

THE DOGS OF WAR

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No man has a memory long enough to be a successful liar.

Abraham Lincoln

So that's why old Honest Abe never tried.

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POSTAL JOKE TIME

A letter written in a childish scrawl came to the Post Office addressed to "God". A postal employee, not knowing exactly what to do with the letter opened it and read: "Dear God, my name is Jerry. I am six years old. My father is dead and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?" The postal employee was touched. He showed the letter to his fellow workers and they all decided to kick in a few bucks each and send it to the family. They were able to raise \$300.

A couple of weeks later they received a second letter. The boy thanked God, but ended with this request: "Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our house? If you send it through the Post Office they deduct \$200."

MARYCON REPORT

The only problem with Marycon '83 is that I can't decide what I liked best about it. The timing was perfect: I had one of my rare weekends off and my horoscope said that my powers to influence people would be at their peak (not that I listen to horoscopes, but that one I liked). The location was good: Fredericksburg is close to many of the hobby's East Coast players and the Bettymobile made quick work of the 5½ hour drive. The campus of Mary Washington College is a good site: we shuffled between four buildings (to eat, sleep and play), all within easy walking distance of each other. The price was right: \$23.00 for play, food and a room. And the good stuff goes on and on. The organizers did a great job. Each game had a room to itself, with plenty of space and plenty of time. The scoring system was simple and fair. The trophies were imaginative, with a large, foot-long fleet for Best Country and a framed piece of a Diplomacy board for First, Second and Third Place finishers.

Another thing I liked about Marycon was that both of my tournament games were the most enjoyable face-to-face games I've ever played. And they resulted in my most successful tournament ever - winning Best Turkey and Third Place overall. I had alot of help from some fine people: Tom Mainardi in my first game, and Steve Arnawoodian and Jeff Boehner in my second game. Both games ended in three way draws. Tom's Austria and my Turkey drew the first game with a good local player named Mike Kelly as we tried to keep his England from the win, netting Tom and me Best Country awards. My Russia, Woody's Turkey and and Jeff's Austria drew the second game after we broke up a tough E-G alliance played by a couple of non-postal people.

One thing that disappointed me about the tournament was the lack of DOGS players present. I had loaded my camera with a thirty-six exposure roll expecting to get pictures of a bunch of you guys, but Mike Cannon was the only person who showed up. The rest of you missed a good convention. But don't worry. The directors (college prof Dick Warner and publisher Ed Wrobel) plan on making Marycon an annual event. So I'll see you there next year, right? With the college's facilities and Dick and Ed's enthusiasm, Marycon is destined for greatness.

LETTERS

From Stan Johnson:

I was pleased to see my essay evoked some responses. I was very complimented that Rod Walker, a person of great stature in the hobby, took the time for such an in depth commentary. I hope someday to write something good enough for Rod's DIPLOMACY WORLD. Rod's response underlines the fact that the controversy over the way draw votes are handled is a hobbywide problem that every GM must sooner or later confront, rather than a few isolated incidents.

Mr. Michalski, you state that "an NVR=yes gives them part of the draw." If they were not part of the group getting the concession they would not get anything. It would seem to have to depend on who the vote called for involved.

Both John and Rod say that NVR=no rewards the careless or forgetful player. However, I say what about the case of the genuine Post Office loss of your orders - NMR and NVR combined? Should you not only lose your turn, but the whole game as well? Rod says that it "is asking for continuation of the game long after it is for all intentions over." Let me point out, Rod, as you state in your first paragraph, the objective of the game is to win it. That is how I play, and in my opinion, so does every player worth his salt. So, Rod, a game cannot be over till it is over. As long as I have a single unit left in the game I'm still a factor and would never vote for a draw or concession that didn't include me. I mean, why should I, what would be the point? I think players who give up before they are beaten are real candyasses. But if every turn, besides ordering my one unit, I have to send in four or five votes, it is alot of work. Also, not ot pick on John Daly, but there is no standard place you look to see what votes are called for; sometimes on top, sometimes on bottom, or the next page. So it is conceivable that you could miss the vote. Should this cost you the game? Even if a guy does goof up and forgets, I feel the penalty of having several years of work go down the tubes is too much! I would rather continue 100 games by mistake than end one by mistake.

