

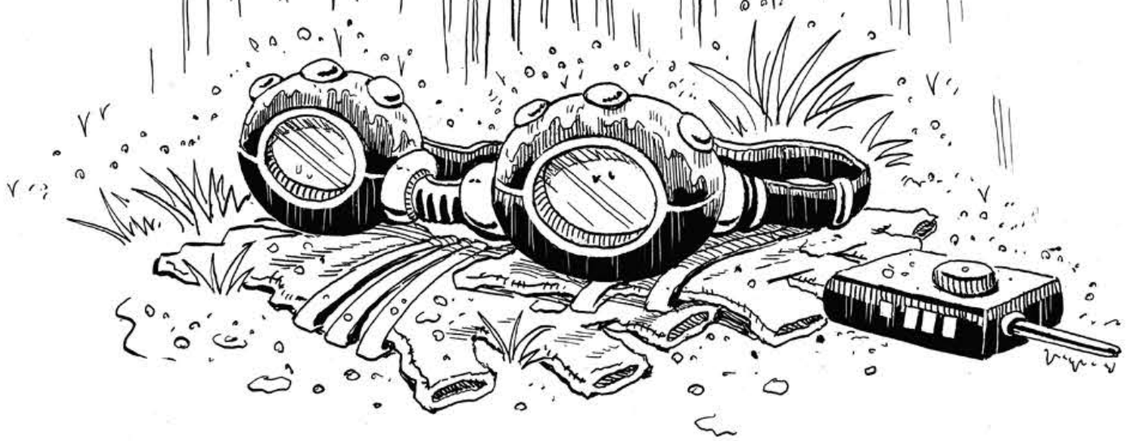
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WHO... WHO ARE YOU? ***WHAT*** ARE YOU?

I'M THE STRENGTH OF EVERY MAN.

SHOULD I KNOCK HIM UNCON-SCIOUS?

ADAM.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO WEIRD, YOU ASSHOLE? ***TALK A LITTLE.***

COMPOSTELA: SANTIAGO'S SECOND PART OF THE NAME. (SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA). JACOB'S THEORIZING ABOUT THE MEANING OF THAT NAME.

COMPOSTE-LA*. FIELD OF THE ***STAR***, ACCORDING TO A NOT THAT RE-LIABLE SOURCE.

ANOTHER ONE SAYS THAT COM-POSTELA COMES FROM *COMBUSTA*, LATIN FOR "BURN-ING".

BECAUSE OF THE CEMETERY, OF COURSE. THE ENDING "-LA" WOULD COME FROM "OLLA", AN URN.

IT COULD ALSO REFER TO AN ALCHEMICAL PRIN-CIPLE, AT THE END OF WHICH A STA...

JACOB.

I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A TON OF SI-LENCE BETWEEN THE CITY AND ADAM, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO COMPENSATE.

IN FACT, ADAM...

...IS VERY SILENT FOR A DEMON, DON'T YOU THINK?

HORNS WERE A SYMBOL OF ***FER-TILITY***, LONG AGO. JUNG ASSOCIATED THE LEFT HAND WITH THE SUBCON-SCIOUS...

MAYBE HIS LOOKS DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DEMONS, BUT RATHER THE FERTILE CREATIVITY THAT LIES IN THE ***SHADOWS.***

ALTHOUGH YOU SAID THAT DEMONS ARE ABSENCES...

...VOIDS OF CON-SCIOUSNESS.

THE SUBCONSCIOUS IS FORMED WITH THE ABSENT ELEMENTS FROM CONSCIOUS-NESS.

