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Viswanathan Anand & Viorel Bologan Annotate

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Summer's gone, yet Viorel Bologan's sensational win in Dortmund has still retained all of its poignancy and impact. The only qualifier to the tournament which ranks somewhere between the all-invitational super-elite Linares and the livelier and definitely more human Wijk aan Zee made a lasting impression, and we can only hope that his breakthrough was not an incidental one. In the post mortem interviews all the participants were lavishing praise on the modest winner who was in full command from the very beginning, steering his vessel to the well-deserved triumph. His annotations to his win against Anand reveal not only great depth and skill, but also confidence and determination displayed in his natural quiet way.



On the other hand, after two losses Anand managed to avert the catastrophe with an outburst of energy resulting in a series of wins against Naiditsh, Leko and finally Bologan. In preface to his seminal book *The Art of Chess Analysis* Jan Timman rightfully claims that "imagination takes its own course, like time and tide", and that "not only play itself, but also analysis must be fed with inspiration". Always bearing in mind that opening preparation is a tool, not a master, one can only admire Anand's prolific output of crushing novelties supported by hammered-out finesses and followed by merciless executions.

What remains to be said is to weigh the theoretical impact of the featured "mirror" games. While silence has prevailed after Anand's iron hand blows with the white pieces, the other game already had a notable successor in Tseshkovsky – Dreev, Russia (ch) 2003, where the rejuvenated veteran introduced a new move (18. c4 instead of Bologan's subtle 18. Rd3), which eventually led him to success, but not without his mighty opponent's assistance.