Rod admits the use of draw votes as part of one's diplomacy is questionable sportsmanship. He then goes on to state he was against my third proposal because "it is a well known and acceptable parliamentary ploy to introduce a motion which you intend to vote against." I must point out the game we are playing is not Parliamentary Procedure, but Diplomacy. The only purpose a draw has is to end a stalemated game. No one should introduce a vote unless he favors it. Why isn't it good to know who proposed the vote? Can legislators or members of parliament submit bills anonymously?

Both of the methods Rod suggested for reducing frivolous draw votes seemed like more work for the GM than mine did.

In conclusion, I feel that while I could live without the third proposal requiring the proposer to vote in favor of his motion, the first two are essential. Revealing the identities of the persons calling for votes should eliminate most frivolous votes.

((The only problem I have with revealing the identity of the player making the proposal is that it goes against my belief that the GM should have as little to do with the game as possible. If the proposer wants it known who he is, he can announce his proposal in his press. But for me to force him to reveal himself just doesn't feel right.))

From Ben Schilling:

My two cents worth on NVR: NVR=no on nonsense proposals (eg concession to Turkey in 82IL) otherwise NVR=no until something is defeated by an NVR only (ie everybody who voted voted "yes"). After that NVR=yes. That's stolen from Don (Fang Master) Horton's house rules.

((I like the sound of that. Might be worth a try after I think about it some. Stan, any comment?))

ENGLAND (Blaine Fowers): f BAL s a swe-den; a swe-DEN; f NTH s f hel-hol; f hel-HOL; a STP s a mos; f nwy-SKA.

FRANCE (Dave Marshall): f MID hold; a BEL s ENGLISH f hel-hol; f TUN-ion; f TYH-nap; a ROM s f tyh-nap; a TUS-ven; a PIE s a tus-ven; f LYO s a pie.

GERMANY (Neil Daly): a WAR s RUSSIAN a sev-mos; a gal-SIL; a mun-KIE; a boh-MUN; f hol*s a mun-kie; f den*bal.

AUSTRIA (Norm Schwartz): a SER s f gre; f GRE s TURKISH f ion and hopes peace is on the way; a rum-UKR; a bul-RUM; a vie-GAL; a TRI-ven; a TYO s a tri-ven; a VEN-rom and sticks its tongue out at the warmongering toadies.

RUSSIA (Stephen Lee): a SEV-mos.

TURKEY (Dan Gorham): f CON s f aeg; f AEG s f ion; f ION s f nap-tyh; f NAP-tyh.

Germany must retreat F Den to Hel or otb. The German F Hol is annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

E - home, nwy, swe, stp, mos, <u>den</u> , <u>hol</u>	(9) build 2
F - home, spa, bel, por, tun, rom	(8) even
G - home, war, den , hol	(4) remove 1
A - home, ser, gre, ven, bul, rum	(8) even
R - sev	(1) even
T - home, nap	(4) even

The deadline for the retreat, Winter orders and Spring moves is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Neil was down here visiting, but he's back at the Bayside, NY address now. Press follows.

LONDON to BERLIN: It is with great consternation that His Majesty's diplomats try to comprehend the relations between our two countries. Each time a diplomatic missive has been sent, an apparent response comes that is no response at all. Do you receive the diplomats and forget the messages? His Majesty's forces are moving as you were notified of. No response implies affirmation of the territory transfers.

BERLIN to VIENNA: What German hordes?

VIENNA to MUNICH: If either one of us has anything left after this season maybe we can work something out.

VIENNA to PARIS: Head the other way before it's too late. Your rear is wide open, or is that England's?

VIENNA to CONSTANTINOPLE: How about it?

CONSTANTINOPLE: Okay, Austria, no more war. What's your address? ((18 Russell Ave., Apt. F-25, Mineola, NY 11501))

AND WHILE I THINK OF IT: Dan has a COA to 800 S. Euclid St., Fullerton, CA 92632.

