

Title: Could the GME pattern be from tokenized stocks and futures?

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Recently, I have noticed that there is a repeating pattern with GME stock that is shown below:

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I've been scratching my head trying to understand what could cause this and then it clicked - I think it's futures (I know, I know, futures roll over, bla, bla. This is different - hear me out)

So, FTX started offering GameStop futures on 1/27/2021 in the middle of the January sneeze. [An article about it.](<https://coinrivet.com/ftx-lists-gamestop-gme-futures-amid-unprecedented-demand/>) This includes spot markets and **quarterly futures.**

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These tokens are supposed to be backed 1:1 by stocks held by CM-Equity

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Now, crypto tokens that are supposed to be backed are always backed, right? Not. [Check out Tether.](<https://bennettftomlin.com/2021/10/15/tether-settles-with-the-cftc-bitfinex-settles-with-the-cftc-again/>) During this recent settlement, Bitfinex, the same people as Tether, were "offering illegal derivatives to US persons." Can you buy GameStop tokens in the US? Nope. It is not a legal derivative.

So, my speculation, could the collateral that they are holding in exchange for issuing tokens be shares that are short? They basically package the short position in a token and spread it out over quarterly future dates. This would explain the price action around the quarterly roll over dates and how the short interest dropped dramatically in January. This also would mean that if GameStop token holders made a run for the bank and requested the actual shares, there would not be enough (if any).

Did they create a Fractional Reserve stock market?

I started thinking about this since ETH futures were immediately offered after the January GME sneeze. This was very similar to how BTC futures began to be offered during the Tether fueled BTC run in late 2017.

It's also worth mentioning that tokenized stocks like Tesla have BTC and DOGE pairs. I believe this means that if you can create unbacked crypto (like how Tether does) and unbacked stocks (like how Citadel does), the you could pair them to cancel out - as long as you have liquidity.

I am mostly talking out loud here. What do you think?