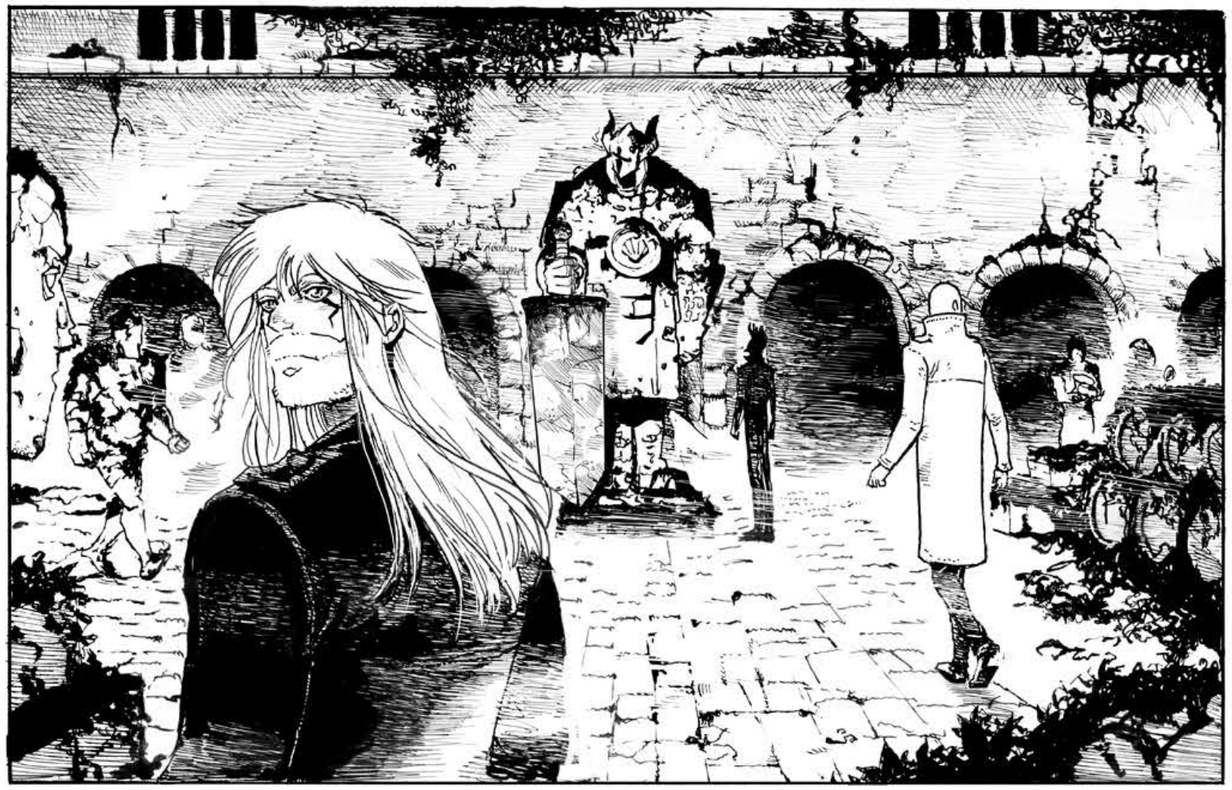
MAYBE HE ***IS*** A DEMON, IF UNDER-STOOD THAT WAY. THE SUBCONSCIOUS' FER-TILE POWER ONLY EXISTS WHERE CON-SCIOUSNESS CAN'T CENSOR AND ***SHAME***...

HRM. WHAT...?

WHAT THE...? ***WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?***

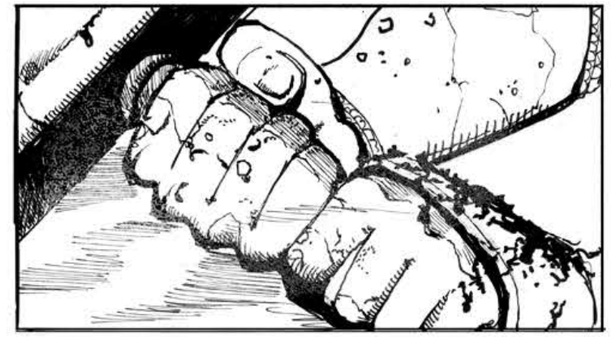
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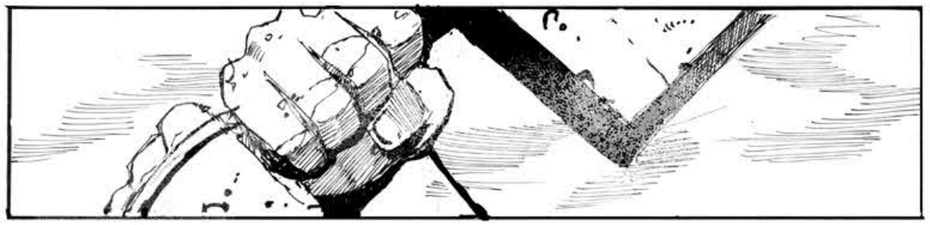
HH. QUITE DISTURBING.







