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"THE OLD ONTARIO STRAND"



## THE MONK AND THE DEVIL

*Eius est adventus secundum operationem Satanæ in omni virtute, et signis et prodigiis mendacibus*

EDITORIAL NOTE.—The story of The Monk and the Devil, we have good cause to believe, was not incorporated into the *Gesta Romanorum*—a deliberate omission—on grounds which will become apparent to the reader. For the curious there is a life of Schnoudi, the monk, in a scholarly book—*Les Moines, Egyptiens, par E. Amélineau, Paris, Leroux edit.*—in 18— which was reviewed by the late Anatole France, in a volume of his on Life and Letters (Third Series.)

Schnoudi was born in the fourth century of our era, by the banks of the Nile. At an early age he gave indications of his deeply-religious nature. As a lad he would follow his mother as she went to draw water from the river with a pitcher on her head, while he, in black and agile nakedness, would slip unobserved into the river, there to spend the night in prayer with uplifted arms, plunged up to the neck in water. At times he would be seized by uncontrollable fits of weeping, for no apparent reason, which were of so violent a nature that fears were held for his eyesight. When he became a man he went to Alexandria, where he manifested a holiness equal to that of the seraphic Marconius, or the blessed Pacomus. He would fast for days at a time, and when he did eat, his fare was of the meanest—bread, salt and water. In Holy Week he endured exquisite, mystical, sufferings in remembrance of his Lord. Leaving Alexandria Schnoudi retired to the desert, near the lower Nile, where, in a grotto, he would sit spending his time in prayer, meditation and plaiting rope. As his fame grew disciples gathered about him, to listen to him, as he instructed them in the mysteries of Divine grace, the nature of sin, and the true path of holiness.

One day as the holy Schnoudi sat plaiting his rope, the Devil came to him in the guise of a beautiful youth.

"Young man," said he, "renounce these gloomy works of barren piety and return to the pleasant, laughing countryside."

"I have renounced the world and all its pleasures," replied Schnoudi sternly. "Why do you come to me?"

"To console you in your loneliness."

"If you would console me, then give me the blessing of our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

On hearing that divine name, the tempter became confounded, and in his mortification and confusion he foolishly changed himself into his favourite shape—that of a goat. Schnoudi, seeing who his visitant was, passed the rope he was plaiting around the devil's neck. The latter, in his fear, forgot his immortality, and pled for his life.

"Why should I not send you to await, with the Babylonians and Chaldeans, the Day of Judgment?"

The Devil, now recovering his customary effrontery, replied:

"You cannot send me to them, as I shall go to rejoin them of my own accord, as soon as you free me."

"I will strangle you!"

"God would not allow it."

"And why not?"

"It would be against His divine ordinances. What merit could you win if I perished, leaving nobody to tempt you?"

Schnoudi was puzzled for a moment.

"Surely there would still be evil?"

"But I alone am evil."

"There would still be Woman."

"Woman cannot possibly be evil in herself. It is only when I persuade you that she is desirable that she can harm you. If I should cease to exist, adultery, lewdness, and all forms of



unchastity would no longer hold any glamour or attraction for mankind. Man would look on woman simply as a creature to supply him with children, should he desire them."

The stern Schnoudi was not to be caught by such shallow sophisms.

"But that desire would be sinful."

"Would you have the human race die out?"

"I would that God, in His wrath, might blast this world, and every living creature on it (save His saints), as He did Sodom and Gomorrah! For, are we not told, 'In sin did my mother conceive me, and in—'"

"Your sentiments are quite Christian, but pray do not recite all that rigmarole—I know all the litanies and collects and responses backwards. I often attend church. I even preached in a great church once."

"*You* preached!"

"Yes."

"God forbid!" exclaimed Schnoudi, and he began to mutter a prophylactic paternoster.

The Devil had now resumed his more conventional shape—satyr ears, tail, horns, and slanting eyes. He had breathed upon the rope that was encumbering him, and it had crumbled to ashes. He curled himself up in the darkest corner of the cave, where only his glowing, phosphorescent eyes could be seen.

