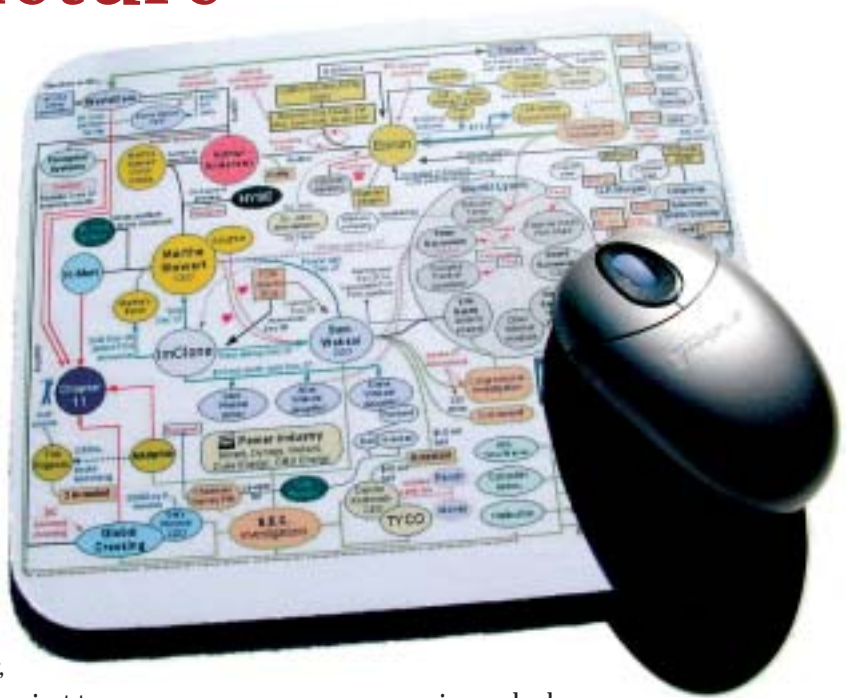


# End Note

## The Big Picture

It was when the bubble burst that the scams, fraud, improper accounting, and tax outrages emerged from under a mountain of shredded paper. Bernie Ebbers, the Rigases, Sam Waksal, Dennis Kozlowski, Kenneth Lay, Jeffrey Skilling, and Andrew Fastow stepped out from the between the covers of *Forbes* to appear on national TV, shuffling to and from courtrooms.

But now time has passed, the high-profile “perp walks” have faded in our memories, and the landscape is once again obscured. Do you remember the Nigerian barges, Ricochet and Death Star, Mahonia, or Peregrine Systems? There were just too



many names, companies, and schemes.

So as the legal action slowly wends its way to courtrooms around the country, what could be more helpful than a scorecard?

Mark Poyser, cartoonist on the WallStreetFollies.com website has created a handy relational flowchart that is available as a small poster or mousepad. Beginning in the upper left-hand corner with the words, “The story so far . . .,” Poyser offers a Powerpoint-like overview lest we forget where we and some of the most powerful investment bankers, innovators, power consortiums, and accounting concerns have recently been.

Visit the [www.threetwoone.org](http://www.threetwoone.org) website, and you will find a large version of the diagram as well as a number of other interesting charts, including one that shows how all the countries of the world are related to each other (in terms of physical contact, that is). Poyser is currently at work creating a master chart of all the characters in the Sherlock Holmes novels. ■

