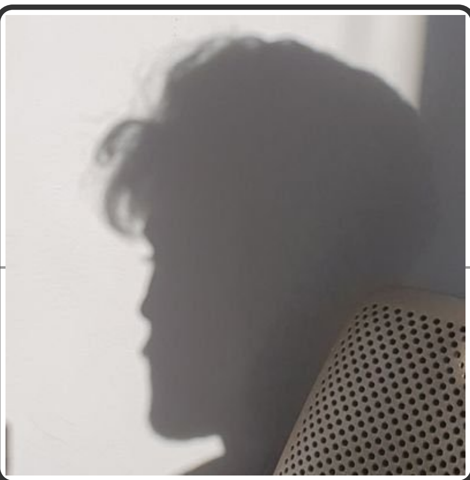
CANDLE RANGE THEORY

THE COMPLETE MASTERY SYSTEM



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"Master the range, master the markets.
Every candle tells a story — learn to read its language."

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To those who are tired of the noise, the false gurus, and the endless cycle of confusion.
May this light the path to clarity and consistent performance.

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"The journey of a thousand trades begins with a single candle."

— Master your Table of Contents first!

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Episode 1: Foundation of CRT and mindset behind it

Key Concept

What is CRT?
Candle Range Theory (CRT) is a complete trading system that helps you understand how prices *really* move in the markets. It's like learning the secret language of the charts!

1. The Big Picture: How Markets Really Work

Markets don't move randomly. They move in clear patterns that repeat over and over. Think of it like the ocean:

- **Ranges:** Like calm waters where price moves sideways
- **Trends:** Like big waves where price moves strongly in one direction
- **Turtle Soup:** When the market tricks traders by briefly breaking through a level, then reversing

2. Your First Trading Tool: Model #1

Model #1 is your go-to setup for high-probability trades. It works because it catches the moment when the market changes direction.

Key Concept

Model #1 in Simple Terms:
Wait for price to test an old high or low, then enter when it confirms it's reversing.

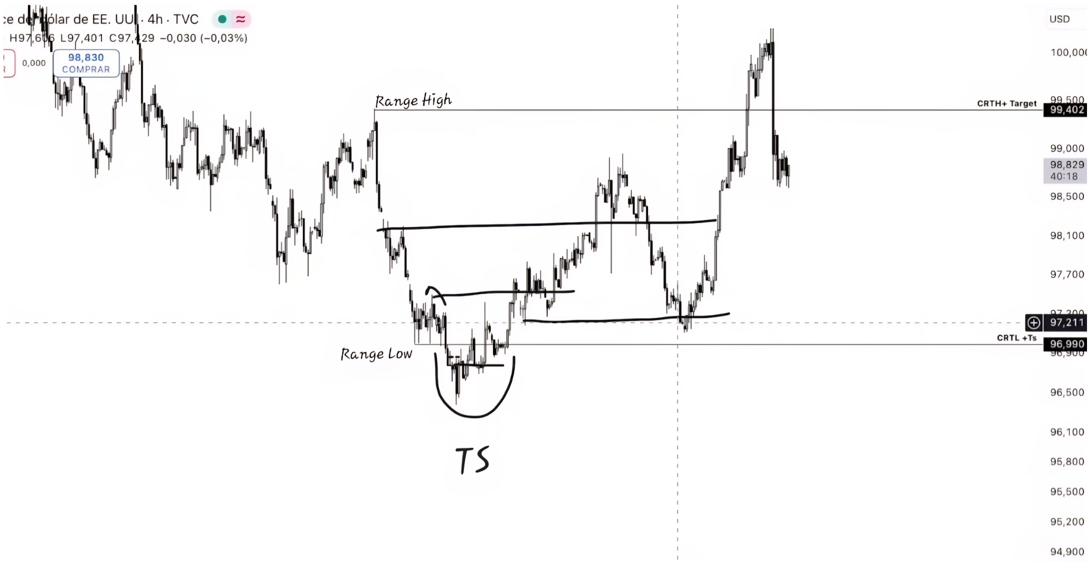

Figure 1.1: Diagram showing range, trend, and turtle soup pattern

Bearish Model #1 (For Selling)

1. Find an **old high** on your chart
2. Wait for price to **stab into** this old high
3. Look for a **thick up-close candle** (a strong white candle)
4. Enter **when price closes BELOW** this specific candle
5. Stop loss above the candle's high
6. Target the next lows below

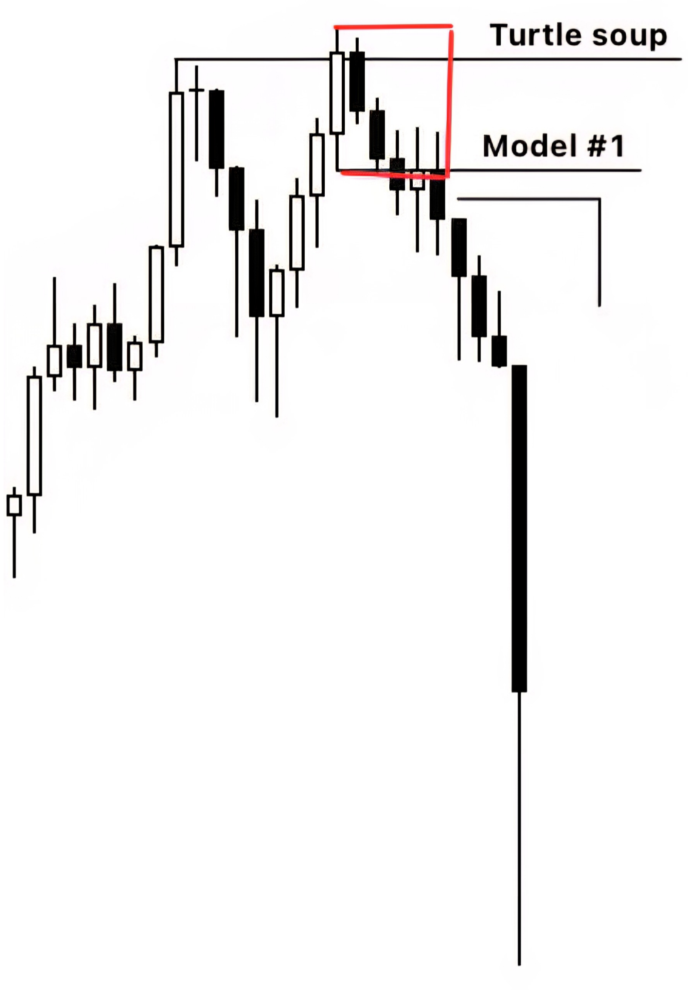

Figure 1.2: Chart showing bearish Model #1 setup with clear labels

Bullish Model #1 (For Buying)

1. Find an **old low** on your chart
2. Wait for price to **stab into** this old low
3. Look for a **thick down-close candle** (a strong red candle)
4. Enter **when price closes ABOVE** this specific candle
5. Stop loss below the candle's low

6. Target the next highs above

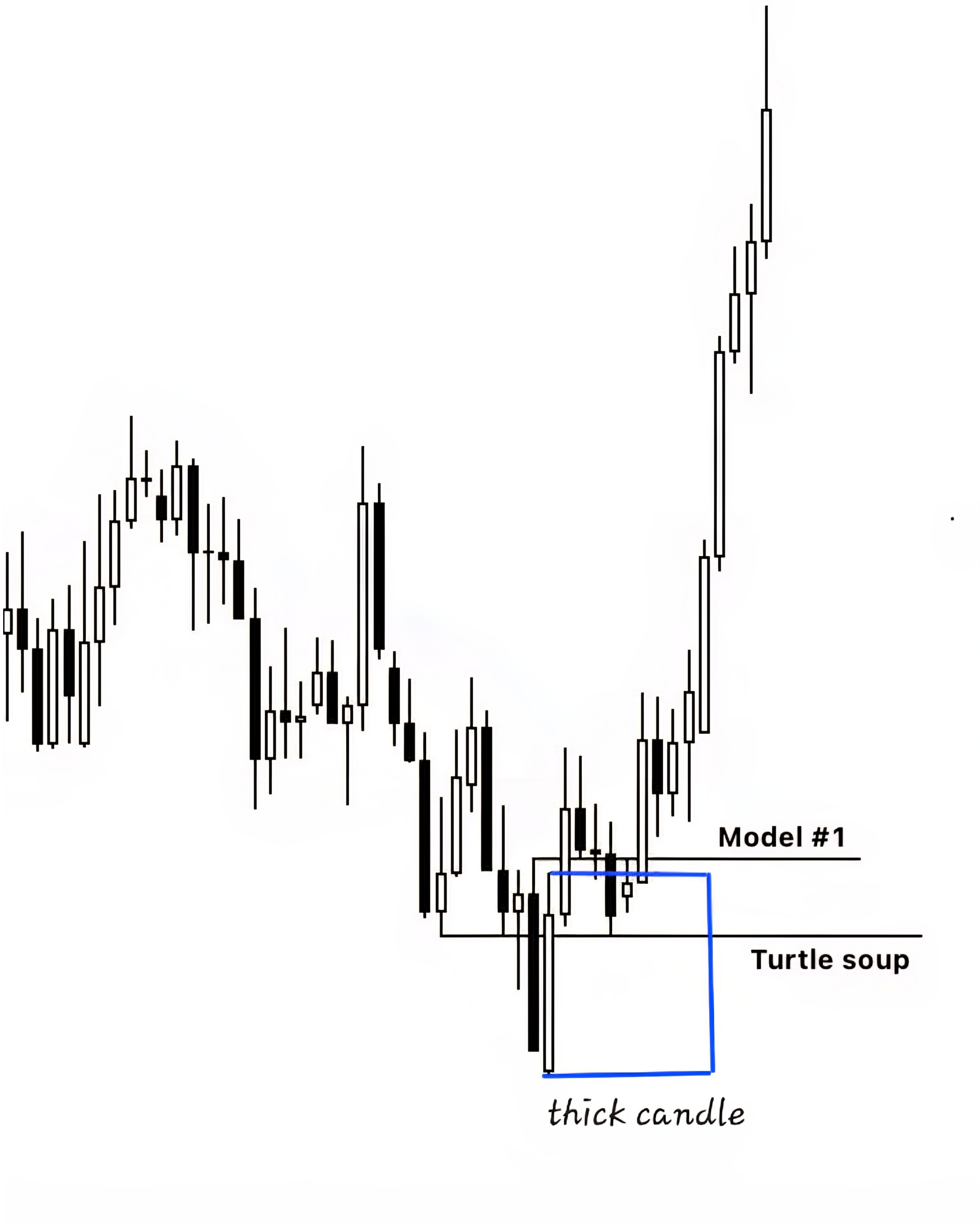

Figure 1.3: Chart showing bullish Model #1 setup with clear labels

3. Why This Works: The Market Maker Secret

> ⚠ **Warning**
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> **Remember:** The big players (market makers) need to trap retail traders to make money. Model #1 helps you avoid these traps and trade with the smart money.

Big institutions move markets by:

- Running stops above old highs and below old lows
- Trapping traders who chase breakouts
- Then reversing direction to catch everyone by surprise

Model #1 catches these reversal moments!

4. The Magic Ingredient: FVG (Fair Value Gap)

When Model #1 appears with an FVG (a gap between candles), it becomes even more powerful!

Figure 1.4: Chart showing Model #1 with FVG confluence

5. Your Trading Mindset

Rules to Live By:

- **Wait for the close** - Don't enter early!

- **Be picky** - Only trade the clearest setups
- **Blame yourself, not the system** - Learn from every trade
- **Take your time** - Markets aren't going anywhere

6. Practice Exercise

Go to your trading platform and:

1. Find 5 examples of Bearish Model #1 on historical charts
2. Find 5 examples of Bullish Model #1
3. Mark: Old high/low, Stab candle, Entry point, Stop loss

> ⚠ Warning
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> **Homework:** Practice on demo account first! Don't risk real money until you can consistently identify these setups.

