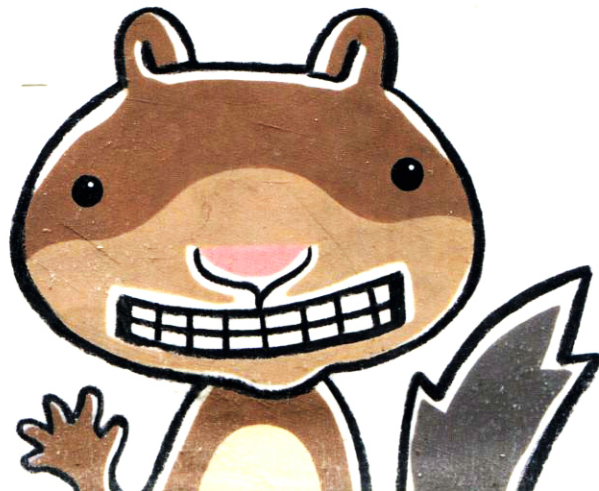
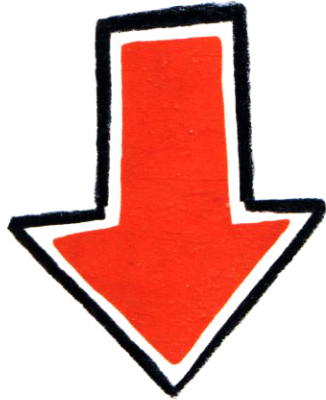


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Scaredy Squirrel never leaves
his nut tree.



the
unknown

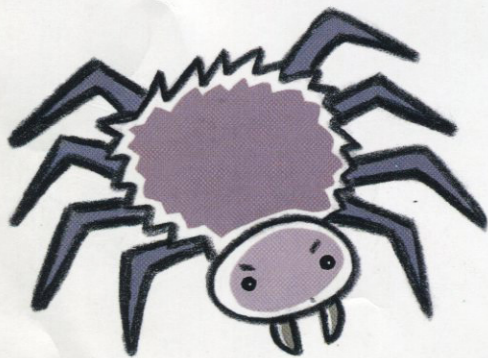




He'd rather stay in his safe and familiar tree than risk venturing out into the unknown. The unknown can be a scary place for a squirrel.



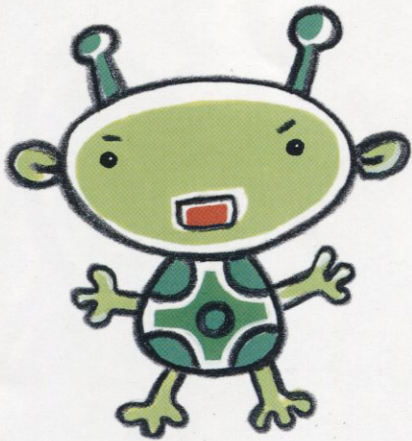
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Scaredy Squirrel
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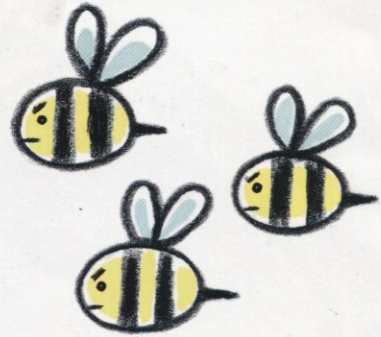
tarantulas



