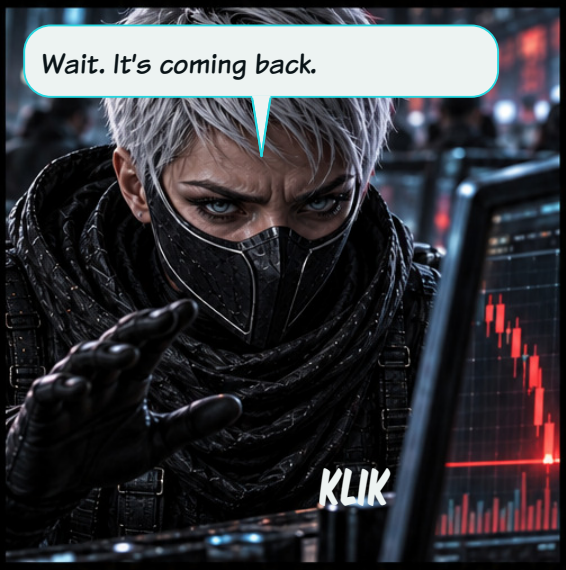

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ISSUE #01
THEY LOST THE TRADE. THEY BUILT THE ARENA.
THE FIRST DRAFT
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Not again.
SAVED 22:13:40 ·
RECOVERY TARGET MARKED
It broke straight through. I'm almost out of margin.
MARGIN
LIQUIDATION THRESHOLD
Mine too.
MARGIN
LIQUIDATION THRESHOLD
Orange. Is your feed doing this?
All of them. It's not your screen.

ABOVE THE TRADING FLOOR, THE TRADERS WHO ENGINEERED THE DROP TAKE THEIR PROFITS.










ONE SECOND LATER.
22:14:09
RECOVERY TARGET
ENTRY
SAVED 22:13:40
There. That was our move.
POSITION CLOSED
And neither of us is in it.
POSITION CLOSED


We called the recovery.
The price came back. Our positions didn't.
Third time. I'm sick of watching it come back without us.


All those positions forced to sell. Someone was waiting for them.
Ours included.
We were their exit liquidity.
Right here. This is where we were closed out.
Before the move we came for.
CLOSED · 22:14:08