AND NOW THE WEATHER

The strange weather we've been having is supposed to last through the summer. It will be cool and damp in the South. Hot and dry in New England. More flash flooding and mudslides in California. More flooding in Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Nebraska. And parts of the Farm Belt will be parched while others will be drenched. All because of some little Mexican kid.

Following Fall moves Italy retreated F Smy-Syr. The F-G draw proposal failed.

FRANCE (Dan Stafford): Even; f AEG-con; f EAS-aeg; f tyh-ION; a ven-APU; a TYO s GERMAN a vie; a pie-VEN; a PIC s a bel; a BEL s a bur; a BUR hold; f eng-MID; f YOR s f edi-nth; f NWG s f edi-nth; f EDI-nth.

GERMANY (Mark Rowell): Build A Ber; f DEN-nth; f HOL s f den-nth; f NWY s f den-nth; f STP(nc) votes for the draw; a RUH s a mun; a MUN s a ruh; a ber-SIL; a boh-GAL; a VIE s a boh-gal; a WAR s a boh-gal; a mos-UKR; a SEV s a mos-ukr; a SMY s FRENCH f aeg-con.

ITALY (Porter Wightman): Remove F Syr; f BLA-con.

AUSTRIA (Stan Johnson): Even; a gal*vie; a TRI s a gal-vie; a SER s a tri; a ANK s ITALIAN f bla-con; a BUD s a tri; a GRE-bul; a RUM-bul.

The Austrian A Gal is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Please vote again on the F-G draw with your Fall moves. Press follows.

DEATH OF A FOOL (A DRAMA IN THREE ACTS): As the play opens we see a large oak paneled Gothic style room, the sole furnishing of which is a large oval table with a map board upon it. The two occupants are engaged in a heated discussion as we open. On the right, in a garish pink and yellow uniform that makes him seem more a circus clown than a commander stands Marked Dumbell. He gazes at the board with a look of intense stupification across his visage; mouth slightly agape; a steady stream of spittle drips onto his gaudy uniform. He was pushed into Supreme Command by the assassination of his brother, Rupert the Wise. The fact he was an idiot having been carefully concealed by the Royal family. Many believe the assassination was actually the work of the other occupant of the room, Dam Stabfast, commander of the French forces. He is clad in a skin tight black leather suit, marked solely by his insignia of rank. He has a riding crop clutched in his left hand and bangs it on the table to emphasize his point. His loud tirade is giving Marked Dumbell a headache.

D.S.: "Your majesty simply must move as I've indicated or the entire campaign will fail. Only the valiant Austrians and a remnant of their faithful Italian allies remain to oppose us. Their skill and cleverness cannot prevail against our willingness to sacrifice millions of our subjects' lives. Soon Evil and Wickedness will prevail throughout Europe."

M.D.: "But what's in it for me? It seems I must do most of the fighting while you bring up the rear!?"

D.S.: "Well, as you know, we get all the land and all the surviving people to enslave. You get all the farm animals."

M.D.: "Oh, good, I like chickens."

Marked Dumbell bends over to examine the board more carefully.

M.D.: "But this plan seems to leave my rear exposed. Who will take care of that, General?"

Dam Stabfast closely eyes Marked Dumbell's posterior while simultaneously unlacing his leather jodhpurs.

D.S.: "Don't worry, Marked, I'll take care of your rear soon enough!"
Fade to black. End scene one.

ENGLAND (Tom Thornsen): f edi-NTH; f NWY s f edi-nth; a YOR hold;
f DEN s RUSSIAN f swe-bal; a LON hold.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): f por-MID; a spa-MAR; f bre-ENG; a BUR s a par-pic
a PAR-pic.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): a BER-kie; a MUN-bur; a BEL-pic; f HOL-bel;
f KIE-bal.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): a VEN hold; a TUN hold; f ion-AEG; f nap-ION.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): a ser-BUL; a GRE s a ser-bul; a bud-SER;
a vie-BUD; f TRI hold.

RUSSIA (David Blaylock): a STP hold; a RUM s AUSTRIAN a ser-bul;
a UKR s a rum; f SEV-arm; f BLA s f sev-arm; f swe-BAL.