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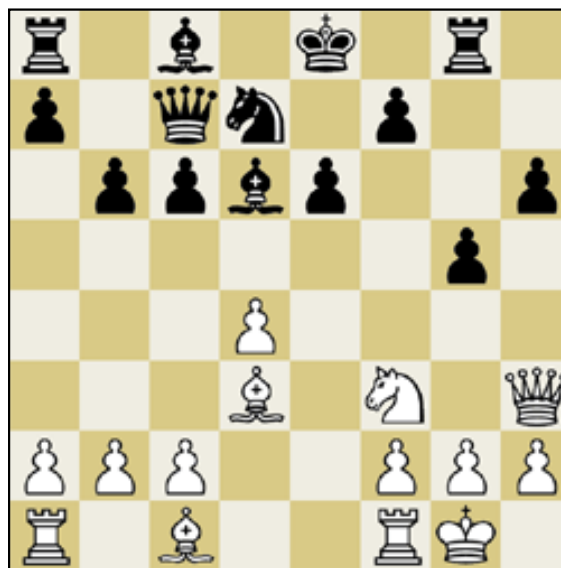
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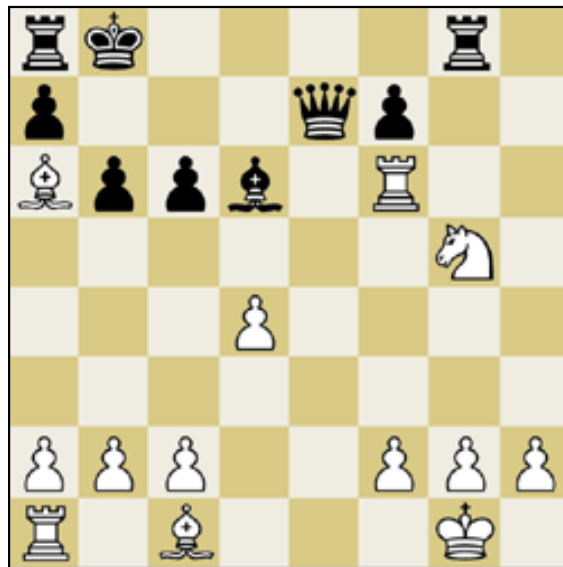
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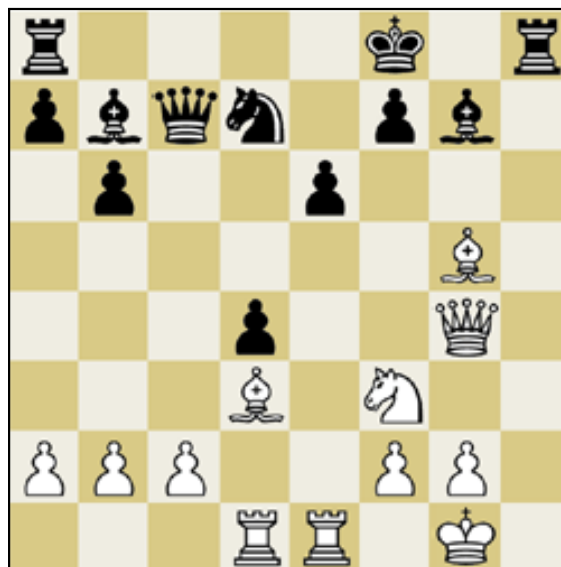
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14. Re1! (a novelty) [14. Nd2 – 85/87] **Bf8!** [14... g4 15. Qh6 gf3 16. Re6 fe6 (16... Be7 17. Re7 Ke7 18. Bf4 and White is winning) 17. Qe6 Be7 18. Qg8 Nf8 19. Bg6! Kd7 20. Bf5 Ke8 21. Bh6! Qd6 (21... Bf5? 22. Re1) 22. Bf8 Bf8 23. Re1 Kd8 24. Qf7 Be7 25. Bc8 Rc8 26. Qf3 and White is superior] **15. Qf5** [15. Re6 Kd8 only move a) 16. Bh7 a1) 16... Rh8 17. Rh6 Nf6 18. Bg5! Bh3 19. Bf6 Kc8 20. Rh3 and White is winning; a2) 16... Nf6 17. Rf6 Bh3 18. Bg8 Be6 19. Bf7 Qe7! (19... Bf7 20. Ne5) 20. Re6 Qf7 21. Rc6 Rc8 22. Rc8 Kc8 23. Be3 Qc4 24. c3 Qe2 25. Nd2 Qd3 26. Rc1 Bd6 27. g3 and White is superior; a3) 16... Rg7 a31) 17. Rh6!? Nf6 18. Bf5 g4 19. Qg3 gf3 (19... Qg3) 20. Qc7 Kc7 21. Rf6 Rg2 22. Kf1 Ba6 23. Bd3 Bd3 24. cd3 Kd7 25. h3 Be7 26. Rf3 Rag8 27. Ke2 Rg1!; a32) 17. Qh6 fe6 18. Bg5 Rg5 19. Ng5! (19. Qg5 Be7 20. Qg8 Nf8 21. Ne5 Bd7 22. Be4 unclear) Bh6 20. Ne6 Ke7 21. Nc7 Rb8 22. Re1 Kf7 23. Ne6 c5 24. Nd8 Kg7 25. Bf5 and White is superior; a4) 16... Nc5 17. Bg8 Be6 a41) 18. Qh5 Ne4 19. Ne5 Nf6 20. Qf3 Bg7! (20... Ng8 21. Nc6 Ke8 22. d5 with compensation) 21. Nc6 Ke8 22. Nb4 Rd8; a42) 18. Qg3 Bd6 (18... Qg3 19. hg3 Nd7 20. Bh7 Nf6 21. Bd3 Bd6) 19. Ne5 Kc8!; b) 16. Re1 Ne5! (16... Nf6 17. Qg3! and White is superior) 17. Bf5 (17. Qg3? Nd3 18. cd3 Qg3 19. hg3 Be6) g4 18. Qh5 Nf3 19. gf3 Bf5 20. Qf5 Qd7! 21. Qd7 Kd7 22. Kg2 Bd6 and White is slightly better; c) 16. Rh6 c1) 16... Nf6 c11) 17. Qc8 Kc8 18. Rf6 Bg7! (18... Kb7 19. Ne5 and White is superior; 18... Bd6 19. Ng5 Qe7 20. Ba6 Kb8



