Title: Apes buying $950 1/21/22 calls are helping to reduce margin for SHF/MM/BD (the bad guys in our story) by $77,523.50 per contract.
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Buying these calls help the bad guys evade margin calls.

Check out my profile to see my post on the DOOMPS hiding $16bln in margin requirements.

CBOE Rule 10.3(c)5(A) governs the margin requirement for short sales of derivatives. The calculation is full price of

Option contract

Plus

10% underlying of at current market value

Minus

Any excess OTM value of excercise price-current market value)

So for this trade it’s
$14+$1,587.50-($950-$158.75)*100=-$77,523

or a margin reduction of $77,523 per contract for their netted options portfolio that includes selling this GME call.