TURKEY (Tim Burton): f CON-bla; a ARM-sev; a bul*rum.

The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Eric Diamond has a COA to 1700 SW 16th Ct., Apt. D-29, Gainesville, FL 32608. Press follows. The Turkish A Bul is annihilated.

PARIS: The French government was outraged today when it learned of England's aggressive build of an army in London. Accordingly, all fleets are being sent north.

PARIS: The French government was equally outraged when it learned of Germany's fleet in Kiel. Accordingly, all armies are being sent east.

DEUTSCHLAND: The Kaiser announced that the Minister in charge of the propaganda agency has been discharged (i.e. deported) due to a lack of original ideas for press releases. Hopefully, the situation will be corrected with the installment of a new Propaganda Minister.

1982N	RUSSIA AND CO. PUSH WEST	WINTER 1909
	French Control Of The Seas Is Challenged	SPRING 1910

Following Fall moves France retreated A Bel to Bur.

ENGLAND (David Blaylock): NBR! f wal-LPL; f CLY s f wal-lpl; f nth-LON;
f bel-ENG; f DEN-kie; f BER s f den-kie.

FRANCE (Terry Richwine): Built A Mar; f lpl*s f eng-wal; f eng-WAL;
f mid-IRI; a bur-PIC; a mar-BUR; a RUH s a hol-bel; a hol-BEL;
a boh*vie; a TYO s a vie-tri; a VIE-tri; f ADR s a vie-tri;
f ION-aeg; f TYH-ion.

GERMANY (Neil Daly): Even; a KIE s a mun; a MUN s a kie.

AUSTRIA (Tim Burton): Even; a SER s RUSSIAN f alb-tri.

RUSSIA (Stan Johnson): Built F Sev; a STP hold; a pru-SIL; a sil-BOH;
a GAL s a sil-boh; a BUD s f alb-tri; a smy-CON; a GRE hold;
f sev-BLA; f con-AEG; f EAS s f con-aeg; f ALB-tri.

France must retreat F Lpl to Nat or otb. The French A Boh is annihilated. Neil is back at his Bayside, NY address. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Press follows.

MOSCOW: The Russian government pledges to aid Austria and England in their fight against French tyranny.

BERLIN to PARIS: The reason for my not answering your letters should be obvious. I took the Czar's offer of alliance.

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AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA BANG HEADS
Not Much Movement

WINTER 1903
SPRING 1904

Following Fall moves Russia retreated A Rum to Gal.

- ENGLAND (Porter Wightman): Remove A Fin and F Bar; f vor*nth;
f NWG s f vor-nth.
- FRANCE (Ben Schilling): Even; a bur-MAR; a PAR-bur; a NAF-tun; a TUS-rom
f WES s a naf-tun.
- GERMANY (Eric Diamond): Build A Ber; a MUN-bur; a BER-mun; a hol-YOR;
f NTH c a hol-yor; f DEN s f nth; f hel-HOL; a LPL s a hol-yor.
- ITALY (Terry Richwine): Remove F Adr; a ROM s FRENCH a tus-par (imp);
a TUN vacations at the beach; f TYH s a tun.
- AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): Build A Vie and F Tri; a BUD s a rum;
a VEN-gal (imp); a SER s a rum; a RUM s a bul; a BUL s a rum;
a VEN s FRENCH a tus-rom (unit ordered twice); f tri-ADR;
f ion-AEG; a VIE (unordered) hold.
- RUSSIA (Jake Walters): Build A War and A Sev; f NWY-nwg; a STP-nwy;
a MOS-stp; f BLA s a gal-rum; a SEV s a gal-rum; a CON-bul;
a SMY hold; a GAL-rum; a WAR-gal.

England must retreat F Yor to Lon, Edi or otb. Eric Diamond has a COA to 1700 SW 16th Court, Apt. D-29, Gainesville, FL 32608.

MOTOWN: I hope to see at least some of you at Origins.

TUNIS: I've been out in the sun too long.

ROME to FORMER GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY: Hurry back with my flag.

