

Title: A thought experiment.

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I would like to make a proposition about \$GME. I will be employing Occam's Razor here. We have seen some volatility in the security as of late but nothing that necessarily isn't explained by systemic market movement or your odd sell off/spike. I want to remove all of the noise and theories and go back to plain old basic market mechanics. The principle behind volatility is conventionally defined by a security which is subject to high trading volume and low spreads between the bid/ask. Now here is the thought experiment that I have not seen a single person bring up (and if it has then it has not been given the space it deserves for open discussion). If we are seeing a steady decline in volume, and these seemingly massive spikes in pricing (likely influenced by wide gaps in the bid/ask) that never seem to last long, is it possible that the recent relatively flat movement of the stock is caused by DRS? If the removal of shares from market makers prevents them from being able to buy/sell as many shares, would that mean that there will come a time where we own most the shares and that no more trading activity can therefore exist due to shares being exchanged? Would that simply not just cause the price to stagnate? If so, it may be important to factor a new risk all together. The risk of no price movement (we can refer to this as "flatline risk" as I have not found a dedicated term for this phenomena). This means that if we are wrong then the only people left to buy and sell the stock would be between the apes or any willing bidder outside of the DRS landscape who would be willing to pay the price we ask assuming it's a worth while investment at the time. If the whole idea of DRS was to dictate what we perceive as the true value of the stock and choke out short sellers then we would technically be the market maker and why would we expect other retail buyers to pay what we ask when we won't let go of these shares for anything less than an astronomic price? (Assuming institutional buyers choose not to buy)