Meditatively scratching his face with his coiled tail, he spoke with a sigh of content.

"How delightfully cool it is in your cell; you will find it warmer when you come to live with me."

"*Avaunt*, foul fiend!" cried Schnoudi, and he commenced to make that sign which strikes terror and dismay to Satan's heart.

"Hold!" he burst out in consternation, "do not dismiss me yet. You are anxious I know, to hear how I came to preach, and what I preached."

Schnoudi paused, his hand poised on his forehead. Curiosity conquered his repugnance.

"Proceed, then—but utter just one word of blasphemy or obscenity, and I will send you below forthwith!"

"Thank you, gentle Schnoudi. I will, then, drop that lofty, grandiose style which writers, profane and sacred, ever conceive me as affecting, and I will speak simply, even intimately, with you.

"Some years ago the venerable Marconius was taken very ill, so that, contrary to his usual habit, he was unable to preach in the great Church at Alexandria. I appeared before him in the form of a monk from the Thebaid, with a flaming, God-sent message for his flock. The simple soul was almost blind, so he did not notice my feet (I am not permitted, you know, to metamorphose my hooves, I only try to hide them), and in his weak condition he readily consented to allow me to preach in the place of his acolyte—a peevish youth who glowered at me so, fiercely that I feared lest he should unmask my imposture. I still had many difficulties to overcome, but my ingenuity was equal to them all. I entered the church early the next morning, before any one else, and, taking care to walk backwards to avoid looking upon the C——, I reached the pulpit, and waited there till it was time to preach.

"You should have heard me! I have always been famous for eloquence, especially when I prompt and inspire people to speak in government and senate houses, courts of justice and synods, but that day I surpassed myself. Bombast, tautology and a macaronic diction, the preacher's chiefest weapons, I used with telling effect.

"My text was taken from St. Matthew's Gospel: '*As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world.*'"

"This gave me an excellent point of departure. As you will see, I was, so to speak, on familiar ground, and, moreover, it was all strictly orthodox, so that I aroused no suspicion. I gave a vivid, nay lurid, not to say reliable



description of those fiery regions beneath the earth, hinted at in my text. I spoke from a ripe experience. I told of the terrific heat, the bitter cold, the cruel lasing—of the harpies that feed on souls only to disgorge them and begin anew their immortal meal. I described the shrieks and lamentations, the heartrending groans and cries of remorse, and in a very effective manner I made bold to mimic them to a small degree, with the aid of my ventriloquistic power. Two women swooned away, and the verger had to dash water over them.

"I warmed to my subject. I painted in searing words the nature and lineaments of the King of that Infernal World. I drew largely upon my imagination in this instance, as I do not feel any desire to examine myself in mirrors as you mortals do. So I allowed my eyes to flash fiercely, my voice grew thunderous, I even emitted a little sulphur with my breath. The effect was amazing. One girl took hysterics; one woman began to sob bitterly. She feared that her husband had gone to that abode of horror. Little did she know that I had been talking to him just the preceding day—the greatest rogue in Alexandria he was.

"I spent some time on a rather minute enumeration of the most cunning devices for inflicting torture; all of which, incidentally, has been taught me by experts from this world. Nero, for instance, gave me advice on flaying. Domitian on slicing, Cleopatra on acids, and so on. I was much heartened to notice one greybeard, at the back of the church, write down on parchment my most efficacious remedies for stubborn souls. I have every hope that these will be circulated and put to practical use for the chastisement of the unfaithful on this earth—they will be serving an apprenticeship for the life to come—the whole thing, you see, is a game of give and take. Contrary to the general opinion, venerable Schnoudi, I find man very apt and quick to learn—they practise my tricks

as fast as I can devise them. Pray pardon this long digression, I see you are fast becoming impatient.

