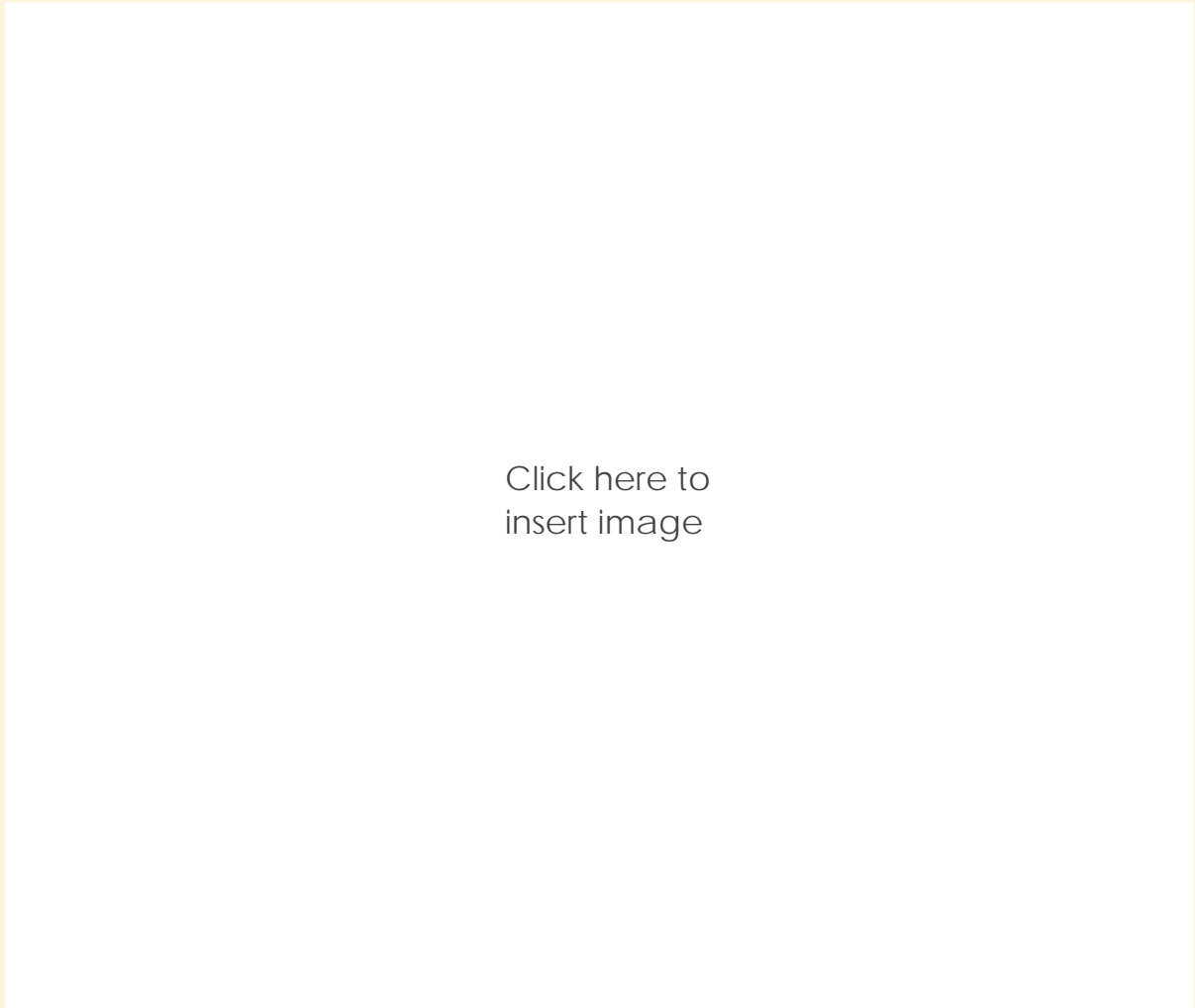




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Your Life Story Book



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This is

's special book

This book has been made to help you understand some of the things that have happened in your life and the changes that have taken place.

This book is all about you!



People sometimes say that life can be like a jigsaw puzzle. This book has been made to help put together some of the missing pieces.

