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THE FRACTAL SERIES

THE FRACTAL MODEL PLAYBOOK

How I read NQ direction before the open.
Draw on liquidity, fractal pairs, and the confirmation that sets the risk.

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New here? Read it in order.

Each section builds on the one before it. Start on page 3 and work straight through to the checklist. Questions as you go, bring them to the community at discord.gg/VEpWhYQrug.

START HERE

READ DIRECTION BEFORE THE OPEN

Most traders open the chart and guess. Up or down, coin flip. I don't guess direction. I read it before the session opens.

This is the exact framework I use to do it on NQ. It's called the Fractal Model, and it's the core of everything I trade. Read it in order. Each piece builds on the one before it.

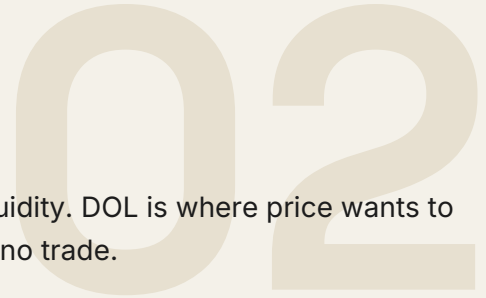
The one idea

Price tells you where it wants to go before it goes. Read the draw, confirm the turn, follow it. Everything here serves that.

THE SEQUENCE

- 1 Draw on liquidity**
Where price wants to go.
- 2 Bias from the closes**
Direction from the daily, weekly, monthly closes.
- 3 The fractal — C1**
The reference candle whose low is the draw.
- 4 C2 — the reversal**
Sweeps C1, closes back, confirmed by the 4H CISD.
- 5 C3 — the continuation**
Expands up to tap the Weekly SIBI.
- 6 The IFVG**
A fair value gap that fails and flips polarity.

DRAW ON LIQUIDITY



Before any of the fractal work, you need one thing. Draw on liquidity. DOL is where price wants to go. The magnet, the target, the reason a trade exists. No draw, no trade.

What counts as a draw

- **Swing highs & lows**
- **Equal highs & lows**
- **Data highs & lows**
- **Fair value gaps (FVG)**
- **Volume imbalances**
- **Suspension blocks**
- **New week opening gap (NWOOG)**
- **New day opening gap (NDOOG)**

Data highs and lows are the high or low of that big 1-minute candle on a major release. NFP, CPI, sometimes Trump speaking. Mark the nearest draw top down: monthly, weekly, daily, 4 hour.

Rule

If you can't name where price is going, you're guessing. Draw first. Every time.

STEP 2 · THE LEAN

BIAS FROM THE CLOSES



We trade reversals. That is the premise of the fractal model. The daily bias comes from one question: did price sweep a level and close back the other way?

<p>IF PRICE SWEEPS the previous day LOW and closes back above</p> <p>LEAN UP</p>	<p>IF PRICE SWEEPS the previous day HIGH and closes back below</p> <p>LEAN DOWN</p>
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Then ask the same on each, top down

DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
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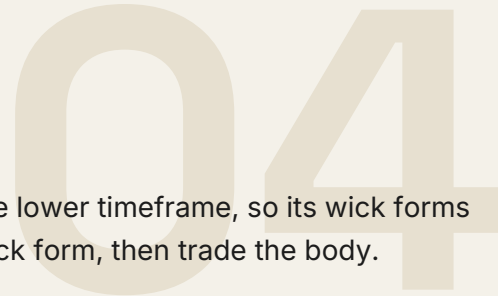
Reversal vs continuation

The panels above are a reversal: a sweep of the level, then a close back the other way. If instead price closes straight above the PDH or below the PDL, that is a continuation, the move keeps going. Then find what price is chasing: the draw on liquidity it has not taken yet.

Bias from the closes. Target from the draw.

STEP 3 · THE HEART OF IT

THE FRACTAL



Price is fractal. A higher-timeframe candle is a full move on the lower timeframe, so its wick forms first (the manipulation) and the body expands after. Let the wick form, then trade the body.

You read it in pairs. The higher-timeframe candle forms the swing, the C2, and you confirm it on the execution timeframe below.