Chapter Summary

- CRT helps you understand market structure
- Model #1 is your foundation setup
- Wait for specific candle closes to enter
- Be patient and selective with your trades
- Always manage your risk with stop losses

Next Chapter: We'll explore *The Kiss of Death*

Chapter 2

The Kiss Of Death

Episode 2: Spotting the Final Trap Before Big Moves

Definition

What is the Kiss of Death?
The Kiss of Death (KOD) is the **final turtle soup** before price hits its major target. It's the market's last trap before a massive move!

1. Understanding the KOD Pattern

The Kiss of Death happens when:

- Price has already made a CRT (Candle Range Theory) setup
- Market makers create **one final trap** before the big move
- This trap catches the last group of unsuspecting traders
- Then price reverses strongly toward the real target

2. How Market Makers Use KOD Against Traders

Key Concept

Market Maker Trick:
They watch what retail traders are doing, then create traps specifically for popular trading models!

Big players set up KOD by:

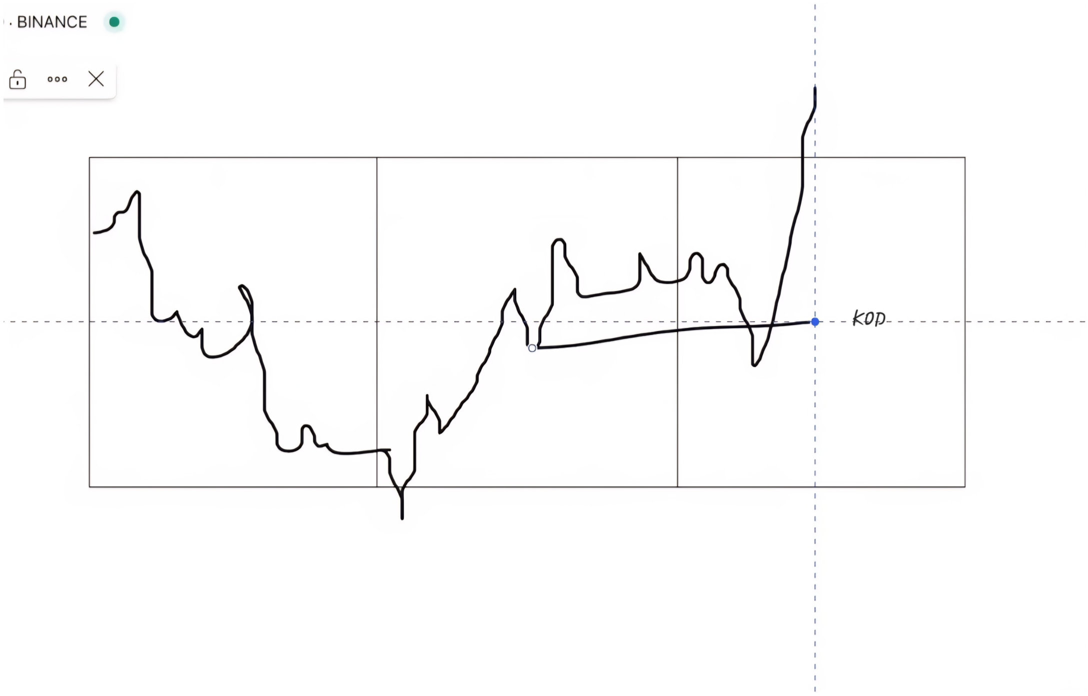

Figure 2.1: Diagram showing KOD pattern

- **Stopping out previous positions** - running stops above/below key levels
- **Enticing new traders** - making breakout traders think the move is real
- **Gathering liquidity** - collecting orders from both sides
- **Then reversing hard** - crushing everyone who fell for the trap

3. The Three Candle Phases of KOD

Every KOD setup has three important candles:

1. **Candle 1: Accumulation** - Smart money builds positions
2. **Candle 2: Manipulation** - Price gets pushed to trap traders
3. **Candle 3: Distribution** - The Kiss of Death happens!

4. How to Spot a Kiss of Death Setup

Look for these signs:

Figure 2.2: Chart showing the 3-candle KOD structure

Bearish KOD (For Selling)

- Price pushes **above an old high** (turtle soup)
- Creates a **false breakout** that looks bullish
- Big **up-close candle** appears (to scare bears, entice bulls)
- Then price reverses **below the turtle soup point**
- Target is the **CRT low** below

Bullish KOD (For Buying)

- Price pushes **below an old low** (turtle soup)
- Creates a **false breakdown** that looks bearish
- Big **down-close candle** appears (to scare bulls, entice bears)
- Then price reverses **above the turtle soup point**
- Target is the **CRT high** above

5. Why KOD is So Powerful

Definition

Secret: KOD works because it's the **final fuel** for big moves. No turtle soup = choppy price action. Turtle soup = explosive moves!

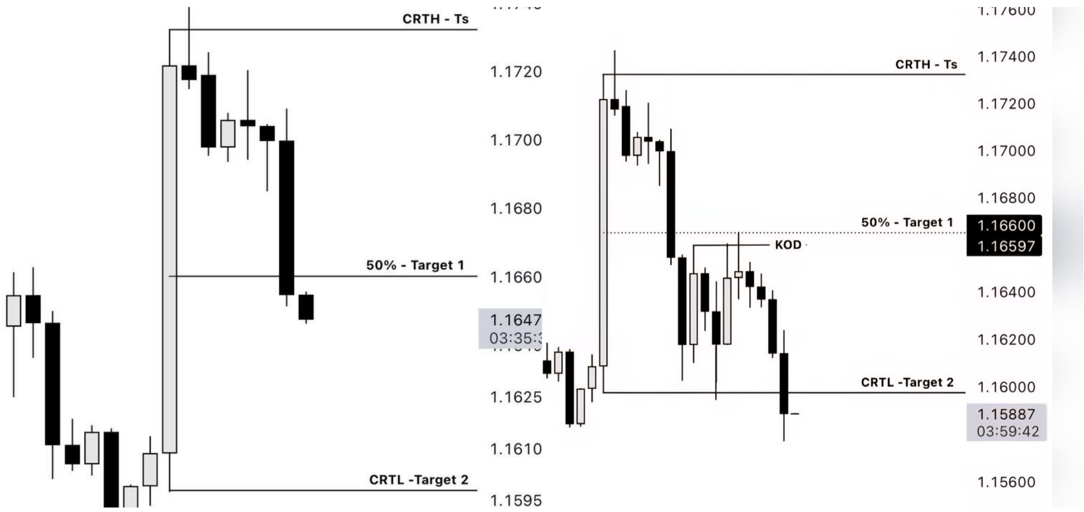

Figure 2.3: Real chart examples of bearish KOD

Think of it like this:

- **Turtle Soup** = **Fuel** for the price move
- **KOD** = **The last refuel** before the big journey
- Without this fuel, price just chops around randomly
- With KOD, you get clean, strong directional moves

6. Trading Psychology: Getting Comfortable with KOD

> ⚠ Warning
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> **Mindset Challenge:**
> You must train yourself to trade AGAINST what looks obvious. Sell strong up candles, buy strong down candles!

Most traders fail at KOD because:

- They're scared to **sell big green candles**
- They're scared to **buy big red candles**
- They follow the **crowd** instead of the setup
- They don't trust the **CRT framework**

7. Entry Strategy for KOD

Key Concept

KOD Entry Rules:
Wait for the KOD candle to close, then enter in the **opposite** direction with stop beyond the turtle soup point.

Step-by-step entry:

1. Identify the **CRT range** and target
2. Wait for price to **turtle soup** the level
3. Look for the **KOD candle** (big opposing candle)
4. Enter when price **closes beyond** the KOD candle
5. Stop loss **beyond the turtle soup point**
6. Target the **CRT objective**

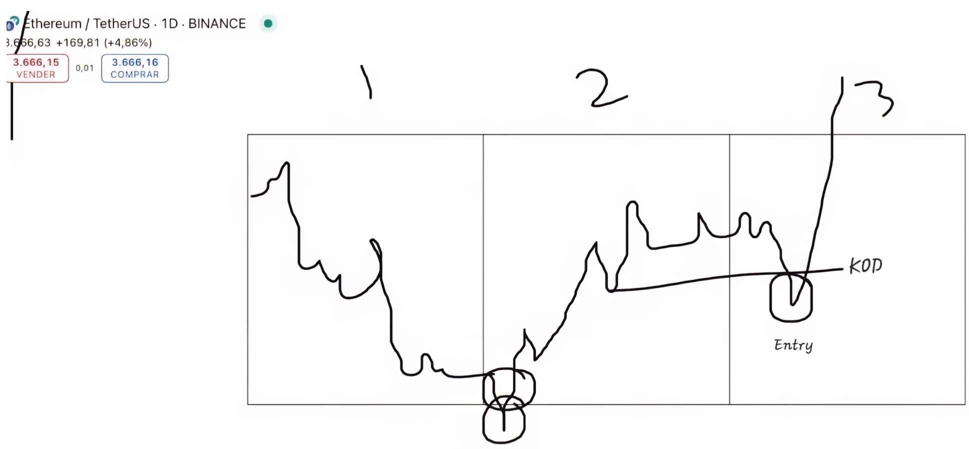

Figure 2.4: Entry and Exit Points on KOD Setup

8. Practice Exercise: Finding KOD Setups

Your homework for this chapter:

1. Find 3 historical **Bearish KOD** setups.
2. Find 3 historical **Bullish KOD** setups.

3. Mark: CRT range, Turtle Soup point, KOD candle, Entry, Stop, Target.
4. Practice on a **demo account** first!

Figure 2.5: Practice Chart for Student Exercises

9. Advanced Tip: KOD with FVG Confluence

When KOD appears with a **Fair Value Gap (FVG)**, it becomes even more powerful!

- **Bearish KOD + Bearish FVG** = Strong sell signal.
- **Bullish KOD + Bullish FVG** = Strong buy signal.

Figure 2.6: Real chart examples of bearish KOD in an FVG

Chapter Summary

- KOD is the **final turtle soup** before big moves.
- Market makers use it to **trap retail traders**.
- Look for **three candle phases**: Accumulation, Manipulation, Distribution.
- Trade **against the obvious** — sell strength, buy weakness.
- Wait for **candle close** confirmation.
- Use **proper risk management** with stops beyond turtle soup.

Final Warning

Final Warning: KOD requires courage and discipline. Don't trade it until you can consistently identify the pattern on historical charts first!

Next Chapter: We'll explore *The Journey* — developing the right mindset for long-term trading success!

Chapter 3

The Journey

Episode 3: From Candle 1 to Candle 3 - The Complete Price Cycle

The Journey Ahead

The Three Candle Journey: Every major price move follows the same three-candle pattern: **Accumulation** → **Manipulation** → **Distribution**

1. The Three Candle Phases Explained

1. **Candle 1: Accumulation** - Smart money quietly builds positions
2. **Candle 2: Manipulation** - Market makers trap retail traders
3. **Candle 3: Distribution** - The final move to targets

2. Which Candle Should You Trade?

Warning

Critical Advice for Beginners:
Start by trading ONLY **Candle 3**! Candle 2 is advanced and requires experience.

