THE CABAL'S PLAYBOOK

SEVEN TACTICS. ONE GOAL: YOUR LIQUIDITY.

A "rug" isn't bad luck — it's an **operation with a repeatable playbook.** These are the seven moves the Cabal runs on nearly every launch, how each one works, the tells that give it away, and how The Watch detects it on-chain. Learn them, and the machine stops looking like bad luck and starts looking like what it is.

THE ONE RULE THAT BEATS ALL SEVEN

Red by default. A coin is a trap until it proves otherwise. Every tactic below is a way to separate you from your money; each has a tell you can check before you buy. Make the coin earn a green — most of them can't.

01

The First Block

HOW EARLY SUPPLY GETS SEIZED BEFORE A CHART EXISTS

> *Before the first candle prints, the token is already decided. Coordinated wallets seize a controlling share of supply in the opening seconds — while the price is lowest and no one is watching.*

01 WHAT IT IS

A memecoin's first fifteen seconds are the cheapest supply will ever be. The Cabal knows the launch is coming (they often deploy it), so pre-funded wallets are standing by to buy the instant the bonding curve opens. By the time a token shows up on anyone's radar, a handful of wallets already hold the bag — and every retail buyer after them is buying supply the Cabal will eventually sell back.

02 HOW IT WORKS

Deployers line up a fleet of wallets, funded in advance. At launch, those wallets fire buys into the first block or two — sometimes bundled into a single transaction so they land together. The result is a token that looks like it had instant demand, when really it had instant capture. Retail sees green and 'early momentum'; what they're actually seeing is the Cabal loading up.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- Many distinct wallets buying inside the first 15 seconds
- A large share of supply held by a tiny number of addresses
- First buyers that recur across other launches — professionals, not fans

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

The Watch records every wallet in a launch's first 15 seconds and scores the count and concentration. A wall of coordinated first-window buyers, especially ones matched to known Cabal clusters, is the signature of first-block capture.

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02

The Hive

DOZENS OF WALLETS ACTING AS ONE MACHINE

> *It looks like a crowd rushing in. It's one operator, wearing fifty faces. The Hive is the Cabal's swarm — many wallets moving as a single coordinated organism.*

01 WHAT IT IS

A real crowd is messy: people arrive at random times, in random sizes, from random places. The Hive is the opposite — synchronized buys, identical timing, bundled purchases. It's engineered to trip the same instinct a real crowd trips in you ('everyone's buying, I should too'), but there is no everyone. There is one hand on all the wallets.

02 HOW IT WORKS

Bundlers submit many wallet buys in a single transaction or block so they execute together. Bot fleets fire in the same second on a shared signal. The wallets may look independent — different addresses, different sizes — but their timing gives them away: real humans don't buy in perfect lockstep.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- Multiple wallets buying in the exact same second
- Bundled purchases — many buys packed into one transaction
- Clusters of wallets that always appear together, launch after launch

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

The Watch measures how many wallets acted in the same instant and cross-references buyer wallets against known Cabal clusters. Perfect synchronization is a human impossibility and a bot certainty — it's one of the loudest signals in the score.

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03

The Puppet Show

MANUFACTURING THE LOOK OF ORGANIC DEMAND

> *The volume is real numbers. The demand is a performance. The Puppet Show is fake activity staged to make a rigged launch read as a genuine one.*

01 WHAT IT IS

Volume and a moving chart are the two things retail trusts most — so they're the two things the Cabal fakes hardest. In a Puppet Show, the trades are real transactions, but they're between the Cabal's own wallets. Money moves in a circle to project momentum outward. To a trader scanning for 'what's active right now,' a puppet token and a real runner look identical. That's the point.

02 HOW IT WORKS

Wash trading is the core trick: the same set of wallets buy and sell to each other, inflating volume without any real net demand. Drip-bots add a steady tape of small trades so the token never looks dead. The chart climbs, the volume ticks, the trending lists notice — and none of it represents a single outside buyer.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- High volume that nets to almost nothing (buys and sells cancel out)
- The same wallets on both sides of the trades
- A suspiciously smooth, steady tape — real markets are jagged

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

The Watch's tape forensics separate organic flow from wash by netting each wallet's activity and flagging round-trip trading. When most of the 'volume' is the same wallets trading with themselves, the wash gauge lights up and the momentum is marked manufactured.

Bot activity | Wash gauge

04

The Money Trail

THE FUNDING LINK THAT SURVIVES EVERY RENAME

> *Wallets can be created fresh and named nothing. But somebody had to fund them — and that money came from somewhere. The Money Trail is the thread that ties 'independent' wallets back to one treasury.*

01 WHAT IT IS

The Cabal's greatest weakness is also its structure: dozens of wallets, but one bankroll. They can spin up brand-new addresses with no history for every launch, and they do. What they can't easily hide is that those wallets were all funded — directly or through a few hops — from the same source. Follow the money backward and the 'crowd' collapses into a single operator.