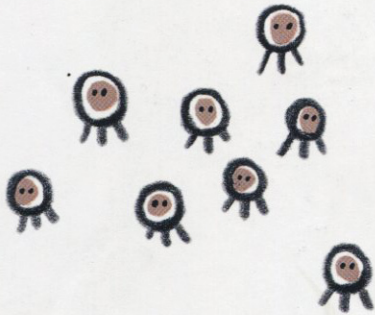
poison ivy



green Martians



killer bees

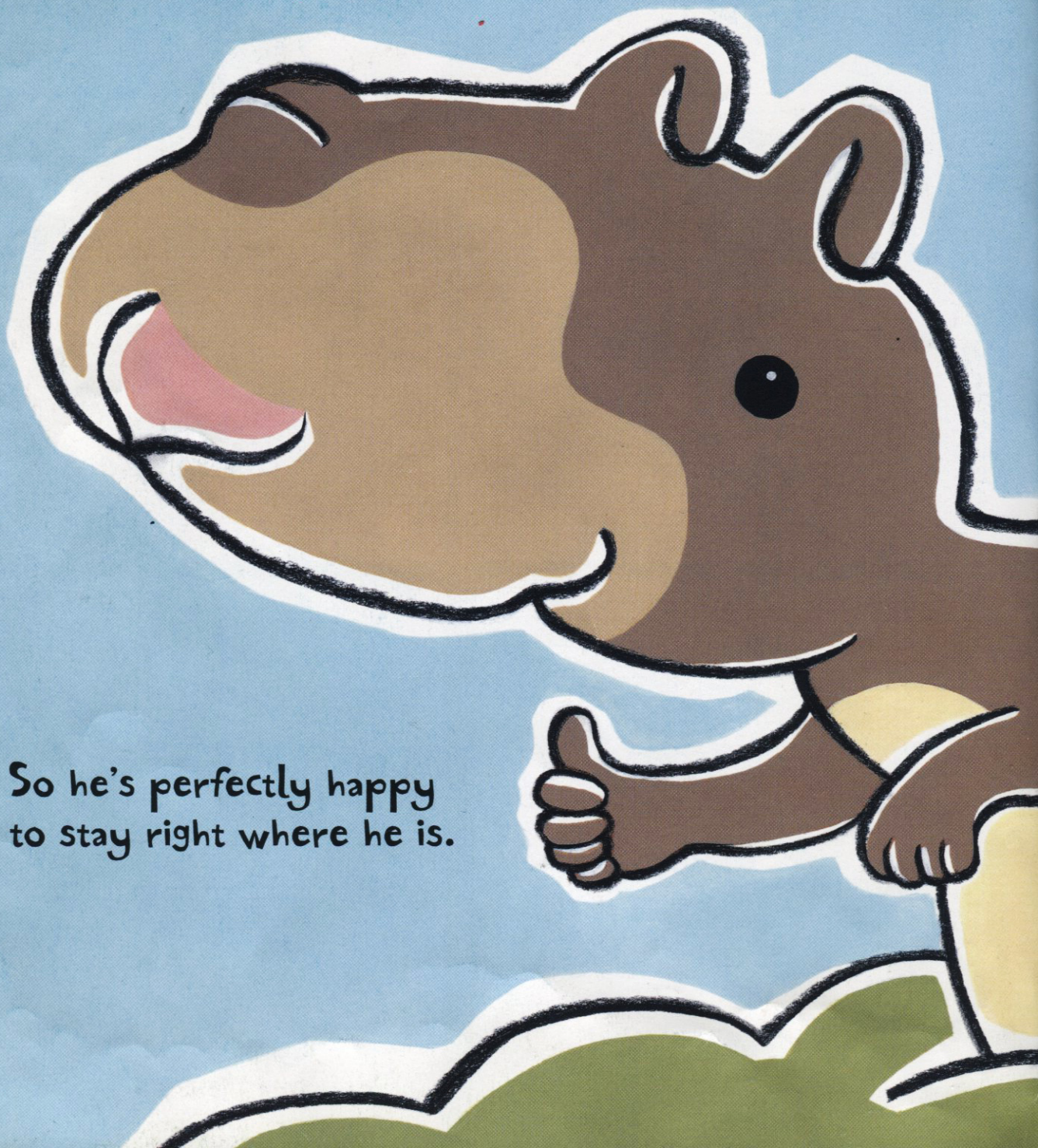


germs



sharks

So he's perfectly happy
to stay right where he is.







Advantages of never leaving the nut tree:

- great view



- plenty of nuts



- safe place



- no





Disadvantages of never leaving the nut tree:

