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The in-valley stretches as far the eye can see, and down in the heart of the valley lies Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol.

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Innsbruck is surrounded on both sides by towering mountains which in turn has made it a skiers paradise.

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The skiers have the advantage of being able to enjoy all that the city has to offer, plus pursuing their favorite winter sport.

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There aren't many cities in the world that can boast such a combination.

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I wouldn't wanna be learning there at the very edge. [[Laughter]]

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Classes are held up here every morning seven thousand feet above the city.

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Meanwhile, down below, the main street of Innsbruck is bustling with its daily routine.

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You know you'd expect to see a lot of old-fashioned snow winter [[rolling]] in town this time of year.

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But for the past years, there's been considerable lack of it.

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It seems there's a strange warm wind, called the foehn that sweeps up from the southern valleys and quickly melts any snow.

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Also the people believe that this foehn is responsible for many ills of body, and disposition.

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For instance, if a husband is unduly unkind to his wife, they say he was suffering from the foehn and really not to blame.

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How's that for an excuse?

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This is the oldest part of Innsbruck, dating back to the 1200's. The time-worn arcades, so characteristic of then, are still busy with their shops today.

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Also, here is the world-famous Goldenes Dachl, meaning 'Golden Roof'.

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This balcony was built in 1500 by Maximilian the First, so that he and his court could watch the strolling players down in the square below.

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It gets its name from this gilded roof, which is made from thousands of small copper plates.

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When it was first built, the roof covering alone cost over \$70,000.



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