"At this point in my sermon, I noticed some crabbed scholars who, gnawing at their beards, were showing signs of restlessness. So immediately I quoted those famous lines of Virgil's—describing what Aeneas saw on his visit to Hades—

*"Respicit Aeneas subito, et sub rupe sinistra  
Mocnia lata videt, triplici circumdata muro,  
Quae rapidus flammis ambit torrentibus amnis  
Tartareus Phlegethon, torquet sonantia saxa."*

"You know the rest, all about Ixion and Pirithoüs and their sufferings. These lines caught the attention of the old pedants, and I could see by their glittering eyes that their admiration and approval were mine. 'A learned monk!' thought they, 'a prodigy!' These scholars are the vainest, most empty-headed numbskulls; quote them a few lines from Homer, or Sophocles, or Herodotus, that Father of lies, or Lucretius, and they will believe all you have to say on any subject whatsoever.

"When I had thoroughly terrified my hearers by the picture of my realms, I relaxed somewhat. I re-orientated my attack, if you will forgive the uncouth phrase, since I had not yet won over their wills, although I had their respect. So I asserted that fear in itself was not enough.

"'Fear,' said I, 'is all very well as far as it goes—you should fear your parents, your friends, your enemies, your rulers, your God, and, above all—the Devil.'"

"This so amused my sense of ironic humour that I almost betrayed myself by laughing aloud. But I went on, 'To Fear you must add Hate. Hate your parents for bringing you into a world of sin!' As it is written in the blessed gospel of St. Luke, 'If a man hate not



*his father and mother, and wife and children, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*' If you are a man, hate every woman, lest you should lust; if a woman, hate every man, lest you lose your shame and chastity! Hate those who differ from you in your religion—for while they fain would have you believe they are thinking only of your soul's salvation, they are, in reality, trying to turn you from the straight and narrow path of righteousness. Is it not written, *'I came not to bring peace, but a sword . . . to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.'* Therefore, hate the man also who tells you to interpret the Bible in such and such a way, thereby implying that there is more than one way of understanding words of divine origin; such a person is in danger of hell-fire, and he also who believes with him. Burn such a man, that you yourselves may not burn for ever. *'If thy hand or thy foot offend thee cut them off: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maim rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.'*

"You will perceive, holy Schnoudi, how skilful a snare this was, hidden as it was by numerous isolated quotations, often purposely mutilated, from Scripture (a favourite trick of your preacher to screen a paralogism), for the Hebrew language is so little studied, and the Greek of the New Testament is so fertile in incongruities, solecisms, erasures, false endings, anomalies, anachronisms and the like, that here would be fuel for the bitterest of controversies, nay, even wars, for centuries to come.

"But all this was very artless and commonplace compared to my last thesis. You will concede, I am sure, that it was a masterpiece of diabolic craft.

"I had now firmly implanted in man's imaginations fears to haunt and terrify him, suspicion and distrust to keep the

fires of his hatred pleasantly warm, together with material for schisms which would tear the Church of God into countless, insignificant groups, each jealously guarding its own petty peculiar doctrine, as a dog does some bare, dry bone, and, like it, ready to spring at one another's throats.

"What was left for me to say? Man, in his natural condition, as you yourself claimed just now with such sound orthodoxy, has deeply implanted in him pride, avarice, gluttony, lust and sloth to send him to Hell without my guidance. Still, some of the pure in heart might escape. I do not wish to spend Eternity in loneliness. Your purgatory, also, is more of an ante-chamber to Heaven, than an entrance to Hell. Damnation Eternal, Complete and Universal is my aim. And this is how I set about achieving it:

"In my peroration, embedded as it was with those protecting verses, I enjoined these precepts, 'If the Church,' said I, 'is to survive, it is of vital importance that it should have written out and proclaimed aloud, a list of creeds, miracles, dogmas and doctrines to which every man must uncompromisingly submit, which he must believe, blindly, without murmur, before he can enter the Church Militant.'

"I then recited long categories, a very welter of high-sounding words and jingling, meaningless sonorities, unctuous, mouth-filling and senseless. These articles of faith were so composed that each one contradicted, or nullified, some other, and the whole was such a collection of pompous rubbish, that if my advice were accepted (I see already that Montanus, Arius, Athanasius and Victor of Rome have made a promising beginning in this direction), then men of the deepest religious convictions, of the most passionate zeal for truth, and of the clearest intellectual vision would be barred or expelled from the Church Adamant for ages to come. O glorious thought! Any one who can stomach these intellectual emetics has sacrificed at least one of those three



qualities which would make him most dangerous to me. So at one stroke I was emasculating the Saints, and fettering the Church.

