MARLOW AND THE STORMY YEARS



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A story about a loan that needed more time



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Marlow the seal ran a fishery with three boats. To buy a fourth boat and a cold store, he borrowed 50 coins from a private credit fund.



The loan was due in five years, with interest to pay each season. For the first two years, Marlow paid every season, on time.



Then came two stormy years. The boats stayed in harbour, and the fish swam far out to sea. Marlow could pay the interest, but saved nothing more.



The due date was coming, and Marlow could not pay back 50 coins. So he went to see Agatha the beaver, who ran the fund, and told her everything.



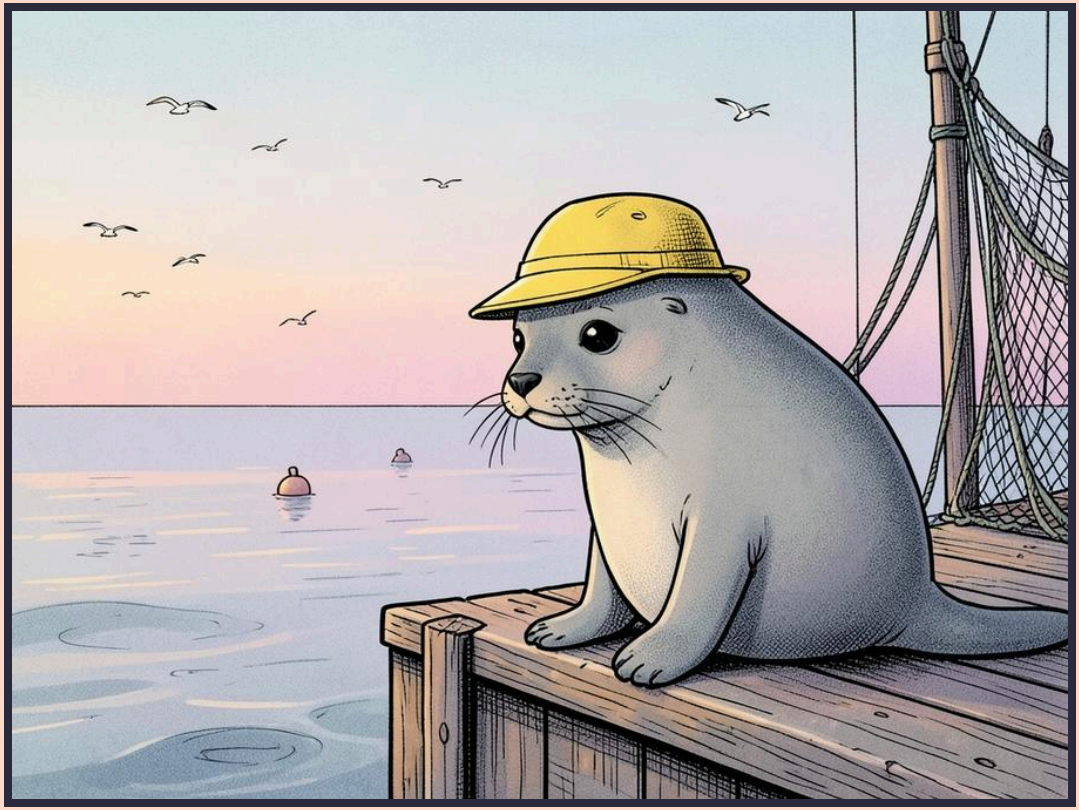
Agatha listened. The loan let the fund take the boats and sell them. But boats sold in a hurry fetch little, and the fishery would be gone.



"Your fishery is sound," she said. "The storms were bad luck, not bad work." They agreed to amend and extend: the same loan, due three years later.



In return, Marlow paid a little more interest, and promised to show Agatha how the fishery was doing every month, so she could follow each season.