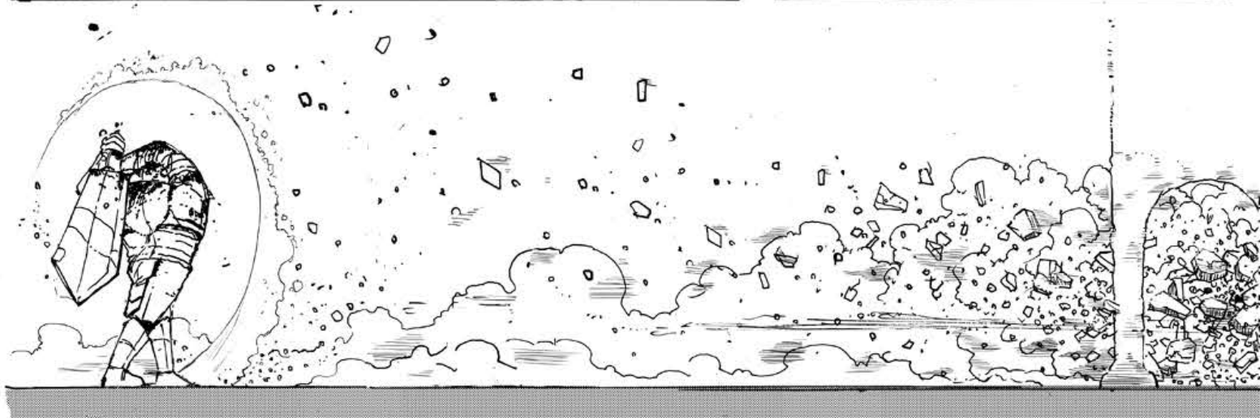












THERE YOU GO, HE LEFT ADAM UNCONSCIOUS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WE'RE IN TROUBLE.

HEY, WHA...?

INTRUDERS! WE HAVE TO PROTECT SANTIAGO FROM INTRUDERS, KEEP HER ***PURE!***

WATCH ...!

BRING THEM, MAKE THEM CARRY OUR ***CROSS!***

...OUT!

JACOB!

JA...!

SHIT!

"WHAT'S GOING ON?"

LUCKILY YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE BEYOND THE WALL WITH THOSE BINOCULARS, *FOOL.*

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TO GET IN THIS WAY. ADAM... HE GAVE US A NICE, ***HORRIBLE*** MIND-TRIP, HUH?

SIGURD, OR ***DEATH***, SHOULD I SAY, INSISTED THAT AT THIS POINT ADAM SHOULD WANT TO BE WITH US.

BECAUSE HE'S THE GREGARIOUS TYPE, APPARENTLY.

WHO KNOWS IF HE WAS SAYING THE TRUTH. HE'S HAD US WAITING IN GALICIA FOR MONTHS, AND THIS IS WHAT WE GET.

NOW WE'LL HAVE TO FIND THE ***EARTH ELEMENT*** OURSELVES.

ANYWAY. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, AT LEAST.

DON'T YOU FEEL TRANSPORTED TO A BETTER PLACE?

ADAM, THE BOY THAT TALKS WITH THINGS.

CAN YOU BREATHE, BELOW SO MANY LAYERS?

YOU BETTER GET UP BEFORE WE FALL IN THE DREAM OF SANTIAGO, KID.

JACOB!

WHAT!

CAN YOU THINK OF SOMETHING!?

APART FROM FLEEING?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TO SANTIAGO?

THEY SPEAK IN SPANISH* AND DON'T SEEM TO HAVE FULL AWARENESS OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS...!

THEY COULD BE SPIRITS TRAPPED IN THE STONES, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT IT...!

THEY AREN'T ABLE TO SEE SANTIAGO FOR WHAT IT IS!

