

Title: When things get complicated, it's good to return to some basics

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At some point during the process, I was worried about HF fucking with the price to make some juicy money on our backs while waiting.

Then I came to this realization which, for the most experienced is evident, but for neophytes might help get rid of fear in times of dipping in the wrong sauce.

So let's go back to the basics:

For one to buy a call, there must be someone to write the call.

For someone to buy a put, there must be someone to write the put.

It's a contract, so one can't just buy a million puts out of thin air.

Some more experienced traders will play options. We just need to realize that doing so, they are playing in the HF courtyard. That's fine as long as they understand the implications of this. If you lose money on options, this loss goes straight into their pockets, giving them a win with their little trick. The more money we inject in options, the more money they have to play the game with us.

If we ignore their option manipulation, they will just be moving money between them. I say let the sharks eat themselves while you keep eating crayons.

TLDR: there is always a buyer and a seller, don't be a buyer of something they want to sell, and don't be a seller of something they want to buy. Safest play is to buy GME stock.