

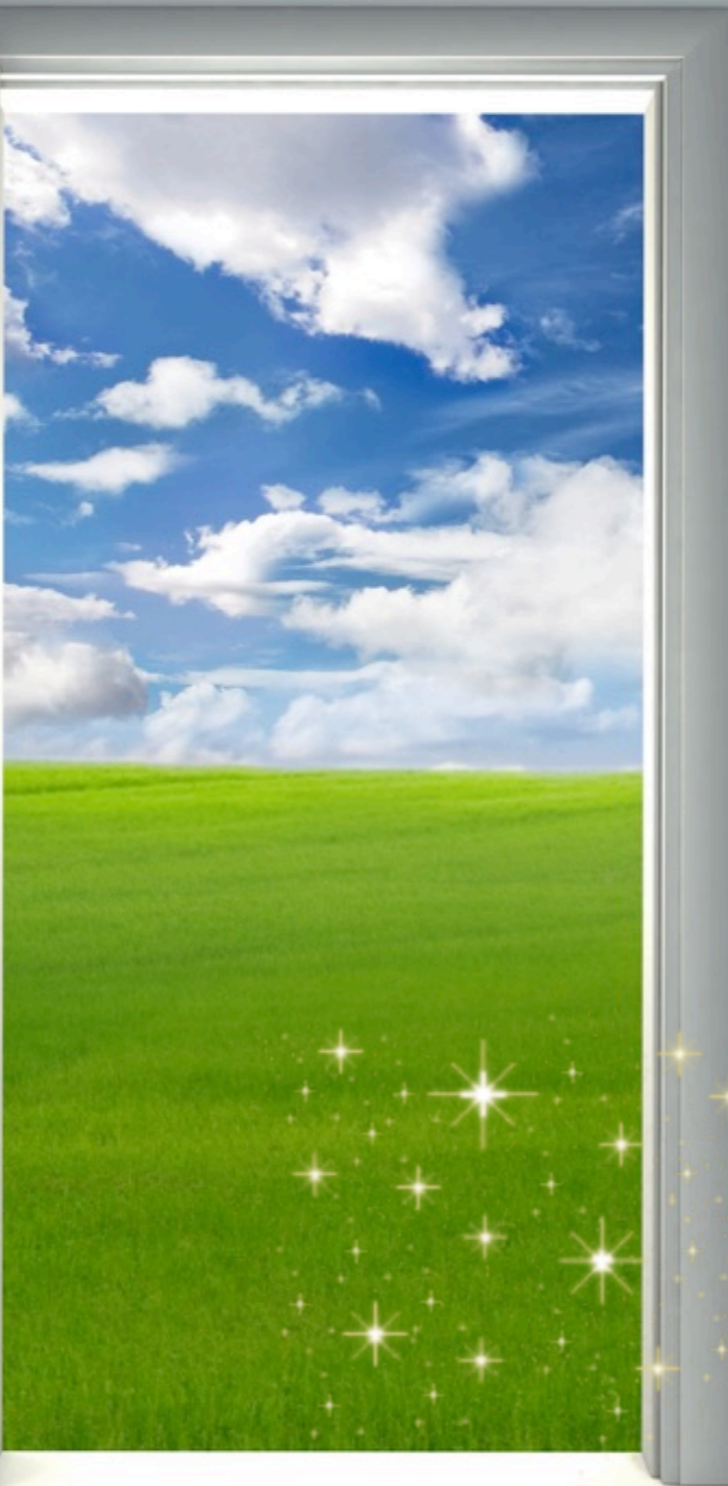


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# Let's Pretend . . .



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Are you ready to pretend?  
Let's go!