21. Rd6!! Qd6 22. g3 Kc7 23. Bf4 Rg5 24. Bd6 Kd6 and White is superior)
 19. Ba6 Kd8! (19... Kb8 20. Bg5! Bf6 21. Bf6 Re8 22. Re1 Re1 23. Ne1 and White is winning) 20. Rf5 f6 21. d5 Re8! (21... c5 22. Ng5! Re8 23. Ne6 and White is winning) 22. Be3 c5 unclear; c12) 17. Bf5 g4 (17... Bh6 18. Qh6) 18. Qh4 c121) 18... gf3 19. Rf6! (19. Qf6 Be7 20. Qf7 Rg2 21. Kh1 and White is winning; 19... Qe7!) Rg2 20. Kh1 Bf5 21. Rf5 Kc8 22. Rf3 and White is winning; c122) 18... Bh6 c1221) 19. Ne5 Bg7; c1222) 19. Qf6 Qe7 20. Qc6 gf3 (20... Bb7 21. Qh6 gf3 22. Bf4 Rg2 23. Kh1 and White is winning) 21. Qd5 Kc7! (21... Ke8 22. Bh6 Rg2 23. Kh1 Bb7 24. Qb5 Kd8 25. Bf4! f6 26. Bg3 and White is winning) 22. Bh6 Rg2 23. Kh1 Rh2 24. Kh2 Qh4 25. Kg1 Bf5!; 21. Bh6 – 19. Bh6; c1223) 19. Bh6 gf3 20. Qf6 Qe7 21. Qc6 Bb7 (21... Rg2 22. Kh1 Rh2 23. Kh2 Qh4 24. Kg1 Bf5 25. Qa8 and White is winning) 22. Qb5 Rg2 23. Kh1 and White is superior; c2) 16... Ne5! 17. Qg3! (17. Bf5? Nf3 18. gf3 Bh6 and Black is superior) Nf3 (17... Nd3 18. Bg5 and White is winning) 18. Qf3 Bh6 19. Qf6 Qe7 20. Qh6 Kc7! (20... Be6 21. f4! and White is superior) 21. Bd2 Be6 and White is slightly better] **Bg7 16. h4** [16. Re6? fe6 17. Qe6 Kf8 and Black is superior; 16. Bc4 Nf6 17. Qd3 Bb7 18. Ne5 Nd5 19. Bd5 cd5] **Kf8** [16... gh4? 17. Bf4 Qd8 18. Re6 and White is winning] **17. Qh3** [17. Re6? a) 17... Nf6? 18. Qe5! (18. Qf6 Bf6 19. Rf6; 18... Be6!) Qe5 19. Re5; b) 17... Ne5 18. Ne5 Be6; c) 17... Nc5! and Black is superior] **Rh8! 18. hg5 hg5 19. Qg4 c5 20. Bg5!** [20. Qg5 Bb7 21. Bf4 Qd8 22. Ne5! Ne5 (22... cd4 23. Nf7!) 23. de5 Bh6! 24. Qg4 Bf4 25. Qf4 Qh4 26. Qh4 Rh4 27. f3 Ke7 28. Kf2 and White is slightly better] **cd4 21. Rad1!!** [21. Re6 Nc5 22. Be7 Kg8 and Black is superior; 21. Be7 Kg8 22. Re4 f5! 23. Qg6 Rh6 24. Qe8 Nf8] **Bb7** [weak point e6; 21... Nc5 22. Bf4 Qd8 (22... e5 23. Qg7) 23. Qg3 and White is winning; 21... a5 22. Bb5 e5 (22... Qc2 23. Nd4 Qh7 24. Ne6 fe6 25. Be7! and White is winning; 22... Ne5 23. Ne5 Be5 24. Qe4 Bh2 25. Kf1 Bb7 26. Qd4 and White is winning) 23. Qg3! and White is superior; 21... a6 22. Be7 Kg8 23. Bh4! with the idea Bg3 and White is superior]



22. Re6! fe6 [22... Bf3 23. Qf3 Qh2 24. Kf1 and White is winning] **23. Be7 Ke7** [23... Kf7 24. Qg6 Ke7 25. Qg7] **24. Qg7 Kd6 25. Nd4! Qc5**