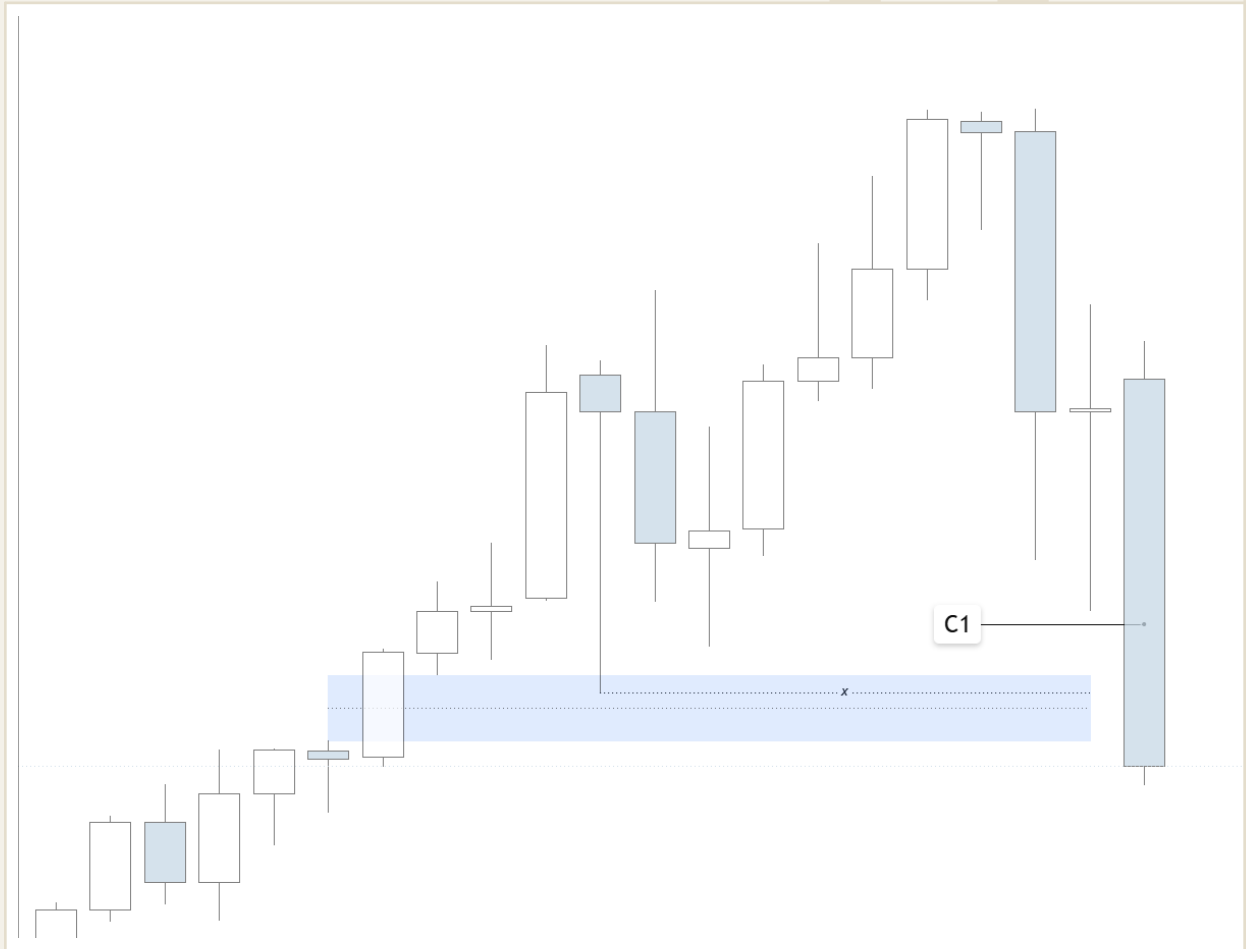
HTF CANDLE (C2 FORMS HERE)	EXECUTION (CISD CONFIRMS)
Monthly	Daily
Weekly	4 Hour
Daily	1 Hour
4 Hour	15 Min
1 Hour	5 Min
30 Min	3 Min
15 Min	1 Min

The 4 Hour / 15 Minute pairing is the TTrades go-to (highlighted). The model is fractal, so it scales up to Weekly and Monthly and down through the lower timeframes.

The candle sequence

C1 sets the reference. C2 sweeps it and reverses. C3 is the continuation that targets the imbalance. C4 expands. The next pages walk a real weekly NQ swing, candle by candle.

C1 — THE REFERENCE



C1 is the reference candle. Its low is the level the swing will reach for. On the monthly, this is the candle whose low becomes the draw.