For Beginner Traders:

- **Focus 100% on Candle 3** setups
- Candle 3 is safer and more reliable

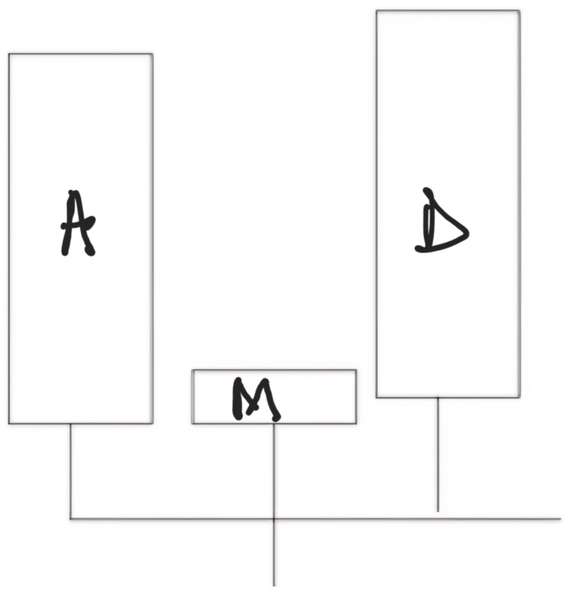

Figure 3.1: Diagram showing the three candle phases clearly labeled

- Build consistency before advancing
- Master Candle 3 first, then consider Candle 2

For Advanced Traders Only:

- Candle 2 can be traded with **extreme caution**
- Requires deep understanding of market structure
- Higher risk but potentially faster entries
- Only for experienced CRT practitioners

3. The Revolutionary: Two-Timeframe Analysis

Key Concept

Game-Changer Discovery:
Always analyze **higher timeframe** for context, then enter on **lower timeframe** for precision!

This dual-lens approach means:

- **Higher Timeframe:** Understand the big picture story
- **Lower Timeframe:** Find precise entry points
- This combination creates high-probability trades

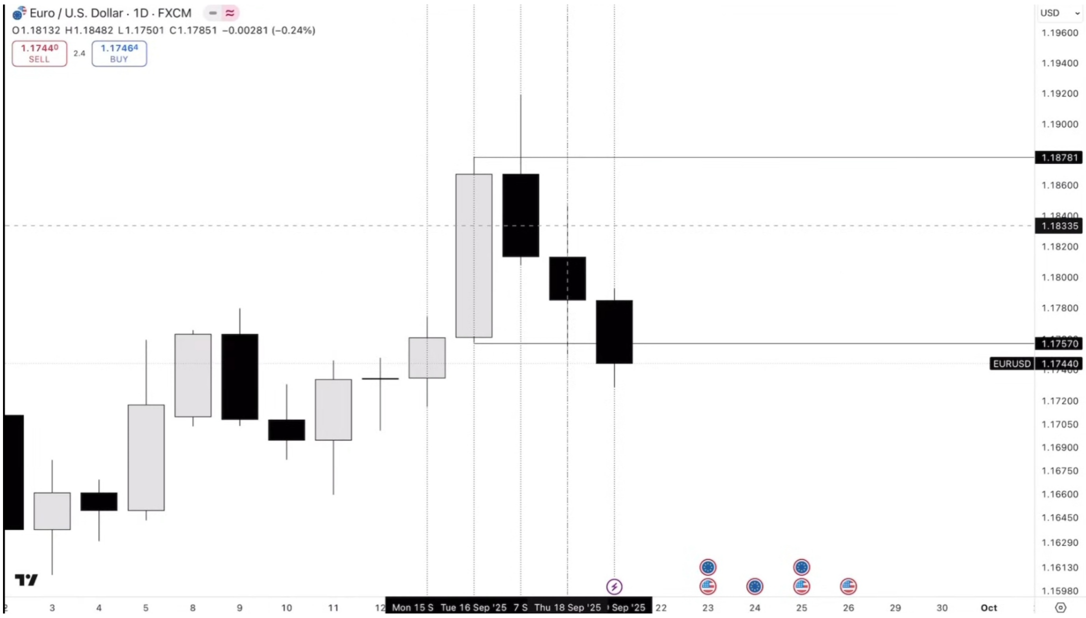

Figure 3.2: Higher vs lower timeframe analysis

Figure 3.3: Chart showing higher vs lower timeframe analysis

4. Risk Management Warning

⚠ Warning

Serious Warning:
If you blow your account on one bad Candle 2 trade, you have **no business trading** until you fix your risk management!

Proper risk management means:

- Never risk more than 1-2% per trade
- Always use stop losses
- Size positions appropriately
- Accept that losses are part of trading

5. The Complete Journey Inside Candle 2

Even though you shouldn't trade Candle 2 yet, you should understand what happens inside it:

- **Turtle Soup** - The initial trap
- **Model #1** - The reversal confirmation
- **Breaker** - Momentum shift
- **OTE** - Optimal Trade Entry point
- **Kiss of Death** - Final trap before target

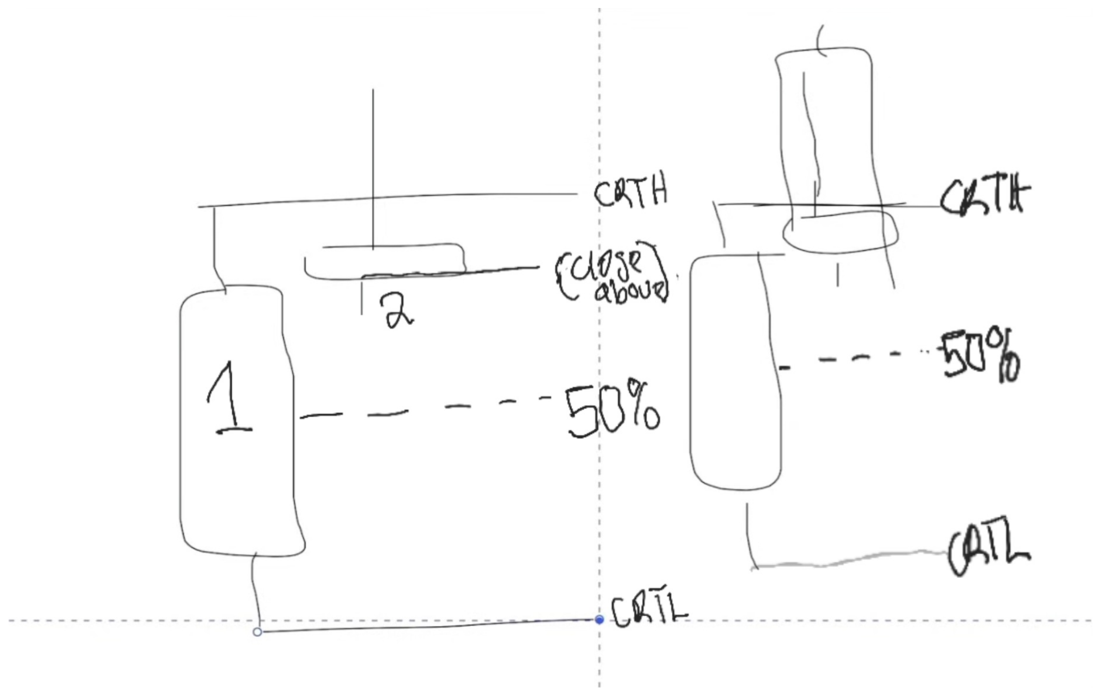

Figure 3.4: Detailed anatomy of Candle 2 internal structure

6. Multi-Timeframe Analysis in Action

Let's break down how to read different timeframes:

Higher Timeframe (Context):

- Identify the main **CRT structure**
- Locate major **support and resistance**
- Understand the overall **market narrative**

Lower Timeframe (Entry):

- Find precise **entry triggers**
- Set accurate **stop losses**
- Identify best **entry timing**

7. The Certain Patterns in Every CRT

Key Concept

Guaranteed Patterns:
Every single CRT will have these patterns - learn to recognize them!

In every CRT journey, you'll always find:

- **Turtle Soup** at the beginning
- **True Market Structure Shift**
- **Model #1** setup
- **Kiss of Death Turtle Soup** before target

8. Practical Learning Path

The Journey Ahead

Your Learning Journey:
1. Master Candle 3 → 2. Study Candle 2 → 3. Practice Two-Timeframe Analysis

Step 1: Build Foundation

- Trade only Candle 3 setups
- Practice on demo account
- Build consistency and confidence

Step 2: Advanced Study

- Analyze Candle 2 patterns (but don't trade yet)
- Understand the internal structure
- Watch how professionals trade it

Step 3: Integration

- Combine higher and lower timeframe analysis
- Develop your own trading plan
- Gradually incorporate advanced concepts

9. Real Chart Example Walkthrough

Let's examine a real CRT journey:

1. **CRT Low** identified on weekly chart
2. **Turtle Soup** forms at the bottom
3. **Market Structure Shift** confirms reversal
4. **Model #1** provides entry signal
5. Price journeys upward through candles
6. **Kiss of Death** appears near target
7. **CRT High** reached as final target

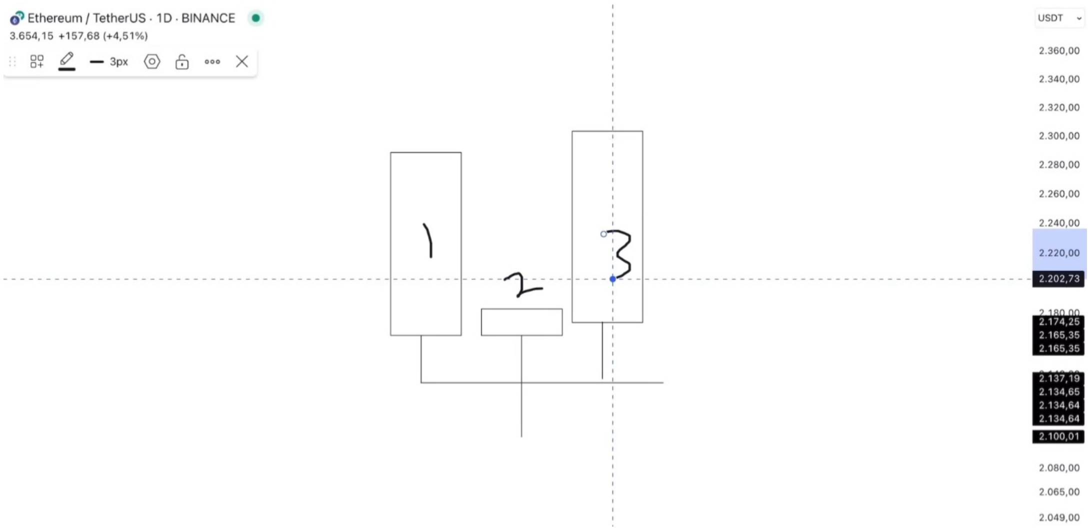

Figure 3.5: complete CRT journey

10. Practice Exercise: Mapping the Journey

Your homework for this chapter:

1. Find 3 completed **CRT cycles** on historical charts
2. For each cycle, identify and label:
   - Candle 1 (Accumulation)
   - Candle 2 (Manipulation)
   - Candle 3 (Distribution)
   - Turtle Soup points
   - Market Structure Shifts
   - Kiss of Death patterns
3. Practice on **demo account** with Candle 3 setups only

Chapter Summary

- Three candle phases: **Accumulation, Manipulation, Distribution**
- Beginners: Trade only **Candle 3**
- Advanced: Candle 2 requires **extreme caution**
- Use **two-timeframe analysis** always
- Every CRT has **certain patterns** - learn them!
- Follow the **structured learning path**

- Practice **proper risk management** always

> ⚠ Warning
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> **Final Reminder:**
> Don't rush! The markets will always be here tomorrow. Master Candle 3 first, build your foundation, then gradually advance. Patience is your greatest trading asset!

Next Chapter: We'll dive deep into "Candle Anatomy" - understanding the micro-structure of price action!

Chapter 4

Candle Anatomy

Episode 4: Understanding the Building Blocks of Price

Trader's Wisdom

"Before you trade a pattern, learn the candle. Before you trust the market, learn the time."
— TradesbyVee

Candle Anatomy

The Foundation of CRT:
Candle anatomy is the **language of the market**. If you trade CRT without understanding candle anatomy, you will **fail long-term**. This is that important!

