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BANKS - RE:invent the type or the world?

From tech stocks to high gas prices, banks have engineered every major market manipulation since the Great Depression --- and they're about to do it again.

The first thing you need to know about banks is that they are everywhere. The world's most powerful investment bank is a great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money. In fact, the history of the recent financial crisis, which doubles as a history of the rapid decline and fall of the suddenly swindled dry American empire, reads like a Who's Who of investment banks graduates

The Invasion

The bank's unprecedented reach and power have enabled it to turn all of America (and Europe) into a giant pump-and-dump scam, manipulating whole economic sectors for years at a time, moving the dice game as this or that market collapses, and all the time gorging itself on the unseen costs that are breaking families everywhere — high gas prices, rising consumer credit rates, half-eaten pension funds, mass layoffs, future taxes to pay off bailouts. All that money that you're losing, it's going somewhere, and in both a literal and a figurative sense, Banks are where it's going.

(Christoph a. Kumpusch over Matt Taibbi in RS 1082-1083)

3 types will be developed:

1.] Doppelgänger Bank

2.] Future Power Bank

I sell here, Sir, what all the world desires to have – Power. Matthew Boulton, 1776

And power is what you need if you're going to keep a technological society going, so it's no wonder that new sources of energy were always high on the To Do list for Future Past. No point in putting all your eggs in the atomic basket; keep looking for what it takes to keep the electricity arcing around the lab. It may be harnessing the Sun, turning the ocean into a giant heat engine, or drawing electricity from the earth, but whatever the source, it's the life's blood of Future Past.

3.] The Ponzi Bank

Where everybody can be what they want to be rather than are what they think they have to be.