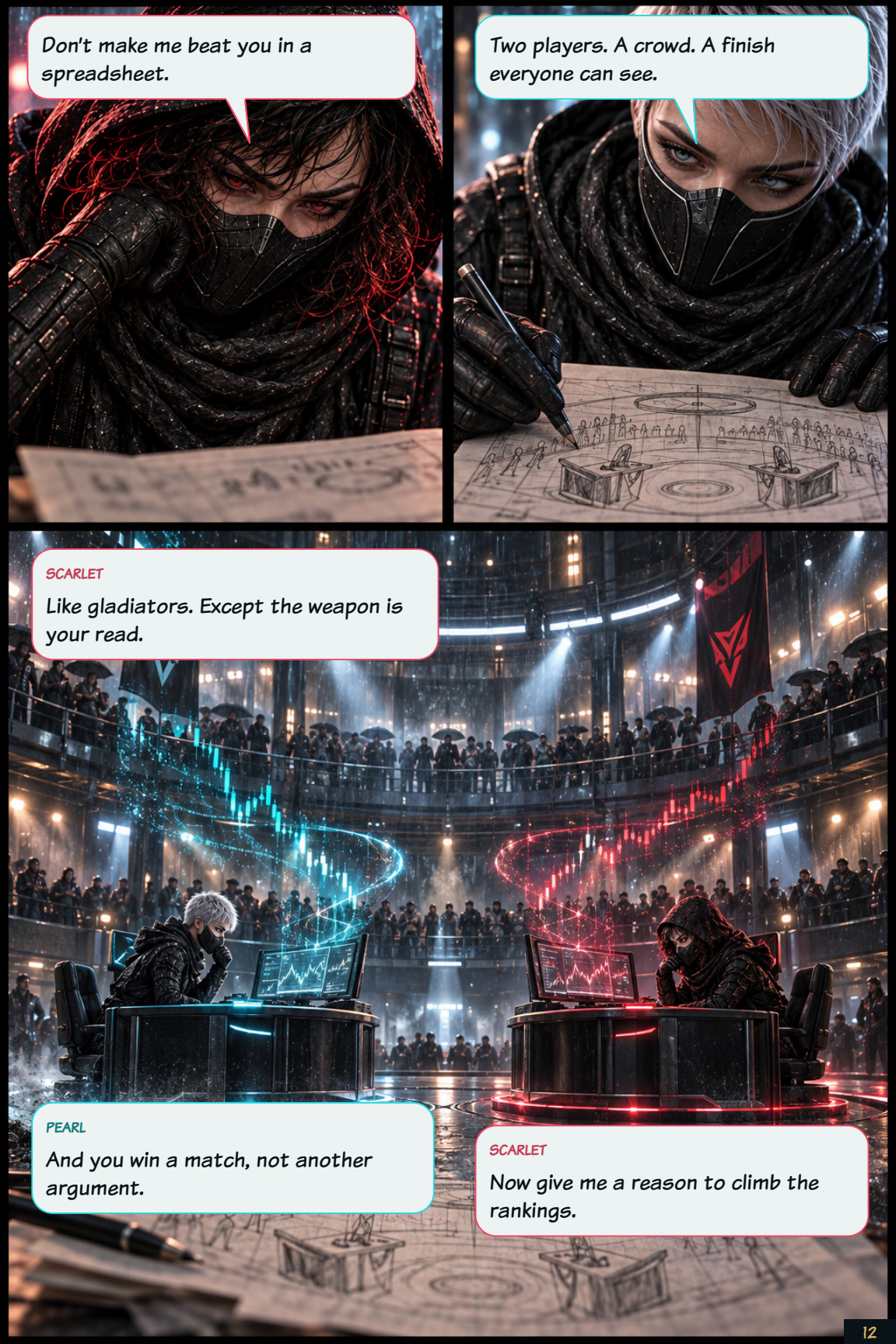

I'm not putting more in tonight.
ADD FUNDS
Neither am I.
I still want to do something with all that work.


Finding the move. Watching it happen. I love that part.
Me too. Especially when you spend an hour telling me I'm wrong.
You usually are.
Then why do you keep asking what I'm watching?


We could keep making calls without putting money into the positions.
I've done that. It's practice. I want a match.
Against me?
Now you're listening.


You make your picks. I make mine. The prices decide the score.
Same start. Same finish. No 'I meant to sell earlier.'
PEARL
SCARLET
And the same pretend budget. Nobody buys a bigger team.
Fine. I won't need one.


My fantasy league already does something like this. Pick a team. Their performance scores points.
PEARL
So we draft cryptocurrencies instead of athletes.
SCARLET
And their price moves score the team.
Now I have to beat a whole team of your picks.


Don't make me beat you in a spreadsheet.
Two players. A crowd. A finish everyone can see.
SCARLET
Like gladiators. Except the weapon is your read.
PEARL
And you win a match, not another argument.
SCARLET
Now give me a reason to climb the rankings.


I thought you two had gone home.
We almost did. Can we show you something?
If this is another trading bot, no.
It doesn't place a single trade.
All right. Show me.


A fantasy-sports game. Crypto picks instead of players.
We draft teams and compete on their returns. Nobody opens a position.
ORANGE
So I need the prices. Not a system that buys or sells for you.
PEARL
Exactly.
When does a match end?


Sixty seconds. Long enough to sweat.
After we've picked. Let us think before the clock starts.


Same start, same finish. Higher team return wins.


No position to liquidate before we get there.
Right. The prices change your score, not a trading position.



SEVERAL EVENINGS LATER.








I still have the key to the old competition hall.
ORANGE
Does the power work?
Some of it. I'll help with the rest.
We only need two stations.
Let's take a look.


THE OLD HALL.
You left out the part about it being enormous.
You asked for room.
Admire it later. Help me move this.


TIMING TEST
Mine started first.
That probably doesn't count as a win.
No. Two clocks are drifting. We need one shared clock.
What do you need?
The long cable.


There's the delay. The saved test caught it.
Again?
Again. Until both start together.
When it's ready, can I invite a few friends?
Yes. Tell them they're watching our first proper match.


Those prices can still be pushed around.
Yes. We haven't changed the market. You're competing on the same feed.
And if everything drops?
Then losing less than you is enough to win.
You make it sound easy.


FREE TEST MATCH
Same budget. Same rules. Bragging rights tonight.
PEARL
0 / 5
SELECT FIVE
BATTLE CLOCK
60
SECONDS
WAITING FOR PICKS
SCARLET
0 / 5
SELECT FIVE
I brought a spectator seat.
Good. Because those two are for the players.
Front row for my first win.
Your first match.


All right. Let's pick our five.
Any five from the board.
5 PICKS = 1 TEAM
I like these team sheets better.
You haven't picked anything yet.