"I preached for three hours, and held my hearers spellbound. When I had finished they thronged about me, hailing me as saint and prophet. I could scarcely keep them from blessing me. Some told me it was the most learned and literary sermon they had ever heard—others, that it had searched and stirred their inmost souls, others, again, said it was the greatest polemic against atheism and heresy, and the mightiest defense of Christianity ever conceived. Others were overcome with exultation at my description of Hell, for in their imaginations they saw their enemies and those who differed from them in belief, already enduring those agonies. Delightful irony! Some spoke of the need of suppressing heresy, stating that all forms of unbelief must be stamped out by fire and sword. Even the surly acolyte was so moved that he clung to my hand, and said that henceforth he would regard me as his spiritual father.

"It was indeed one of the greatest triumphs of a very chequered career."

During the closing periods of the Arch-Fiend's recital, Schnoudi was becoming more and more agitated. He fell to wringing his hands, and rolling

his eyes, and working his mouth, till at last he cried out:

"Hold! Thou Damned Tempter, and Father of all Lies! O cursed wretch that I am, for I—"

"Ah—" interrupted the Devil. "I recognize you now, blessed Schnoudi. I thought there was something familiar about your scowl—you are, surely, that churlish young catechumen who was going to speak in the stead of the venerable Marconius."

"O God!" cried Schnoudi, in great bitterness of soul, "I am lost—for after that sermon, I have burned two of my disciples, my sister I slew for living with another woman's husband, a child who took the name of God in vain I—"

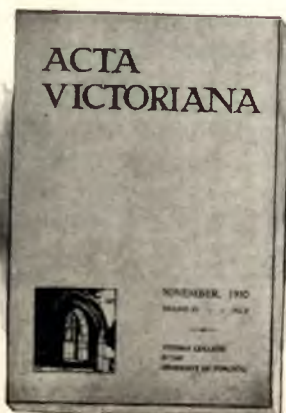
"I know it all, dear Schnoudi," said Satan in his blandest tones. "For it is carefully marked down in the Records of Deeds rendered to me."

Tearing out long, grimy locks of matted hair, and savagely gnawing his lips till they were covered with a bloody foam, the wretched Schnoudi rushed headlong towards the Nile, where, with their wise eyes and ever-empty bellies, the crocodiles lie, sunning themselves.

The Devil stretched, uncoiled his tail, and walked off towards the desert.

"The best day's work without a doubt," said he, "since that memorable hour when I finally persuaded Constantine to marry Church to State."

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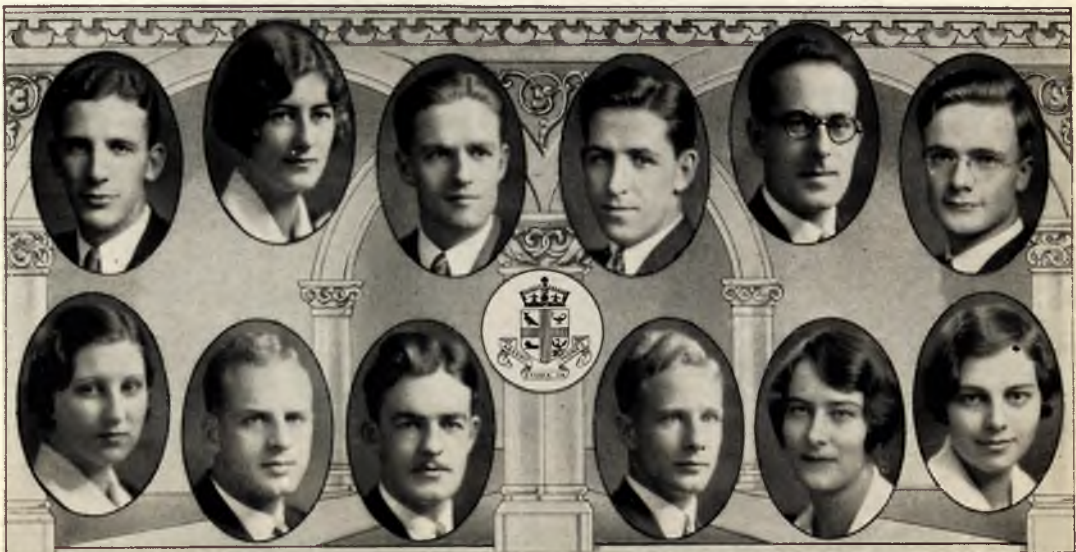
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# SUMMER-TIME IN ALGONQUIN PARK

