

THE DRESS CODE

Wall Street Saga

Wall Street believes every room has a dress code.

The suit. The tie. The polished shoes.

The approved language. The approved ambitions. The approved dreams.

What nobody explains is that the dress code was never created to identify power.

It was created to identify belonging.

A man in a suit tells the room: “I know the rules.”

A man who enters without one asks a more dangerous question: “Who wrote them?”

Most careers are built by adaptation.

Learn the language. Learn the rituals. Learn the hierarchy.

Learn when to speak. Learn when to remain silent.

Then spend thirty years calling that freedom.

But every market eventually encounters a distinct species.

Someone who already possesses something the market cannot issue.

Identity.

That person becomes difficult to manage. Difficult to classify. Difficult to buy.

Because institutions negotiate with interests.

They struggle with convictions.

The surprising thing is not that Wall Street rewards conformity.

The surprising thing is how often conformity mistakes itself for strength.

Real power appears when a person no longer needs the costume.

At that moment, the room changes.

Not because the rules disappeared.

Because somebody finally walked in without asking permission.

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