BULGARIA to CONSTANTINOPLE: Prepare for a deadly attack using a new weapon called the Bulgarian feces hurler. This will mark the first BUL SHITSKRIEG. Various other nations are also known to be adept at this tactic.

1982CQ

NOBODY DOES ANYTHING I EXPECTED
Italy Gets Offensive

WINTER 1906
SPRING 1907

Following Fall moves Germany retreated A Kie otb and Italy failed to retreat A Tyo so it was removed.

- FRANCE (John Michalski): Built A Par (imp); a lon-GAS; f ENG c a lon-gas;
f MID c a lon-gas; f naf*wes; f SPA(sc) s a mar; a MAR s f spa(sc).
- GERMANY (Ken Iverson): Built A Mun and A Kie; a sil-GAL; a mun*sil;
a kie-RUH; a swe-DEN; f den-HEL; f nwy-SWE; f bar-NWY.
- ITALY (Stan Johnson): Even; a ROM-ven; f nap-ION.
- LONE RANGER (Ed Menders): Even; a STP hold; a MOS s a stp; a LVA s a stp;
a WAR-sil; a ber-MUN; a vie-BOH; a PIE s "AUSTRIAN a tri"-ven (nsu);
f bal-KIE; f LYO-spa(sc).
- TONTO (Dan Stafford): Built F Smy; f WES s f tun-naf; f tun-NAF;
f ion-TYH; f APU s a tri-ven; a tri-VEN; f smy-AEG; a ser-BUD;
a TYO s RUSSIAN a ber-mun.

Germany must retreat A Mun to Bur or otb. The French F Naf is annihilated. Please vote on an F-G-R-T draw with your Fall moves, due at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Press follows.

LEWIS to ITALY: I certainly don't want you to get sooooo mad. What would you like me to do? Keep it clean!

ITALY to DEE-DUM: Alright you crumbs - you wuz warned. Here I come!

TURKEY to GERMANY; So, 1982AJ is finally over. You stated that I was foolish for stabbing you and ending up in a three-way draw when we could have had a two-way draw. I could point out that there was no guarantee that we could/would have gotten the two-way, especially if Austria decided to hold out against us to the last center, but the long and the short of it is that I agree with you! However, I will still swear up and down and forever that my "stab" was precipitated by your build of F Brest the Winter before, triggering my conditional orders! There is no way I can prove it, especially since Andy chose not to print my endgame statement, but it is the truth (i've no reason to lie about it now!). And after the mistaken "stab" I decided to continue against you because I didn't think we would be able to work together as effectively as before and I didn't want to waste two turns by moving back to where I was before my "stab".

I also felt that you were a weak tactical player and that I would be able to sleaze right through you. That was a major miscalculation. In both the latter part of 82AJ and this game you have proven yourself to be a top-notch block pusher! If you have any shortcomings as a player it lies in your unwillingness to use deception or to stab when it is necessary. (If Ed hadn't deceived Austria into moving to Silesia way back when, we'd still be slugging it out in the Balkans).

No hard feelings, eh?

A LETTER TO BETTY

From John Caruso:

What do you mean you wouldn't know what to put in print? I thought you were a woman - and a woman at a loss for words is like snow in July in Florida. Are you telling me that there is nothing interesting you could tell us about yourself? About John? Well, we know there's nothing interesting about him, but maybe how you met and "trapped" him. You could tell us what you think of this wierd hobby of his. You could tell us how much you enjoy typing, collating, stapling and stamping the zine. You could tell us all why John wears flowered boxer shorts instead of mesh tights. I'm quite sure with a little help from your friends (like me), your imagination and creative intuition can be tapped and you can compose a lovely column. (In other words, you can spill the beans all over the place). The good thing is you don't have to appear every issue. In fact, make your appearances by popoular demand. Like this issue. But please, do not call your column Betty's Box. That sounds so John Michalskish. I know what - you can run a contest - a name the section/column contest. You could give away pictures of Norm Schwartz to the winners.

I have to run. Give it a try. Take care, and my best.

