



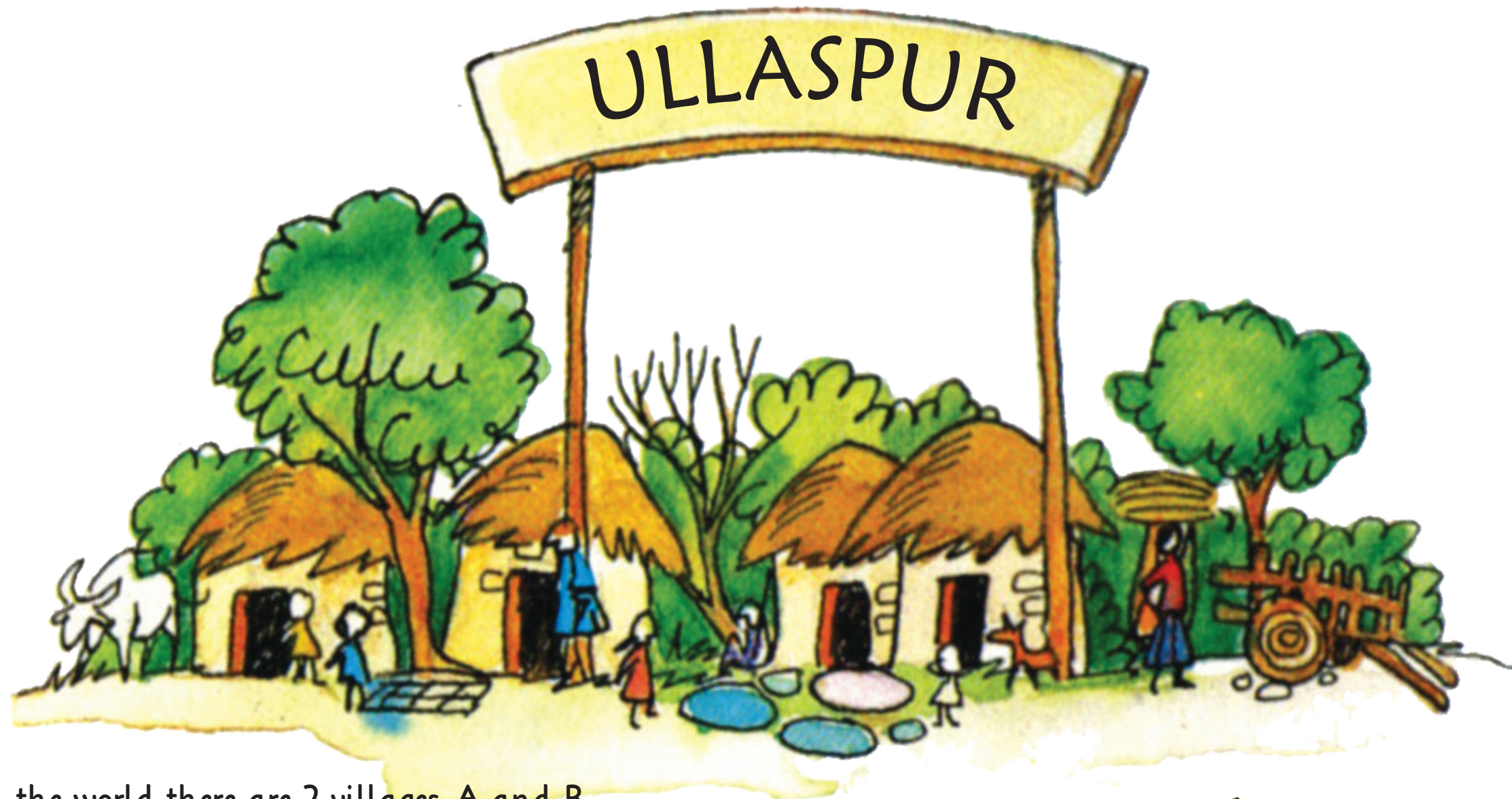
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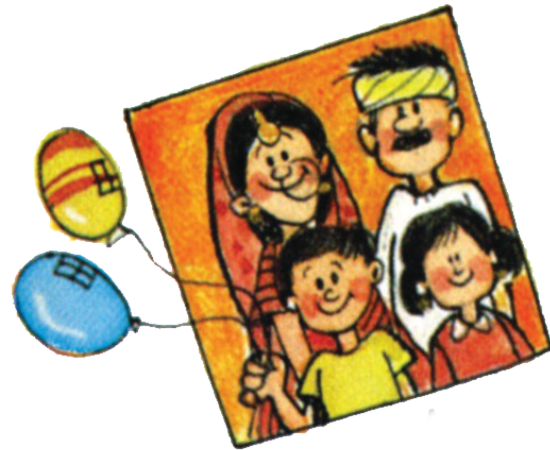
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