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# Self Defense

## Developing Character – Some Final Thoughts

By Steve Weber

Developing an ethical character takes courage. It requires living by a set of core values which guide the choices and actions that determine the purpose

and the course of our lives. "There are two aspects to ethics: the first involves the ability to discern right from wrong, good from evil, and propriety from impropriety; the second

involves the commitment to do what is right, good and proper. Ethics is an action concept; it is not simply an idea to think and argue about." The great challenge for all of us is to recognize that our "personal" beliefs, desires, goals, attitudes, and customs may more strongly motivate our actions than making a potentially painful ethical decision.

In a world where there are countless shades of gray to confuse and confound even the most agile of minds and equivocation excuses most any type

of behavior, I can agree that that the subject of character development needs more work than any one person can provide. Perhaps we are all so jaded because we expect law enforcement officials, attorneys, etc. to live by the laws they enforce; bankers, accountants, brokers, etc. to honor their fiduciary responsibilities; religious figures to set an example, and advocate peace and harmony, and politicians to abide by constitutional oaths that put the interests of the people they serve above all else. These and all other

respected professions are made up of people like us. Sometimes they fail to live up to expectations just as we do. Character development is an ongoing process requiring constant attention. Striving to do better is in our own self-interest.

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Catalina State Park's regular park entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle will be charged for this event. Primitive to full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on the type

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**John Huntington**

**By John Huntington**

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*Dr. Huntington practices Chiropractic, Biomedical Acupuncture and Physiotherapy in Oracle, Az. He enjoys gardening and has a family-run organic-fed egg and broiler business. 520-896-9844 huntingtonchiro@hotmail.com.*

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# The Superior Massacre, Part 2 – The Daggs

By John Hernandez

“Behind every great fortune there is a crime.” *Honore de Balzac*

The five Daggs brothers were prominent businessmen first in Flagstaff and then in the Phoenix and Tempe area. The Daggs were originally from Missouri. The brothers were Peru Paxton (P.P.), William (W.A.), John (J.F.), Robert (R.E.) and Jackson (A.J.). The Daggs

arrived in the area around Flagstaff around 1875. They brought 1,500 sheep with them from California. They would become the largest sheep ranching company in northern Arizona. Their sheep business extended from northern Arizona to New Mexico and Colorado. At one time they were reported to have 50,000 sheep grazing in northern Arizona. Individually and as partners they had business

interests in ranching, real estate, land development, mining, a butcher shop, an ice plant, railroads, and banking. J.F. Daggs owned the Flagstaff Brewery which turned out “fine beer” according to their ad in the *Coconino Sun* newspaper. R.E. and A.J. Daggs were attorneys.

In 1887 the Daggs Brothers Sheep Company had the Tewksburys drive sheep into the Tonto Basin. This was considered cattle country and sheep had been forbidden to come into the area. This event is said to have triggered the violence that would become known as the Pleasant Valley War. The Pleasant Valley War was one of the bloodiest range wars in the history of the west. The feud between the Graham and Tewksbury families and their allies lasted ten years. At least 24 men were killed and perhaps as many as 50. In February, a shepherd for the Daggs brothers was the

first one murdered allegedly by the Graham brothers, a cattle ranching family in the Tonto Basin. In March, through the efforts of P.P. Daggs and his attorneys, the Territorial Legislature had the two-mile limit law repealed. This law prohibited sheep owners from passing or grazing their herds within two miles of established stock ranges. Dagg’s lawyers convinced the legislature that the law was unconstitutional. This gave them some legal status to graze their sheep on open range. The Daggs were believed to have armed the Tewksburys and provided money for legal defenses for any of the Tewksbury faction that was arrested. They also used their political connections with lawmen, attorneys and judges in Yavapai and Apache counties. Lawmen from Apache and Yavapai counties with the Tewksbury faction were known to have killed 15 and wounded

5 of the Graham faction. There is also speculation that the Daggs hired outside gunfighters to assist the Tewksburys.

