Title: Extended trading halts or: why shills will probably try to push a "trade options now guyz" narrative again.
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TLDR: GME options = gambling.

Speculative tin-foil example scenario:

One day Hedgies / MM's start to panic (again), because a large amount of calls are about to expire in the money (again) and the stocks that will need to be delivered don't exist (again). Let's imagine (example) the expiry date is the next day. Ultimate fuckery: squeeze starts (see Nickel). NYSE halts trading for a few days past the expiry date (see Nickel, not NYSE, but same idea). No stock needs to be delivered. MOASS averted (again). All who held ITM call options lose their premium and right to buy the stock at x price. The money that could've been used to DRS stock and hodl is instead lost forever.

Those thoughts came to me after the recent Nickel trading halt spanning multiple days.

What happens to DRS'ed hodl'ed stocks during/after a trading halt? Answer: nothing. You keep your stock.

What happens to options you hold after a trading halt? Answer: you lose extrinsic time-value on the premium in the best case and lose all of the premium and options rights in the worse case. The latter happens when the trading halt lasts past the option expiration date. The perfect scenario for short hedgies: a multiple-day trading halt right when a large amount of ITM calls are about to expire.

Source: https://starttrades.com/blogs/news/options-during-trading-halt

This is why I think shills sponsored by toxic hedge funds and MM's (Citadel) will keep aggressively pushing the narrative that "apes" should gamble in options. Additionally: SHF/MM's can easily manipulate options + retailers gambling options instead of DRS'ed shares prevents DRS'ed stocks from becoming more scarce. Additional bonus for shorters: retailers who lose money by gambling options, can't use that same money to DRS shares.

Any retailer they get to gamble options directly relieves DRS-buy-pressure in multiple ways.

In the future expect shills to aggressively push the narrative (again) that retail should all be gambling options, because "that is the way".

Now you might think "I'll just buy some 2024 calls at these sweet prices and trade for the premium and DRS some stock with the profits later". Well... even that's risky IMO. If the halt spans multiple days due to a huge squeeze (see Nickel) and the SEC or whoever decides that the NYSE and GME trading is completely crooked and unsolvable (likely), they could decide to de-list GME and re-list it under a new ticker. If that happens your original GME options would become instantly worth-less and you'd be left holding the bag. DRS is immune to this as well.

Now keep in mind most of the above is probably false, because I'm just a random dude reading random interwebz. So please correct me. This is meant as a discussion. Why is the above impossible/unlikely? What am I missing?