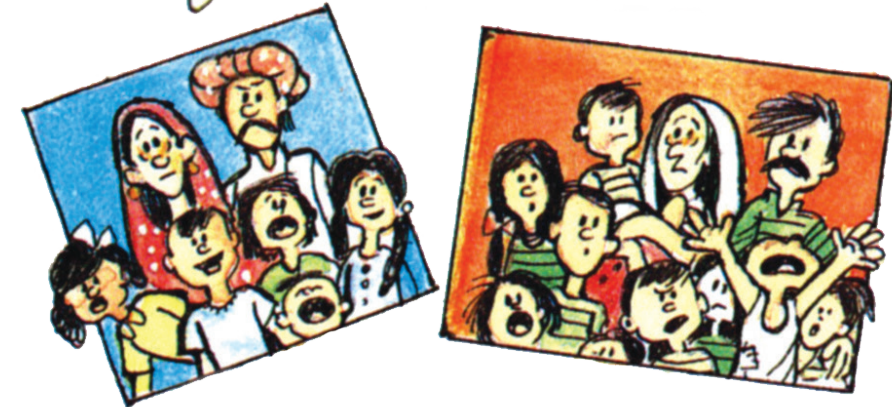
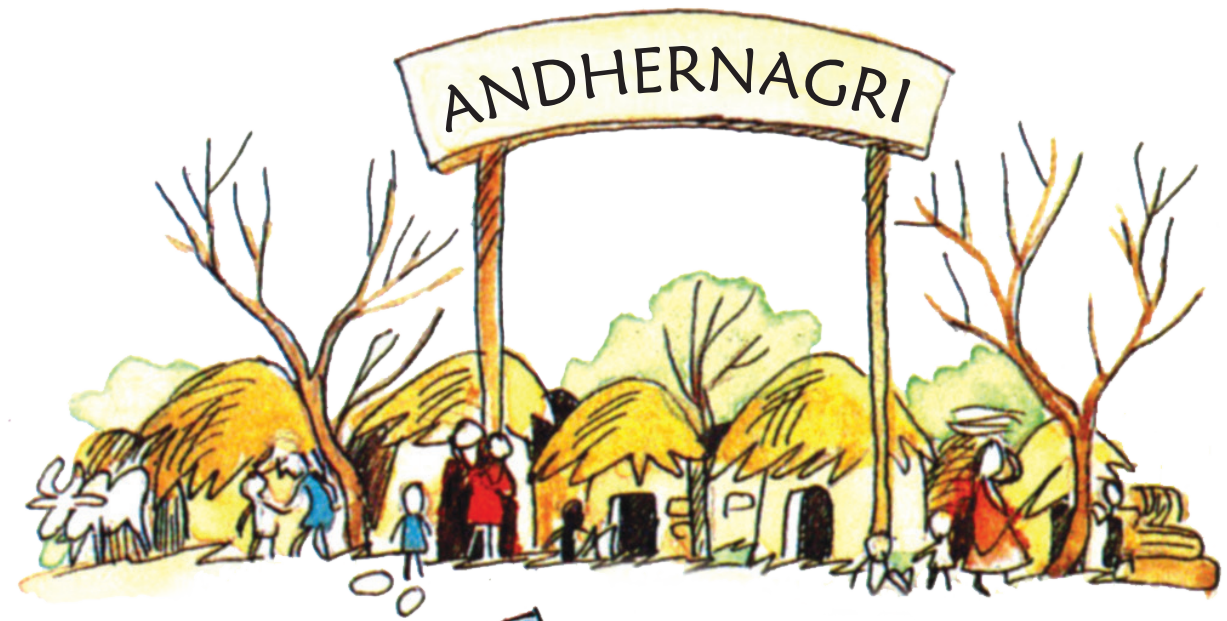


In the world there are 2 villages, A and B.
Each had 16 families in 1900. Each family
had 20 acres of land.