02 HOW IT WORKS

Before a launch, a treasury wallet seeds a fleet of fresh wallets with gas and buy-in capital, often routing through intermediary hops to muddy the link. Then all of those wallets buy the same token in the same window. The addresses look unrelated on the surface; the funding graph shows them growing from one root.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- Fresh wallets with no history that were all funded just before launch
- Common funding sources shared across supposedly independent buyers
- Capital routed through the same intermediary hops

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

This is the tell that outlives wallet churn. The Watch traces funding relationships across buyer wallets — when a launch's early buyers all trace back to a shared source, the coordination is proven no matter how new the addresses look.

Common funding sources

05

The Exit

YOUR ENTRY IS THEIR EXIT PLAN

> *Every rug has a moment it was always building toward. The Exit is that moment — when the concentrated supply and the pulled liquidity become the sell pressure that ends the token, funded by the people who just bought in.*

01 WHAT IT IS

The whole operation exists for this. First-block capture and manufactured momentum aren't the goal — they're the setup. The goal is the exit: convert retail's real SOL into the Cabal's realized profit, then leave. Whether it's pulling the liquidity pool outright or dumping a pre-loaded bag into the buyers, the mechanics differ but the result is identical — the token dies the instant it's no longer useful to them.

02 HOW IT WORKS

If the deployer controls the liquidity pool, they can pull it — the SOL leaves, the token is worthless, classic rug. If the pool is locked but supply is concentrated, the exit is a dump: the Cabal's bags hit every buyer at once. Either way, the sell pressure was pre-positioned before you ever clicked buy. You didn't get unlucky; you were the liquidity.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- Liquidity that isn't locked or migrated — the deployer can still pull it
- A large developer or insider bag sitting ready to sell
- Supply concentration that turns into instant sell pressure on any rally

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

The Watch checks who controls the liquidity — migrated/burned pools can't be pulled; direct-deploy pools can. Combined with supply concentration and dev-bag size, it flags tokens where the exit is already loaded and waiting.

Liquidity structure | CONC

06

The Ghost Wallet

ABANDON, RECREATE, REPEAT — AND GET CAUGHT ANYWAY

> *After the rug, the wallets go dark. New ones appear for the next launch, clean and historyless. The Ghost Wallet is the Cabal's attempt to outrun its own reputation — and the reason recurrence beats identity.*

01 WHAT IT IS

A wallet that rugged a token carries a scent. So the Cabal doesn't reuse it — it abandons it and mints fresh ones. Every launch gets a new cast of characters with no visible past, defeating any system that blacklists known-bad addresses. The trick works against reputation checks. It does not work against pattern.

02 HOW IT WORKS

Post-rug, the operating wallets are retired. For the next launch, a new fleet is funded from the treasury and deployed. On paper, none of them have ever done anything wrong — they've barely done anything at all. But their funding sources, their timing, and their behavior are the same crew wearing new masks.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- Brand-new wallets with no history dominating a launch's first window
- The same behavioral fingerprint — timing, sizing, funding — across different addresses
- Fresh addresses that nonetheless keep co-occurring across launches

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

The Watch doesn't rely on naming bad wallets — it maps recurrence. Even as addresses churn, the same clusters keep surfacing in the first window of launch after launch. The Ghost Wallet changes its face; the Cabal Database still recognizes the hands.

CABAL | Previous-rug association

07

The Clone

A COPY OF A WINNER, WEARING ITS NAME

> *Attention is the hardest thing to manufacture — so the Cabal steals it instead of making it. The Clone is a fresh contract wearing a trending token's exact name, ticker and image, built to intercept the demand the real one earned.*

01 WHAT IT IS

A token that's running has something the Cabal can't fake: real attention. People are searching the ticker, it's scrolling past in every feed, screenshots are circulating. The Clone hijacks that. It copies the identity — same name, same symbol, same picture — onto a brand-new mint that shares none of the original's holders or history. To anyone searching the ticker they just saw, the impostor and the original look identical. The difference is the contract address, and by the time you check it, you've already bought the copy.

02 HOW IT WORKS

The Cabal watches the trending lists, and the moment a token catches, they deploy a duplicate — identical metadata, fresh contract. They point the same manufactured momentum at it and let confused buyers pour in chasing the ticker. Serial deployers run this industrially: the same crew relaunches the same 'coin' dozens of times, each a fresh clone with a fresh rug. The name means nothing — the address is the token, and the address is new every time.

03 HOW TO SPOT IT

- A duplicate name / ticker / image on a contract that isn't the original
- A brand-new mint holding zero of the original token's holders
- The same 'coin' relaunched again and again by the same deployer

HOW THE WATCH DETECTS IT

The Watch keys on the mint address, never the name — a token is its contract, not its ticker. Fresh mints impersonating a known name are flagged on sight, and clones are tied back to the deployer that shipped them, so a serial cloner's next launch is recognized as the same hand no matter what it calls itself.

Deployer history | CABAL

Knowing the play is half the battle.

The other half is dodging the rug in real time. The Watch scores any Solana token free — the same seven tactics, checked on-chain in seconds, with the evidence shown, not a verdict you take on faith.

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Every tactic describes **observable wallet behavior** the Cabal runs on-chain, in the open — not an accusation of any identifiable person. Education, not financial advice. **THE WATCH IS WATCHING.**