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6 Signals Every Trader Should Watch Before the Next Market Pullback

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• Market Analysis and S&P Chart Discussion
• Elliott Waves and Volatility Triggers
• Retail Earnings and Market Sentiment
• Palantir and Other Stocks
• Gold Market Outlook
• Fed Policy and Market Reactions

Lineup for this Episode:
• Michael Filighera of LogicalSignals.com
• Sunny Harris of MoneyMentor.com
• The Option Professor of OptionProfessor.com

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Markets rarely give way without warning. Subtle signals often build long before a pullback, and traders who learn to recognize them can position themselves wisely while others are caught off guard. These six signals stand out as crucial indicators to watch when the market looks stretched and vulnerable.

1. Red Candles at the Upper Bands
When markets push into new highs, momentum indicators often flash early caution. A red candle appearing just under the upper boundary of volatility bands is an early sign of weakness.
"Then that'll be a sell signal. So I don't know which way it's going right now."

2. Support Around Key Moving Averages
Pullbacks often find footing at major moving averages. Traders should mark these levels as likely pause points before the trend decides whether to resume or break further down.
"Probably the DMA will catch the falling knife. That's the golden purple line in the center, right here."

3. Complacency in the VIX
Low volatility lulls investors into comfort, but it also means fear has room to spike. Watching the VIX near extreme lows can give early hints of a sharp reversal.
"Anything under 18–20 generally is where it's complacent. And complacent is exactly what big money likes to see."

4. The Volatility Trigger Line
Specific volatility thresholds often act as tripwires. A decisive break below them suggests the market is shifting from risk-on optimism to risk-off caution.
"If we break below it, it's considered that it's breaking the volatility trigger."

5. Options Flow Dynamics
Surges in options buying inflate premiums, forcing market makers to hedge by buying underlying shares. This feedback loop drives short-term moves, but if demand weakens, the floor can quickly give way.
"When the demand for the calls or the puts starts to really get pumped up, then the volatility of that class or that option goes up."

6. Earnings as Catalysts
Major corporate earnings—especially from market leaders—can flip sentiment quickly. Strong beats may cause brief rallies, but stretched valuations make disappointments dangerous.
"I don't think anybody wants to get too short in front of the NVIDIA news."

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