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A VERY SPECIAL END-OF-THE-WORLD ISSUE



Coming Soon!

We here at *Axes and Alleys* must report the latest very unfortunate news. It seems as though this world we have come to love and dwell upon is coming to an end next Tuesday. Therefore, we must apologize as this will be our final issue.

This was first brought to our attention when Dr. Sigmund G. Folive, our resident Egyptologist, turned in his latest report on the precise scientific measurement of the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt.

It seems that when one multiplies the height of the Pyramid (481 ft.) by the measurements of the bases (4 x 775.75) and then multiplies that number by the degree of inclination (51°) and then divides the total by the number of blocks used in the construction (2,300,000); and when this sum is multiplied by the number of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy (605,166,825.22) you get the number 20,031,021,915 which corresponds to the date October 21st, 2003 at 9:15. Archaeologists are not sure, however, as to whether this indicates an evening or morning apocalypse.

They are certain, though, that this is correct as they have found hieroglyphs which state that the Pyramid was built specifically for the purpose of determining the end of the year by using the Neo-Gregorian calendar and modern Imperial units of measurement.

So, readers, enjoy this last issue and have a nice Doomsday.

WRITTEN
CORRESPONDENCES
FROM GOOD NATURED
GENTLEMEN WHO HAVE
READ OUR PREVIOUS
INSTALLMENTS AND
WISH TO COMMENT ON
SOME ASPECTS
THEREOF

Esteemed Sirs and Mdmes,

Throughout your previously printed perambulations and-nay, at times, peregrinations - thru the punctillia of terrestrial wonders, I have seen very little attention given to a subject very close to my heart and indeed as important a matter as there possibly is.

I am talking about the very ground itself: soil, in all its magnificent permutations, the very earth onto which the first slimy little pseudo vertebrates crawled and upon which we, the more advanced and infinitely more slimy vertebrates, now crawl! Dirt, not to put too fine a point on it, my bailiwick, if you will.

Sandy, loamy, claylike, muddy, ah, we betray our shame of the dirtiness of our origins by reviling our mother Earth day in day out-like the time my nanny caught me rolling on the parlor floor in her foundation garments that I'd "borrowed." "You dirty little boy," she fairly bellowed- though at the time what dirt had to do with anything, I am hard pressed to tell, unless of course you consider that she may have been worried about my rolling in her fresh clothes and would probably have to clean them again. I didn't think it was dirt I got on them.

However that may be, I think we have relegated a mistakenly lowly estimation to dirt. It grows all our food, holds the trees down and our houses up.

Why, many people do not even know the number of different varieties and types of dirt there are or that it is often full of decomposing and fermenting nutrients so very difficult to obtain in a normal modern diet. Why I myself am not above tossing a spoonful in my morning porridge and keep a sort of larder containing jars of the many different kinds for when friends of similar predilections drop by-

you should see our meetings!

Now there are some dirty little bastards if you like! All smeared and dripping- well, let me not digress. Suffice to say, we would love to see more articles and studies along these lines-with pictures! What say you-let's have a little more dirt-eh?

All the best in your tireless endeavors to civilize this clod, one reader at a time,
and here's mud in your eye,
Yours Truly,

Sir Evans Wang-Chung,
(President, Malaysian Society of Soil Science)

Dear Persons to Whom This May Concern:

I would like to whole-heartedly congratulate you on the grandiose triumph of your invasion of Northern Italy. The swiftness with which you laid waste to the villages of the Lombards serves as an inspiration to us all, as does your burning of the purulent settlements of Venice. So, chip chip cheerio to you, good people, and much luck in your further endeavors and excursions.

Love,

Leo X of Sicily

To *Axes and Alleys*,

Last month's issue featured Sammy "The Dark Wombat" Sneed's nature article "How to Identify Various Types of Frogs' Vomitous Excretions." This article, unfortunately, featured several factual errors. First and foremost, the vomit of the Hobson's Lesser Grounded Frog (*Ceratophrys migmum*) is paste-like, with very very few bits of grit and extraneous pieces. While Sneed apparently felt that this vomit was coarse and gummy, I would have to disagree. Secondly, the Boring Frog of the Upper Esperon Delta (*Ceratophrys sansodor*) has never vomited in captivity and thus the true texture of its naturally-occurring oral escapations cannot be positively known. Mr. Sneed has based his identifications of Boring Frog vomit only on the vomit of captured frogs which, from what I understand, bears little resemblance to the hypothesized vomit textures of the wild frogs. This does not appear to be fully scientific. Everything else appearing in the article was spot-on, though. Good work, Sneeedy.

Luscious Hattermournie
(Professor of English Literature;
University of Chad)

Dear Cap'n,

It is very lucky that many of us are not shot on a daily basis. Why, I myself have ventured from my home on many daily occasions and have rarely had the flesh of my body torn to shreds by the terrifying power of shells, bullets, musket balls or harpoons. How fortunate for those of us who remain alive each day.

Victor Zokhast
(People's Liberation Army)



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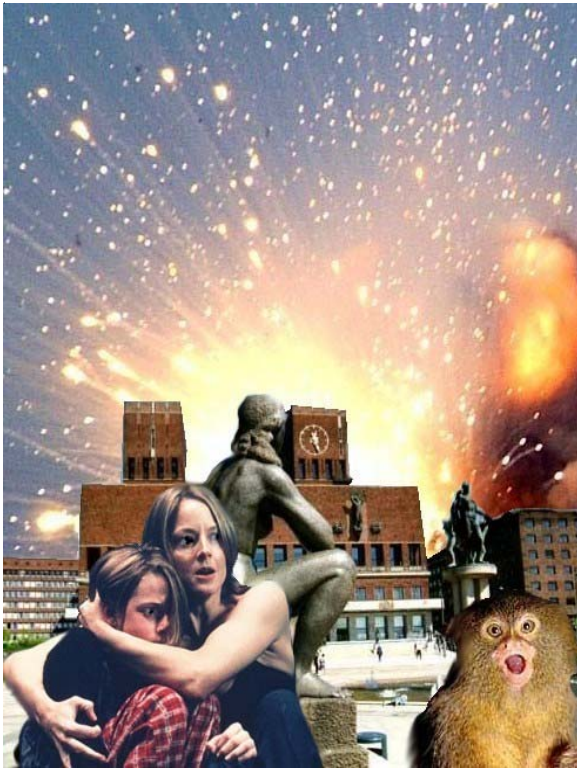
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Special Editorials from Our Publisher

The Great and Mighty Sir Lionel Buxton Humbridge

A SPECIAL NEWS UPDATE **NORWAY INVADED!**

MARMOSETS EFFECT TAKEOVER IN LAND OF FJORDS



(Above) Flying High: New Norwegian dictator, Lumpy, presides as the Neo-Norwegian flag is hoisted above the capital of Oslo .