- same old view



- same old nuts



- same old place





Monday

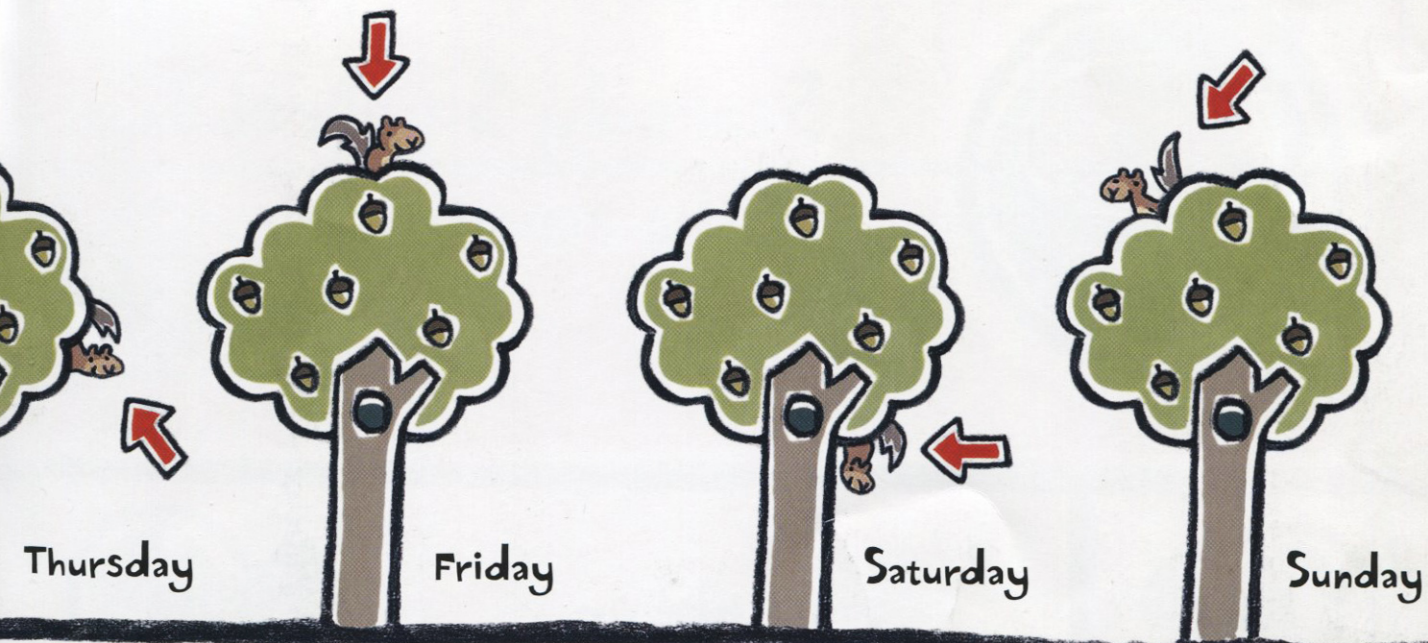


Tuesday



Wednesday





In Scaredy Squirrel's nut tree, every day
is the same. Everything is predictable.
All is under control.



Scaredy Squirrel's daily routine:



6:45 a.m.

wake up



7:00 a.m.

eat a nut



7:15 a.m.

look at view





12:00 noon

eat a nut



12:30 p.m.

look at view



5:00 p.m.

eat a nut



5:31 p.m.

look at view



8:00 p.m.

go to sleep





BUT let's say, just for
example, that something
unexpected **DID** happen ...





You can rest assured that
this squirrel is prepared.



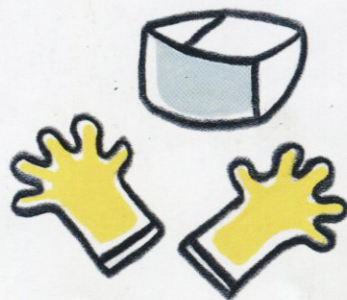
A few items in
Scaredy Squirrel's
emergency kit:



parachute



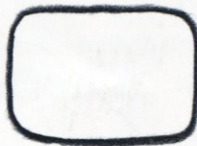
bug spray



mask and
rubber gloves



hard hat



antibacterial soap



calamine lotion



net



Band-Aid



sardines

What to do in case of an emergency according to Scaredy Squirrel:



Step 1: Panic

Step 2: Run

Step 3: Get kit

Step 4: Put on kit

Step 5: Consult Exit Plan

Step 6: Exit tree (if there is absolutely, definitely, truly no other option)


Dramatization

Exit Plan *TOP SECRET*

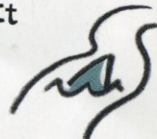
Exit 1

Note to self:
Watch out for
green Martians
and killer bees
in the sky.



Exit 2

Note to self:
Do not land
in river. If
unavoidable,
use sardines
to distract
sharks.



Exit 3

Note to self:
Look out for poison ivy
and for tarantulas roaming
the ground.



Exit 4

Note to self:
Keep in mind
that germs are
everywhere.



Remember, if all else fails, playing dead is always a good option!



With his emergency kit in hand, Scaredy Squirrel watches. Day after day he watches, until one day ...



Thursday
9:37 a.m.





A killer bee appears!

Scaredy Squirrel jumps in panic, knocking his emergency kit out of the tree.

This was **NOT** part of the Plan.





Scaredy Squirrel jumps to catch his nut.
He quickly regrets this idea.
The parachute is in the nut.

But something incredible happens ...





He starts to glide.

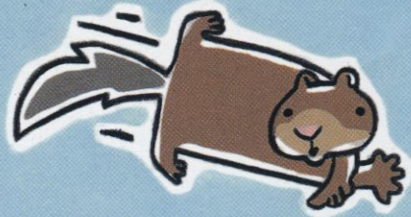


Scaredy Squirrel is no ordinary squirrel.
He's a FLYING squirrel!

He feels overjoyed!



Adventurous!



Scaredy Squirrel forgets all about the killer bee, not to mention the tarantulas, poison ivy, green Martians, germs and sharks.