Down every northern stream and trail  
Sweet summer sends her call.  
Then, may we once again seek life  
Among the timbers tall.  
'Tis sometimes good, by tow'ring birch  
To pause awhile and dream,  
With silver'd shafts to soar aloft,  
To mount with little zephyrs soft  
Up to the great Unseen.

The glad sun sheds its mottled rays  
Through every woodland dell.  
A blissful peace fills all our days.  
We learn to know full well  
The stately spruce, the lofty pine,  
Each shade of leafy green,  
The earth, the sky, the birds, the trees,  
The sleepy flowers and drowsy bees,  
'Mid quietness serene.

O'er placid lake we glide along  
At sunset's deepening glow.  
Each burnished cloud and bird of song  
Lies mirrored there below.  
The veil of night is softly lower'd,  
A bat skims near the shore,  
While twilight lingers in the west,  
The stars creep from their bed of rest  
To praise and to adore.

REG. E. HAIST.

## CANADIAN POETRY CONTEST

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On page twenty-three of this issue we publish the poem *Summer-Time in Algonquin Park* which has been awarded the prize for the best short poem submitted in the annual Canadian Poem Contest, open to all undergraduates of Victoria College. The purpose of the contest is not only to encourage a general interest in writing verse, but also to bring before the readers of ACTA attractive pictures of the many beauty spots of the Dominion with which too few are familiar.

It is only through the generosity of a friend who wishes to be known as "E.R." that such an annual contest is possible. And we take this opportunity to express on behalf of ACTA, and the student body which it represents, the appreciation we feel for the interest shown by our kind friend.



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VICTORIA WOMEN'S SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM  
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We have received a complaint from you as solicitors for Mr. Wilson MacDonald regarding an article published on or about the 15th day of March, 1931, in the February-March issue of our magazine ACTA VICTORIANA. The article complained of is entitled: "Wilson MacDonald: The Sketch of a Personality."

We desire to express our profound regrets that the article referred to was published in our magazine, and we whole-heartedly withdraw any allegations contained therein which reflect on the character and reputation of Mr. MacDonald.

We sincerely hope that this apology will remedy whatever damage was caused by reason of the article to Mr. MacDonald, and we give this letter to you to be used for that purpose.

Yours truly,

E. CARSON,

*Editor.*



## AT THE KEYHOLE



Winter is over, skating is over, dances are over, the term's over, and by the time you read this, it'll be all over, so we'll give the overdone Oscar a final doing-over, and then *that* will be over! Since this is the final issue, we might as well reveal everything we know, because we can't be fired now; and as for next year, well—a pen-name is only a blind, and not to change is as good as arrest. That seasoned old sage who said, "The pen is mightier than the sword," must have been thinking of a pigpen. . . .

Ken Erwin's appearance in those naty flannels is explained by Little Oscar's North House reporter. You will remember that Ken's trousers suffered decapitation (or whatever it is pants suffer when they're torn off you) in the S.P.S. scrap. Poor Ken! He laid down his pants for his college!

Incidentally, we hand little Oscar's own gold-lined keyhole to Jack Garton for the outstanding athletic performance of the year. Pitching for Doug Brace's stellar squad of baseball experts against the O.A.C. Cow Valets, on March 5, he struck out no less than twenty men in seven innings, and threw the twenty-first one out at first-base himself! Believe it or not, Vic won that ball game! Jack's stinginess with base hits is accounted for by the fact that his middle name is MacPherson . . . short for Macpherson. . . .