Will it Never End? Denizens of Oslo cower as Marmoset aggressors begin to move in for the kill. When will the carnage end? Dear God help us all!

OSLO- Continuing a nearly two century trend in momentous governmental change for Norway, marmosets captured the entirety of Norway's ruling parliament, the Storting, today. Chief Marmoset of Battle, Harold Longteeths, proclaimed "grrrraaaworweeep!"

The decisive move is more than likely the last in the boldest invasion since that of Sweden in the 19th Century. The Royal Family is reportedly on the run in Norway's northern tundra. A division of marmoset commandos has been trailing King Harald V and the Crown Prince, who fled the palace and their respective wives in a fit of cowardice.

With the marmosets now creating a provisional Neo-Norwegian government, protests from around the globe seem impotent at best. "I understand that Norwegia has been attacked today. I know some white people are very upset at this moment and I would just like to say I feel their pain," said President Bush of the U.S.

However, other world leaders seem particularly gleeful over the takeover. "I think those damned Norwegians got what they deserved. Maybe

now the marmosets will share the women with us," a jovial Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy declared.

It is not clear what the marmoset's next moves in Norway or beyond will be, but the other Scandinavian countries have been girding for war, with backup evacuation plans to Iceland and Greenland in the works, the next year appears to be one of the greatest movements of Scandinavian peoples since the year 994.



DOCUMENTUS ILLUMINATI

PART VI

An In-Depth Exploration of the History of our World (the Earth)



The Current Masters of the Illuminati



Lucianno Biscotti



David Aroumond



Sir Camdon Midge



Brezny Van Clatterhorn

Across the galaxy there is a massive political, military and religious order known only as The Arcane. On Earth, little is known of The Arcane except that they are descendants of the beings who originally built the Universe. They value a power source known as Gnosis; an energy which holds together all matter and is generated by certain rare species, among them Human Beings.

Many thousands of years ago Humans were very powerful, due to the fact that we could generate our own Biognosis. The people of that time had the power to violate so-called "laws of physics," an ability intrinsic to those beings who can harness the power of Gnosis. The Humans were giants, ten feet tall. They could fly, move about between different areas simultaneously, turn invisible and manifest all manner of psychic abilities. They were ruled by a theocratic sect called the High Priests of Nephellium.

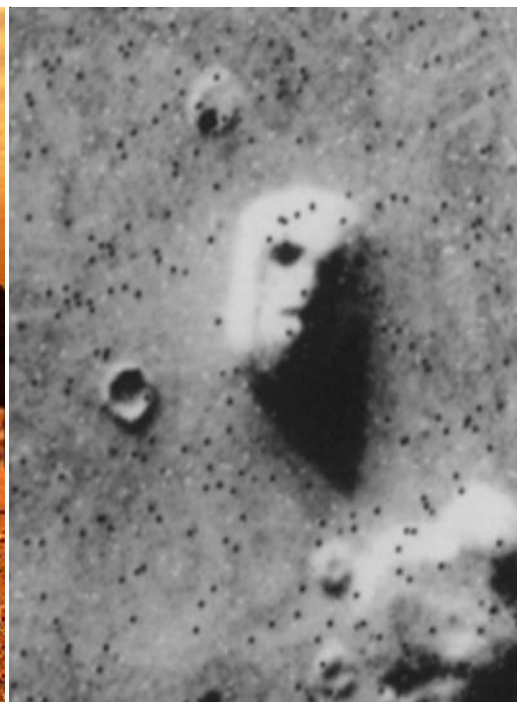
In roughly 20,000 B.C. The Arcane came to Earth and forged a corrupt pact with the High Priests of Nephellium. The Arcane would be allowed to construct a Machine in the core of the Earth which would drain the naturally produced Gnosis from the Humans. In exchange,

the Priests of Nephellium would be given residence on Mars, free from the Machine, where they could live forever while retaining their natural powers. On the plains of Mars, The Arcane constructed a vast beautiful city full of wealth and riches and surrounded it by an atmospheric dome. The city was christened Cydonia.

The Arcane brought in the Gribbish, a diminutive, dwarf-like, slave race from a distant world. The Gribbish were forced to dwell in the core of the Earth as troglodytes, maintaining the Machine for generation after generation. To oversee the entire operation, The Arcane built themselves an administrative base on Molad (the planet between Mars and Jupiter) where The Arcane Governors would dwell.

The Humans still on Earth, unbeknownst to them, were sapped of their powers as the Machine drained their life-power from them over the years. The Machine absorbed their Gnosis, leaving them to provide star-crushing power to the War Machines of The Arcane. On Cydonia, the High Priests of Nephellium remained unaffected in their role as underlords of the new Earth system.

The Martian City of Cydonia: Ancient Wonder, Modern Ruins



This system functioned flawlessly for thousands upon thousands of years until around the year 4000 B.C. when Jemus, an Arcane Overlord from the far side

of the Universe, rebelled in an attempt to take control of The Arcane and their system of Gnosis-Gathering Machines spread across the Cosmos.