1. Why Candle Anatomy Matters

Candle anatomy is not just theory - it's the market's way of telling you:

- Where **smart money** is accumulating
- When **retail traders** are being trapped
- Where **liquidity** is being hunted
- When **big moves** are about to happen

2. The Four Parts of Every Candle

Every candle tells a story through these four parts:

Part	What It Tells You
Open (O)	Where price started the battle
High (H)	Maximum bullish power reached
Low (L)	Maximum bearish power reached
Close (C)	Who won the battle - bulls or bears

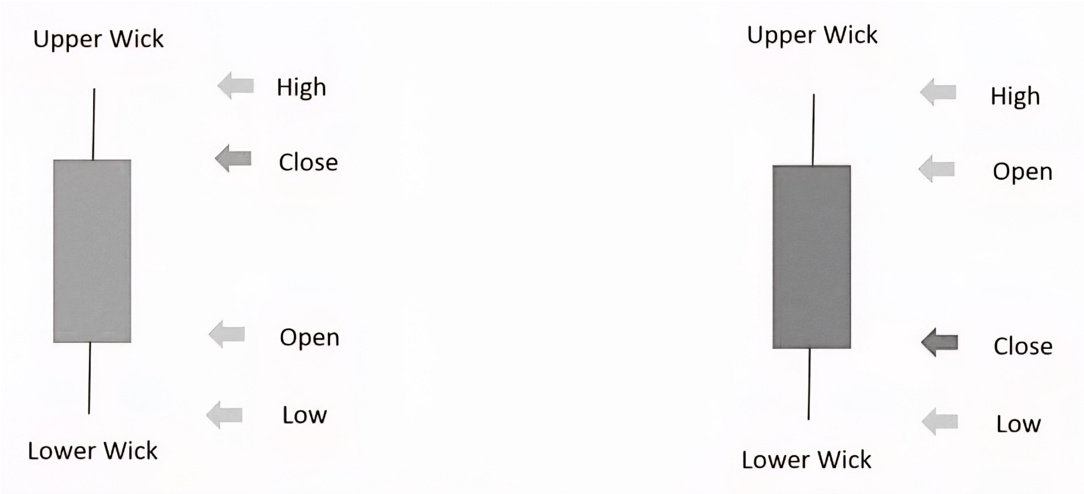

Figure 4.1: Diagram showing candle anatomy with clear labels

3. Reading the Candle's Story

When you look at any candle, ask these questions:

Key Concept

Candle Reading Checklist:

- Where did price **start** and **end**? (Open vs Close)
- How **big** is the body? (Shows conviction)
- How **long** are the wicks? (Shows rejection)
- Which side **won** the battle? (Bullish or bearish)

4. The Magic of Fractal Candles

Candle Anatomy

Game-Changing Insight:
All candles work the **exact same way** across all timeframes! Only the **speed** changes.

What this means for you:

- **Monthly candle** = Slow motion (30 days)
- **Daily candle** = Normal speed (1 day)
- **4-hour candle** = Fast speed (4 hours)
- **Same patterns**, same signals, same rules!

5. Your Approved Trading Timeframes

⚠ Warning

Timeframe Rules:
Beginners: Trade only **4-hour, daily, weekly** candles!
No lower timeframes until you master these!

Beginner Timeframes:

- **4-Hour Candles** - Perfect for learning
- **Daily Candles** - Build consistency
- **Weekly Candles** - Master these for big moves

Why Higher Timeframes Work Better:

- **Less noise** - Cleaner signals
- **Better risk/reward** - Bigger moves
- **More reliable** - Harder to manipulate
- **Less stress** - Fewer trades needed

6. Practical Exercises - Build Your Skills

Do these exercises for 7 days straight:

Exercise 1: Candle Visualization

1. Pick one daily candle on any chart
2. Draw it from memory with open, high, low, close
3. Check how accurate you were
4. **Goal:** Train your eyes to see candle structure

Exercise 2: Phase Identification

1. Find three different candles
2. Label each one: Accumulation, Manipulation, or Distribution
3. **Goal:** Learn to read market phases

Exercise 3: Discipline Training

1. For one week, only trade daily or higher timeframe setups
2. Write down every trade decision
3. **Goal:** Break the gambling addiction

7. Your Pre-Trade Candle Checklist

Before entering any trade, ask:

1. **Which candle** am I trading? (4H/D/W)
2. What is this candle's **story**? (Accumulation/Manipulation/Distribution)
3. Is there a **Model #1** or **Turtle Soup** nearby?
4. Do **higher timeframes** agree with my trade?
5. Is my **stop loss** in the right place?
6. Is my **risk** properly managed?

8. Common Mistakes and How to Fix Them

⚠ Warning

Mistake #1: Trading patterns without context
Fix: Always check which candle you're trading and what higher timeframes say

⚠ Warning

Mistake #2: Entering before confirmation
Fix: Wait for candle close and proper retracement

⚠ Warning

Mistake #3: Overtrading lower timeframes
Fix: Stick to 4H/D/W setups only until mastered

9. Real Example: BTCUSD Case Study

Let's examine a real trade setup:

1. **Find a daily candle** with long wick (liquidity sweep)
2. **Watch for rejection** - price closes back into range
3. **Wait for expansion** - big move in opposite direction
4. **Enter on retrace** - with proper risk management

10. Chapter Summary

- Candle anatomy is the **market's language**
- Every candle has **4 parts**: Open, High, Low, Close
- Candles are **fractal** - same across all timeframes
- Trade only **4H, Daily, Weekly** candles as beginner
- Do the **practical exercises** for 7 days
- Use the **pre-trade checklist** before every entry
- Avoid **common mistakes** that destroy accounts

Figure 4.2: Real BTCUSD chart example

11. Your Homework

Candle Anatomy

7-Day Candle Mastery Challenge:

1. Complete all 3 exercises daily for 7 days
2. Analyze 2 historical trades (1 win, 1 loss) using candle anatomy
3. Answer: "What did the candles tell me before the trade?"

Trader's Wisdom

"If you want to trade with certainty, start by seeing clearly."
— Your journey to candle mastery begins now!

Chapter 5

Key Levels

Episode 5: Finding Where Price Will Bounce

Trader's Wisdom

"If you take trading seriously for one year, the market will respect you for a lifetime."
— RomeoTPT

Key Levels

What Are Key Levels?
Key levels are like **bouncy castle walls** for price. When price hits them, it bounces back! Learning to find these walls is your superpower.

1. The One-Year Rule: Be Patient!

⚠ **Warning**

Important Truth:
Trading is like learning to ride a bike. You can't learn in one day! Give yourself **1 full year** to become good at CRT.

Why one year?

- Your brain needs time to learn the patterns
- You need to make mistakes and learn from them
- Patience is the most important skill in trading
- The market will teach you this lesson anyway!

2. What Exactly is a Key Level?

Key Concept

Simple Definition:
A key level is a **special price** where price likes to bounce and change direction. Think of it like a trampoline!

Key levels are found at:

- Old **highs** where price stopped going up
- Old **lows** where price stopped going down
- Places where big traders left their "footprints"(SMT)

Figure 5.1: Simple diagram showing prices bouncing at key level

3. The Three Steps to Becoming a Key Level Master

Everyone learns key levels in the same three steps:

Step 1: The Beginner (Getting It Wrong)

- You draw key levels in the **wrong places**
- Price goes right through your levels

- You feel confused and frustrated
- **This is normal!** Everyone starts here

Step 2: The Learner (Seeing But Not Trading)

- You start finding the **right levels**
- But you're too scared to trade them
- You watch price bounce exactly where you predicted
- **Progress!** You're learning to see

Step 3: The Master (Seeing AND Trading)

- You find key levels **accurately**
- You trade them with **confidence**
- You understand how price behaves at each level
- **Success!** You've mastered key levels

Figure 5.2: The 3 steps to Becoming a Key Level Master

4. The Market's Favorite Trick: Fake Bounces

Definition

Market Trick Alert:
The market LOVES to create **fake bounces** just before the real one! This traps most traders.

How the trick works:

1. Price approaches a key level
2. It creates a **fake bounce** that looks real
3. Traders jump in too early
4. Price then drops to the **real key level**
5. The **real bounce** happens and catches everyone by surprise

5. Two Ways to Trade Key Levels

You can trade key levels in two different ways:

Way 1: Trade TO the Key Level

- **Sell** as price moves DOWN to a bullish key level
- **Buy** as price moves UP to a bearish key level
- **Faster trades**, more action
- Like catching a ball as it falls

Way 2: Trade FROM the Key Level

- **Buy** when price BOUNCES from a bullish key level
- **Sell** when price BOUNCES from a bearish key level
- **Slower trades**, bigger moves
- Like throwing a ball after it bounces

Key Concept

Golden Rule:
Choose ONE way to trade each key level. Don't try to do both at the same time!

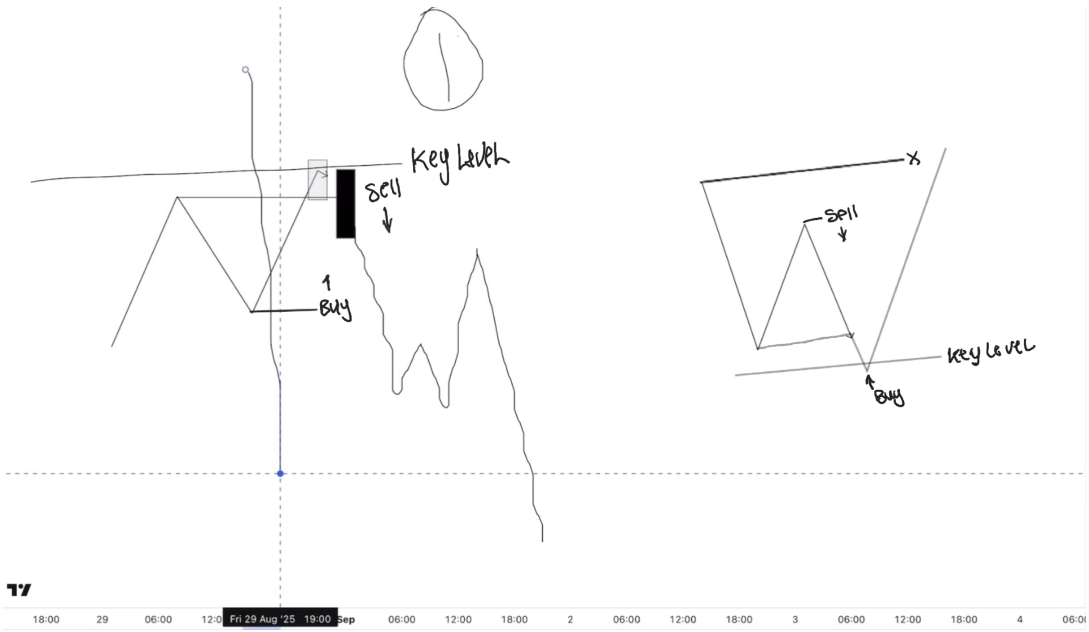

Figure 5.3: Simple diagrams of both trading approaches

6. Why CRT Patterns Need Key Levels

> **⚠ Warning**
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> **Important Connection:**
> CRT patterns ONLY work well when they happen at key levels! Without key levels, they're just random patterns.

Think of it like this:

- **CRT pattern** = The car
- **Key level** = The road
- You need both to go somewhere!

A good CRT trade has:

1. A clear **key level** (the road)
2. A good **CRT pattern** (the car)
3. Proper **timing** (when to drive)

7. Practice Exercises: Become a Key Level Detective

Exercise 1: The Level Hunter

1. Look at any chart (start with daily timeframe)

2. Find 3 places where price bounced strongly
3. Mark these as your key levels
4. Check if price respected these levels later

Exercise 2: The Fake Spotter

1. Find 2 examples of **fake bounces**
2. Find 2 examples of **real bounces**
3. Write down how they were different
4. Look for the clues that tell them apart

Exercise 3: The Pattern Matcher

1. Find CRT patterns that worked at key levels
2. Find CRT patterns that failed away from key levels
3. See the difference key levels make!

8. Common Key Level Mistakes

Definition

Mistake #1: Drawing too many levels
Fix: Only mark the strongest, clearest levels. Less is more!

Definition

Mistake #2: Trading fake bounces
Fix: Wait for confirmation. Let the fake bounce happen first!