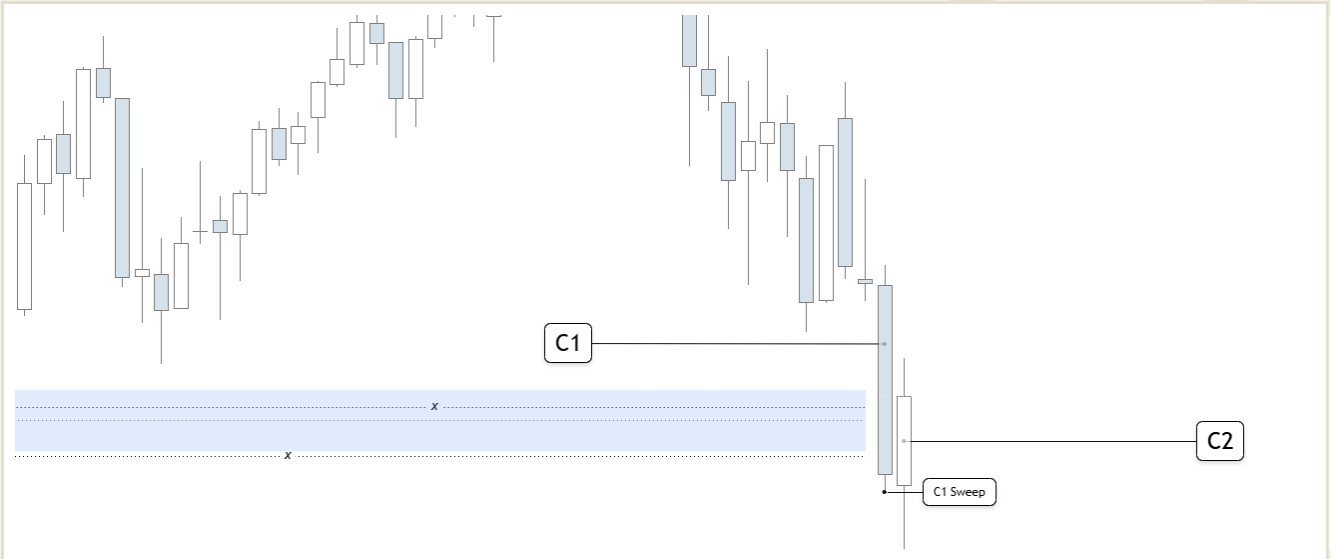
WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Mark C1 low — that low is the draw.
- The next candle is built to run that low.
- No reference level, no setup.

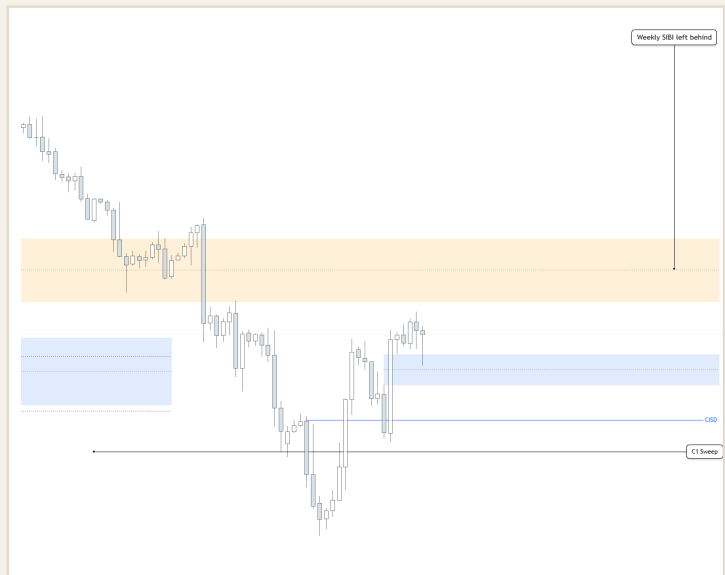
C2 — THE REVERSAL

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C2 sweeps C1 low (the C1 Sweep) and closes back above it. That sweep-and-reclaim is the swing.