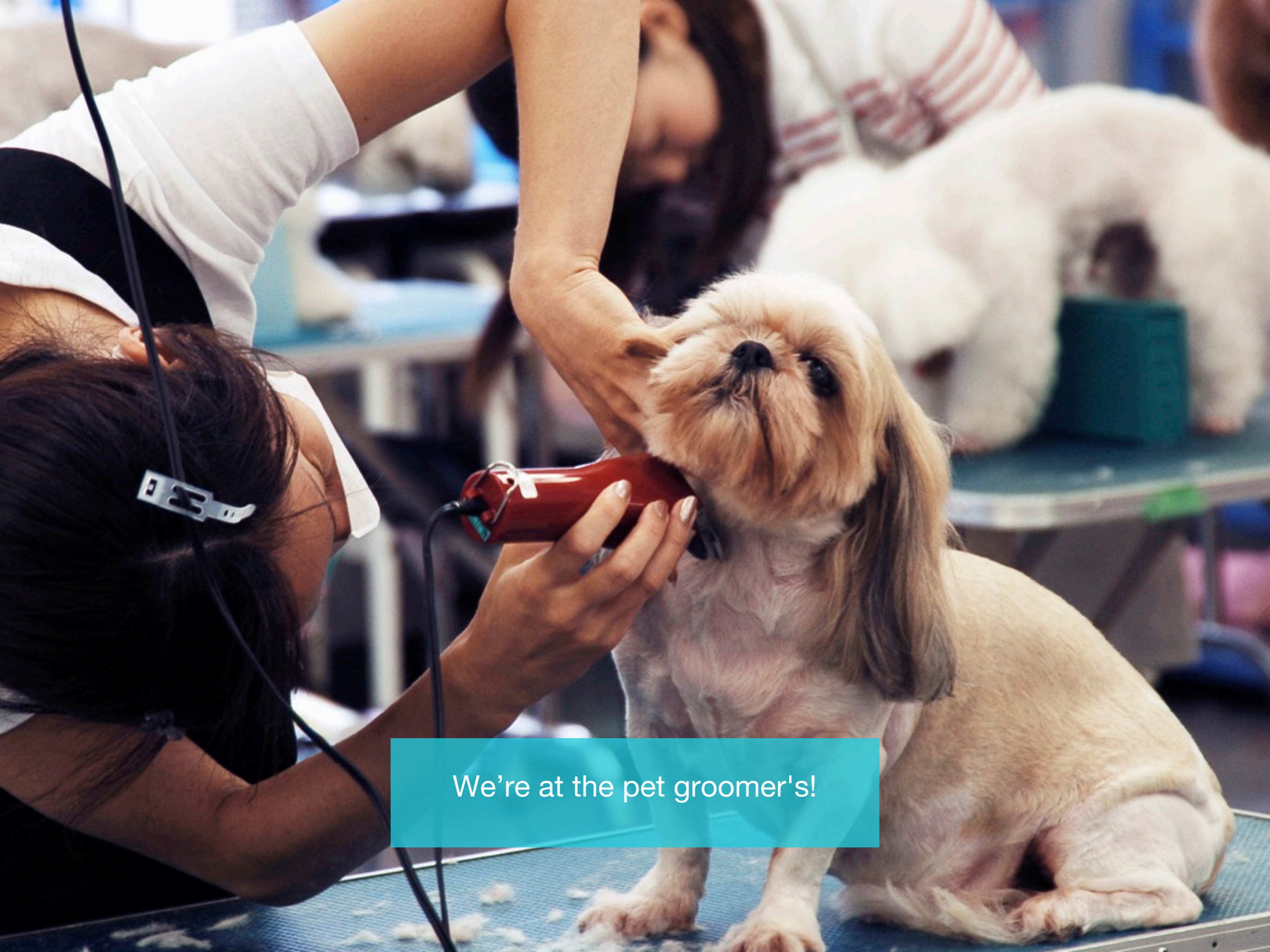




Close your eyes.



Now open them...



We're at the pet groomer's!



What do you think happens next?



We're having what my mom calls "an eventful day." In the morning, it's raining hard. The dog wants to go out, and so do I! Mom says, "You can go play, but don't get muddy."