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Family

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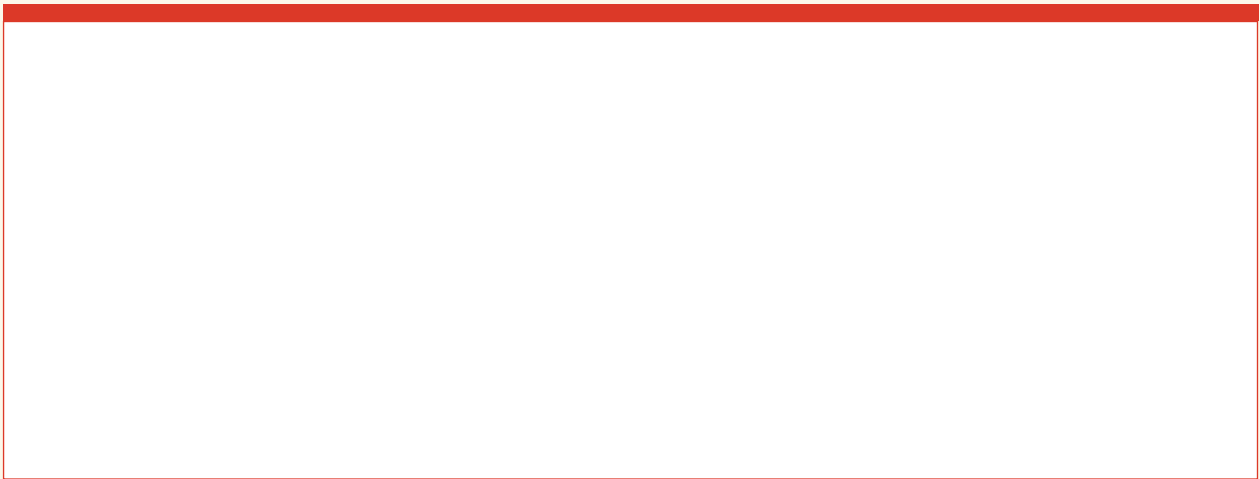
There are lots of ways to make a family and
children live in many different sorts of families.

Sometimes children live:

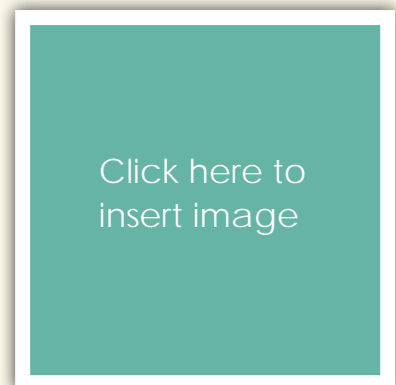
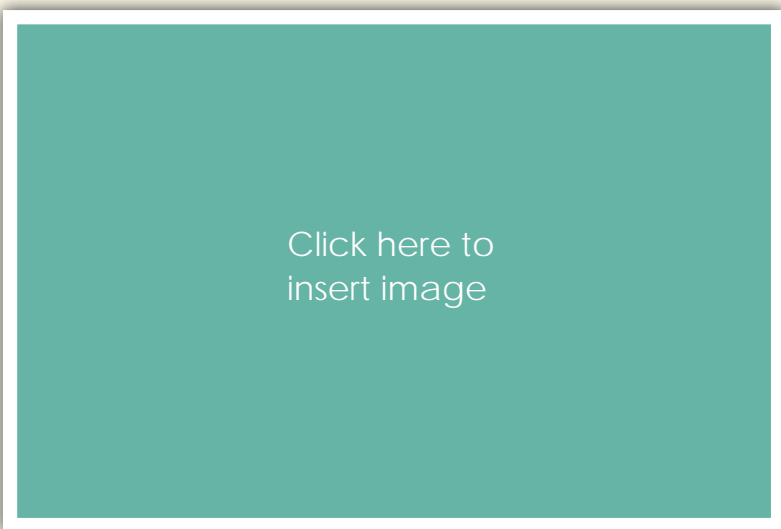
- with their birth parents
- with just one of their parents
- with their grandparents or another relative
- in different families from their brothers and sisters
- with foster carers who take care of them
- with their adoptive family.

All families are special but your family is extra
special because it is an **adoptive family**.

