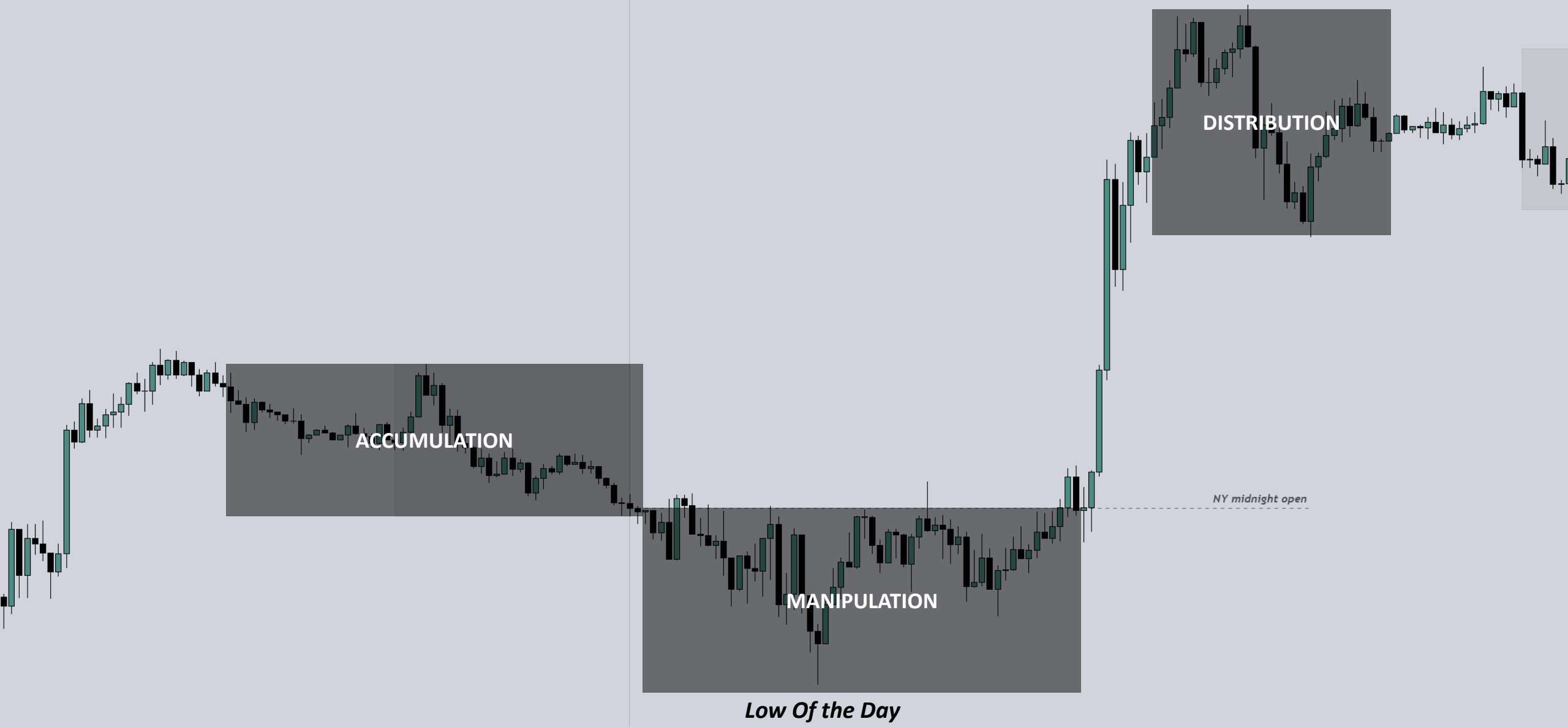


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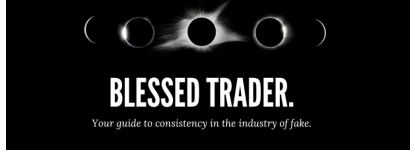
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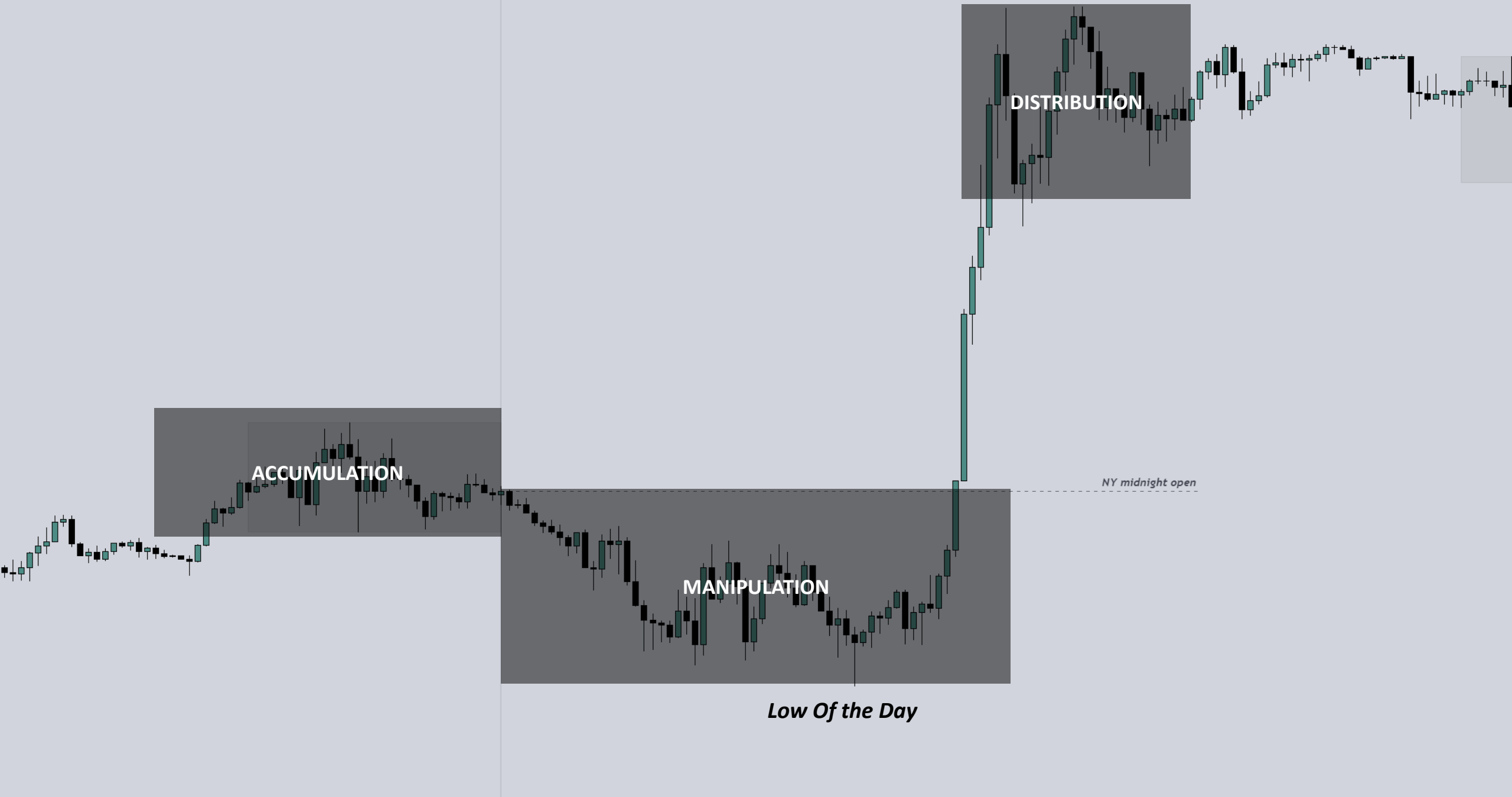
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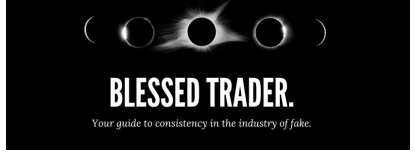
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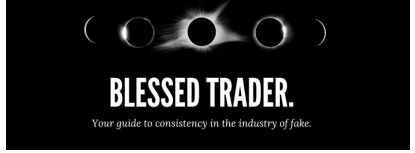
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# Example - 4