During the same year, the Aztec Land & Cattle Company sued the Daggs over a ranch house, grazing land and water rights at a place called Pine Spring in northern Arizona. The cattle company was also known as the Hashknife Outfit. They were cowboys, many of them from Texas that had a reputation for being tough and not afraid to use violence to force ranchers to give up their land. Some of them were known to be cattle rustlers. The Daggs brothers were not the type to back down. The lawsuit ended with the Daggs winning the decision and getting the property. Some of the Hashknife cowboys would participate in the Pleasant Valley War on the side of the Grahams.

In the 1920s, P.P. Daggs responded to a letter from the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society in

Tucson who had asked him about the Daggs brother’s involvement in the Pleasant Valley War. He would only say that it cost him \$90,000 and quote General Sherman’s, “War is hell”. The Grahams and their allies shot the sheep and drove herds over cliffs. The Daggs lost so many sheep the first year of the war that they moved their herds down into the Salt River Valley. In 1892 after the Pleasant Valley War had subsided somewhat, Tom Graham the last surviving member of the Graham family was murdered in Tempe. He had moved out of the Tonto Basin a few years earlier to get away from the violence. He was on his way to the Hayden mill and was unarmed when he was killed allegedly by Edwin Tewksbury and John Rhodes. Rhodes and Tewksbury were arrested and charged with the murder. Rhodes was Ed Tewksbury’s brother-in-law. Ed’s brother John had been killed by the

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# Brothers and the Not So Pleasant Valley War

Graham faction early in the war. Rhodes married John's widow and would adopt John Tewksbury's son, also named John and give him his last name. Ed Tewksbury was the duly elected Constable of Globe at the time of the murder. Ed was popular in the Globe area and Globe was known as a Tewksbury sanctuary.

The Daggs brothers allegedly contributed to Rhodes and Tewksbury's defense hiring some of the best lawyers in Arizona. A few weeks before Graham was murdered, John Rhodes had met with the Daggs brothers in Tempe, although no evidence has been presented that linked them to the shooting. Rhodes had been staying at the Tempe Hotel which was owned by Robert Bowen. Bowen was at one time the foreman of the Silver King Mine and was now a partner of the Daggs in some business ventures. Ed Tewksbury had stayed at the hotel a few weeks earlier and someone had seen him in the bar of the Tempe Hotel the morning of Graham's murder. Bowen was a stockholder and board member of the Bank of Tempe. Two of the Daggs brothers, W.A. and P.P. were also stockholders in the bank and board members. Bowen owned ranches in Pleasant Valley and Tempe. Rhodes had been working

for him.

During Rhodes' preliminary court hearing, Bowen and some of his employees supplied an alibi that Rhodes could not have been at the scene of the murder. On the third day of the hearing, Tom Graham's widow Anne smuggled a gun into the court room. She approached Rhodes and placed the gun in Rhodes' back and pulled the trigger. The .44 failed to fire! Family and friends then pulled her away. She was not charged with any crime over the incident. She would testify that her husband before he had died had told her that he had seen Ed Tewksbury and Rhodes fire at him. Others would testify that they witnessed Tom Graham tell them that he had looked behind him when he heard the sound of horses approaching. He saw Rhodes and Tewksbury aiming their guns at him. Before he could jump from the wagon they shot him. They then rode up next to him as he lay helpless on the ground. Tewksbury pointed a gun at him but was satisfied that Graham's wound was fatal and did not fire. They then rode away.

After 10 days of testimony, Rhodes was released and charges were dropped because of the alibis provided for him. The judge's decision was not popular and there was

talk in Tempe of lynching Rhodes and maybe hanging the judge in effigy. Friends of Rhodes greeted him upon his release from the jail. They were armed and prepared to defend Rhodes as they escorted him back to the Tonto Basin. Rhodes would later become a lawman as an Arizona Ranger from 1906 to 1908. He would later move to Pinal County where he worked on a ranch near Mammoth. His step son John (Tewksbury) Rhodes would become a well known working and rodeo cowboy around Mammoth and the lower San Pedro Valley. He would be a world champion team roper in 1936 and 1938. Even in his later years he was considered a premier team roper often teaming with his son Tommy. Tom Rhodes would become a world champion steer roper in 1943 and 1944. Later on he would also be one of the owners of Don Juan's Tavern in Oracle, Ariz. John and Tom Rhodes are listed in the Pro Rodeo records as being from Sombrero Butte, Ariz. which is near Mammoth.