's family

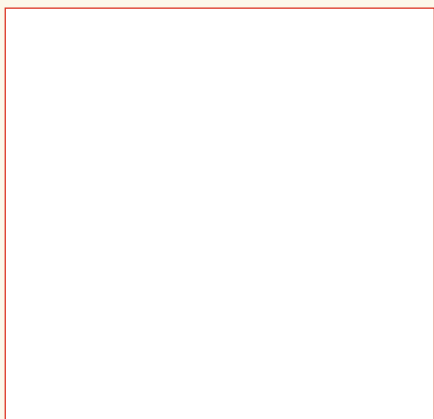


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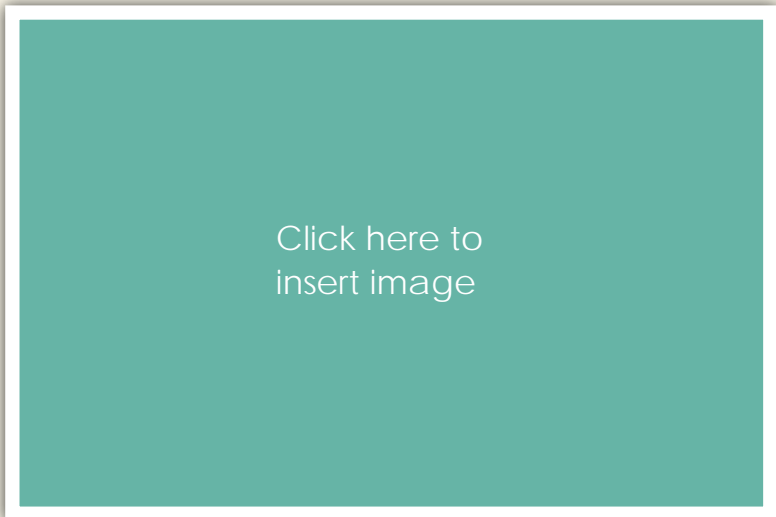