In the year 4004 B.C. a Jeman army landed on Earth and gathered together a select group of the enslaved Humans. These individuals were told about The Arcane and their corrupt pact with the Priests of Nephellium. The Jemans taught the Human leaders mathematics, science, writing and other forms of learning. The Jemans also gave unto the Humans an incredibly powerful weapon called The Key; a device which will, when the time is at hand, enable the Humans to destroy the Machine and free Humanity forever. Fearing that The Arcane would find The Key, the Humans disassembled it and hid the three pieces in the remote corners of the world, awaiting the time when Jemus would come to Earth to save Humanity.

After imparting knowledge and giving The Key, the Jemans departed to continue their war against The Arcane. Unfortunately, within a few years the Jemans were defeated in the war and cast out of The Arcane Construct forever. After the war Jemus himself went into hiding, vowing to return again and defeat The Arcane once and for all.

On Earth the Human leaders, full of new knowledge, formed a sacred group; The Masters of the Illuminati and created a singular world government centered in the mighty city of Atlantis. There they began using Jeman technology to build a fleet of airships which served as flying battle platforms. They also began to construct a gigantic laser ray of massive power.

In only a short time, the monitoring stations of Cydonia enabled the Priests of Nephellium to discover the advances being made by the Illuminati. The Priests launched an attack on the Illuminati airbase on the Nazca Plain and scored a victory by destroying the shining Human city of Tiahuanaco.

In response, the Illuminati massed its forces in the plains of Perse and began to prepare for a counter-attack. They were caught unprepared, however, when the Nephellium descended upon them with fury. In the ensuing battle, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were reduced to radioactive ash and the Illuminati's armies were forced to retreat back into the safety of the stronghold of Atlantis. As the Nephellium moved in to encircle the City of Atlantis, the Illuminati launched a desperate all out counter-attack. Though the attack decimated the city, the Nephellium were repulsed and driven back to Cydonia with the armies of the Illuminati in pursuit. In a cataclysmic event,

Cydonia was destroyed utterly and the Illuminati executed many of the Nephellium.

But, as the Atlantians reveled in victory, The Arcane Governors prepared to launch a bomb towards Atlantis. Jeman sympathizers, however, sabotaged the bomb and it failed to detonate, allowing the Atlantians time to utilize their death ray. The first blast destroyed Molad completely, leaving it only as a scattered asteroid belt between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

The few survivors of Molad fled back to The Arcane Construct who, for reasons yet unknown, have not yet attempted to take back



The Gribbish work deep in the Earth's core.



The Sigil of the Order of Nephellium



Skull of Lucifer, last of the Nephellium



Arcane Overlord Jemus
(artist's concept)



Courageous Autodidacts work tirelessly to uncover the truth about the evil Arcane Construct. Pictured here: Himie Von Branigan.

TERRA COGNESIA



control of Earth. Most probably this is because their insidious Machine continues to function fully, enslaving Humankind with the manacles of physical laws and providing Gnosis to power the weapons and worlds of The Arcane despite the Illuminati's attempts to destroy the Machine and free Humanity.

Back on Earth Lucifer, believed to be the last of the Nephellium, used a secret weapon to destroy Atlantis, which sank beneath the waves of the North Atlantic forever. The few Masters of the Illuminati fled to the Secret Island of Reme, where the city of Reme had been founded earlier by Remus, brother of Rome's founder Romulus. On the Hidden Isle of Reme, the Masters of the Illuminati set up a clandestine government over Humankind, using hidden means to control Earth's civilization to guide it towards an eventual future when Earth can unite, destroy the Machine and free themselves from The Arcane forever.

Look Forward to Further Instalments

Part VII- An Arcane spaceship crashes in Siberia in 1908 A.D. and allows the Russian Communists access to powerful technology, prompting the USSR to break away from the Illuminati and set up their own Order of Lenin as a prelude to an attempt to take over the World and the Galaxy. Two World Wars ensue.

Part VIII- When a Jeman ship lands at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, the United States discovers the secrets of Cydonia and begins a program to eventually send troops to Mars to try and discover the lost Nephellium technology.

HOW TO DO IT

WITH REGULAR COMMENTATOR LEMUEL LEBRATT



This week's Slow Torture Tutorial with LeMuel LeBratt has been indefinitely postponed. This week we offer you a replacement column instead, authored by Mrs. Marcia Mountbatten, Esq. Mrs. Esq. is a famous expert and knower of all things mechanical.

In this column, Mrs. Esq. will instruct you on how to construct a mechanical automaton and perhaps also how to make it function. This automaton will be able, with little effort, to maintain the appearance of the home, yard and vestibule.

It will perform laundering tasks, of both clothing and money. Our mechanical automaton will function as your own personal in-home certified public accountant and banker. Feel free to leave your money with him.

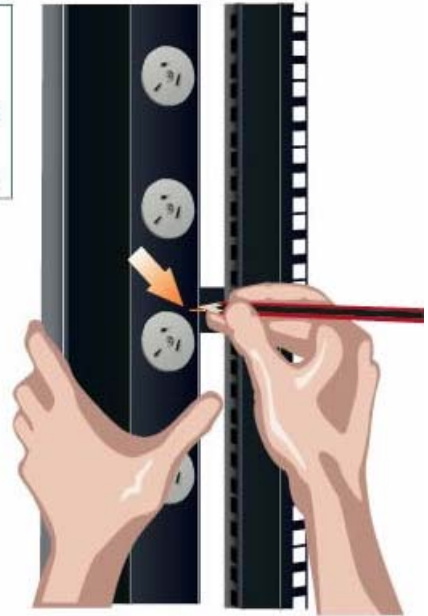
Also explored in this week's column, how a mechanical automaton can service you, including: oral sexual relations, anal sexual relations and other forms of physical pleasure.

Conversely, we will also explore how your new mechanistical man will be able to slowly torture your political enemies, personal enemies and neighbours. Pesky problems will vanish instantaneously with torture!

Never before seen images of the nefarious, home constructed being will be shown to you, along with easy to follow instructional panels relating to construction and maintenance.

Well, we hope you enjoyed this month's "How To Column," be sure to check back next month when regular commentator LeMuel LeBratt returns from his vacation in the beautiful land of Esperon.

NOTE:
You can use the
rivets in the
horizontal brackets
as a guide to the
correct positioning.