Ed Tewksbury would be charged with Tom Graham's murder. The trial was moved to Tucson for Ed's protection and because it was felt that with the furor over Rhodes release, that Tewksbury

could not receive a fair trial in Maricopa County. Tewksbury had some high quality and expensive lawyers defend him. Where the money for his defense came from was never divulged but it was believed to be the Daggs. There was also talk that prominent cattlemen in Gila County may have contributed to his defense. One member of Tewksbury's defense team was Tom Fitch known as "the Silver Tongued Orator of the Pacific Slopes". Tom had come from California to join the defense team. He had defended the Earp Brothers and Doc Holliday after they were charged with murder following the gunfight at the OK Corral. In 1871 he successfully defended Brigham Young and other members of the LDS Church over polygamy charges brought by the Federal government.

Even the best legal defense did not help Tewksbury. He was found guilty of the murder of Tom Graham. However, an appeal was quickly filed and it was discovered that there was no record of Tewksbury ever being allowed to make a plea during the preliminary hearing. Somehow the court records regarding the plea failed to show that a plea had been made. Leland J. Hanchett, Jr. author of the book Arizona's Graham-Tewksbury Feud, went so

far as to suggest that C.H. Knapp, clerk of the District Court for Maricopa County had accepted a bribe and failed to make the entries on the record or changed the records. He cited as evidence that Knapp's reported property evaluation increased from \$600 to \$2,850 in the year of the trial. He was also able to pay off a \$600 mortgage during the same period.

Due to this technicality, Tewksbury was granted another trial. The second trial resulted in a hung jury probably due to the fact

that Graham's widow had moved to California and allegedly due to illness failed to attend the trial although she had been called as a witness. Over \$20,000 was spent on the trials of Tewksbury which was an unheard of amount for a trial back then. It was decided by the court not to retry Tewksbury a third time. After spending two and a half years in jail, Tewksbury was a free man. He would move to Globe where he would become a deputy constable and

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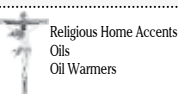
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By John Hernandez

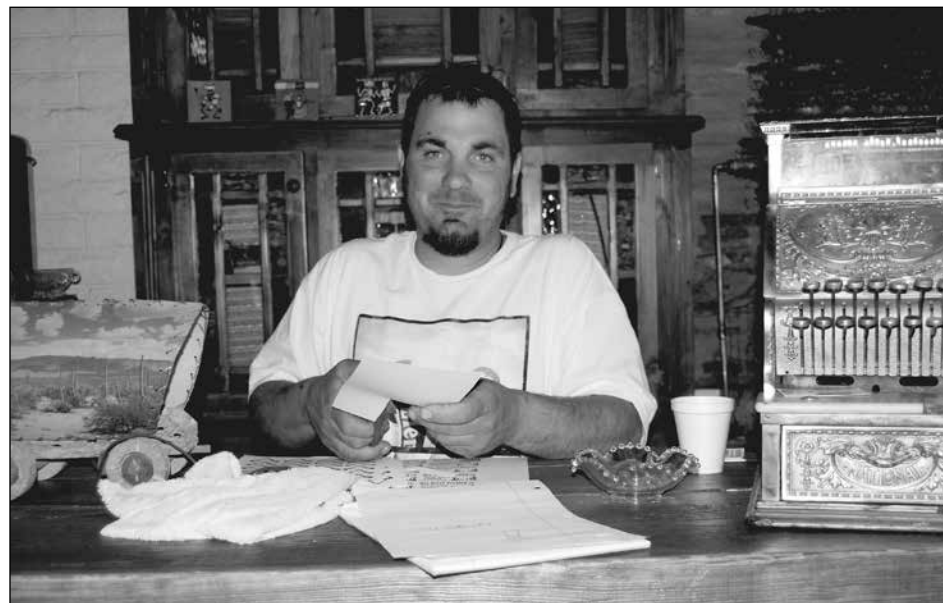
Brandon Luthy has been painting and drawing since he was a kid. He has also been working with wood for over 10 years building cabinets and furniture. Originally from Illinois, he has lived in Oracle for eight years working in construction and creating his art. He has recently opened the Dry River