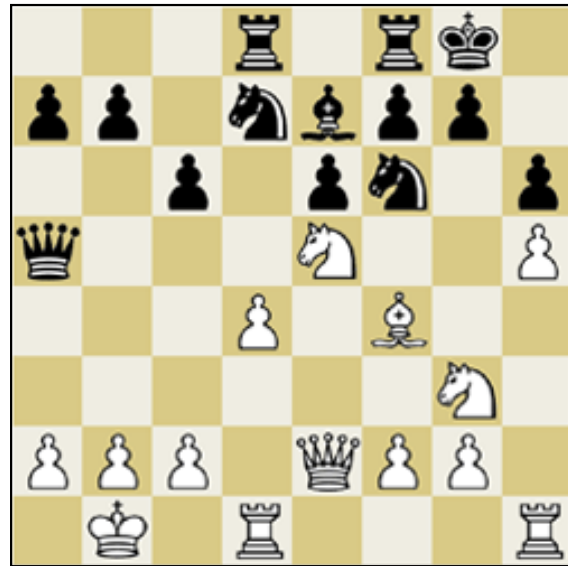


26. Bf5 [26. Bb5?? Rh1 27. Kh1 Qh5 28. Kg1 Qd1 and Black is winning; 26. Nb5 Kc6 27. Be2 (27. Bf1 Rh1!) Rad8 28. c4! Qe5 29. Na7 Kc5 30. Qe7] **Qe5 27. Nf3 Qd5 28. Qg3 Ke7 29. Rd5 Bd5 30. Qg5 Kd6 31. Qf4 Ke7 32. Be4** (and White is winning) **Rh5 33. Nh4 Rg8 34. Ng6 Kd8 35. Qf7** [35. g4?? Rg6] **Re8 36. Bd3** [36... Rg5 37. f3 Bc6 38. c4 and White is winning] **1 : 0 [Anand]**

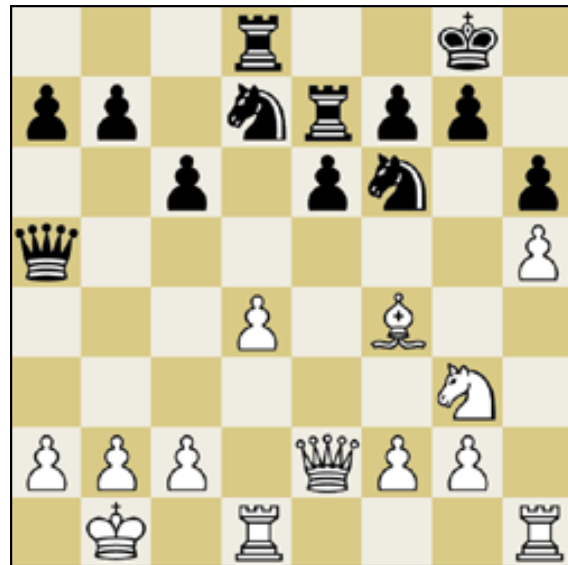
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1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 de4 4. Ne4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Nf3 Nd7 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bd3 Bd3 10. Qd3 Ngf6 11. Bf4 e6 12. 0-0-0 Be7 13. Kb1 Qa5 14. Ne5 Rd8 [14... Ne5 15. de5 Nd5 16. Bd2 Qc7 17. c4; 17. f4 and White

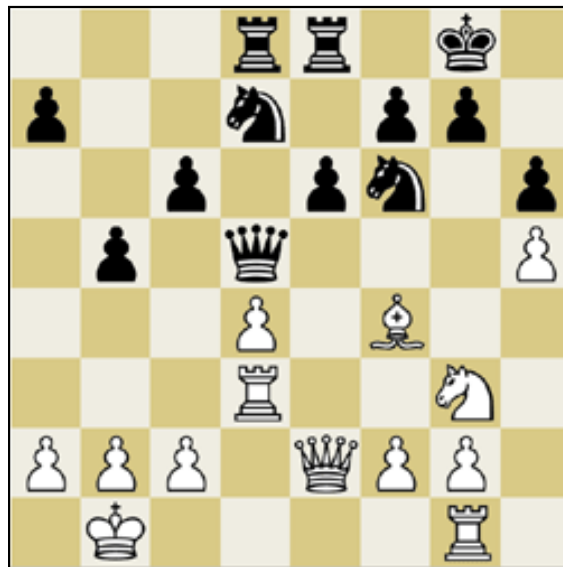
is slightly better] **15. Qe2** [15. Nc4 – 30/200] **0-0**



