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Summary

FOR YEARS THE RESENTMENT HAD been building. And now, at lunch, it began to erupt. Lewis Glucksman, the co-chief executive officer of Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb, a short, rumpled man with the face of a Russian general, who was disparaged by Wall Street blue bloods as a lowly "trader," Lew Glucksman would leave the lunch table determined to remove Peter G. Peterson, his imperious co-C.E.O. at the venerable investment banking house, from his job. The luncheon took place on July 12, 1983, and the fallout from the explosion it triggered carried the story from the business pages to the front pages.

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