

More Money, Half the Pain.

Two ways to ride **one stock - NVDA** (the chip company behind most AI computers) - over the **same two years**. One way made less money and hurt a lot more. The other made more, and let you sleep.

Three plain words first. A **backtest** means testing a set of buy-and-sell rules on old prices, to see what would have happened if you had followed them. **Out-of-sample** means the test used years the rules were *not* built on - fresh years, so the rules could not cheat by memorizing them. This test ran **October 2024 to October 2026**.

Worst fall from the peak means the biggest drop from a high point before recovering. In plain terms: your money climbs to its highest point, then slides. How far it slides before it climbs back is the pain you have to sit through - and it is the number that decides whether a real person gives up.

WAY 1 - JUST HOLDING IT

+54.2%

WHAT \$100 GREW BY, OVER TWO YEARS

Worst fall: **-36.8%**

At the worst moment, more than a third of the climb was gone.

Buy it once, never sell, ride every high and every crash. Simple - but you feel every single drop, at full size.

WAY 2 - OUR BEST TESTED STRATEGY

+67.5%

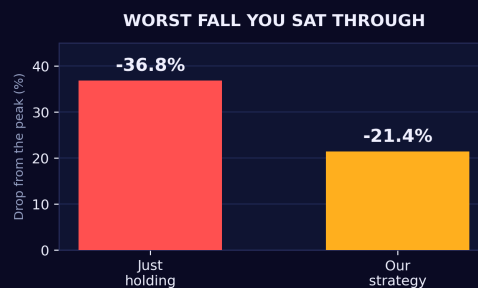
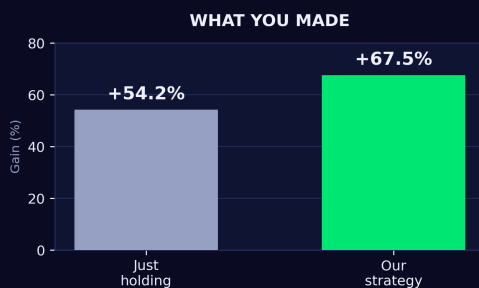
WHAT \$100 GREW BY, OVER THE SAME TWO YEARS

Worst fall: **only -21.4%**

A bad slide, not a wipeout-sized one.

Follow one simple pattern, called **bullish engulfing**: a day where the price falls, then the next day rises so strongly it fully covers - engulfs - the day before. Buy on that signal, sell by the rule, stay out the rest of the time.

NVDA - Oct 2024 to Oct 2026 - same stock, two rides



Same stock. Same two years. The strategy bar is taller on what you made - and much shorter on what you had to sit through. Both charts start at zero, so the bar lengths are honest.

More money: +67.5% vs +54.2%. Far less pain: -21.4% vs -36.8%.

The winner did not win on money. It won on **sleep**.

Yes, the strategy made more: **+67.5% against +54.2%**. That is not the real story. Plenty of strategies beat holding for a while and still fall apart - because nobody can actually stay in them.

The real story is the fall. Holding NVDA meant sitting through a **-36.8%** slide - watching a big chunk of your money disappear, month after month, with no idea when it would stop. The strategy's worst slide was **-21.4%**. Still painful. Nowhere near as likely to make you quit.

Returns get the headlines, but the worst fall decides whether a real human can stick with the plan through the ugly months. A plan only works if you are still following it when it recovers. The moment fear wins and you sell at the bottom, the plan's promised return stops mattering.

"A strategy you abandon at the bottom has a return of zero."

That is why the smart question is never just *"how much does it make?"* It is also *"how bad does it get on the way - and could I honestly sit through that without quitting?"* If the honest answer is no, the strategy is too big or too wild for you, no matter how good the headline number looks.

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK ANY STRATEGY

- **How far did it fall at its worst?** Not the average dip - the worst slide from a high point. That is the pain you are signing up for.
- **Was it tested on fresh years?** Rules tested only on the years they were built from can look perfect and fail live. Fresh years - out-of-sample - are the honest test.
- **Could I sit through that fall and still follow the rule?** If not, a calmer strategy you can hold beats a wilder one you will quit.

"Survivors buy sleep, not returns."

READ THIS BEFORE YOU BELIEVE IT

This is **one stock** (NVDA), in **one two-year window** (October 2024 to October 2026) when the market mostly went up - a rising market, where most things look good. The strategy also made only a **small number of trades**, so luck plays a bigger part than it would over hundreds of trades. Treat this as **directional - a signpost, not a promise**. A different stock, or a falling market, could tell a very different story. Past test results never guarantee what happens next.

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