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*JACOB AND ESSEX ARE ALSO SPEAKING IN SPANISH.

THE BASIC MOVE WOULD BE DOING BANISHING SIGILS TO GET THEM OUT OF THE STATUES!

IF WE HAD TIME, OF COURSE.

DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL SEE THE ***TRUTH*** SOON ENOUGH.

NETZACH! MOON! GET READY! I'M OPENING A PORTAL!

FUCK! FUCK EVERYTHING!

JACOB, EACH ON HIS OWN!

AND YOU...

UGH

AGH

...YOU COME WITH ME!

WHO!

AM I!

LET'S GO.

DOWN HERE.

B-BUT... MOON!

I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE THE COGNITIVE ABILITY TO WALK DOWN A LADDER.

YOU MADE ME ABANDON MY GROUP!

I KNOW YOUR ABILITY...

...WORKS UNDER PRESSURE MUCH BETTER THAN MINE.

BUT NOT BEFORE I ***BREAK*** YOUR NECK.

IF YOU THROW FIRE AT ME, I'LL LIKELY DIE.

YOU'RE TOO ***UPRIGHT...***

NGGG... YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUSLY SAYING THAT...

TRY ME.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

...

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SANTIAGO IS ENCHANTED. IT HAS TO BE A SUPRASPELL, WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED FOR CENTURIES.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCH A SPELL TO BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT THE MAGE NEARBY OR WITHOUT A KIND OF... ARTIFACT OF POWER...

THE ***EARTH ELEMENT,*** YES.

IT'S ***HERE.***

THE EARTH ELEMENT? I RECKON YOU DON'T MEAN THE MAGIC SYMBOL.

IT'S A... MAGIC ARTIFACT... OLD...

UWANTE'S DEATH... HH... YOU DON'T LET ME SPEAK...

ELIYA? WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO DO WITH ...?

HIS DEATH.. THE HEREMITES GOT ACCESS TO SOME OF HIS NOTES...

SO?

HE WAS INTERESTED IN ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY... SPECIFICALLY...

HE THOUGHT THERE WERE OBJECTS THAT PEOPLE DON'T RECOGNIZE AS TECHNOLOGY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED SPIRITUALLY...

HE USED THIS CITY AS AN EXAMPLE... HH...

...THE HEREMITES... TALKED AS IF THEY KNEW THE EARTH ELEMENT WAS HERE... BUT WITHOUT THE GAUNTLETS...

THAT'S ENOUGH.

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IF WE FIND THE ARTIFACT WE COULD STOP THIS?

YES.

GOOD.

...IS TO CLEAN UP THE GARBAGE...

THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR TRYING TO BRING ENLIGHTENMENT TO THE WORLD.

AGH!

DUDE, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE *DULL* ONE!

I DIDN'T PEG YOU FOR THE *ELEVATOR RAPIST* TYPE!

THAT'S NEW.

...

WHAT ?

MY PUNISHMENT...

NO WONDER NO ONE'S EVER GOT THE...

ARE YOU A RAT?

...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. ARE WE ALIVE?

STONE MEN DON'T POOP, RIGHT? THIS WATER SHOULD BE *CLEAN.*

SEE THE TRUTH OF SANTIAGO.

SEE THE SKY IN FLAMES.