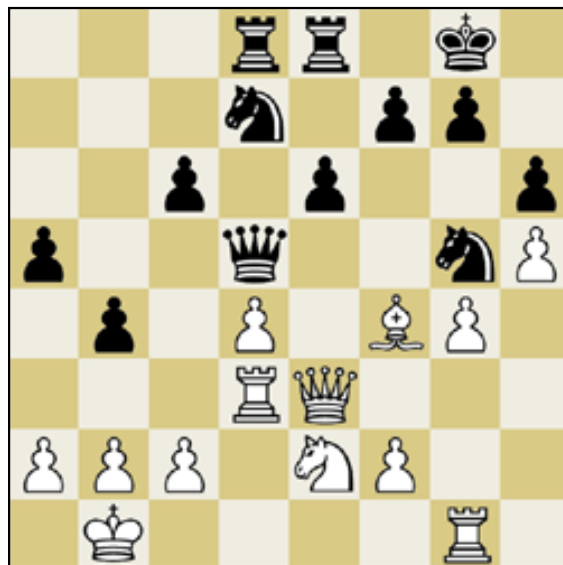
16. Ng6! Rfe8 (a novelty) [16... fg6 17. Qe6 Kh8 18. hg6 (18. Qe7 Nd5 19. Bd2 Qa2 20. Ka2 Ne7 21. Bb4 c5?! 22. Bc5 Nc5 23. dc5 Rd1 24. Rd1 Rf2 25. Rd7 and White is superior; 21... Rf7 and White is slightly better) Ng8 19. Bh6! gh6 20. Rh6 Nh6 21. Qe7 Nf6 22. g7 Kg8 23. gf8Q Rf8 24. Qb7 and White is superior] **17. Ne7 Re7**



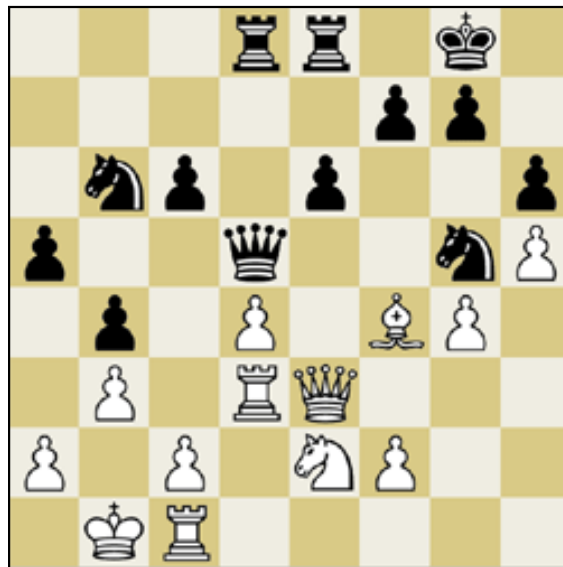
18. Rd3! (and White is slightly better) **Ree8** [18... Qd5 19. Rg1] **19. Rhd1** [19. Ra3 Qd5 20. Ra7 b5 unclear] **Qd5** [19... Nd5 20. Bd2 Qb5 21. Qf3] **20. Rg1** [20. f3 Nh5; 20. Qf1 Nh5; 20. Rf3!? with the idea 20... Nh5? 21. Bh6] **b5** [20... c5 21. dc5 Qc4 22. Qd2 Qc5 23. Rd1 and White is slightly better]