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ACCUMULATION
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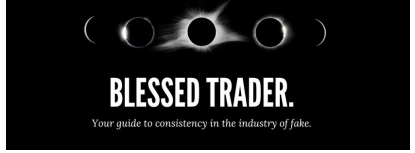
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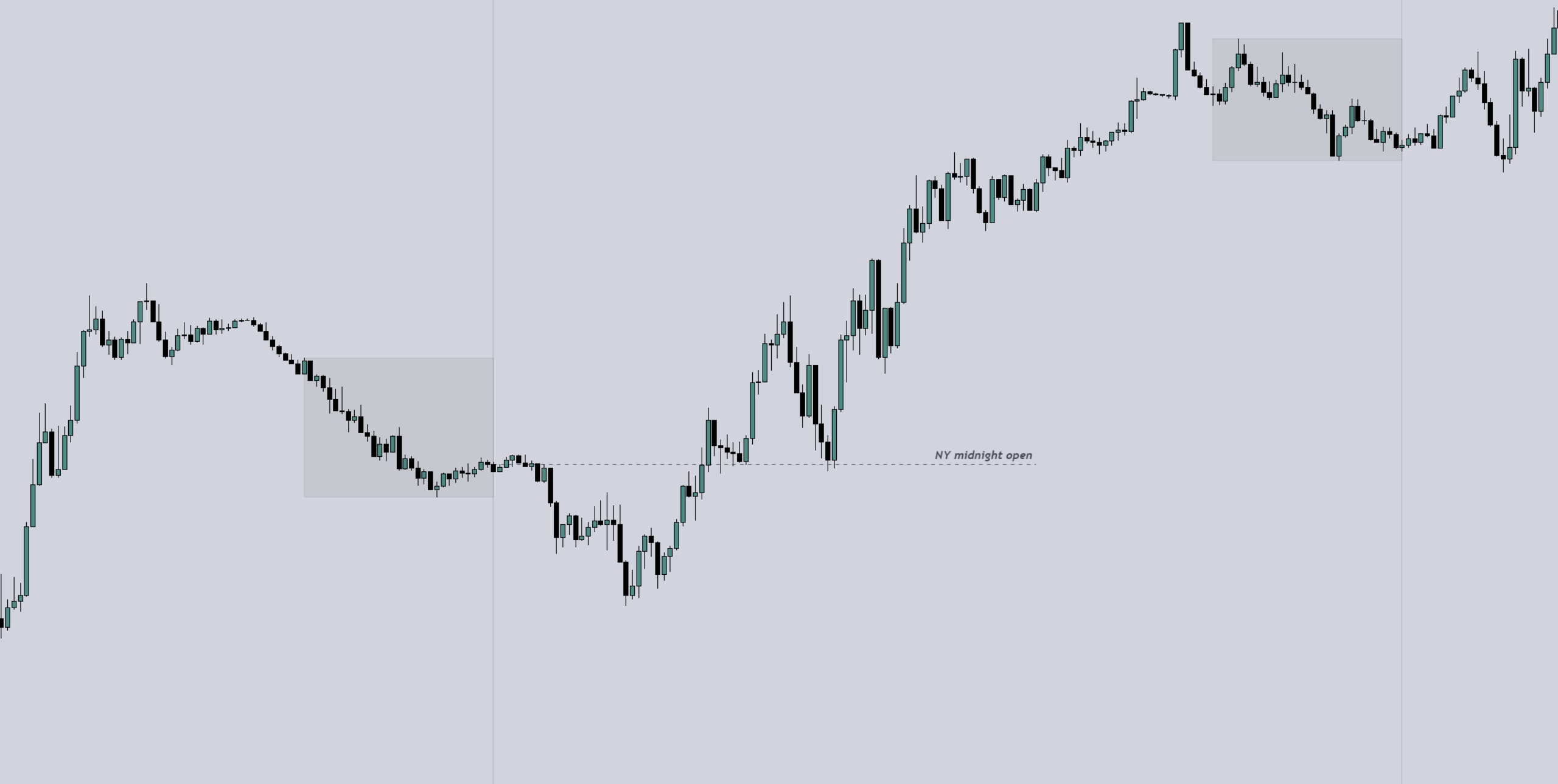