STEP 01



STEP 02:
PROJECT COMPLETE

A GUIDE TO ANIMALS

by H.G. Peterson



H.G. Peterson is a renowned big-game hunter, explorer and arm-chair strategist. He is currently serving in the position of Arch-Bishop of Budapest.

“A Guide to Animals”

Animals are heterotrophic and composed of many cells
That are Eukaryotic with membranes and organelles
If you wish to describe animals, I offer one more suggestion
One must of course mention, they nourish by ingestion

Symmetry of body in all animals can be found
Bilateria has mirrored halves, while Radiata is just round
But Bilateral animals each have a head
A thing called cephalization, or so I have read

Phylum Cnideria, of which jelly fish form a part
Live much time as Medusas but are Polyps at the start
Phylum Ctenophora use cilia to move about
To gather up food on their sub-aquatic route

Phylum Platyhelminthes are worms which are flat
Like tapeworms that live in the gut of a rat
Phylum Rotifera provide many benefits
And reproduce by a thing called parthenogenesis

Phylum Nematoda are a rounded worm bunch
They'll cause trichinosis and make you lose your lunch
Phylum Mollusca includes snails, oysters and squid
And other such things that a Kosher diet will forbid

Phylum Annelida are worms of the segmented type
And each of their segments resembles a stripe
Phylum Arthropoda's a big group of armored things
Like lobsters, mites, ants and bees which have wings

Phylum Chordata's animals all have a nerve cord
They are the most well known of all the animal hoard
Reptiles and Amphibians are two of this category
As are Mammals, Fish and Birds, and so ends our little story

If you need to know more, ask a scientist and he'll mail ya'
Lots more information on Kingdom Animalia



ASK MONTEZUMA

ADVICE FROM EVERYONE'S FAVORITE AZTEC MONARCH.



Montezuma: Lost his empire to men
with belts, blunderbusses and beards.

In this week's Ask Montezuma, I will generously take the time to answer some correspondence I have received over the past weeks regarding various answers which have been given by this columnist to sundry readers of the article who have chosen to write in. And so, on to the letters. –Monty Z

Dear Montezuma,

I write to you in consternation at your response to FAG DAD (Issue 18, Ask Montezuma). Your description of the proper time at which to plant butter beans was wholly inadequate and, quite possibly the worst part, incorrect. Butter beans should be planted at the same time as chick peas (more commonly known as garbanzo beans) and preferably near them as well.

Sincerely,

Abraham Q. Wellingsworth, Adm.

Dear Abe,

I'm afraid I must disagree with your presumption of agricultural expertise. Apparently you are ignorant of the many latitudes the flat plane of the Earth encompasses. FAG DAD was a reader from Bedmont Fieldstone, clearly in a latitude more amenable to the planting of butternut squash than garbanzo beans (more commonly known as chick peas). I suggest you pick up a copy of Montezuma on Gardening (\$19.98) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Montezuma

Dear Montezuma,

I protest vehemently your response to Pepin (Issue 17, Ask Montezuma) in Issue 17's Ask Montezuma column. Clearly the vicissitudes of post-modern sibilant exhalation have cast their pall upon your cultured brow. Heartily I suggest that your cephalic area be removed from your duodenal region henceforth.

Regards,

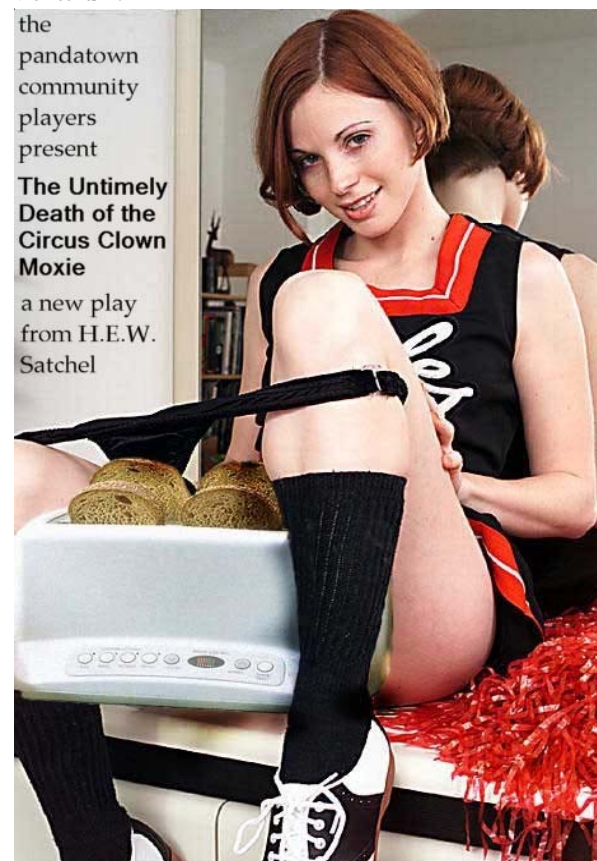
Sal, Ontario, Canada

Dear Sal, Ontario, Canada,

The peripheral failings of your ideology occur once the philosophical failures of your reasoning begin to take shape. A secondary characteristic of such processes renders your genetic contribution to others null and void. Copulatory wonders must, inherently, escape your purview and logically remain outside your bailiwick. I refer you to my column in Issue 4 on the secondary nature of deity in the post-Reformation church.

Yours truly,

Montezuma



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AN EXPLORATION OF THE CORRESPONDENCES OF THE SPANISH COLONIALS

BY DR. SCOTT G. BIRDSEYE



Scott G. Birdseye
Curator of Drinking
Vessels, Imperial British
Museum of House-wares
and Cutlery.

The early years of the sixteenth century saw a flood of new immigrants who came to the Americas. These emigrants from Spain took to their new home, founded cities and missions, waged wars, explored, traded, mined, farmed and proselytized. These settlers, businessmen and soldiers did not forget the Old World and maintained contact with their associates, families and rulers in Spain. The letters they have written provide insight into the varying ways in which the Spaniards viewed the natural environment of New Spain and the natives which inhabited it. From the nobles, with their minds set on conquest, control and colonization; to the traders concerned with survival and profit; to the clerics seeking souls to convert and assimilate, each group of Spaniards saw the landscape and the Indians in a unique light relative to their own place in society and lot in life.