Definition

Mistake #3: Ignoring higher timeframes
Fix: Always check daily/weekly levels first!

9. Real Example: How I Trade Key Levels

Let me show you a real trade I took:

1. **Found a strong bullish key level** on daily chart

2. **Waited for price** to approach the level

3. **Spotted the fake bounce** and didn't get tricked

4. **Entered when real bounce** happened with proper stop loss

5. **Profit!** Price bounced exactly as expected

Figure 5.4: Real trade example with clear labels

10. Your Key Level Cheat Sheet

Key Levels

Quick Reference:

- Key levels are **price trampolines**
- Markets create **fake bounces** first
- Trade **TO** or **FROM** levels (not both)
- CRT needs key levels to work properly
- Practice finding levels every day
- Be patient - it takes time to master!

11. Chapter Summary

- Give yourself **1 year** to learn properly
- Key levels are where price **bounces**
- Everyone learns in **3 steps** (wrong → see → trade)
- Watch out for **fake bounces** - they trap most traders
- Trade **TO** levels or **FROM** levels (pick one)
- CRT patterns need key levels to **work well**
- Practice the **3 exercises** to build your skills
- Avoid the **common mistakes** beginners make

12. Your Homework

Key Concept

7-Day Key Level Challenge:

1. Find and mark 2 key levels every day for 7 days
2. Practice spotting fake vs real bounces
3. Analyze 1 historical trade using key level thinking
4. Answer: "Where was the key level in this trade?"

Trader's Wisdom

"Pattern traders get tricked by fake bounces. Smart traders wait for the real bounce at the key level."
— Your key level mastery journey begins now!

Chapter 6

SMT

Episode 6: How Big Players Talk to Each Other

Trader's Wisdom

"Every entry is an exit, and every exit is an entry."
— The secret rhythm of the markets

Smart Money Secret

What is SMT?
SMT stands for **Smart Money Technique**. It's how big banks and institutions send **secret signals** to each other through price action. Now you can learn to read these signals too!

1. Watch Carefully - Don't Cheat Yourself!

⚠ Warning

Serious Learning Rule:
Don't skip through videos or rush your learning. If you cheat, you only cheat **yourself** out of success!

Successful traders are **obsessed** with learning:

- Watch **every second** carefully
- Take **detailed notes**
- Stay **fully focused**
- Small details make **big differences**

2. The Ancient Secret of SMT

Key Concept

History Lesson:
SMT was discovered in the **1800s** by Charles Dow - that's over 200 years ago! This isn't some new internet trick.

Trading didn't start with COVID or YouTube! Smart money has been using these same techniques for **centuries**.

3. SMT in Simple Words

Smart Money Secret

The Big Idea:
When two related markets don't move together, it's a **secret signal** from smart money!

Think of it like this:

- **EURUSD** and **DXY** are like two friends
- If one friend runs ahead but the other stays behind...
- Something is **wrong** - they're not working together anymore!
- This tells you a **big move** is coming

4. How to Spot SMT Signals

Here's what to look for:

Bearish SMT Signal:

- **Market A** makes a NEW high
- **Market B** FAILS to make a new high
- **Signal:** Big players are getting ready to SELL

Bullish SMT Signal:

- **Market A** makes a NEW low

- **Market B** FAILS to make a new low
- **Signal:** Big players are getting ready to BUY

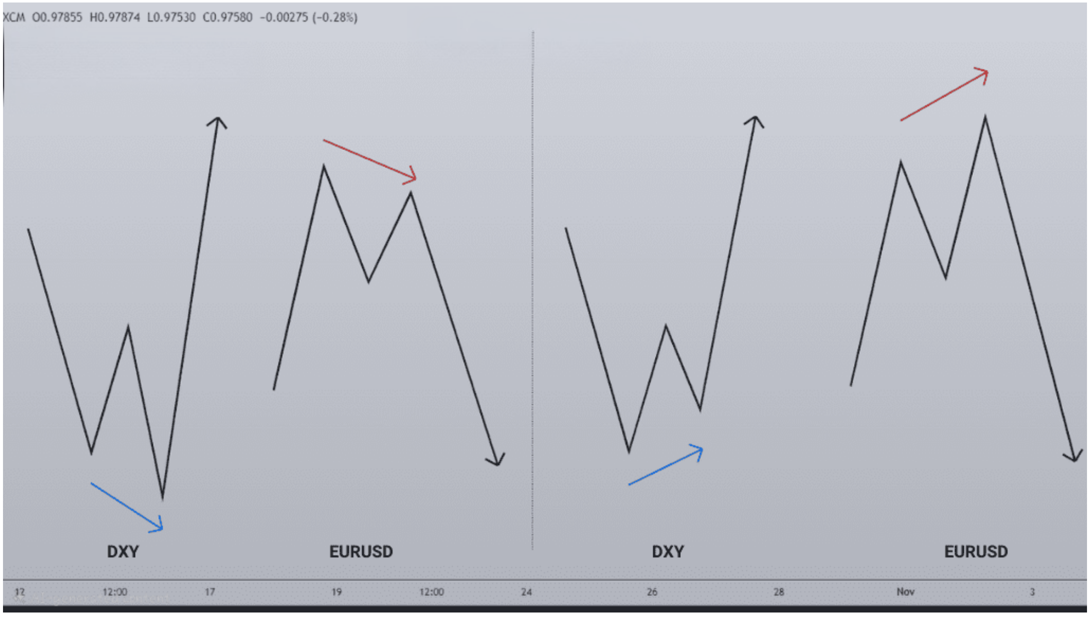

Figure 6.1: Simple diagrams showing SMT signals

5. Why SMT is Your Superpower

Key Concept

Your Advantage:
While other traders watch only one chart, you watch TWO and see the secret signals they miss!

Without SMT, you might:

- See a perfect Turtle Soup setup
- Expect it to work perfectly
- Get confused when it suddenly fails
- Lose money without understanding why

With SMT, you:

- See the secret divergence
- Know the setup will likely fail
- Avoid the bad trade
- Save your money for better opportunities

6. Real Example: How I Used SMT

Let me show you a real trade:

1. **EURUSD** was making new highs
2. But **DXY** (Dollar Index) wasn't following
3. **SMT Signal:** Hidden weakness in the move
4. I started **selling** from the top
5. Price **dumped massively** exactly as expected
6. **Profit!** Because I saw the secret signal

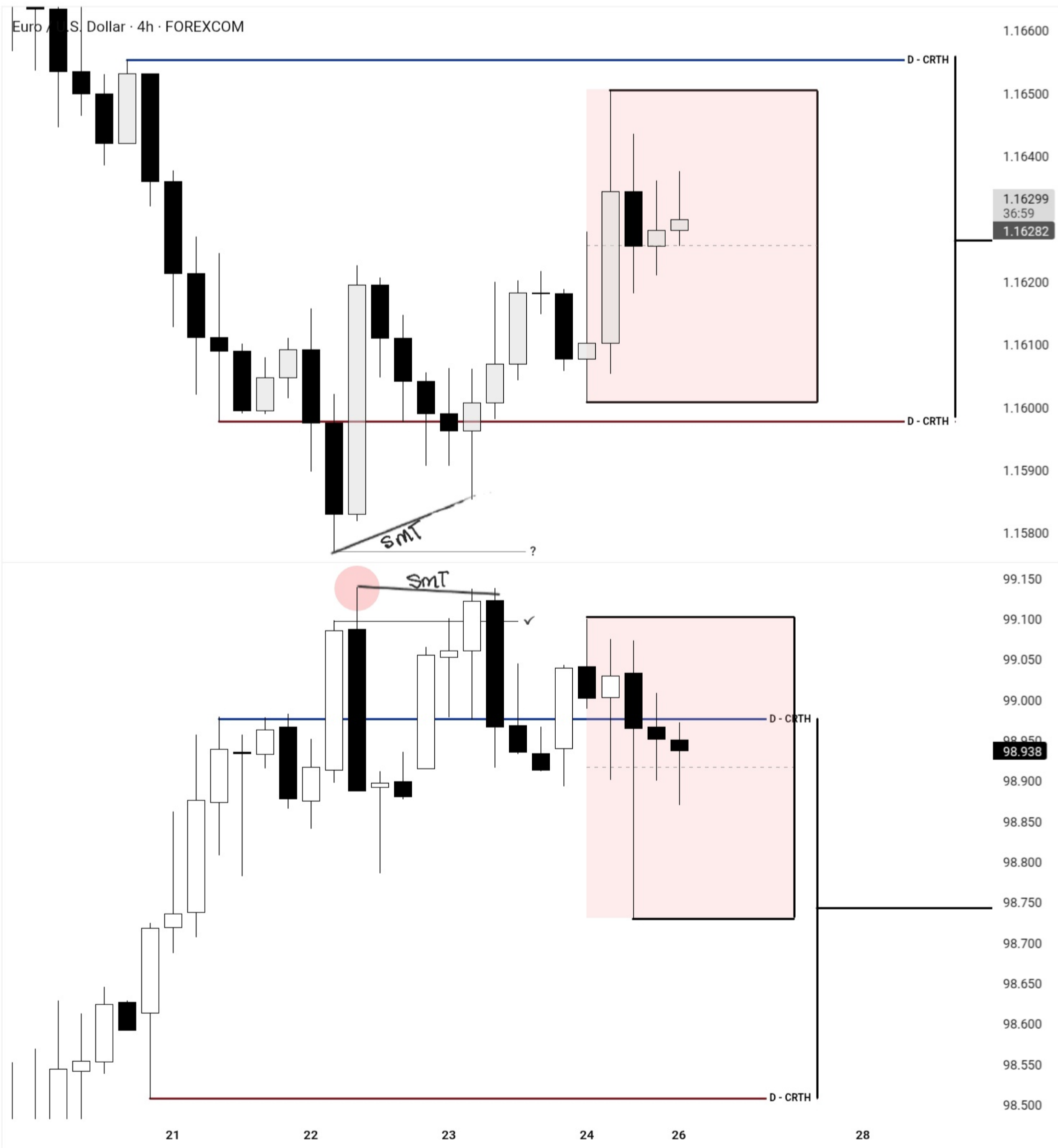

Figure 6.2: Real EURUSD/DXY chart example

7. The Magic Rule: Entry = Exit

Trader's Wisdom

"Every entry is an exit, and every exit is an entry."
— This one rule changes everything!

What this means:

- Your **take profit** level becomes someone else's **entry** level
- Your **entry** level was someone else's **exit** level
- Price moves in a continuous **dance** between buyers and sellers
- Understand this rhythm and you understand the market

8. Kiss of Death + SMT = Powerful Combo

Smart Money Secret

Advanced Combo:
When SMT shows weakness AND you see a Kiss of Death pattern - get ready for a BIG move!

How it works:

1. SMT shows **hidden weakness**
2. Price creates a **fake bullish move** (Kiss of Death)
3. Pattern traders get **trapped** thinking it's real
4. Smart money **reverses** and catches everyone
5. You profit because you saw both signals!

9. Weekly Candle Secrets

Key Concept

Timeframe Connection:
The weekly candle tells you what happens all week long. Monday's opening sets the stage!

Weekly candle rhythm:

- **Monday:** Candle opens, manipulation often happens
- **Tuesday-Wednesday:** Real move develops
- **Thursday-Friday:** Distribution and preparation for next week
- **Pattern repeats** every single week!

10. Practice Exercises: Become an SMT Detective

Practice Exercise

Exercise 1: The Pair Hunter

1. Find two related markets (like EURUSD and DXY)
2. Watch them for one week
3. Look for times they don't move together
4. Note what happened next

Practice Exercise

Exercise 2: The Signal Spotter

1. Find 2 historical SMT signals
2. One bullish, one bearish
3. Mark where the divergence happened
4. See how price reacted

Practice Exercise

Exercise 3: The Entry-Exit Game

1. Pick any trade you took
2. Find where your entry was someone's exit
3. Find where your exit became someone's entry
4. Understand the market rhythm

11. Common SMT Mistakes

⚠ Warning

Mistake #1: Watching only one chart
Fix: Always check the correlated pair before trading!

