# Winnie and the Side Pocket



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A story about a side pocket



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Winnie the fox ran a fund for the savers of a seaside valley. It bought and sold shares in big companies, the kind that trade every day.



Savers could join or leave at the end of any month. When one left, Winnie sold a few shares and paid out their part in coins.



She owned one thing that did not trade every day: a share in a small salt works down the coast, bought when it was cheap.



One winter a storm washed out the road to the salt works. Nobody wanted to buy a part of it now, and nobody could say what it was worth.



That month, Huxley the bear asked to leave the fund. "What is my part worth?" he asked kindly.



If Winnie guessed too high, Huxley would take coins from the savers who stayed. If she guessed too low, Huxley would lose out.



So she did what her fund's rules allowed. She set the salt works apart from everything else, in a side pocket.



Everyone in the fund that day owned a slice of the pocket, the same slice they owned of the fund. Huxley's slice was one tenth.



Huxley took coins for his part of the rest of the fund and went home. His slice of the pocket stayed his, waiting for the salt works to be sold.



Savers who joined after that day bought into the rest of the fund only. The pocket was not theirs, and they paid nothing for it.



Winnie took no share of profit on the pocket while it waited. In her fund, she would be paid on it only once the salt works was sold.



In spring the road was mended, and the salt works was sold for more than its old price. The coins went to every owner of the pocket.



Winnie took Huxley his share in a little bag. "You remembered me," he said. "It was always yours," said Winnie.



## A note

The words in this book are real ones, explained simply. The animals and examples are made up, and real terms vary from fund to fund. It is not advice. The pictures were drawn with an AI image model and checked by hand.

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