The nobility, the rulers of the encomiendas and subjugators of the land and its peoples, came to the new land for

various reasons and found there the responsibility of founding and maintaining a new society under unique conditions. Therefore, these encomenderos, governors, and viceroys burdened themselves with matters of logistics and sought to answer the difficult questions of where and how to settle in order to gain the most profit from their venture. Pedrarias de Alvil, governor of Terra Firma in Panama, wrote to the king in 1525 and described the natural environment in terms of potential resources and value to Spanish settlement and colonization. In his writing about the native peoples, the governor spent little time discussing their culture or way of life, but rather referred to them in simple, quantitative terms describing only the location of their villages and giving rough population estimates. The scant qualitative assessment he did give of the native peoples is in reference to their souls and to the practices involved in their conversions to Christianity. However, even in this portrayal, he limited himself once again to quantitative figures. Avila's descriptions of the land and of the natives are consistent with his place in society and with the nature of the responsibility of his office. His discussions of matters of food supply, fresh water and large native populations are consistent with the important logistical decisions which had to be made in order to find suitable places to settle large colonies. Other members of the nobility, such as Andres Chacon, an encomendero in Peru, tended to follow Avila's type in their descriptions. While Chacon did describe the environment as "luxuriant" he also, through his descriptions, sought to precisely define luxury in numerical terms; including numbers of fig trees, grape vines and fish caught. In describing the natives, Chacon also failed to differ from Avila in any significant way as he referred to the natives only in terms of the labor which they

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could provide. Other Spanish nobles such as Don Luis de Velasco, viceroy of New Spain, saw the natives in two ways; first, as a potential danger to Spanish interests, but also as an important potential resource for supply and labor. It makes sense, though, that the nobles would limit their views of nature and the natives and see them only as resources. Whether searching for settlement sites or maintaining large encomiendas, the artistic gives way to the pragmatic and the nobles, while limited in their views, were consistent with their times in describing these elements in terms of survival and eventual profit rather than in a more esoteric light.

Spaniards of the common class were not much different in their accounts of the nature and natives of the New World and such is fitting as both groups met with similar problems and tasks in America, the foundations of which were matters of survival and profit. Their letters, like many of the nobles' writings, served a propaganda function as many commoners sought to entice relatives, particularly nephews, to join their ventures in the New World. There were important differences between the writings of the nobles and those of the commoners, however, as the commoners, being lowlier in status, were more willing to view the natives as people rather than as resources.

One such description of the natives can be found in the writings of Andres Garcia, a petty trader in Mexico City. He wrote to his nephew "the Indians are a nation held in much esteem." This statement about the natives was written as an explanation and defense of his marriage to an Indian woman and bears out his views of the natives. While Garcia did not necessarily view them as equals of the Spanish, he did view them as actual people and was fully able to find happiness in taking a native as his wife. Unlike the nobles, he does not see them only in terms of souls to be converted or resources to be worked.

Other commoners, such as Martin Fernandez Cubero, a cloth trader, and Antonio Mateos, a farmer, also wrote to their nephews and described not only the profit which could be found in America, but also of the vast riches of the natural landscape. In their attempts to lure their nephews to the New World with promises of wealth and inheritance, these commoners took time to put down their own thoughts on the environment of the Americas. While their descriptions are generally short, they paint a picture of a world of vast natural beauty and richness. Other commoners' descriptions however, did show a distinct difference. Alonso Morales, a

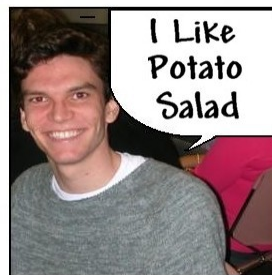
tailor, wrote about the landscape not in terms of natural resources, but rather as an obstacle. His portrayal of a journey from the shore of Los Angeles tells about difficulties in dealing with climate and of the diseases which were rampant in the New World.

Together, the tales told by these common people show a different picture of the Americas than do the writings of the other classes of Spaniards. While others did show only the best sides of the new areas, others were more willing to show some of the dangers encountered in the environment; and while the nobles' descriptions tend towards quantification some commoners describe good relations between natives and Spaniards and view the Indians as something other than labor and souls to convert.

Conversion of the Indians to Christianity was the concern primarily of the Spanish Clergy, of which there were a great many in New Spain. Conversion being their concern, the clerical view of the native peoples was one based almost solely on occupation. Both the regular and secular clergy viewed the natives in a paternalistic way and saw the Indians, in varying ways, as children, sometimes to be pitied and other times to be punished for disobedience. Bishop Fray Francisco de Toral of Yucatan typified this idea of the natives. He described the oppression of the Indians at the hands of the governor and viewed the Indians as "hapless," unable to understand or act upon their situation in a proper manner. While the Bishop

did not view the Indians in a particularly good light he did see it as his paternalistic duty to protect them. Franciscan monk, Fray Pedro de Gante, also held to this paternalistic idea, but tended to view the natives as fully capable people and described their many accomplishments and abilities; particularly their talent as scribes, speakers and singers. Gante also, however, felt great pity for the Indians, especially the extreme poverty of their situation, and called for the Spanish to care for them and protect them as a father cares for his children. This same paternal view was also held by Dominican monk Fray Andres de Moguer, who described the natives as disobedient and delinquent and even called for their punishment. These clerical views of the Indians, as expressed by the writings of the Spanish Catholics, indicate the ways in which occupation and status influenced the people's views of nature and the natives.

Throughout their writings, the Spanish emigrants of varying classes and professions illustrate how one's own place in society can dictate his or her own views of the natural world and other people. While the nobility saw the New World and it's peoples as resources to be worked in order to gain profit, the clerics saw themselves as the spiritual fathers of the natives, as protectors and disciplinarians. The common people saw new peoples with which to interact and new lands which could provide unknown economic security. In each of these three cases, the status and occupation of the letters' authors influenced their views of nature and native peoples.