Carefree!



Alive!

Until he lands in a bush ...



And plays DEAD.



30 minutes later



1 hour later



2 hours later



Finally Scaredy Squirrel realizes that nothing horrible is happening in the unknown today. So he returns to his nut tree.

All this excitement has inspired Scaredy Squirrel to make drastic changes to his life ...





Scaredy Squirrel's new-and-improved daily routine:



6:45 a.m.

wake up



7:00 a.m.

eat a nut



7:15 a.m.

look at view



9:37 a.m.

jump into the unknown





9:45 a.m.

play dead



11:45 a.m.

return home



12:00 noon

eat a nut



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5:31 p.m.


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8:00 p.m.

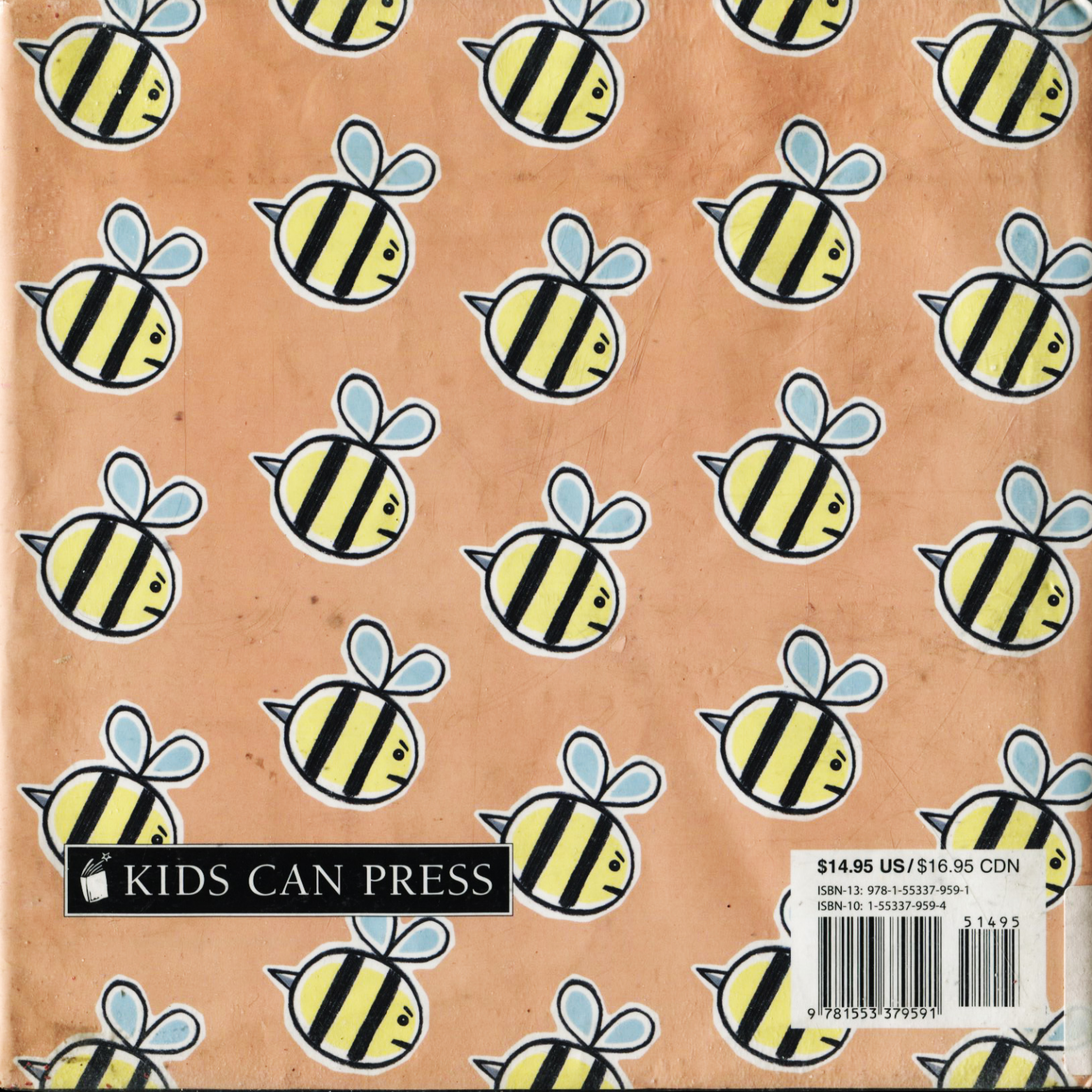
go to sleep





poison
ivy

P.S. As for the emergency kit,
Scaredy Squirrel is in no hurry
to pick it up just yet.



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