⚠ Warning

Mistake #2: Ignoring the signals
Fix: When SMT shows divergence, pay attention - it's rarely wrong!

⚠ Warning

Mistake #3: Not understanding pairs
Fix: Learn which markets move together (EURUSD/DXY, Gold/DXY, etc.)

12. Your SMT Cheat Sheet

Smart Money Secret

Quick Reference:

- SMT = Smart Money Technique
- Look for **divergence** between related markets
- **Entry = Exit, Exit = Entry** - remember this always
- Combine SMT with **Kiss of Death** for powerful signals
- Watch **weekly candles** for bigger picture
- Practice with **real pairs** to build your skills

13. Chapter Summary

- Read this chapter **carefully** - no cheating!
- SMT shows **secret signals** between markets
- Look for when markets **don't move together**
- **Every entry is an exit** - understand this rhythm
- Combine SMT with **Kiss of Death** patterns

- Watch **weekly candles** for context
- Practice the **3 exercises** to build SMT skills
- Avoid the **common SMT mistakes**

14. Your Homework

Practice Exercise

7-Day SMT Challenge:

1. Each day, find one SMT signal on any pair
2. Practice the "Entry = Exit" thinking on all your trades
3. Analyze one historical trade using SMT thinking
4. Answer: "What would SMT have told me about this trade?"

Trader's Wisdom

"While retail traders watch one chart and get confused, smart traders watch two charts and see the secret signals."
— Your SMT mastery journey begins now!

Chapter 7

Candle 3

Episode 7: Where the Real Money is Made

Trader's Wisdom

"Good things take time—mastery grows underground before it blooms."
— Your trading journey is like a bamboo tree

Candle 3 Secret

What is Candle 3?
Candle 3 is the **explosion candle** where the big money moves happen. It's the reward for waiting through the first two candles!

1. The Three Candle Story

Every complete price move tells a three-part story:

Candle 1: The Setup (Accumulation)

- **What happens:** Big players quietly build positions
- **What you see:** Price moves slowly, lots of wicks
- **Feeling:** Boring and confusing
- **Your job:** Watch and wait

Candle 2: The Trap (Manipulation)

- **What happens:** Market makers trick retail traders

- **What you see:** Fake moves, false breakouts
- **Feeling:** Frustrating and tricky
- **Your job:** Don't get trapped! (Beginners avoid this candle)

Candle 3: The Payoff (Distribution)

- **What happens:** The real move explodes
- **What you see:** Strong directional movement
- **Feeling:** Exciting and clear
- **Your job:** Trade this candle!

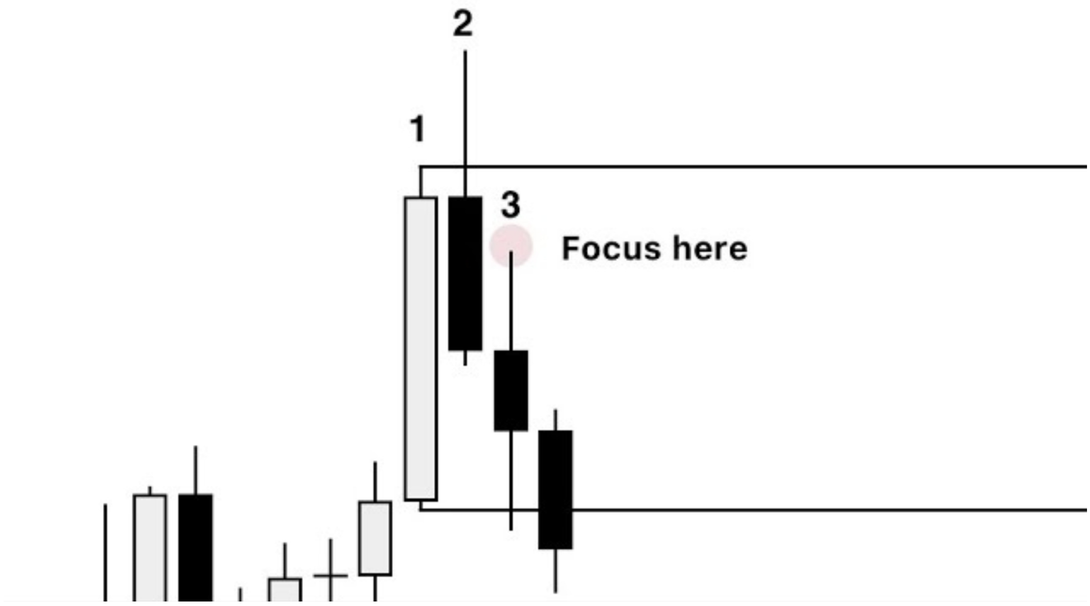

Figure 7.1: Simple diagram showing the three candle story

2. Why Candle 3 is Your Best Friend

Key Concept

Golden Rule for Beginners:
Trade ONLY Candle 3! Avoid Candle 2 until you're experienced.

Candle 3 is perfect because:

- **Direction is clear** - no confusion
- **Moves are strong** - good profit potential

- **Less manipulation** - fewer fakeouts
- **Easier to manage** - clear stop losses

3. The Magic Ingredient: Key Levels

Warning

Critical Rule:
Candle 3 ONLY works well at key levels! Without key levels, it's just random movement.

Think of it like this:

- **Candle 3** = The rocket
- **Key level** = The launch pad
- You need both to reach the moon!

4. How to Trade Candle 3 - Step by Step

1. **Step 1:** Wait for Candle 2 to COMPLETELY finish
2. **Step 2:** Look for Turtle Soup or liquidity grab
3. **Step 3:** Enter when Candle 3 CONFIRMS the move
4. **Step 4:** Set stop loss beyond the manipulation
5. **Step 5:** Take profit at 50% then Candle 1's high/low

5. Think in Candles, Not Timeframes

Key Concept

Mindset Shift:
Stop thinking "I'm a scalper" or "I'm a swing trader." Think "I'm a CANDLE trader!"

Every trade lives inside a candle:

- **Weekly candle** = Big picture story
- **Daily candle** = Main setup
- **4-hour candle** = Entry timing

- **1-hour candle** = Fine-tuning

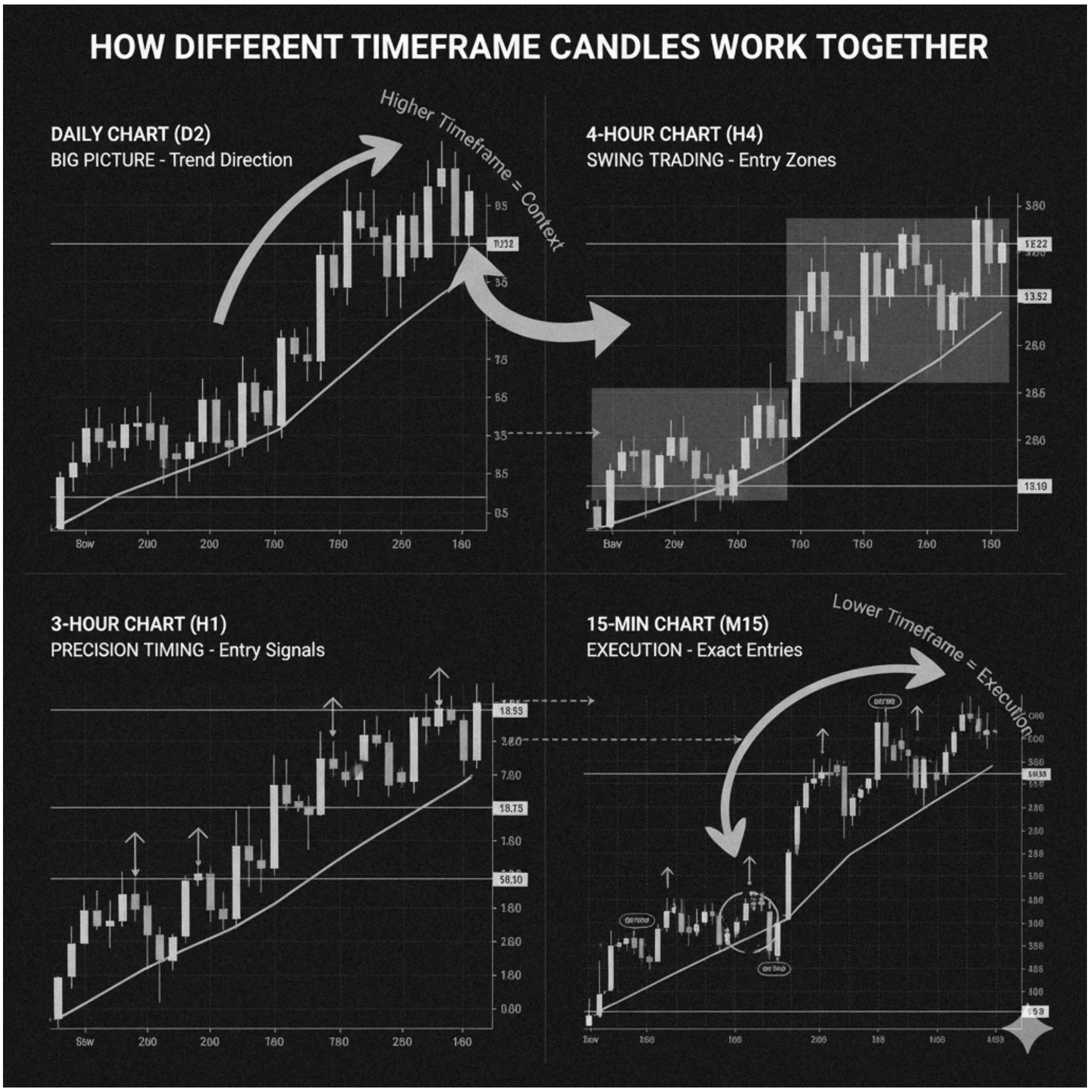

Figure 7.2: How different timeframe candles work together

6. The Bamboo Tree Lesson

Trader's Wisdom

"Growth happens underground before anyone sees it."
— Your trading success is growing right now, even if you can't see it yet

The bamboo tree teaches us:

- **Years 1-4:** Grows underground, no visible progress
- **Year 5:** Shoots up 90 feet in just 6 weeks!
- **Your journey:** Learning and practicing = underground growth

- **Your breakthrough:** Consistent profits = shooting up tall

7. What to Do When Candle 3 Doesn't Come

Sometimes Candle 3 doesn't happen as expected. Here's what to do:

1. **Don't panic** - It's normal, not every setup works
2. **Journal your feelings** - Write down what you feel
3. **Analyze what happened** - Why didn't it trigger?
4. **Learn and move on** - Every "miss" teaches you something

8. Practice Exercises: Become a Candle 3 Expert

Practice Exercise

Exercise 1: The Three Candle Detective

1. Find 5 completed three-candle sequences
2. Label each candle: 1 (Accumulation), 2 (Manipulation), 3 (Distribution)
3. Note what made Candle 3 successful

Practice Exercise

Exercise 2: The Key Level Hunter

1. Find Candle 3 moves that worked at key levels
2. Find Candle 3 moves that failed away from key levels
3. See the difference key levels make!

Practice Exercise

Exercise 3: The Entry Practice

1. Practice entering Candle 3 setups on historical charts
2. Use the 5-step process from section 4
3. Build your confidence without risking real money

9. Common Candle 3 Mistakes

⚠ Warning

Mistake #1: Trading Candle 2
Fix: Wait for Candle 2 to finish completely. Be patient!

⚠ Warning

Mistake #2: Ignoring key levels
Fix: Only trade Candle 3 at strong key levels

⚠ Warning

Mistake #3: Entering too early
Fix: Wait for Candle 3 confirmation, not anticipation

10. Real Example: Perfect Candle 3 Trade

Let me show you how a perfect Candle 3 trade works:

1. **Candle 1:** Slow accumulation near key level
2. **Candle 2:** Fake breakout traps retail traders
3. **Candle 3:** Strong reversal with clear direction
4. **My entry:** After Candle 2 close, on Candle 3 confirmation
5. **Result:** Clean move to targets, great profit!