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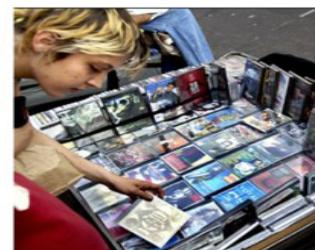
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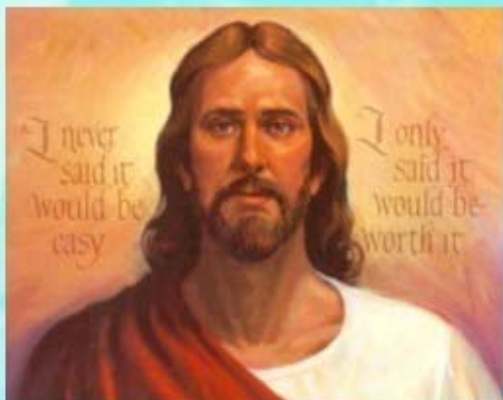
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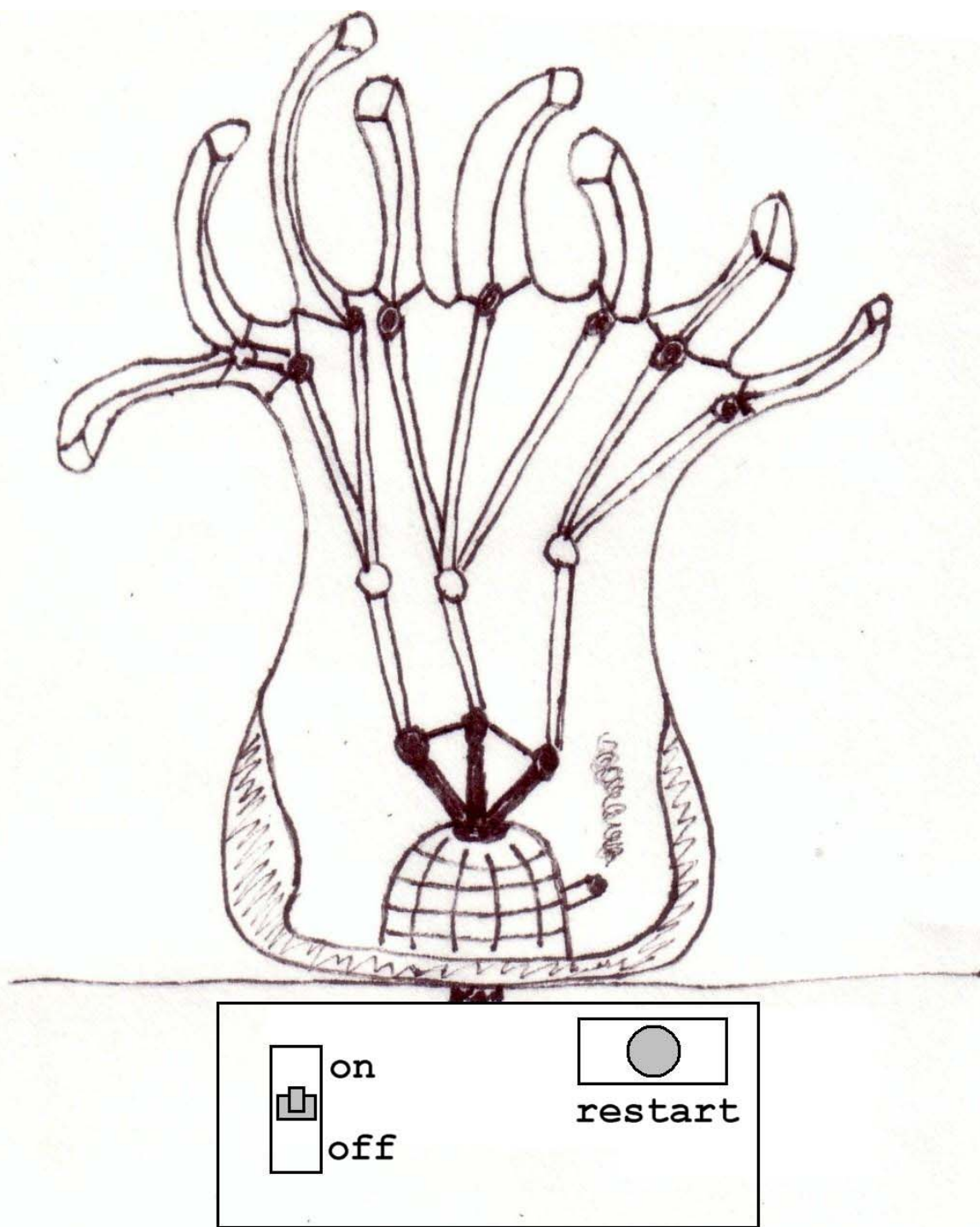
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PART XCXII
HOW ANEMONES WORK



ESPERON CITY COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

(Month of Springtober 2003)



Quonset Hut Walking Tour 2003! The Quonset Hut Walking Tour Interest Group (QHWITG) has scheduled this year's walking tour for this Thursday! QHWITG invites you to come out and join us for all of the exciting events, including:

Visit to the Chalmert St./Vacation Ave. Quonset Hut
Corrugation Inspector training session at The Quonset Hut Co.
Visit to the Bobo Municipal Airport quonset hut and snack bar.
And much more!!! Sign up now and get a free sun visor. You'll need it! Call QHWITG at 724-8989 for more information or visit www.QHWITG.com.



The Erin P. Murphy-MacGruder Memorial Bowling Team will be facing off against the Jean-Baptiste du Zudenheit Falafel Wahabi Tutsi Takamoto Softball Team in the semi-final round of the International Volleyball Tournament this Saturday at the Fairgrounds. Gates open at Noon.



