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Regarding the GME splivy...

On a regular dividend on a regular stock that one might receive...

Let's say my 1 share of stock is \$100. The company pays me a dividend on that share of \$1.

Independent price moves aside, now have a \$100 single share AND a \$1 balance in my account. The market doesn't automatically reprice my \$100 share to \$99 plus my \$1 dividend. The dividend is *additional* to the value of my ownership.

With this as the case, why would any dividend (shares or cash, whatever) automatically reduce the price of my current ownership?

As I saw another ape say, if you take my \$20 and turn it into 4 \$5 bills... What you did was just make change.

A dividend should INCREASE the value of holdings.

Otherwise there's no difference between a stock split and a stock split as a dividend.

What am I missing, wrinklebrains?