

CFTC Dinner Party

Introduction

The following is the transcript and description of the CFTC Dinner Party video. The video is a "choose your own adventure video". After each scene, it offers the option of selecting a different path each time there is a decision point. Select the links after each scene to choose your own adventure.

Opening Scene

A dinner party. A potential investor knocks on the door. A friend in a Burgundy sweater opens the door. He smiles.

The investor walks in.

In the room, guests clinking glasses, smiling and laughing, holding glasses of drinks in their hands, talking, helping themselves with the served food of from hors d'oeuvres carried along. One man is welcoming the investor to the party by shaking his hand.

The investor overhears a conversation in the background: "Risk? There is no risk!! The monthly returns are guaranteed. The proof is in the pudding."

The investor finds the friend and the trader having a conversation near a round table in the living room.

Friend, holds his glass: "I don't see any pudding. Have they already served dessert?" The friend and the investor laugh.

Trader, wearing a suite and a tie: Points his right finger to his chest and them toward the friend "I send you a check. Every month."

Friend: "Sounds delicious". Turns to the Investor: "Doesn't it?"

Trader turns to the Investor as well.

What would you like to do?

- [I want in](#)
- [I'm not sure](#)



I want in

Investor: "So, what's this all about, fellas? Sounds like you're making a killing."

Friend: "Well, I guess it's your lucky night, Dave's bringing people in."

Dave (Trader), points with his right finger at the Investor: "Hey, not just any people, the *right* people".

What would you like to do?

- [Talk to the Trader](#)
- [Search him on the web](#)



Talk to the Trader

Investor: "So, tell me a little bit more about this, Dave" Dave takes a sip from his drink "Can you really guarantee monthly returns on the investment?" The friend takes a bite from his finger food and Dave nods

Dave: "Which is why the pool fills up so quickly. I've only got a couple of spots left, and if Gary over here has anything to say about it, they'll be gone before the coffee is served."

What would you like to do?

- [Jump on it](#)
- [Look him up](#)



Search him on the web

Investor: "Ha, can you give me a second?"

Dave (Trader): "Sure thing, bud".

The investor takes out his smart phone and searches on the web "Dave LeChampe" He immediately sees a picture of the Trader smiling in front of a convertible, flattering quotes emblazoned across the photo: "Dave LeChampe knows money. Dave LeChampe *makes* money". Meanwhile, Gary talks.

Gary (Friend): "Oh hey, your fantasy football team can wait, pal! I swear, this guy has the deal of a lifetime in front of him, and he's checking his scores!"

What would you like to do?

- [Go for it](#)
- [Dig Deeper](#)



I'm not sure

Investor: "So, tell me a little more about the investment "

Gary (Friend): "Look, I am no expert, OK?" Points with his right finger to Dave (Trader) "This is why I brought this guy" Sticks an olive into his mouth.

Dave (Trader): "The short and sweet of it is I stay up all night long to beat the foreign markets to the punch. I'm the early bird, and you get the worm."

Investor's Wife, seems a bit anxious: "Honey, can I talk with you a minute?" Whispers to his ear "This seems a little fast". Makes a fist with her right hand and waits for a response.

What would you like to do?

- [Do the deal](#)
- [Listen to wife](#)



Jump on it

Investor: "OK, I'm in. Can I wire the money right now?"

Dave (Trader) with confidence: "Of course. I can have it maturing by dessert."

Gary (Friend) agrees: "Cha Ching!".

Dave (Trader) raises and extends his glass: "to friends" The men clink glasses.

Two Months Later ... In a golf course

Dave (Trader) is standing in the tee box, talking on his Bluetooth Headset. The Investor's on the other end of the line.

Investor: "More money? I'm sorry, Dave. There is no more. I've sent four wires already, and you said I'd be seeing returns months ago".

Dave (Trader) mumbles: "Amm.. I'm going through a tunnel, Mike. I'm going to have to call you back "

Investor: "Wait!! Don't you dare hang..."

Dave disconnects the call and goes back to his Golf game, swinging his golf bat to hit the ball.

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Look him up

Investor: "Ha. I'm gonna need some time with this one, Dave".

Dave (Trader): "Time's money, pal. I don't like wasting it." Raises his glass. "Gentlemen, good luck". Goes away.

Gary (Friend): "Nice, now I look like an idiot".

The Friend takes a slug of his drink.

The next day at the Investor's home

The Investor is at his computer on *SmartCheck.cftc.gov*. He types the name "David LeChampe" into a tool on SmartCheck. Put his cup of coffee on the desk.

Investor: "Well, let's just see what this Dave LeChampe is all about, shall we?" He calls out: "Not even registered- Gary is not going to believe this".

He grabs his phone and dials. After a few rings ...

Investor: "Hello, CFTC? I'd like to register a complaint".

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Go for it

The Investor puts away his phone and rejoins the Friend and Trader.

Gary (Friend): "You need some advice on your starters?"

Investor: "What? No, just this stupid work thing"

Dave (Trader): "I guarantee you, if you give it six months, you won't have to worry about the stupid work things anymore".

Investor: "Alright, Ya, Okay, let's do it."

Gary (Friend): "Touch Down!"

The men clinks glasses, and takes a long slug of their drink.

Two Months Later, Trader on the highway driving his car with his girlfriend.

Investor: "Where's the money, Dave?"

Dave (Trader): "I'm sorry, pal. I can't account for this situation overseas. The political climate has frozen assets. You're just going to have to sit tight."

Investor: "Wait!! Don't you dare hang..."

Dave disconnects the call, bursts into laughter, speeds down the road in his convertible, glances over at his girlfriend in the passenger seat and grins.

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Dig Deeper

Investor: "Thanks for the offer Dave. Give me some time to think on it".

Dave (Trader): "You think. Gary and I are going to make some money".

Gary (Friend): "Ya, to early retirement, baby!"

The Trader and Friend clink glasses and take a slug of their drink.

The next day at the Investor's home

The Investor is at his computer on *SmartCheck.cftc.gov*. He types the name "David LeChampe" into a tool on SmartCheck. Put his cup of coffee on the desk.

Investor: " So, Mr. Dave LeChampe, let's see if you are the real deal"

A page comes up under the heading "Regulatory Actions" and "David Lechampe".

Investor: "Holy Moley. A million dollar fine. This guy is bad news ".

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Listen to wife

Investor: "Ya, I'm with you. We'll look into it." Turns to the Investor. "Ya, We're gonna need a few days, Dave".

Dave (Trader): "It's your call, pal. Or hers, I guess".

The Investor points at the wife, the Friend shakes his head, embarrassed.

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The Investor is at his computer on *SmartCheck.cftc.gov*. He types the name "David LeChampe" into a tool on SmartCheck. Put his cup of coffee on the desk.

Investor: "Well, let's just see what this Dave LeChampe is all about, shall we?" He calls out: "Not even registered- hon, come check this out!".

He grabs his phone and dials. After a few rings ...

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Do the deal

Investor: "Ya, but, Sorry, babe. You know, you only live once!"

Dave (Trader): "More comfortably now, I assure you".

Gary (Friend): "We're moving on up!"

The men clinks glasses, and take a long slug of their drink.

Two Months Later in the Investor's kitchen.

Investor, on the phone with Trader: "No, I won't hold. Yeah, you said he'd call back yesterday--and the day before--and the day before that. I'm supposed to have my monthly return by now. Can you?!" Shakes the phone. The Investor's wife stands in the corner of the kitchen, shaking her head and hands in frustration.

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