Saturday Bookreadings at the Esperon Public Library continue next month. This week, hear Shannon Tourniquet read her novella Shard of Myself, in which a lesbian rocket scientist working with Werner von Braun discovers herself...and a new propulsion fuel for rockets. Also this month:
Thomas Gene Crantston reading All the Underpants of the World, B. Primer Magus reading Of the Heliophile Zoodonts and Dr. Patrick Kilroy reading Podiatry Care for Children.



The Southside Community Blood Centre offers free ebola screenings this Tuesday and Wednesday. Come on in to find out if you have the deadly hemorrhagic plague. Free cookies and orange juice.



Sunday the Daughters of the Sino-Russian War will hold their bi-annual Uncle Awareness Week Bruncheon. The guest speaker will be Delores P. Grunion, President Pro-Tem of the International Guild of Women's Aquatic Table Tennis Referees. Noon to Three at the Fraternal Order of the Wombat Lodge 64, located at 12-89 Steam Street in Roper's Landing North.



The Pandatown Community Players will be holding open auditions for their Spring production of Hallor E. W. Satchel's extra special play "The Untimely Death of the Circus Clown Moxie." Parts available include: Flootie, Mr. Poppers, Mrs. Poppers, Evil Toaster, The Organizer, Simbone, Torp-Torp, Second Robot (understudy), Narrator, Other Narrator, A Different Narrator and The Physician. Stop by the Yoyo Avenue Theatre, Jupiday, Venday and Andromiday.

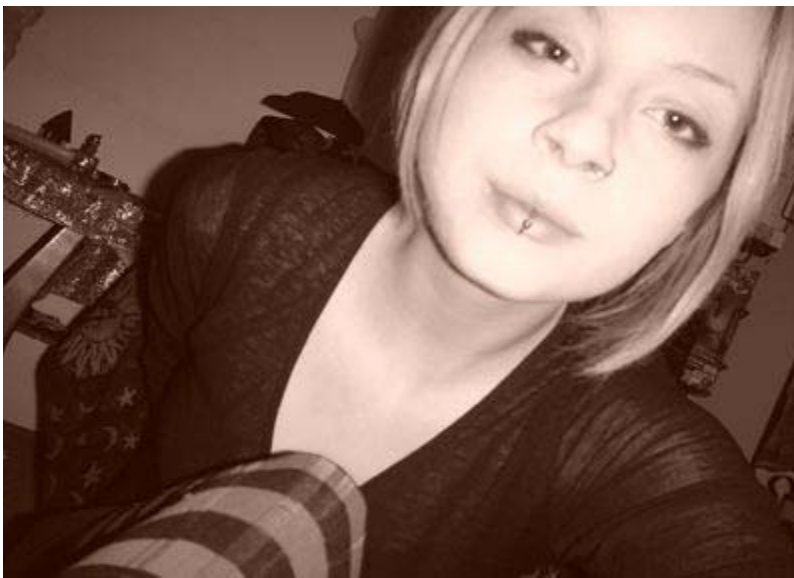
ILLUSTRATIONS OF HUMOROUS CONCEPTS



NEWS OF A CONSUMATELY FRIVOLOUS NATURE

**BASED UPON THE EXPERIENCES OF THE ROVING
PHOTOGRAPHERS AND SPIES UNDER THE EMPLOY
OF THIS ESTEEMED MAGAZINE IN RELATION TO
PERSONS OF A WELL-KNOWN NATURE IN THE
ENTERTAINMENT ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**With Adeline Burris Youngling, Woman of the Metropolitan Area.
Ms. Youngling is a fashionable member of the Ladies' Fig Cake
Baking Society of North Uxbridge, Montsylvania.**



Eating Emperor

Renee Bautista and Zolban the Magnificent, supreme ruler of the Sepia Sector of the Galaxy, were spotted canoodling at Portly's Bar and Grill by someone in the know. Our spy told us that Renee was sporting a mighty big kumquat on her finger...

Cloned Copy Banana Eater

Star of film, screen and stage, and major proponent of a meat only diet, Alan Guthman was seen eating a banana on East 1762nd Street. When asked for comment, Guthman's flak Sid Sidney stated that the person eating the banana was actually Guthman's new clone Tom.

Conquering Nomenclature

Alexander the Great has completed his campaign through south-central Asia, an area known for high crime and barbarian gang violence. Apparently, Mr. Great has named a city for his horse, Bucephalus, skirting his regular tradition of naming cities for himself. An insider has stated that Anturpal III has planned to name a city in Eastern Parthia after his left shoe, in response.

Seen Not Seen

Who was seen eating northine platunes in the park yesterday? Which famous zoning superintendent has a pregnant teenage daughter, artificially inseminated by the reanimated corpse of a long dead king? How many entertainment lawyers yesterday screwed in a light bulb? Which movie actress had absolutely nothing fantastic to say or do over the last year, including insights into yoga or the Kabbalah?