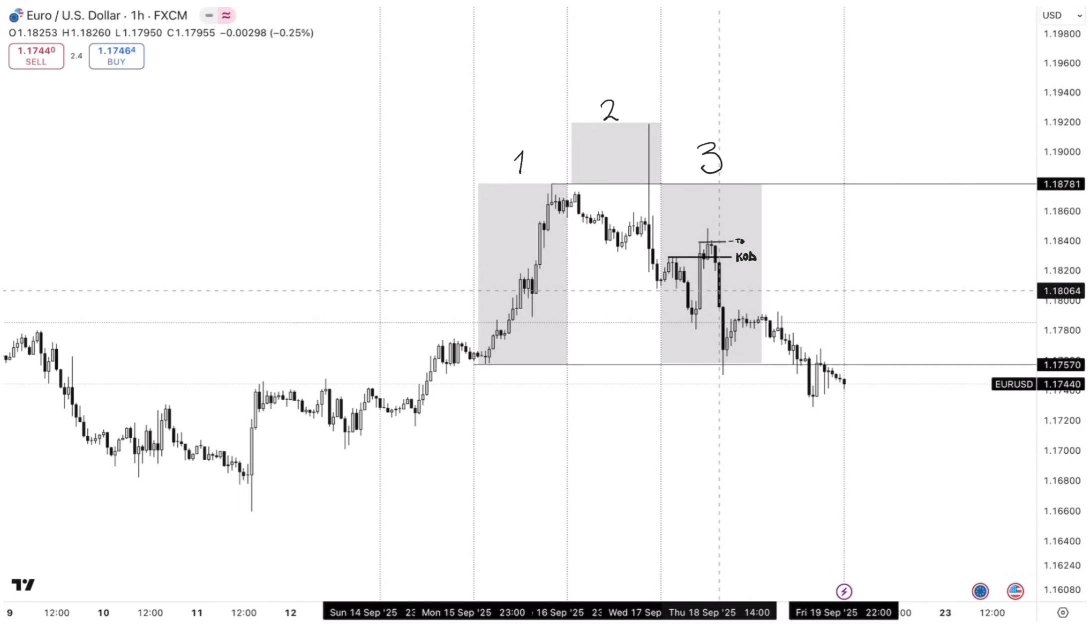

Figure 7.3: Real Candle 3 trade example

11. Your Candle 3 Cheat Sheet

Candle 3 Secret

Quick Reference:

- **Candle 1** = Accumulation (Watch)
- **Candle 2** = Manipulation (Avoid)
- **Candle 3** = Distribution (Trade)
- Always wait for **key levels**
- Use the **5-step process**
- Think in **candles**, not timeframes
- Be **patient** like the bamboo tree

12. Chapter Summary

- Three candle story: **1-Setup, 2-Trap, 3-Payoff**
- Trade ONLY **Candle 3** as beginner
- Candle 3 needs **key levels** to work
- Follow the **5-step trading process**
- Think like a **candle trader**

- Learn from the **bamboo tree** - be patient
- Practice the **3 exercises** to build skills
- Avoid the **common mistakes**

13. Your Homework

Practice Exercise

7-Day Candle 3 Challenge:

1. Each day, find and analyze one Candle 3 sequence
2. Practice the 5-step entry process on historical charts
3. Journal one lesson learned about patience
4. Answer: "What did waiting for Candle 3 teach me today?"

Trader's Wisdom

"You're not late, you're not behind. You're growing your roots underground. When you break through, everyone will see your growth—but they'll never understand how long it took."
— Your Candle 3 mastery journey begins now!

Chapter 8

When CRT "Fails"

Episode 8: The Truth About Trading Mistakes

Trader's Wisdom

"The market never fails — only our understanding does."
— Every "failure" is actually a lesson in disguise

Hard Truth

Hard Truth:
CRT never actually fails. When trades don't work, it's because **we missed something**. The system is perfect - we're the ones still learning!

1. The Big Secret: You Are the "Mistake"

⚠ Warning

Important Mindset:
Every great trader started as a "walking mistake" who kept learning and improving!

Here's what really happens:

- You learn CRT and get some wins
- Then a trade doesn't work as expected
- You think "CRT failed!"
- **Truth:** You missed an important clue the market gave you
- This is **normal** and part of learning!

2. Why We Need to Talk About "Failure"

Key Concept

Learning Opportunity:
Every trade that doesn't work teaches you something new about the markets!

Think of it like learning to ride a bike:

- You fall down many times
- Each fall teaches you how to balance better
- Soon you're riding without even thinking
- Trading is exactly the same process!

3. The Three Real Reasons CRT "Fails"

There are only THREE reasons why CRT trades might not work:

Reason 1: The SMT Wall

- **What happens:** An SMT (Smart Money Trap) stops the move
- **What you see:** Price stops before your target and reverses
- **Truth:** The market gave a secret signal you missed
- **Fix:** Always check for SMT before trading!

Reason 2: The 50% Mission Complete

- **What happens:** Price reaches the 50% target and stops
- **What you see:** Trade doesn't go to full target
- **Truth:** The CRT completed its first mission!
- **Fix:** Take profits at 50% and be happy!

Reason 3: Swimming Against the Current

- **What happens:** You trade against the main trend
- **What you see:** CRT pattern fails repeatedly

- **Truth:** You're fighting the market direction
- **Fix:** Only trade with the trend!

4. Reason 1: The SMT Wall (Secret Signal)

Hard Truth

SMT Secret:
Smart Money can create invisible "walls" that stop CRT targets from being hit!

How to spot SMT walls:

1. Watch two related markets (like Bitcoin and Ethereum)
2. If one makes a new high/low but the other doesn't...
3. That's an SMT signal!
4. The CRT might stop early because of this

Example:

- Bitcoin bearish CRT should break lower
- But Ethereum already made new low (Bitcoin didn't)
- **SMT signal:** Hidden weakness in the move
- Bitcoin reverses early - CRT "fails" but SMT warned you!

5. Reason 2: The 50% Mission Complete

Key Concept

50% Rule:
Every CRT's FIRST mission is to reach the 50% point. If it gets there, it succeeded - not failed!

Think of CRT like a pizza:

- **50% target** = First delicious slice
- **Full target** = The whole pizza
- Sometimes you only get one slice - still good!

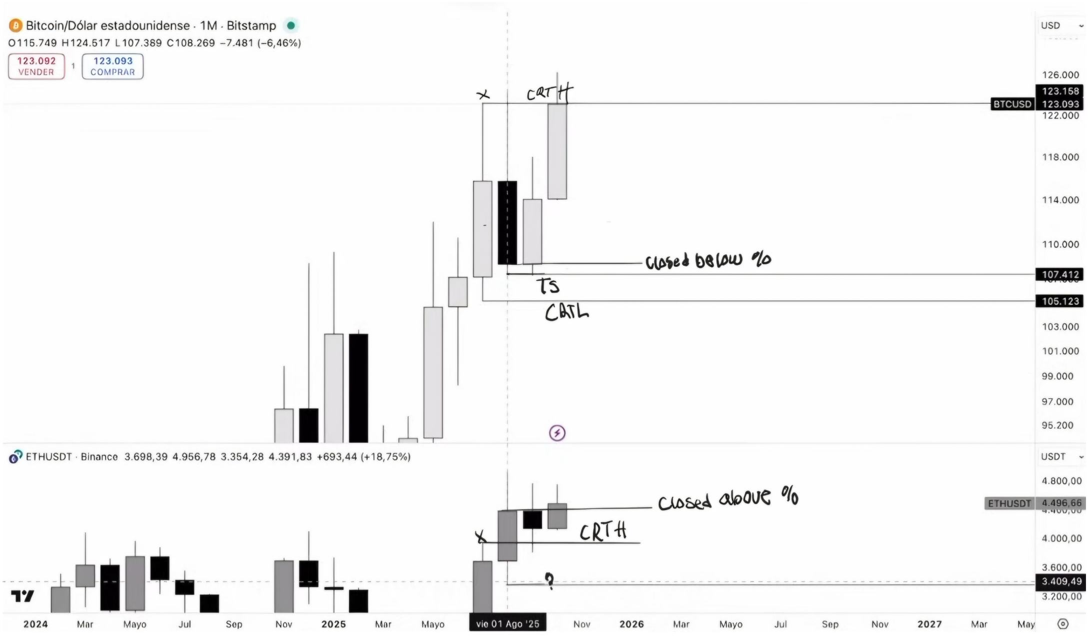

Figure 8.1: Real example of SMT stopping a CRT move

- Don't complain about getting one slice!

What happens after 50%:

- Price might continue to full target (yay!)
- Price might reverse and start new pattern (also fine!)
- Either way, the CRT did its job

6. Reason 3: Swimming Against the Current

> **Warning**
>
> **Golden Rule:**
> Never trade against the main market direction! It's like swimming upstream - you'll just get tired!

How to stay with the current:

- Check **higher timeframes** first (weekly/daily)
- If big picture is **bullish** → only trade bullish CRTs
- If big picture is **bearish** → only trade bearish CRTs
- Trading with trend = 10x easier!

7. Your Anti-"Failure" Checklist

Before every trade, ask:

1. **SMT Check:** Are both related markets moving together?
2. **Trend Check:** Am I trading with the main direction?
3. **Target Mindset:** Will I be happy with 50% profit?
4. **Key Level:** Is there a strong key level supporting this trade?

8. The Magic Journaling Formula

Practice Exercise

Your Journal Mantra:
Catch — Miss — Avoid — Repeat
Document every trade with this simple formula!

What to journal:

- **Catch:** Trades you took and won
- **Miss:** Trades you took and lost (and why)
- **Avoid:** Trades you didn't take (and why)
- **Repeat:** Lessons to use next time

9. Practice Exercises: Learn from "Failures"

Practice Exercise

Exercise 1: The Failure Detective

1. Find 3 trades that "failed"
2. Figure out which of the 3 reasons caused it
3. Write down what you learned from each

Practice Exercise

Exercise 2: The SMT Hunter

1. Find 2 examples where SMT stopped a CRT move
2. Note how you could have spotted the signal earlier
3. Practice checking pairs before trading

Practice Exercise

Exercise 3: The 50% Mindset

1. Find trades that only reached 50% target
2. Practice being happy with partial profits
3. Build the "mission complete" mindset

10. Common "Failure" Mistakes

Warning

Mistake #1: Blaming the system
Fix: Always ask "What did I miss?" instead of "Why did CRT fail?"

Warning

Mistake #2: Ignoring SMT signals
Fix: Make SMT checking a non-negotiable step before every trade

Warning

Mistake #3: Greed with targets
Fix: Be happy with 50% profits - they add up fast!

11. Your "Failure" Cheat Sheet

Hard Truth

Quick Reference:

- CRT never fails - we miss signals
- 3 reasons: SMT walls, 50% complete, wrong direction
- Always check related markets for SMT
- Trade WITH trend, not against it
- 50% profit = mission accomplished!
- Journal everything: Catch, Miss, Avoid, Repeat

12. Chapter Summary

- CRT is **perfect** - we're the ones learning
- Three real "failure" reasons: **SMT, 50%, Wrong direction**
- **SMT walls** can stop CRT moves early
- **50% profit** means mission accomplished
- Always trade **with the trend**
- Use the **anti-failure checklist**
- Journal with **Catch-Miss-Avoid-Repeat**
- Practice the **3 exercises** to learn from "failures"

13. Your Homework

Practice Exercise

7-Day Failure Learning Challenge:

1. Each day, analyze one trade that didn't work
2. Identify which of the 3 reasons caused it
3. Practice the anti-failure checklist on new trades
4. Answer: "What did this 'failure' teach me today?"