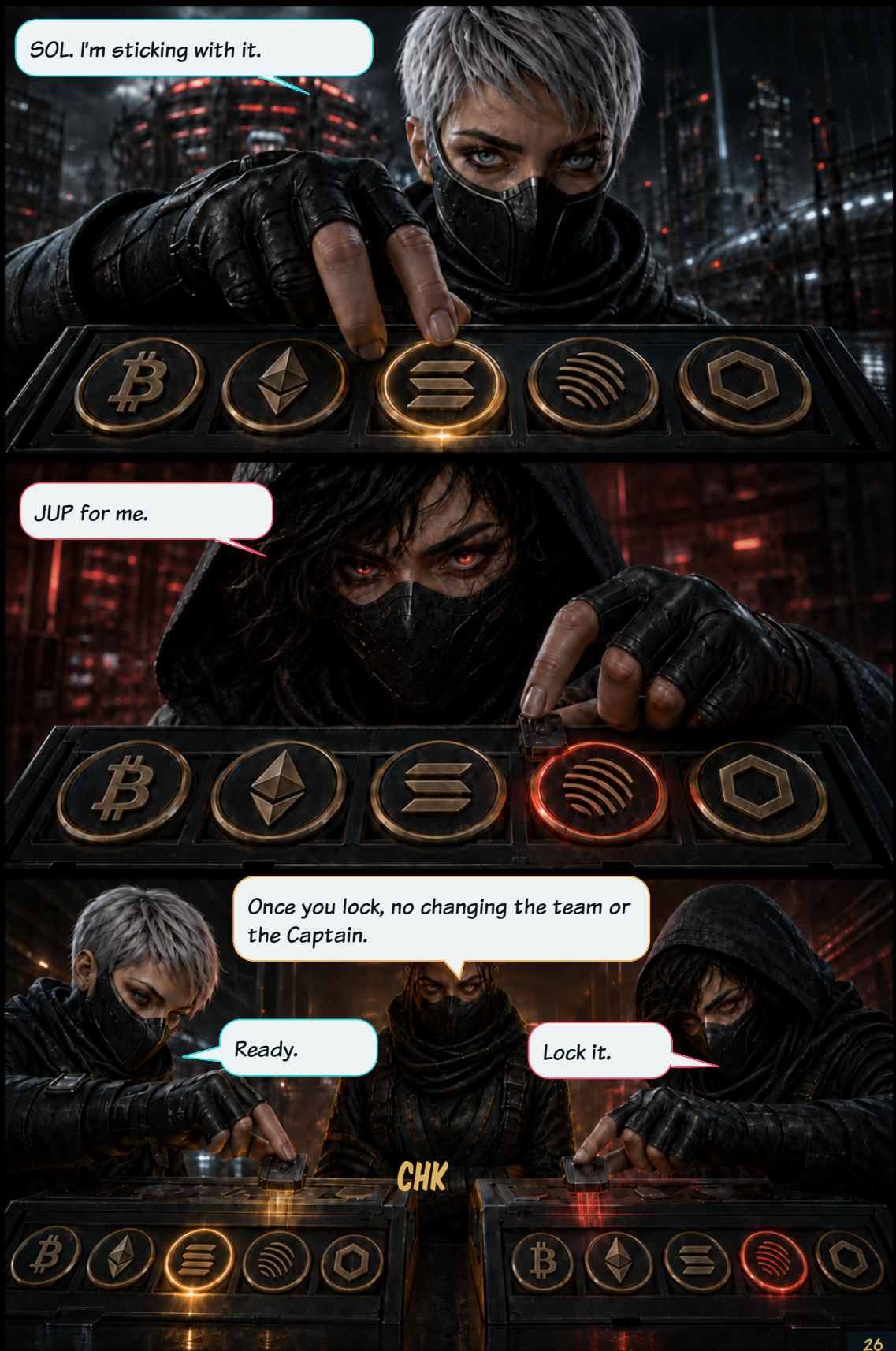
Your Captain gets twice the virtual allocation. The other four get one share each.

So my strongest pick matters twice as much.

And hurts twice as much if you're wrong.

Right. No coins bought. No borrowing. It's how we calculate the team's return.


SOL held up better in that last dip.
JUP moved harder on the rebound.
Ready when you are.
No rush. The battle clock waits until you've both locked.
Good. I'm still choosing my Captain.


SOL. I'm sticking with it.
JUP for me.
Once you lock, no changing the team or the Captain.
Ready.
Lock it.
CHK


ORANGE
Both locked. Sixty seconds.
60
Best seat in the house.
BZZT
Let's go.


PEARL · TEAM ROI
SCARLET · TEAM ROI
Both teams are falling.
Who's ahead?
42
Pearl. Her team has lost less.
PEARL
Still plenty of time.


Should've made SOL Captain.
I'm not feeling that confident either.
Twenty-four seconds left.
24
Still here?
Still here.


Pearl's still ahead.
12
Barely.
Come on, JUP.


TIME.
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FINAL ROI
PEARL GHOST
−0.20%
SCARLET ASH
−0.50%
PEARL WINS
0.30 PERCENTAGE POINTS
You got me.
This time.
Higher final ROI wins. Pearl's team lost less.


Was it the Captain?
Yes. Same five coins. You gave JUP the extra allocation; Pearl gave it to SOL.
THIS MATCH: JUP FELL FURTHER THAN SOL
So the extra share made the difference.
Good pick.
Thanks.


I still hate losing.
MATCH COMPLETE
I noticed. Your hands are shaking.
SCARLET
Don't look at those.
At least I got to finish.


Rematch?
Absolutely.
And they want a turn.
Your friends made it.
They can have the next one.


VISITOR
Will there be tournaments? Prizes?
That's where we want to take it.
Paid events. A shared entry pot?
All entry fees go into the prize pool.
NEXT BUILD · PLANNED PAID EVENTS
USDC / USDT ENTRIES →
PRIZE POOL
You could lose the entry. But you wouldn't be funding a crypto position.
First, let's see if they enjoy playing.
PLAY FROM YOUR OWN SCREEN

TRADE NO MORE. BATTLE INSTEAD.



NEXT: THE OPEN BRACKET

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A fictional origin in the Drafter universe.