Trading Company, an eclectic and unique store offering antiques, custom made furniture, jewelry, art and much more.

Brandon said that he "always wanted to create a unique environment where I can express myself, a place for myself and other artists to display our art and create an awareness about Oracle and the

surrounding areas."

The shop is definitely unique. You will find items such as old photographs/posters of Pancho Villa, old paintings including a wall size copy of a Frederick Remington painting from the 1940s, rustic furniture, wood furniture imported from Mexico, antiques of all types, an old pair of



Brandon Luthy is the owner of the Dry River Trading Company located on American Ave. in Oracle. (John Hernandez photo)

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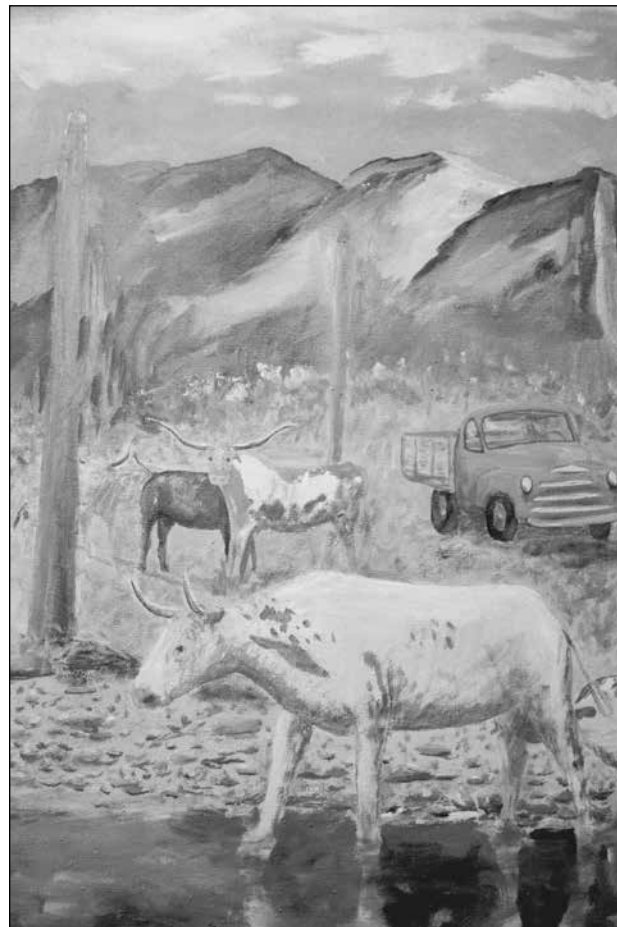






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Elaine Storey works at the Dry River Trading Company. She repairs jewelry and watches. She also has been dealing in antiques for many years

and can use her knowledge to answer questions concerning antiques and collectibles.

The store is also a place to get information about local ranches, the RV Park on the back road to Mt. Lemmon, and areas of interest.

Brandon would like to hold events at the store and already is hosting a regular Farmer's Market very Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. He is planning to host a fundraiser for the Oracle School District which he calls the "Oracle

Old Fashioned Kid's Fair and Chili Cook Off." He would like to get local businesses and individuals involved with the event and is planning it for November.

The Dry River Trading Company is located on American Avenue in Oracle across the street from the Oracle Inn. For more information about the store contact Brandon at (520) 405-7347 or brluthy@gmail.com. You can also visit their website at www.dryrivertrading.com.

