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## ‘Bear Raid’ Stock Manipulation: How and When It Works, and Who Benefits

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### Summary

When Bear Stearns collapsed in March, some insiders argued it was wrong to blame the firm’s risky bets on mortgaged-backed securities. They had another culprit: malevolent traders working together in the upside-down world of short sales — making money by knocking down Bear’s stock.

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