BRAMBLE AND THE BOATYARD



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A story about co-investing



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Bramble the wombat looked after the river teachers' savings, for the day they retired. Some of that money was in a private equity fund run by Magnus the moose.



Magnus's fund bought good small companies and helped them grow. Like most funds, it had a rule: never put too much of the fund into any one company.



One day Magnus found a boatyard that built fishing boats and had more orders than it could fill. It was a fine business, but it cost more than his rule allowed.



So Magnus asked a few of his investors: "Would you like to invest in this boatyard too, right beside the fund?" That is called a co-investment.



A co-investment usually comes with lower fees, or none at all. Bramble liked that. But there was a catch: she had only three weeks to decide.



In the fund, the teachers' money was spread over many companies. Here, it would all be in one. If the boatyard did badly, there was nothing else to lean on.



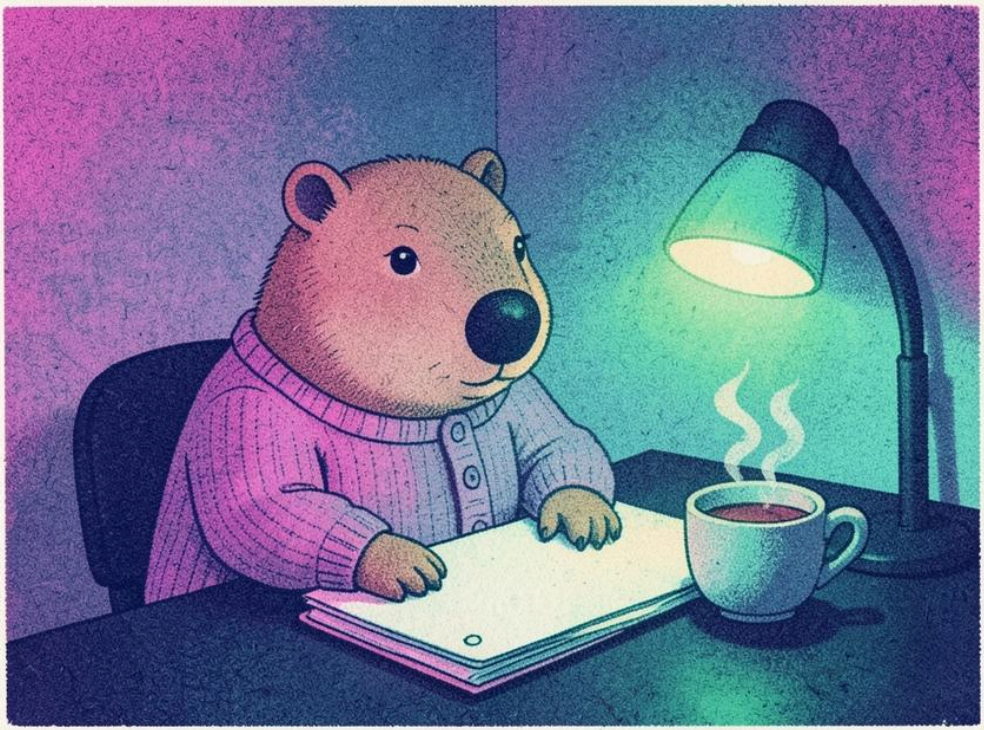
"If three weeks is too short, say no," said Magnus kindly. "There will be other chances, and I would rather you were sure."



So Bramble did her own homework, quickly and carefully. She went to the boatyard and met Skerry, the sea otter who ran it.



"What if the fishing is poor one year?" she asked. Skerry showed her the boats already ordered. For each one, a fisher had paid part of the price up front.



She asked herself a harder question too: was this a deal the fund did not want? She checked that Magnus's own fund was putting in far more than she was.



On the last day, Bramble said yes, but only for a small amount: no more than the teachers would be glad to have in a single company.



With Magnus's help, Skerry built a bigger shed and hired more builders. Boat after boat slid down the slipway, and the boatyard grew.



Years later, the boatyard was sold, and the teachers' share went back to them. With few fees to pay, more of the gain was theirs. That night, Bramble slept well.



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