1. The villages decided:
2. No babies shall be born before a woman is 20.
3. Only 2 babies in each family.
4. Boys and girls will get equal share in the land.

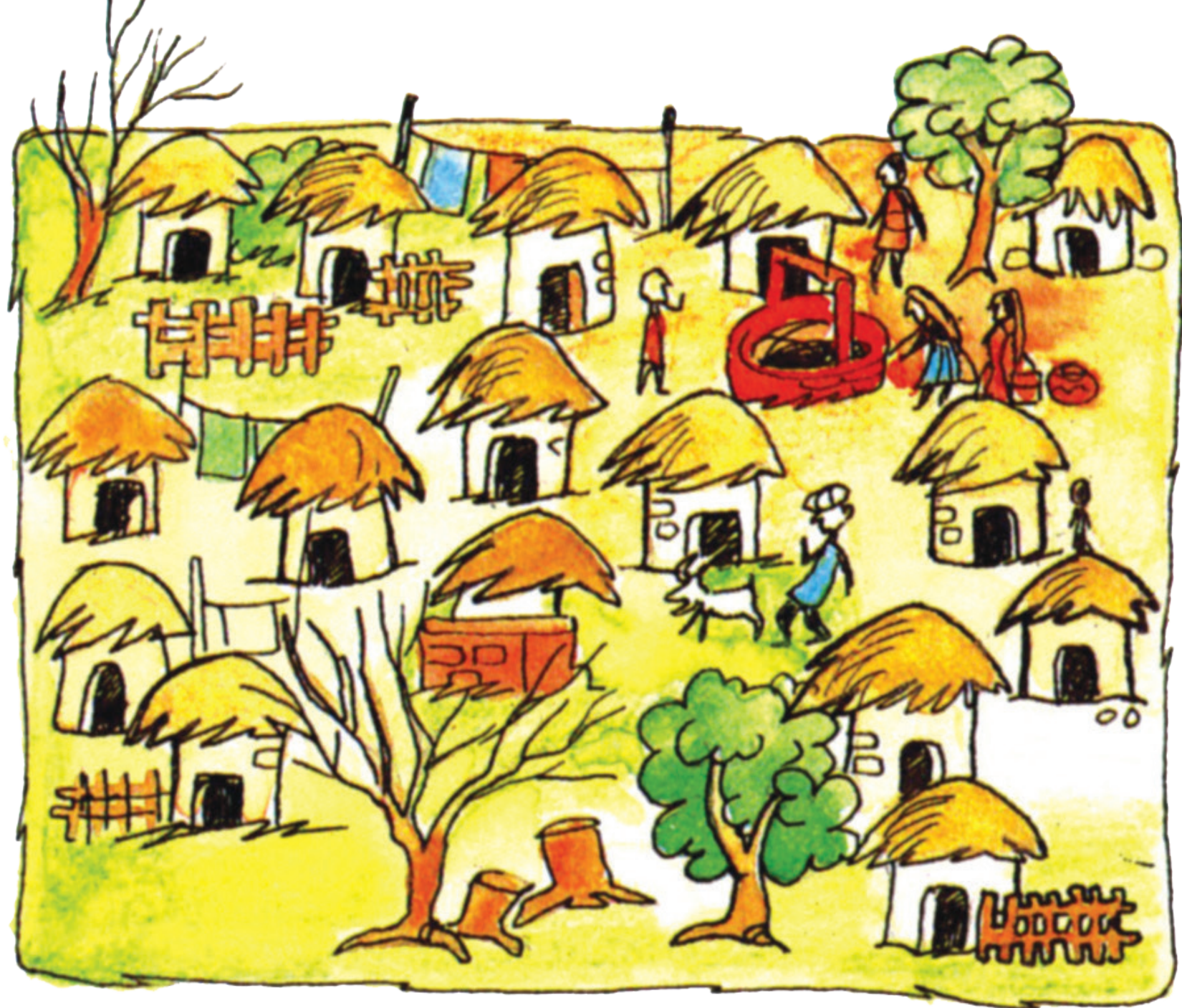




Every 20 years 2 babies are born in each family. They grow up... they marry... Today each village has 80 families. Each family has 4 acres! Enough hands! Enough land!