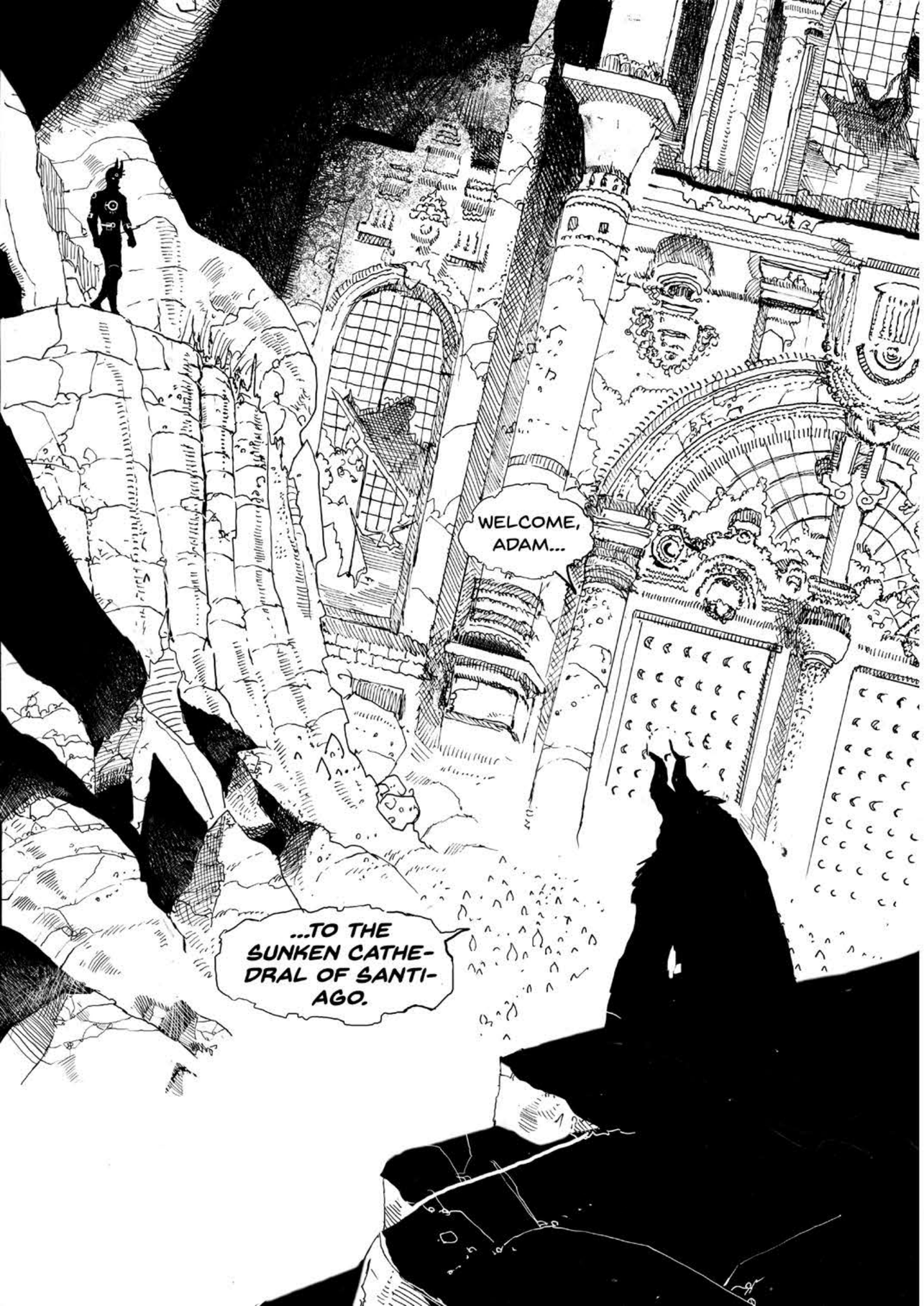
ADAM SOUTHSUN.

I SAW YOU ON MOTHER EARTH'S SKIN, SIX TIMES.

YOU'RE ONE OF THE ***SIX POINTS*** OF THE STAR.

I SAW IT BECAUSE I AM ***STONE***.

COME HERE.



...TO BE CONTINUED

UPSURGE IS AN ALMOST MONTHLY (40 DAYS) SERIES THAT STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO REACH THE INTENDED ENDING. HOWEVER, WE CAN'T KEEP DOING IT FOR "FREE" INDEFINITELY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING US WHILE ALSO GETTING ***EARLY ACCESS*** TO AN ISSUE, ***PREVIEWS*** OF FUTURE EPISODES, OR ***VIDEOS*** AND TEXTS ABOUT OUR CREATIVE PROCESS, PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US THROUGH PATREON AT THE 3$ PLEDGE LEVEL (LINK BELOW). IF WE HAVE ENOUGH HELP, WE'LL TURN UPSURGE INTO A ***MONTHLY*** SERIES. THANK YOU!

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