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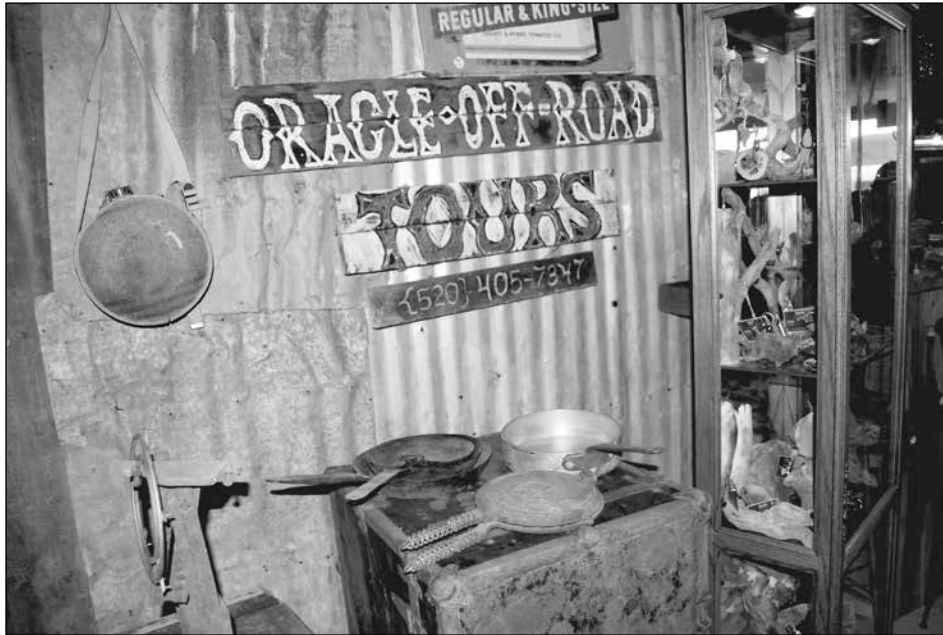
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## Massacre Continued from Page 5

work at the Old Dominion mine. He would die of consumption (tuberculosis) in 1904, contracted while he was in jail.

In May 1895, R.E. along with his brothers W.A. and P.P. were arrested in Phoenix and charged with embezzlement in connection with the failure of the Bank of Tempe. P.P. Daggs had seven indictments against him. His bond was set at \$12,500. Bonds for R.E. and W.A. were \$6,000 and \$8,500. A.J. Daggs and W.M. Billups, a cousin of the Daggs secured the bonds and the Daggs were released from custody. The *Graham Guardian* said that the Daggs brothers along with P.B. McCabe and W.L. Van Horn had been indicted for embezzling \$50,000 and 1,000 head of sheep from

the now defunct Bank of Tempe. In June three of the seven charges against P.P. Daggs were settled out of court. He would later be acquitted of all charges. In June of 1896 the rest of the Daggs would be acquitted of the charges.

R.E. Daggs was charged with grand larceny in 1897. The Arizona Central Bank accused him of stealing \$860. The Flagstaff trial in April 1897 would end in a hung jury. A petition was filed with the court to have the second trial transferred to Navajo County. In October the trial was held in Holbrook. R.E. was acquitted.

In 1905 A.J. wrote a book titled "How to Run a Corporation". It was still being reprinted as late as 1988. A.J. and R.E. Daggs had other business interests including real estate, banking and mining. They also sold stocks and

bonds and were partners in a number of corporations. They were the biggest incorporating business in the territory. In October of 1905, newspapers carried the story on the front page about R.E. and A.J. Daggs being indicted for assaulting two sisters, Esther and Marie Power. R.E. had also been indicted for assault with attempt to rape 16 year old Esther. They had allegedly thrown them out of their office in the Monihan building, hurting them when they fell down the stairs. It was also alleged that A.J. had brandished a gun. The sisters said they were there to collect \$2 that was owed Esther for work she had done at the office. The Daggs brothers said that the Power sisters were attempting to blackmail them over Esther's allegation that R.E. had thrown her on the floor and torn her dress trying to get at her. R.E. admitted to kissing and hugging Esther with her consent but said that nothing else happened.