"Deac" Wells, Al Diehl, Blair Laing, and Eric Chown were playing bridge in the Vic "Common" room (and *how* common), when a burglar entered be-

hind Wells, just as "Deac" was dealt thirteen spades. "Throw up your hands!" cried the robber. "Never! Not this one," cried Deac.

We've been nursing this grievance for a long time, and it's about time the Caput, or James, or somebody, did something about it. Every morning during chapel, the college hall fills up with ten or a dozen earnest young couples, who hasten their steps when they see each other approaching, because they haven't seen each other since the morning before. Such paganism in Victoria! Chapel going on upstairs, while below are idle worshippers, who forego chapel for chatter.

You can't step around the corner without running into somebody casting soulful glances at somebody . . . or something . . . they lean up against the wall and try to look nonchalant . . . or park in front of the University library, and try to look nonchalant . . . or in the ACTA office and try to look nonchalant . . . or something. . . . And as for—just a minute, here comes the girl friend!

A New York paper says that an average of 39,148 persons handle a dollar-bill every year. That's as close as we ever came to getting our name in a New York paper.

In this, the last issue of the term, Little Oscar wishes to thank K.J.E., J.P.M., C.L.C., M. L. Lavery, and the proprietors of *Judge*, for their assistance in making this column possible. And as for you, you poor fish, if you have read this far, you have the sympathy of one who must remain.

LITTLE OSCAR.



## MEN'S ATHLETICS

The arrival of April, with its forebodings of May-time catastrophe, drives thought of sport submissively into the background.

The Basketball aspirations, too, have met a varied fortune. Both teams reached the play-offs, but the Senior squad was eliminated by Pharmacy, while the Junior outfit put away Sr. U.C. In the first half of the semi-final contest the Juniors met defeat at the hands of the Druggists by a single point, which they were unable to retrieve on the second encounter.

The Baseball crew contested with Sr. U.C. for the Interfaculty honours, but came out at the short end of the stick. In the first game the Scarlet and Gold took a 3-2 defeat, and in the second were bettered by 14-6.

The College will lose some valuable athletes, in all departments of sport, this year at graduation, but there seems to be considerable talent around to fill the gaps.

The Scarlet and Gold ice-artists encountered unexpected difficulties in the semi-final tilt with Dents, and the hopes for the Jennings Cup came to a rather violent end.

The coming year will see marked interest in all fields of Canadian sport as the prospect of the 1932 Olympics draws near. The convenient situation of Los Angeles, as the scene of the next cosmic struggle, will remove one great barrier—expense—in the way of Canadian Olympic aspirations in previous years.

E. D. H.

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## LOCALS



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Boyd—Hit something cheap!

Coburn—The scene begged description.

Carson (in editorial capacity)—Well, borrow a few adjectives and go on with it.

Campbell—The lamp-posts on Bloor Street have been repainted.

Morrow—Yes, I noticed that when Truelove came in the other night.

Visitor—Has your son's college education proved to be of any real value?

Mr. Gammell—Yes; it cured his mother of bragging about him.

Dr. Haines—I want something to wear around the dormitory.

Salesgirl—How large is your dormitory?

Clarke—Where's that fountain-pen I lent you a month ago?

Meneley—I haven't got it. Yesterday I traded it for one of my own.

Binning—I have no luck with women.

Hart—Lucky fellow!

Absent-minded Professor's Wife—Wait, Pelham, are you sure you've forgotten everything?

We understand that a certain well-known senior in Annesley Hall, when asked the name of her favourite hymn, replied immediately—"Bernie."

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Carson—I saw the doctor you told  
me to see.

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Carson—I did.

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## AMBITIOUS!!

Host to Miss—What are you going to do when you finish college, Miss —?

Miss—Get married, if I can.

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Toll: Well, you see, Sir, that is the only way I can make both ends meet.

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