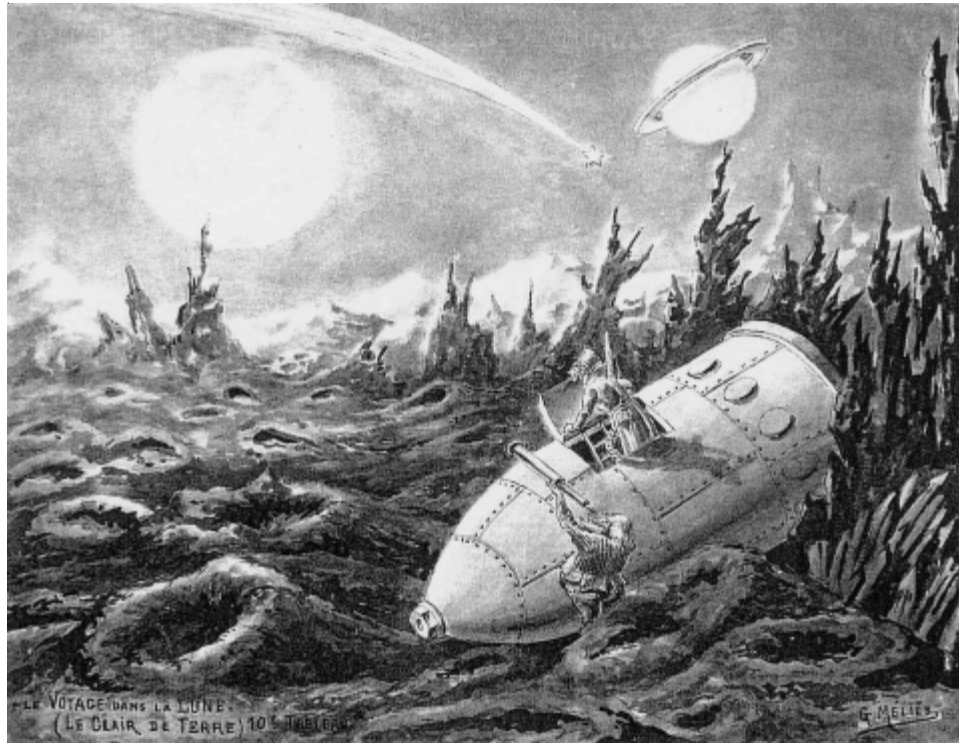
Head for Hair

Arnold Comproy has created a new method for clothing the human person. "I've discovered the brilliant idea of cutting the coverings from common animals, such as sheep and goats, and turning them into a covering for humans." The new method, not yet named, is tapped to be the greatest invention since the creation of coverings for humans from plant materials.

AN EXPEDITION TO THE MOON!

PART I: A GENTLEMAN'S WAGER

A Scientifically Fictional Narrative for Learned Gentlemen



It was a good evening for a late supper and hence the well-endowed fellows had gathered at the Royal Society for a light supper of roasted hollandaise pheasant with mustard toasted Ceylon rice and tomatoes with a sort of dry bread crumb topping. Alongside was a brisk salad of cucumber and radish, fresh and succulent, wet with the dew of the north country.

Afterward were served a savory toast of melba with brie and other soft Continental cheeses arranged on a silver platter for convenience. Ethiopian coffee was brought out in perfect porcelain cups and matching saucers which bore the symbol of the Chinese dynasty of Ming. Raspberry almond tortes complemented the festivities. The tortes were of course prepared by the Royal Society's expert pastry chef Pierre DuMonde, a Parisian whose saucy attitudes were equaled only by the sauciness of his casseroles. He had served under the rotund and mustachioed Belico Concito, a Spaniard master chef whose Liberian delicacies were well sought after by discerning gentlemen of the more

fashionable palates and of the more fashionable of London's districts.

On the evening in question, the grouping of gentlemen, purveyors of the insatiably trophened consumables of the Royal Society, moved their persons into the anteroom. There, the servants placed in each manicured hand a decanter of Cognac, a birch-barrel aged beverage from the distillers of the ruddy Chateau de Bivouac deep within the rolling hills and rustled fronds of the Cognac region of the French Republic.

As the bells of the Church of St. Francis the Aggressor (a gift to the town from the Ladies' Association of Gardeners of Lower Buxley) began to chime out nine of the clock, Sir Rutherford Limney-Smythe Humbridge, Earl of Cuxwold, stood up his imposing twelve stone figure upon his ivory crutches, his cleft chin and low cut jaw the mark of the Humbridge family since the days of Edward IV. His freshly-starched shirt and cuffs were from Lloyd's and Halbart's of Dorset Street and were a finely hewn cream colour, a dainty

mixture of Welsh linen and Egyptian cotton. The coat and vest, festooned with tails, were a woven ermine hair with sable trim, cut about the shoulders in such a way as to accentuate the glimmering epaulettes. The double-breasted suit was fastened by gold buttons, each a full three-quarters of an Imperial inch across, with silver inlay detailing an engraved emblem of the seal of the Earl of Cuxwold. The Earl's pantaloons and breach hampers were matched in the Cumberland style of trouser. His shoes were double-clasped Irish leather of the antiquated sort, a cunning colliery on the whole of the ensemble.

As the bell tower terminated its pronouncements, he spoke with the cuckolded voice of a half-enraged, half-timid bullfinch.

"Gentlemen," he began, "I propose a wager."

Be ready for next month's exciting installment:

"Part II: A Most Interesting Piece of Furniture."

EDITORIALS
FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
SIR LIONEL BUXTON HUMBRIDGE
Utterances of an Opinionated Nature from the Editor of Axes & Alleys

McGinty Poor
Choice for
West Dakotans

Today this pre-processed external memory module must protest the vile candidacy of one Hector McGinty. Mr. McGinty, if he can be named as such, is running for the West Dakota Congressional District 589 seat in Congress. We find his platform of honesty, integrity and gravy to be reprehensible. Specifically, the gravy portions of his campaign.

That gravy could be cheaply and speedily distributed to peoples of all classes in a timely fashion at minimal cost is absurd and insulting. Does Mr. McGinty, a filthy semblance of a man of Ecuadorean descent, truly believe that such class-baiting vitriol on the subject of gravy is truly a cohesive campaign platform which will bring his constituents together? We think not.

Mr. McGinty's gravy policies will only hurt West Dakota, the Nation and greater portion of Outer Mongolia. This publication says "no" to HectorMcGinty*. We must instead officially back Republicrat Candidate Dave Nansyboie, a great West Dakotan who believes in everything for which this publication stands.

*This publication will, however, take Mr. McGinty's money in exchange for ad placement.



Dave Nansyboie
Republicrat Party Candidate



Hector McGinty
Blue Party Candidate



Mr. Conan Doyle, shamelessly
and openly named Arthur.

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a Nuisance

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Furthermore, we implore the State House Grepublindecrat leadership to pass S.H.B. 1327, banning the affixation of the name Arthur to all birth certificates, driver's licenses, credit cards, social security identifications, student visas, passports and other official or official-looking certificates.

Failure to follow through with our plan will quite likely result in the death of society as a whole and the diminution of our great State. Soon we may be only a society of Arthurs, blandly tossed about by a cold wind of indifference. Never!

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