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Counter game ★

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Louise and Richard have developed a numbers game. They pick a number and check to see if it is a power of 2. If it is, they divide it by 2. If not, they reduce it by the next lower number which is a power of 2. Whoever reduces the number to 1 wins the game. Louise always starts.

Given an initial value, determine who wins the game.

Example

n = 132

It's Louise's turn first. She determines that 132 is not a power of 2. The next lower power of 2 is 128, so she subtracts that from 132 and passes 4 to Richard. 4 is a power of 2, so Richard divides it by 2 and passes 2 to Louise. Likewise, 2 is a power so she divides it by 2 and reaches 1. She wins the game.

Update If they initially set counter to 1, Richard wins. Louise cannot make a move so she loses.

Function Description

Complete the counterGame function in the editor below.

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counterGame has the following parameter(s):

• int n: the initial game counter value

Returns

• string: either Richard or Louise

Input Format

The first line contains an integer t, the number of testcases.

Each of the next t lines contains an integer n, the initial value for each game.

Constraints

- $1 \le t \le 10$
- $1 < n < 2^{64} 1$

Sample Input

1

Sample Output

Richard

Explanation

- As 6 is not a power of 2, Louise reduces the largest power of 2 less than 6 i.e., 4, and hence the counter reduces to 2.
- As 2 is a power of 2, Richard reduces the counter by half of 2 i.e., 1. Hence the counter reduces to 1.

As we reach the terminating condition with N==1, Richard wins the game.



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     import math
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     import os
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     import random
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     import re
     import sys
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     # Complete the 'counterGame' function below.
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     # The function is expected to return a STRING.
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     # The function accepts LONG_INTEGER n as parameter.
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     def counterGame(n):
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         # Initialize the player
         louise = True
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         # Count the number of set bits in n-1
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         bit_count = bin(n - 1).count('1')
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         # Switch players based on the count of set bits
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         louise = not (bit_count % 2 == 0)
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         # Return the winner
         if louise:
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             return 'Louise'
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