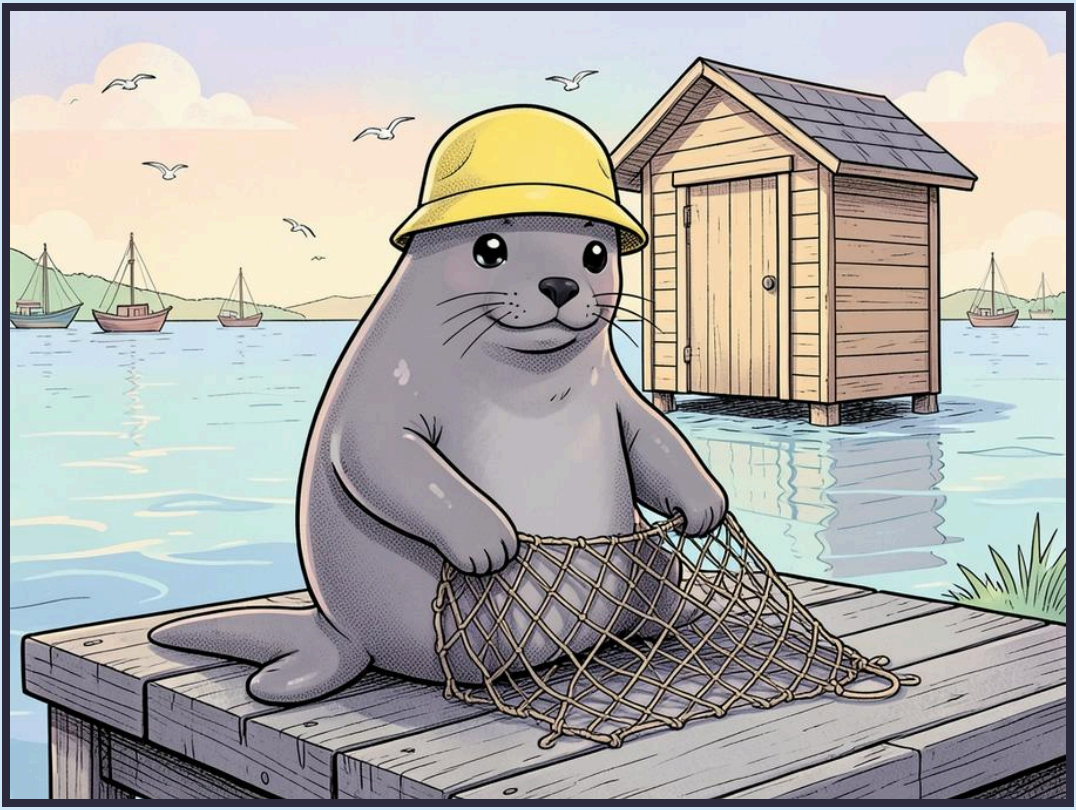
But the fish stayed far out for a third year. Marlow saw that even with more time, the fishery could never pay back all 50 coins.



Agatha had another idea. The fund could give up 30 coins of the loan and take a share of the fishery instead. This is a debt-for-equity swap.



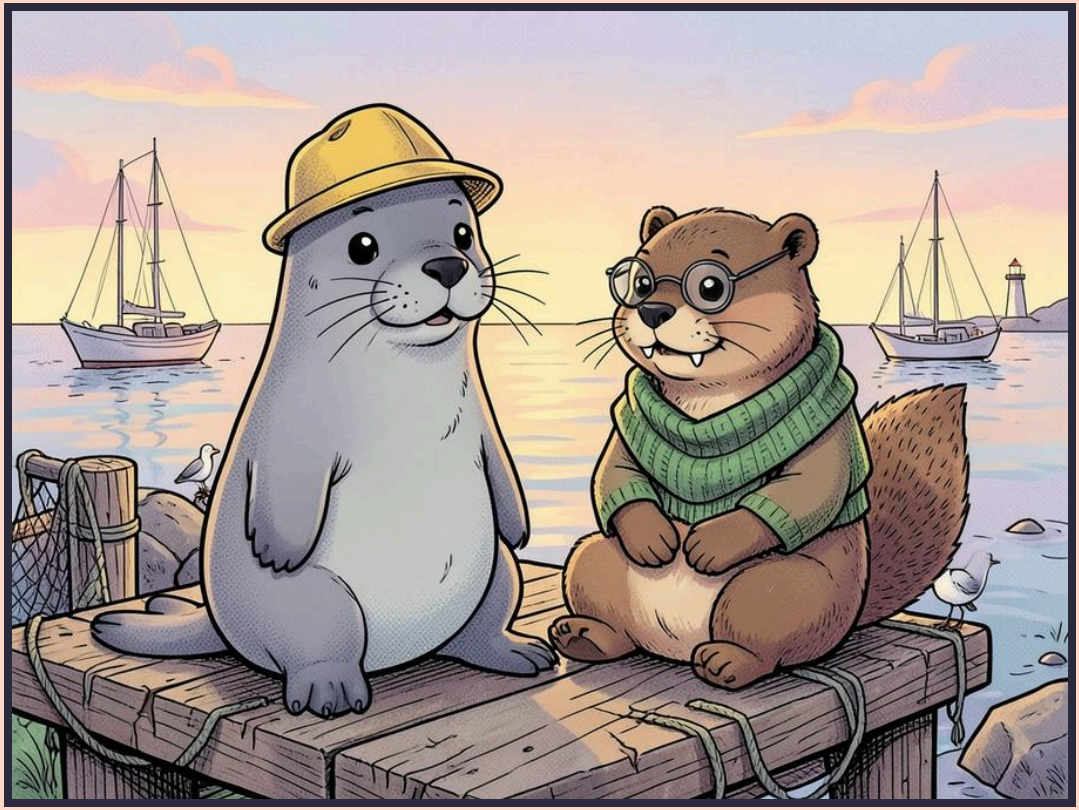
Now Marlow owed only 20 coins, and the fund owned part of the fishery. Marlow owned less of it than before, but he still ran it, and it was safe.



With less to pay each season, Marlow had coins to mend his nets and build a bigger cold store, so fish caught far out came home fresh.



The fish came back. Year by year the fishery grew, and the fund's share of it grew in worth too. The 20 coins left on the loan were paid back in full.



"You came to me early," Agatha said. "That gave us time to find a way through together." Marlow smiled. "Next time, I'll come even earlier."



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