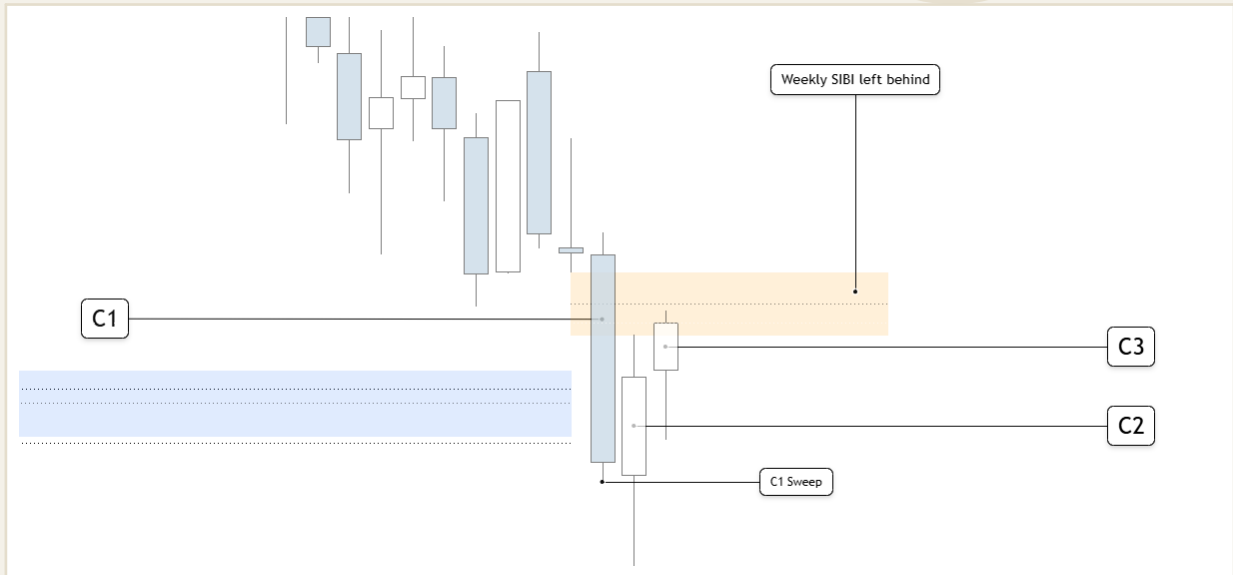
DROP TO THE 4H FOR THE CISD



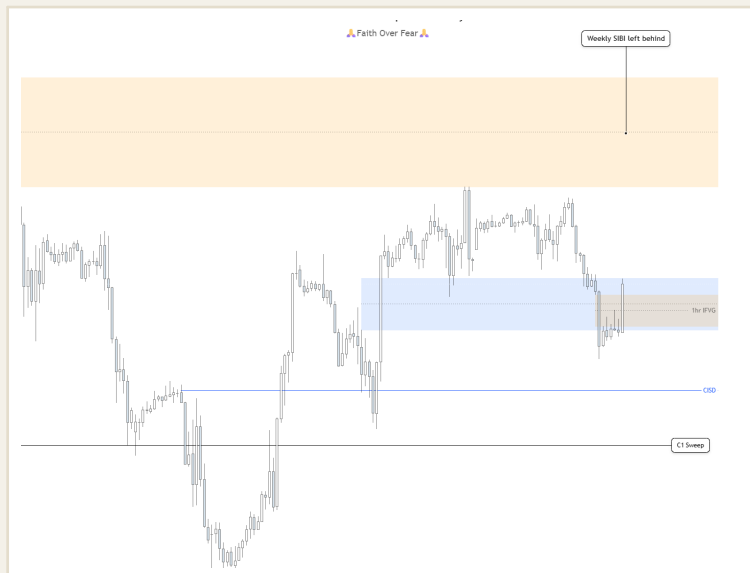
The 4H CISD confirms the swing and leaves a 4H BISI behind. The CISD is already tapped, so as long as the 4H BISI holds, price expands up into the Weekly SIBI.

C3 — THE CONTINUATION

The Weekly SIBI was left at the C2 close, the start of C3. That SIBI is C3 target: price expands up to tap it.



