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Why Your Altcoin Trades Keep Getting Wrecked

A short, honest starter course on what actually moves
altcoin charts — and why most of those moves were never
random.

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You're trading a machine no one showed you

Most people who trade altcoins lose money. Not because they're careless — because they're trading a machine they were never shown the inside of. A move looks “random,” so they invent a story for it, act on the story, and get wrecked by the part they couldn't see.

This primer walks through five of the forces that genuinely move altcoin charts. It won't make you a winning trader — nothing can promise that, and anyone who promises it is selling you a fantasy. What it will do is swap “the chart did something weird” for “I know exactly what just happened.” That's where real decisions begin.

Read it once end to end, then keep the 60-second checklist near (page 5). It's deliberately short. The full mechanics — and a repeatable process — live in the paid course.

What actually moves the chart

01

It's mostly Bitcoin's leash

Most altcoins don't move on their own story nearly as much as they move on Bitcoin's. When BTC drops 3%, your altcoin can drop 8% — that amplification is its “beta.” Before you credit a coin's news for a move, check what BTC and ETH did in the same hour. Half the time, your altcoin was simply on a leash.

CLUB TIP

Pull up BTC on the same timeframe before you explain any altcoin move. If BTC moved first, the “news” probably didn't cause it.

02

The order book is thinner than you think

On smaller altcoins there isn't much resting liquidity. Your “market buy” walks up the book and you pay more than the price you saw — that's slippage. The same thinness means a single large seller can crater the price in seconds. Low liquidity is why small coins move violently in both directions.

CLUB TIP

Glance at order-book depth and 24h volume before you size in. Thin book = smaller size or wider stops, or you become the move.

03

The supply you didn't see

Many tokens release new supply on a schedule — team, investors, emissions. A coin can have genuinely good news and still bleed for weeks because a large unlock is quietly dumping fresh supply onto the market. Price is supply and demand; unlocks add supply you weren't watching.

CLUB TIP

Before holding anything, look up its unlock and emission schedule. A cliff unlock can erase a clean-looking setup.

04

You might be the exit liquidity

When a coin suddenly gets loud — a “call,” a thread, an influencer “gem” — ask who is selling to everyone buying. Often someone accumulated quietly while it was cheap, and the wave of attention is precisely the liquidity they sell into. The breakout you see can be a handoff from informed sellers to excited buyers.

CLUB TIP

When hype arrives after a quiet rise, assume someone is distributing. Don't volunteer to be the last buyer.

05

The wicks are made of leverage

Sharp 15–20% candles “out of nowhere” are usually liquidation cascades, not news. Leveraged positions get force-closed at preset prices; that forced selling pushes price into the next batch of liquidations — a chain reaction. It's plumbing, not prophecy.

CLUB TIP

Treat big sudden wicks as leverage flushing out, not a fundamental signal. React to the cause, not the candle.

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The 60-second pre-trade check

- What did **BTC / ETH** do this hour? Is this move just beta?
- Is the **order book and volume** deep enough for my size?
- Any **unlock or large emission** coming soon?
- Is this **quiet accumulation**, or **late hype** I'd be buying into?
- Was that candle **news**, or **leverage** flushing out?

This is the surface-level version. The full course turns these five questions into a complete pre-trade process with the tools to actually answer each one.

This primer is the shoreline

You now know *why* altcoin moves happen. The full course — *Stop Getting Wrecked* — takes you from “why it happened” to a repeatable process for reading the market before you act — still honestly, still no signals or predictions, just the mechanics in full.

- › Reading order books, liquidity, and market structure properly
- › Tokenomics, float vs. fully-diluted value, and decoding unlock schedules
- › The full manipulation playbook — wash trading, spoofing, low-float traps
- › Risk and position sizing — the math that keeps you in the game
- › A complete pre-trade process and a journal you'll actually use

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