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Early Stage fund marriages

Early stage funds require deep domain expertise, which can be quite expensive, even if some of it is outsourced. Smaller angel and super angel funds, VCTs, and to some extent publicly sponsored funds, are all consolidating, as demonstrated by the recent marriage between GLE and Yorkshire Fund Managers (read The Chilli perspective on that here), and also the marriage between Quester and New Media Spark, now known as Spark Ventures. However, some funds have become very reluctant brides, and are holding out, despite running low on funds, and are unable to raise further funds, as exemplified by Angle plc's refusal of a marriage proposals from Braveheart – for an entertaining look, about the shenanigans....

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