In the world there are two villages, C and D. In 1900 each village had 16 families. Each family had 20 acres of land.



The villages decided:

1. Babies are god given; we can't say no.
2. All girls get married at 18.
3. 4 babies. More hands on the land.
4. Boys and girls get shares in the land.



Every 20 years. 4 babies in each family. They grow up, they marry... Today, each village has 496 families. And less than 2/3 acres of land.

Plenty of hands...
But where's the land?



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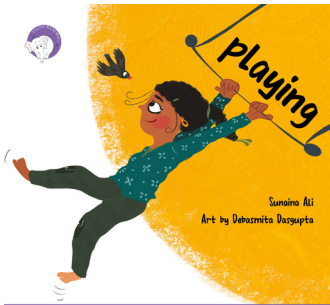
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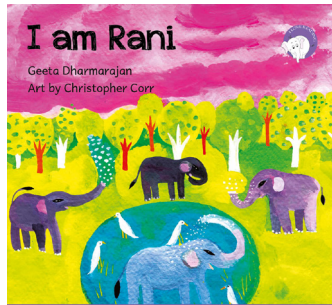
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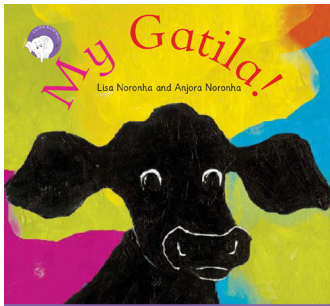
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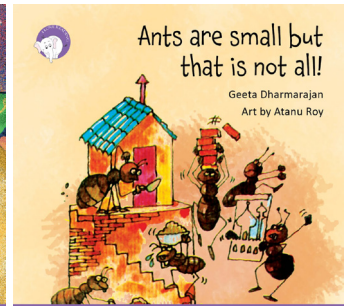
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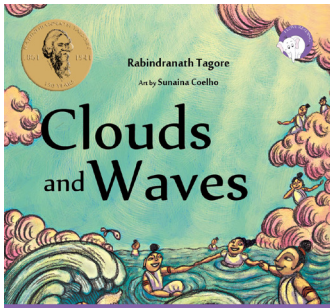
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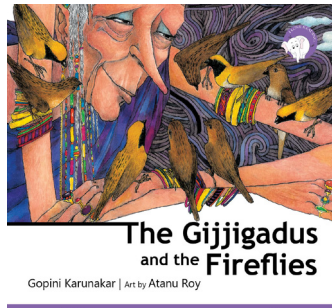
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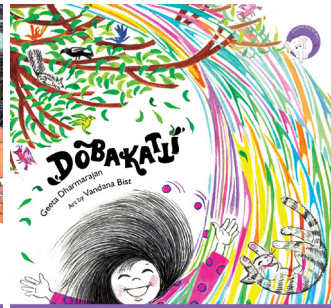
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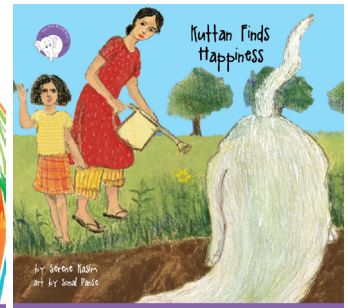
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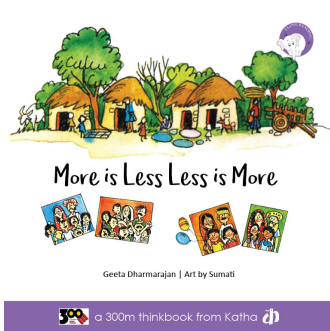
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