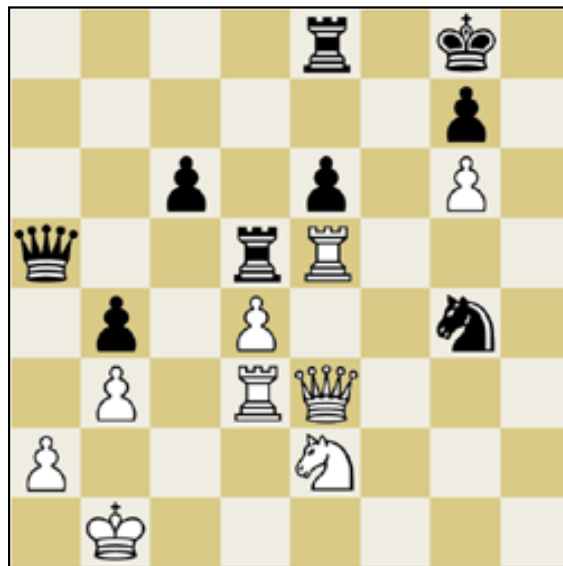
21. Qd2!? [weak point h6; 21. Be5 b4 22. f4 a5] **a5** [21... Nh5? 22. Bh6! gh6 23. Qh6 Ng7 24. Rh1 f6 25. Ne4 Kf7 (25... Qe4 26. Rg3 Re7 27. Qh8 Kf7 28. Rg7 mate) 26. Rg3 Rg8 27. Qg6 Ke7 28. Rh7 and White is winning; 21... c5!? 22. dc5 Qc5 and White is slightly better] **22. Ne2!** [22. Qa5 Ra8] **b4?!** [22... Qh5? 23. Rh3 Qf5 24. Bh6 Ne4 (24... gh6 25. Qh6 Qh7 26. Rg3 Kh8 27. Qe3 and White is winning) 25. Qe3 Nf2 26. g4 Qf6 27. Bg5 Qg6 28. Rh5 and White is winning; 22... Nh5?! 23. Bh6 gh6 24. Qh6 with attack; 22... c5!? a) 23. Bh6 Ne4; b) 23. g4 c4 24. Rh3 (24. Re3 Ne4 25. Qe1 e5) e5!; c) 23. dc5 Qc5 24. g4 Rc8 25. g5 hg5 26. Bg5 Ne4 27. Qc1 Ne5 28. Re3 with initiative] **23. g4 Ne4** [23... c5 24. dc5 Qc5 25. g5 Ne4 26. Qc1 hg5 27. Bg5 f6 28. Be3 Qh5 29. Qd1 Qb5 30. Nd4 Qb7 31. Bh6 with attack] **24. Qe3 Ng5**



25. Rc1! and White is superior [with the idea c4; 25. Bg5 hg5 (25... Qg5 26. f4 Qd5 27. g5) 26. f4 gf4 27. Nf4 Qg5 unclear] **Nb6** [25... a4 26. c4 Qa5 27. c5 Nh7 28. g5 hg5 29. Bg5 f6 30. Bh4 e5 31. Rg1 ed4 32. Qg3 Re7 33. Nd4] **26. b3**



26... a4? [26... Ra8 27. Bc7! (27. c4 bc3 28. Nc3 Qd8 29. Bg5 hg5 30. Ne4 a4 31. Qg5 ab3) Nc8 (27... Qb5 28. c4 bc3 29. Nc3 Qa6 30. Bb6 Qb6 31. Na4 and White is superior) 28. c4 bc3 29. Nc3 Qd7 30. Bf4 and White is superior] **27. Bc7 Qa5 28. f4!?** [28. Bd8 Rd8 29. Nf4 (29. f4? Nd5 30. Qg1 Ne4) Ra8 30. Rd2 Nd5 31. Nd5 Qd5 32. Re2 Nf3 33. Rd1 c5] **Nh7 29. g5** [29. Bd8 Rd8 30. f5 Nd5 31. Qf2 Ra8 32. Rd2 ef5 33. Qf5 Nhf6] **hg5 30. fg5 Rd7** [30... ab3 31. cb3 Ra8 32. Qd2 Rec8 33. Bb6 Qb6 34. g6 with attack] **31. Bb6 Qb6 32. Rg1!?** [32. g6 Nf6 33. h6 fg6 34. Qg5 ab3 35. cb3 Qb5 36. Qg6 Qf5] **ab3 33. cb3 Qa5 34. g6 fg6 35. hg6 Nf6 36. Rg5! Rd5 37. Re5** and White is winning [with the idea Nf4] **Ng4?** [37... Ra8 38. Nc1 Ng4 39. Qh3]



38. Re6! Rf8 39. Qh3 Nh6 40. Rc6 Rdf5 41. d5 1 : 0 [Bologan]



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