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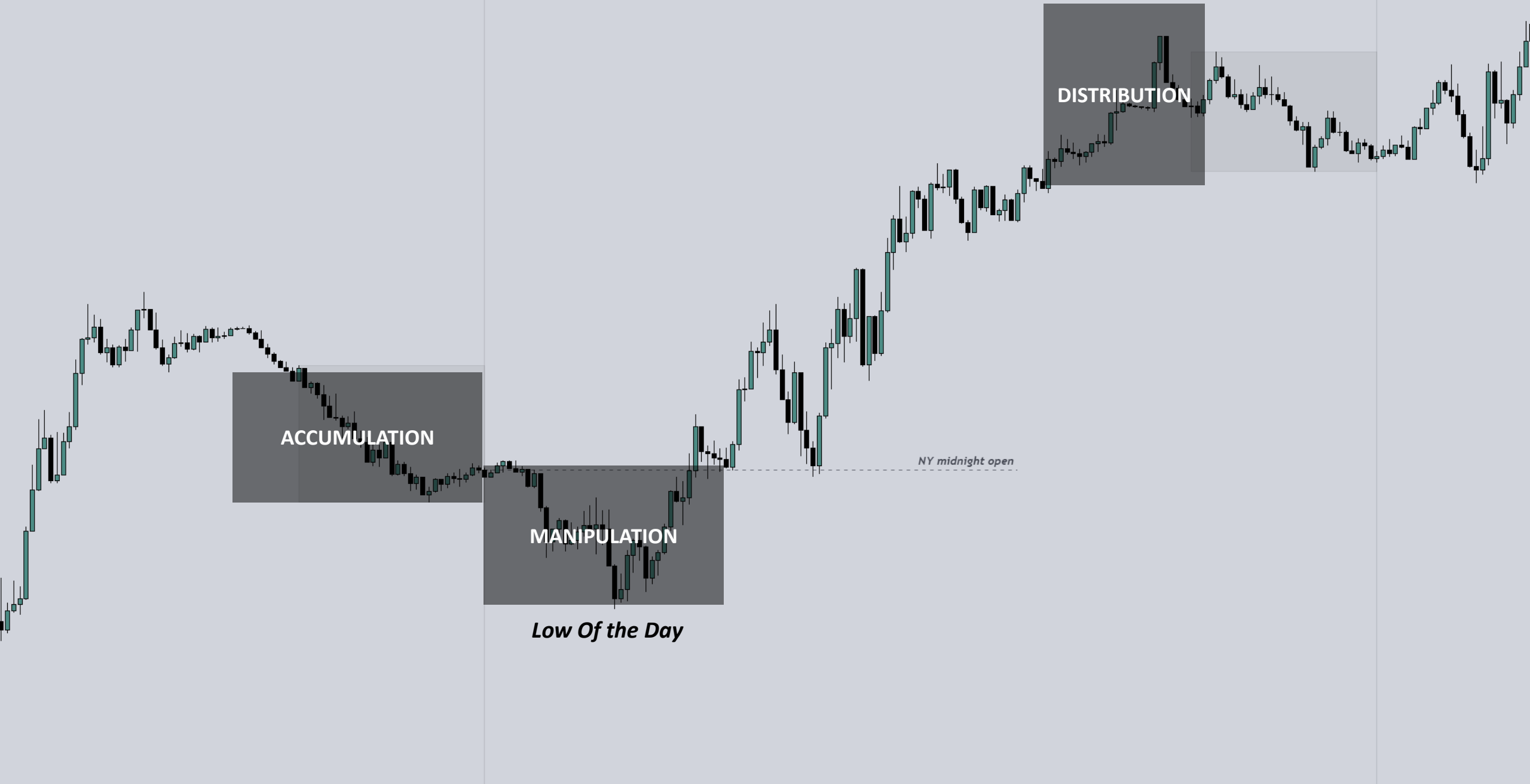
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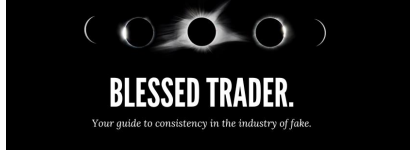
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# Example - 6