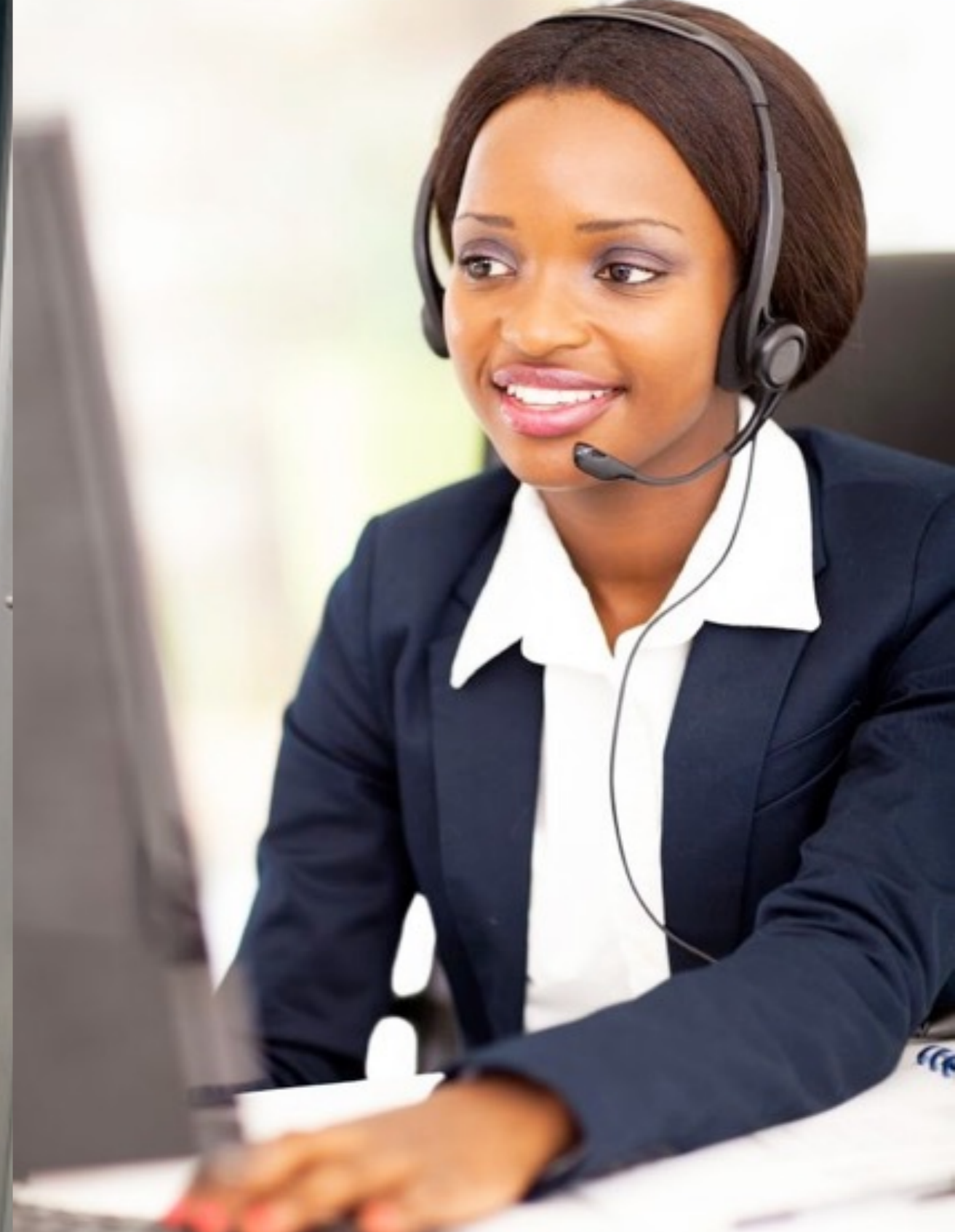
We have so much fun in the puddles!



Mom does not look happy. She says, “Oh no! What a mess! We have to go to the groomer’s!”

Make a face like an unhappy mom.





She calls her friend Latisha, at Wags & Whiskers. Latisha is the receptionist. She makes all the appointments, answers the phone, and collects the money. She tells us we can come in, right away.





Pretend you're the groomer, and act frustrated. What does your face look like? What do you say?

The groomer looks exasperated. He says, "What a mess! What have you dogs been up to?"



Pretend you are holding  
a long hose and spraying  
a dog . . . spssh!

The first thing to do, he says, is to give my dog a bath. At the groomer's, they have a special tub with a long hose to spray the dogs.



He will have to use extra shampoo to get my dog clean. He massages in the shampoo, rubbing in circles. My dog closes his eyes, so no soap gets in.



Pretend you are drying a dog's fur. First, use a towel to get some of the water off. Then, pretend you are holding a blow dryer, blowing the dog's fur, and brushing it.

He sprays my dog down to rinse off the shampoo, and dries him with a towel. Then, he uses a blow dryer to dry his fur, while an assistant brushes it, to make it look shiny and beautiful.





Pretend you're a groomer trimming a dog's fur- slowly run the trimmer along the dog - what sound do you think it makes?

Some dogs are here to get their fur trimmed, because it's shaggy. The groomer uses special trimmers to trim fur.



Can you pretend to clip a dog's nails?



Groomers and assistants also clip dogs' nails,



and clean their teeth. Some dogs don't like this part.

What would you say to calm a nervous puppy? Turn and tell a friend.



The groomer says, "I think this little pup is too nervous. We will clean his teeth next time."






Groomers know a lot about animals. They know how to keep them calm, and make them look their best.



When our dog is all finished, the groomer brings him over and gives him a treat.

Pretend to give a dog a treat.  
Say, "Good dog!"





Can you pretend you are a receptionist like Latisha? What do you do and say?

We stop to pay Latisha. She looks up our information on her computer and tells us, “That will be \$65.00. It’s a little more, today, because he was so muddy! How do you want to pay?” My mom uses her credit card to pay, and says, “I want to add a little extra for a tip—they did such a nice job.”



On the way home in the car, I tell Mom I might like to be a groomer or a receptionist. She says, “There are lots of great jobs to do when you grow up. When we get home, you can pretend.”



I get some tools, towels, and my stuffed animals to pretend. I'm going to pretend to wash them, cut and comb their fur, and even clip their nails, too.



Now it's your turn to pretend and play groomer's!





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