R.E. Daggs was convicted of the attempted rape charge on Oct. 17 and sentenced to 18 months at the Yuma Penitentiary. He filed an appeal with the Supreme Court and was allowed out on \$5,000 bail. After the guilty finding, the Daggs brothers asked for a change of venue for the assault charges to Yavapai County which was granted. The Yavapai Board of Supervisors then asked the County Attorney to dismiss the charges due to the unusual costs that would be incurred. Charges were dismissed and R.E. was now waiting on his appeal of the assault with intent to rape charge. In March of 1908, the Supreme Court would overturn his conviction and return his bond.

*This story will continue in the next edition of the Nugget. The first part of this story can be found online at <http://bit.ly/1bDDmt>.*



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# August camera classes at Boyce Thompson Arboretum

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- \* Portrait Photography With Jabon Eager on Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (\$40, or \$30 to BTA annual members). San Tan Valley photographer Jabon Eager has earned a reputation for creative portraits that put his subjects in the best light. Jabon volunteers at BTA, sharing his time and expertise as a camera class instructor. He also accepts clients for private portrait shoots, specializing in family and high school senior portraits, such as the eye-catching photos at right of Ashlyn, Jacky, Serenity and Skylee. He'll share techniques during this 'Portraits In The Park' workshop, the first hour of class will be a discussion and a power point presentation in the air-conditioned lecture room of the historic Smith

Building, followed by an outdoor shoot in the beautiful gardens in BTA. And, says Jabon "We will have an experienced model or two to demonstrate the key points of capturing a portrait. Discussion over strobe lighting and reflectors for fill lighting will show how to avoid harsh shadows. Bring your DSLR and medium telephoto lens from the 50-200 mm range with the lowest numerical aperture you have. If you have an external flash, bring it too!"

- \* Night Shots, Lightning and Monsoon Cloudscapes with Pete Rendek on Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. until noon (\$30, or \$20 for BTA annual members). Learn approaches to nocturnal landscape photography, dramatic monsoon season storm cloud shots, and lightning photography from award-winning Chandler photographer Pete Rendek during a two

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Discussions will include equipment and techniques; for non-members, enrollment includes their day's admission to the gardens, so you may want to arrive closer to the opening hour of 6 a.m. to enjoy shooting garden scenes during the comparatively cooler hours of the day prior to classroom time.

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# Sunset Farmer's Market provides fresh food for Oracle

By John Hernandez

Thanks to the Dry River Trading Company, Oracle has a farmer's market that so far has been providing fresh organically grown vegetables, fruit, eggs, herbs, sprouts and plants for the community. There are also baked goods, food, jewelry, and art work for sale. On occasion they will have live music. The Sunset Farmer's Market will be open every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is located in front of the Dry River Trading Company on American Avenue across from the Oracle Inn.

On Wed. July 24, the

Sunset Farmer's Market had for sale, jewelry, organic tomatoes of different varieties, squash (zucchini and summer), garlic, fresh sunflower sprouts, chilies, shallots, cucumbers, garden fed - garden bred eggs, local mesquite honey from the Carlink Ranch, and herb plants and bags of worm compost from Linda Leigh's garden and the Vermillion Wormery. Sarah Hardin, the "Pie Lady of Oracle" and the Glow, was there selling her fruit pies. Margaret Guyton had fresh produce from her garden, home made jams and jellies and cherry cheese cake for sale.

There was also a group of local musicians playing for entertainment.

The farmer's market is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. It is free for vendors to set up and sell their goods. All they ask is that the items for sale are made, grown or produced locally. Local artists are welcome to sell their art and crafts. This is a great place to buy locally grown fresh produce at good prices, meet or make new friends, enjoy something good to eat, and maybe catch some local musicians jamming at sunset. Walk into the Dry River Trading Company and

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