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High Of the Day
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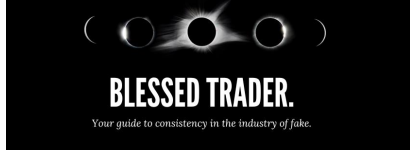


# Power 3 Move

1. **Using Top Down Analysis we identify:**

   - Weekly Orderflow
   - Daily Orderflow
   - Liquidity Levels & FVG's (imbalance areas)
   - Higher TF Dealing Range (Premium / Discount)

2. **Based on the information above we build a case on where the price is most likely going to go, what's the Higher TF draw on Liquidity and where's the momentum for this Week/Day. Pay attention to levels like:**

   - Previous Day's High / Low
   - Previous Week's High / Low
   - Everything inside 20 day IPDA data range (if price has been consolidating and there're no clear points use the 40 day IPDA data range).
   - Don't forget about Liquidity Voids & Volume Imbalances
   - Institutional Big Figures

3. **On the Lower TF's once you know the direction for the trading day these are your next steps:**

   - Loot at the CBDR & AR, it has to be in the right parameters (no strong volume/expansions there, has to be visually consolidating)
   - After the NY Market Open we look for the M. Protraction to happen (Manipulation) to take the Asian Range Liquidity (ideally push into some clear opposing PDA, form a LOD/HOD during LOKZ, waste no time and give a shift in the market structure and start pushing away from the manipulation move. Our eyes go to the expansion piece (between Manipulation and Distribution), when the whole setting is right we look for LOKZ & NYOKZ OTE's targeting the internal Lower TF Liquidity as well as some Daily levels inside the IPDA data range.

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