Trader's Wisdom

"Don't rush. Don't compare yourself to others. You're in your own chapter. Everyone you admire today was once a beginner who made every mistake you're making now. The difference is — they didn't quit when it didn't work."
— Your journey from "failure" to mastery continues!

Chapter 9

Connecting the Dots

Episode 9: Putting All the Pieces Together

Trader's Wisdom

"Master traders don't see magic patterns - they see connected clues!"
— This chapter shows you how to connect all the CRT clues

Connecting the Dots

The Big Idea:
We'll walk through a real trade step-by-step to show how **all CRT pieces** work together like a beautiful puzzle!

1. The Story Begins: Monthly Chart Clues

Key Concept

First Clue - The Big Picture:
Always start with the monthly/weekly charts to see the main story!

What we saw on the monthly chart:

- **Three drives** up (like three big waves)
- **Turtle soup** at the top (market trick)
- **Strong rejection** down (the "crush")
- **FVG underneath** (like a safety net)
- **Conclusion:** A bounce was very likely!

Even if many traders were bearish, a retracement (a bounce) into that old area was expected before any bigger move.

Figure 9.1: Monthly chart showing all the clues together

2. The Golden Rule: Always Have a Plan B

> ⚠ **Warning**
>
> **Critical Mindset:**
> Always keep the **alternate scenario** in mind. Even if you are sure, prepare for the other outcome so you are not surprised.

Think of it like packing for a trip:

- **Plan A:** Sunny weather clothes
- **Plan B:** Rain jacket just in case
- **Trading:** Know where you'll exit if wrong

3. How the Big Drop Started: Model #1 Explained

> **Connecting the Dots**
>
> **Second Clue - The Trigger:**
> The massive drop began with ONE special candle - Model #1!

Model #1 facts:

- It's **ONE specific candle**, not a bunch of candles or a zone
- This candle **liquidates** an old high/low
- When it closes below/above the key level, the big move begins
- Think of it like a **starter pistol** for the race

Important: Model #1 is **not** a zone of many candles. It is the exact candle that triggered the move. When that candle closed below the old high, sellers gained control and price dropped quickly.

Figure 9.2: The exact Model #1 trigger candle

4. Why Markets Don't Go Straight to Zero

Key Concept

Market Rhythm:
Markets move in cycles, not straight lines. They breathe in and out!

People often think "once it starts dumping it will go to zero." That's not how markets work. Price moves in cycles:

The market dance:

1. **Range:** Price moves sideways (balance phase)

2. **Turtle Soup:** Market tricks everyone (stop hunt)
3. **Trend:** Big move happens (expansion)
4. Then back to **Range** again

When price reaches a big liquidity pool (especially near all-time highs and with an FVG), expect **some reaction** — often a rally or retracement.

5. Market Structure Confirmation

Key Concept

What to Watch For:
After big moves, look for weekly candle clues that confirm the story!

What to check:

- After the dump, watch for weekly candle closes below previous up candles
- This **could** be Model #1 — but check criteria carefully
- Use replay (or look back) to confirm patterns
- If price dumped into a pump back toward that candle, that's a sign of market manipulation and likely retrace

6. Your 4-Step Trading Recipe

Follow this recipe for every trade - this is exactly how I build my trades:

Step 1: Higher Timeframe Narrative

- Look at monthly / weekly / daily candle shape
- Ask: "Is the higher timeframe biased bullish, bearish or neutral?"
- Identify big liquidity pools, FVGs, and prior highs/lows

Step 2: Market Profile and Structure

- Mark highs and lows on the relevant timeframe
- Note any **true market structure shifts** (a clean close above/below a prior structure point)

Step 3: Stack Confluences

Only trade when many signals point the same way:

- CRT present (Accumulation–Manipulation–Distribution)
- FVG location
- SMT (Smart Money Technique) alignment
- Model #1 or true structure shift
- Time of day / session (e.g., London session)

Step 4: Define Entry Model (Last Step!)

- Choose **Model #1** entry or a **Market Structure Shift** entry
- The entry is not just ”buy the candle” — it is the **final confirmation** after all confluences line up

7. Real Trade Walkthrough: How I Did It

Let me show you exactly how I took a real trade:

1. **Time and Session:** Tuesday, London session — I wanted to catch part of one daily candle
2. **Higher Timeframe:** Daily heading into an old liquidity pool (reaction expected)
3. **Market Profile:** Price stabbed into an old low, then closed above — this is a **true market structure shift**
4. **Lower Timeframe:** A bullish SMT formed, then on 5-minute price made:
   - Lower low formed
   - Broke above the high that broke the low (market structure shift)
   - Then retraced into the range between the high and low
5. **My Entry:** Bought during the retrace into the high–low zone of the structure shift
6. **Stop Loss:** Below the turtle soup (because if your stop loss is the turtle soup, it's unlikely you get turtle souped)
7. **Target:** Previous day's high because that turtle soup is never convincing
8. **Result:** Massive expansion — SMT equals expansion! Beautiful profit!

8. Simple Risk Management Rules

Warning

Protect Your Money:
Always use these safety rules - they're non-negotiable!

Your safety checklist:

- **Stop Loss:** Always below turtle soup points
- **Risk Size:** Only risk 1-2% of your account per trade
- **Exit Options:**
  - By price (hit your target)
  - By time (session ends)
  - Both are valid choices!
- **Remember:** Every exit is an entry and every entry is an exit!

9. SMT Made Super Simple

Connecting the Dots

SMT Quick Rule:
SMT = expansion between correlated instruments. Only use bullish SMTs when the higher timeframe is bullish. Only use bearish SMTs when the higher timeframe is bearish.

Think of SMT like weather forecasts:

- **Bullish SMT** = Sunny forecast (only trade in bullish markets)
- **Bearish SMT** = Stormy forecast (only trade in bearish markets)
- Don't plan a picnic during a storm!

10. Two Important Mindset Rules

1. **Always consider the alternate:** Even if you are very confident, have the opposing scenario written down (where you will exit or reduce)
2. **Be selective:** Trade only the highest quality setups — you do not need to trade every idea. Participate only in the best trades available

11. Your Pre-Trade Checklist

Before pressing that buy/sell button, check ALL of these:

1. **Higher timeframe bias** confirmed
2. **CRT / FVG / SMT** present and aligned
3. **Market profile** shows a true structure shift (if used)
4. **Entry model** confirmed (Model #1 or Market Structure shift)
5. **Stop and target** planned and risk calculated
6. **Time/session** fits the plan (e.g., London session)
7. **Alternate scenario** prepared (Plan B ready)

12. Practice Exercises: Connect Your Own Dots

Practice Exercise

Exercise 1: The Complete Detective

1. Replay the trade on your platform. Mark: the monthly CRT, the FVG, the Model #1 candle, and the Market Structure shift
2. See how all pieces connected in real market action

Practice Exercise

Exercise 2: The Entry Pattern Practice

1. On a 5-minute chart, find a lower low → break above high → retrace pattern
2. Mark an entry and simulate a trade with fixed risk
3. Practice the exact entry sequence from the real example

Practice Exercise

Exercise 3: The Journaling Master

1. Journal the result and the time of day
2. Note what you did right and what you missed
3. Build your learning from each practice session

13. Key Takeaways — In Simple Words

- **CRT and FVGs** point to likely reaction areas — watch for them like treasure maps
- **Model #1** is a single candle trigger, not a zone of many candles — it's the starter pistol
- **Stack confluences** — the entry is the last piece of the puzzle, not the first
- **Time (session)** matters as much as price — trade the right window like catching a train
- **Always be ready** for the alternate scenario — it keeps you safe like a seatbelt

14. Common "Dot-Connecting" Mistakes

⚠ Warning

Mistake #1: Skipping the big picture
Fix: Always start with monthly/weekly analysis - this is non-negotiable!

⚠ Warning

Mistake #2: Trading without enough clues
Fix: Wait for multiple confluences - be patient and selective!

⚠ Warning

Mistake #3: No Plan B thinking
Fix: Always know your exit if wrong - protect your capital!

15. Your Dot-Connecting Cheat Sheet

Connecting the Dots

Quick Reference:

- Start with **big picture** (monthly/weekly) - always!
- Follow the **4-step recipe** in order - no shortcuts!
- **Stack clues** before entering - more evidence = better trades
- **Entry is last** - be patient for final confirmation!
- Always use **risk management** - protect your money!
- Have a **Plan B** ready - expect the unexpected!
- **Time matters** - trade the right sessions!
- Practice **connecting dots** daily - build your skills!

16. Chapter Summary

- Start with **monthly/weekly** big picture - see the main story
- Markets move in **cycles**, not straight lines - understand the rhythm
- Follow the **4-step trading recipe** - proven framework
- **Stack multiple clues** before entering - build conviction
- **Entry is the last step** - be patient for confirmation!
- Always use **proper risk management** - protect your capital
- Have a **Plan B** for every trade - stay safe
- **Time and session** matter - trade smart times
- Practice **connecting dots** with the exercises - build real skills

17. Your Final Homework

Practice Exercise

7-Day Dot-Connecting Mastery Challenge:

1. Each day, analyze one trade using the complete 4-step recipe
2. Practice finding and connecting ALL the clues (CRT, FVG, SMT, etc.)
3. Create detailed Plan B for every analysis
4. Journal your lessons using the "what I did right/what I missed" format
5. Answer daily: "How did connecting dots help me see better today?"

Trader's Wisdom

Final Note: Rewatch trades, take notes, and be patient. Understanding comes from repetition. Connect the dots slowly — mastery follows.
"You're not losing trades — you're gaining knowledge. Master one candle, and you'll master the market."
Congratulations! You've completed the CRT Secrets journey!

Appendix: Quick Reference Guide

CRT Episode

CRT Episode Summary:

Episode 1: Foundation - Model #1 and CRT mindset

Episode 2: KOD - Failed moves and trap setups

Episode 3: Philosophy - The learning journey

Episode 4: Candles - Micro structure and phases

Episode 5: Levels - Key zones and reactions

Episode 6: SMT - Smart Money Techniques

Episode 7: Candle 3 - Distribution patterns

Episode 8: Failure - Invalidation signs

Episode 9: Synthesis - Complete framework

CRT Trading Checklist

1. **Higher Timeframe Analysis:** What is the monthly/weekly narrative?
2. **Key Level Identification:** Where are the major liquidity pools?
3. **Market Profile:** Has there been a true structure shift?
4. **Entry Model:** Is there a valid Model #1, KOD, or Candle 3 setup?
5. **Confluence Stacking:** Are multiple CRT principles aligned?
6. **Risk Management:** Is stop loss beyond the Turtle Soup point?
7. **Time Analysis:** Is this the right time of day/week for this setup?

References

CRT Secrets: Episode 1–Episode 9. YouTube. Retrieved from https://youtube.com/@romeotpt?si=lO_vwhEqJb5UFqrC (Note: Includes linked playlist of episodes 1–9 available from the same channel.)

List of episodes:

- Episode 1: CRT Model for Life https://youtu.be/T7udbrWlARI?si=LivBMsGiLCtmHPLd
- Episode 2: The Kiss of Death (KOD) — https://youtu.be/FYr6J5pIDB4
- Episode 3: The Journey — https://youtu.be/_oiwm8_id8c
- Episode 4: Candle Anatomy — https://youtu.be/n2GF8kCpgVg
- Episode 5: Key Level — https://youtu.be/p8UYOgVn1-g
- Episode 6: SMT — https://youtu.be/3IWgc52Dqsg
- Episode 7: Candle 3 — https://youtu.be/h7NCST2wPw8
- Episode 8: When Does a CRT Fail? — https://youtu.be/-mWYppebugo
- Episode 9: Connecting the Dots — https://youtu.be/2sxdsgcIeYA
- Additional Video: https://youtu.be/T7udbrWlARI

Note: These videos form the core source material on which this textbook compilation is based.

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The Journey Continues...

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It's about developing the wisdom to read price action
and the discipline to act on what you see.

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