REFINE THE ENTRY — 1H IFVG

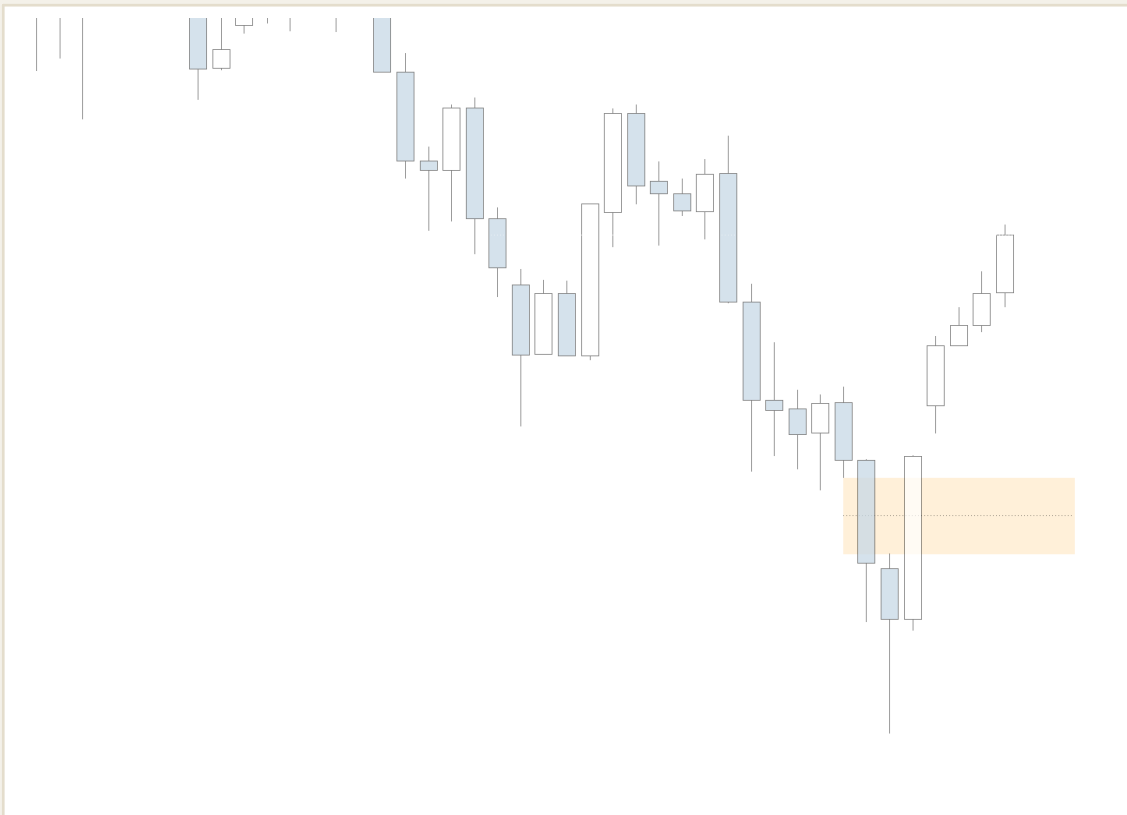


The IFVG is the entry refinement. It is not always before the CISD, only sometimes. Most often you drop to a smaller timeframe to find it. Here a clean 1H IFVG lined up with the 4H, giving the early entry into the expansion toward the Weekly SIBI.

THE INVERSE FAIR VALUE GAP

THE IFVG

A fair value gap is a three-candle imbalance, and price tends to come back to rebalance it. When price closes through the gap instead of respecting it, the gap fails and inverts. Support flips to resistance, resistance flips to support.



The close through the gap is the signal, not a wick through it. Once it inverts, the shaded zone becomes the level price reacts from.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Price closes through a fair value gap.
- The gap inverts: support becomes resistance, or the reverse.
- Trade the reaction off the inverted gap.

RUN THIS ON EVERY SETUP

THE CHECKLIST

Draw marked top down (monthly, weekly, daily, 4 hour).

Bias set from daily / weekly / monthly closes vs PDH and PDL.

Fractal identified. Which pair are you on?

C1 or C2 swept liquidity or tapped a draw.

C2 closed back beyond the C1 high or low.

CISD confirmed on the lower timeframe of the pair.

IFVG used for an early entry and risk (optional layer).

Stop below the IFVG / CISD. Target the draw.

THREE WAYS PEOPLE BLOW IT

- **Trading without a draw.** If you can't name where price is going, you're guessing.
- **Forcing the fractal.** One weak swing on one timeframe isn't a setup. Wait for the grab.
- **Skipping the CISD.** A sweep without confirmation is a guess. Let the lower timeframe confirm.

THE FRACTAL MODEL, START TO FINISH

READ IT BEFORE THE OPEN

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DRAW

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02

BIAS

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FRACTAL

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CISD

Read direction before the open, then let price prove it.
Run the checklist until the sequence is automatic.

Bias is the opinion. The CISD is the proof.

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