((Go ahead - ask me for something and insult me and all womankind! But, really, there isn't alot to write about. John won't let me spill any beans. How I trapped him is a secret. So are his flowered boxer shorts. How did you find out about them anyway? Is John still getting on the table and dancing around in his underwear whenever he gets in a crowd? I knew I shouldn't have let him go to any of those Diplomacy conventions!

Okay, you twisted my arm. I'll take a try at doing a column. I don't know how good I will be at writing original material, but answering letters like this is easy. Does anyone have a good name for my new letter column? Norm shaved his beard since John last took his picture so that won't make a good prize. I'll see if I can think of something better. Send those entries in and I'll see you next time!))

Steve is back, so Al's Austrian standby moves weren't needed. Thanks, anyway, Al!

ENGLAND (Tim Burton): f NAF-mid; f NTH-eng; f nwy-NWG; f SKA-den; f SWE s f ska-den.

FRANCE (Jim Grosch): f SPA(sc) s f wes-mid; f wes-MID; f lyo-WES; a pie-MAR; a BEL s a hol; a HOL s a bel; a DEN s RUSSIAN a fin-swe f BRE-eng; f nat-LPL.

ITALY (Mark Rowell): a ven-APU; f tus-ROM; f TYH-nap; f TUN s FRENCH f wes-naf (nso).

AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): a ber-PRU; a LVA-war; a mun-BOH; a rum-BUL; a vie-GAL; a bud-RUM; a tyo-TRI; f NAP s TURKISH a smy-apu (nso).

RUSSIA (Brent Adams): f stp(nc)-NWY; a FIN-swe.

TURKEY (Jake Walters): a smy-GRE; f AEG c a smy-gre; a SEV-ukr; a UKR-war; a MOS s RUSSIAN f stp(nc) (otm); f ION s ITALIAN f tyh (otm).

E - edi, lon, swe, lyl , nyl	(3) remove 2
F - home, spa, por, bel, kie, hol, den, <u>lpl</u>	(10) build 1
I - ven, rom, tun, gré	(3) remove 1
A - home, ser, ber, mun, rum, nap, <u>bul</u>	(9) build 1
R - stp, war, <u>nwy</u>	(3) build 1
T - home, sev, mos, <u>gre</u> , nyl	(6) even

Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 8. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Press follows.

ROME: It is going to be truly amazing if I survive this game. Thus far I have been at war with Austria, then France and England, then stabbed by Austria and now Turkey wants his turn. It's a good thing Germany is gone or I'd probably end up fighting him, too.

Q: What's the first thing that goes through a bug's mind when he hits your windshield on the highway? ;e;ou;inq sTH :V

John Daly

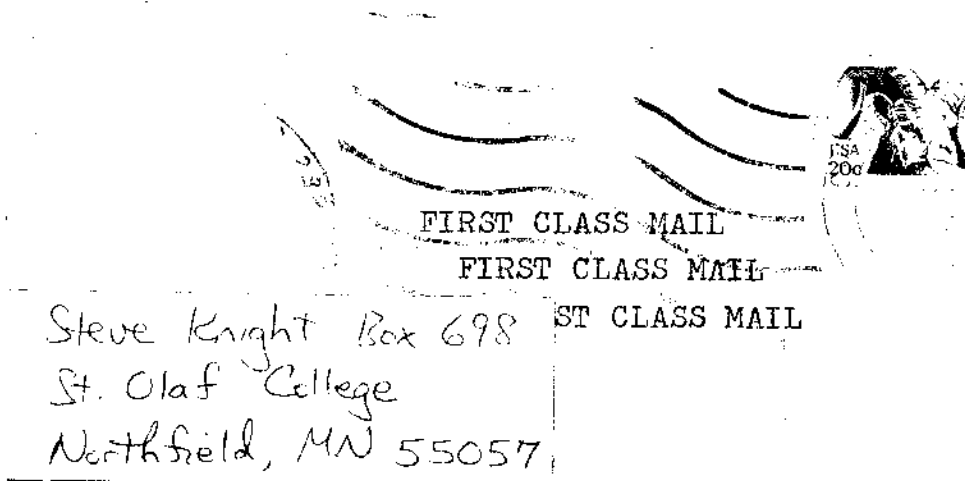
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