

Key Takeaways From “Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice” by Bill Browder

- Burkle wasn’t committing any of his own money, just a promise to raise the money if he could.
- This was typical billionaire psychology. If I hadn’t had a competing offer, Safra wouldn’t have done anything. But since another deal was on the table, Safra couldn’t resist.
- One day, a poor villager happens upon a magic talking fish that is ready to grant him a single wish. Overjoyed, the villager weighs his options: “Maybe a castle? Or even better—a thousand bars of gold? Why not a ship to sail the world?” As the villager is about to make his decision, the fish interrupts him to say that there is one important caveat: whatever the villager gets, his neighbor will receive two of the same. Without skipping a beat, the villager says, “In that case, please poke one of my eyes out.”
- once the money was off the table, there was no reason to struggle.
- the world is one big sea of liquidity. If the tide goes out in one place, then it goes out everywhere. When big investors started to lose money in Asia, they began unloading risky securities from their portfolios everywhere else in the world and anything Russian was at the top of that list.
- Losing love was a lot harder than losing money.
- I was going to make my clients’ money back no matter what it took.
- Russians always need a way to save face.”
- the ability to read any complex situation to the deepest level and the smallest detail.
- The Russians have great skill in talking without saying anything, and this was on full display that evening.
- “This is amazing. I can’t tell you how much this means to me and to everyone who knew
- “The less people know about how sausages and laws are made, the better they sleep at night.”

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- This is Russia today. A stuffy room presided over by a corrupt judge, policed by unthinking guards, with lawyers who are there just to give the appearance of a real trial, and with no defendant in the cage. A place where lies reign supreme.

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