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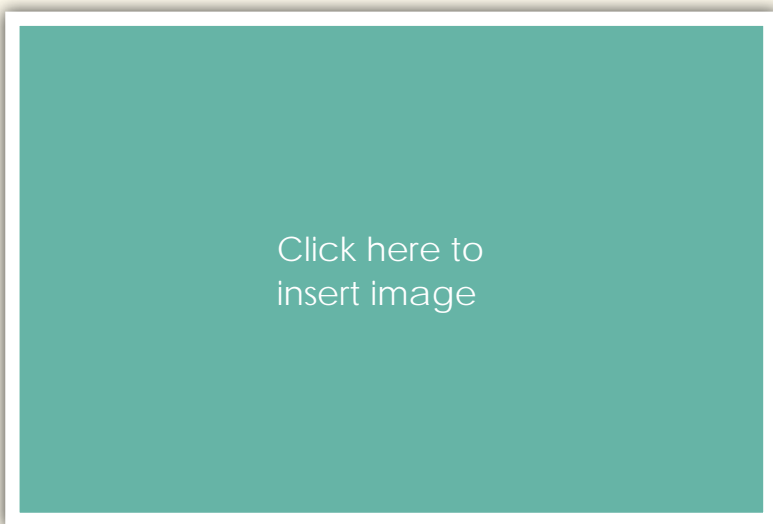
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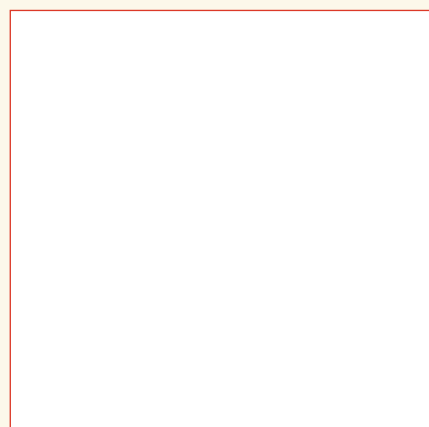
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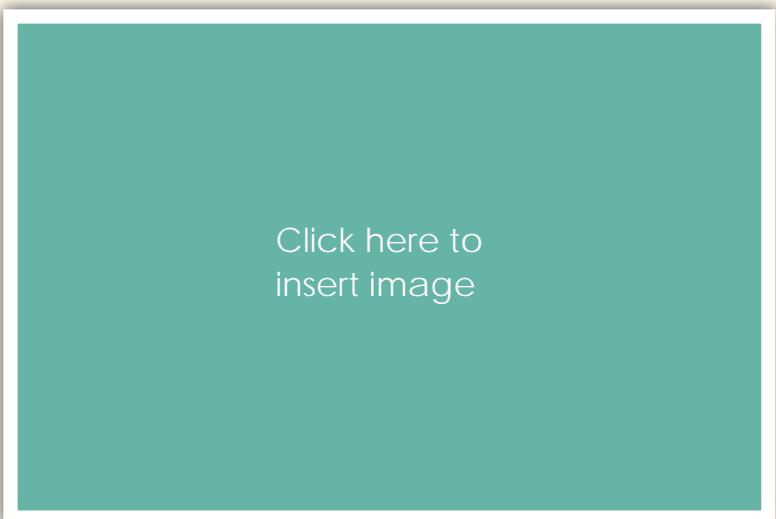
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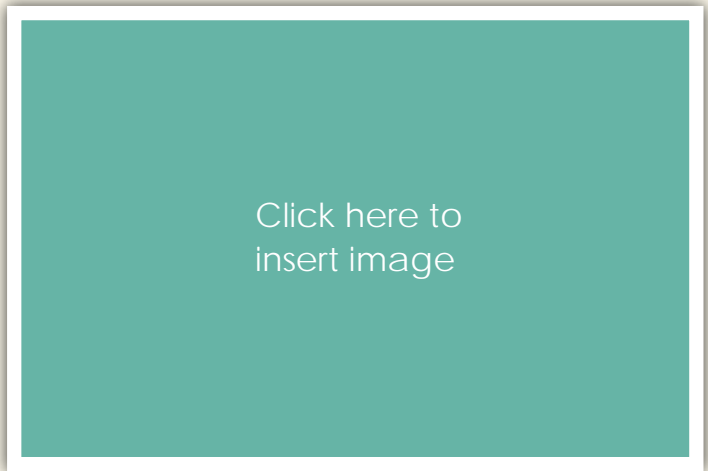
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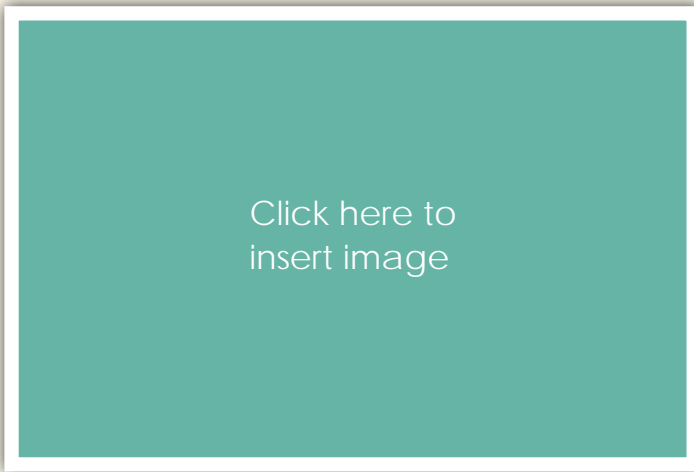
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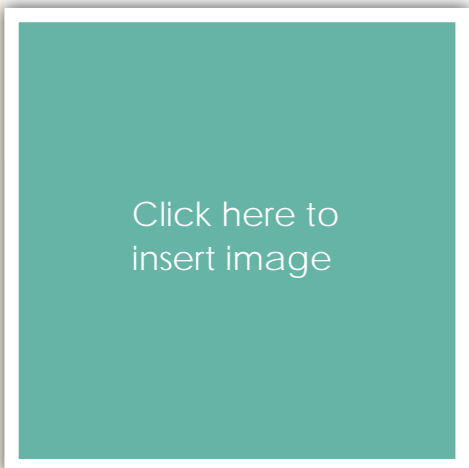
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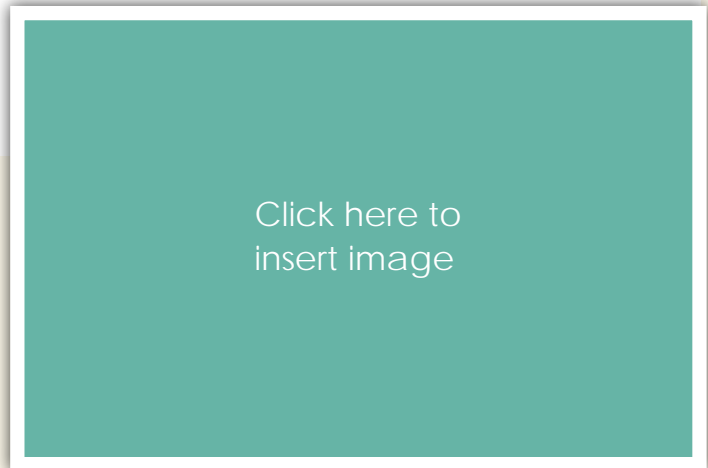
What our family likes doing



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How _____ joined
the _____ family and
became _____

Your _____ made a very important decision,
they decided to adopt a child and be very special parents.

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They contacted Devon Adoption Service to see if
they could adopt a child and be special parents.

There is a lot of work for people who want to adopt. Your
parents had to meet with their social worker and answer
lots of questions to see if they would be good parents.

Your parents were very happy when their social worker
told them that they thought they would be good parents.

One day their social worker came to visit and told
them all about you. They were very excited!

A very important day

_____ was a very important day,
as this was the day that you first went home with your
new family.

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You joined the _____ family
on _____
when you were just _____ old.

Before this you lived in _____
You were cared for by your foster carers and by your birth family.

It is important to know about your life story, and your parents
know how important it is to share your life story and to help
you understand your life before you were adopted.

Sometimes you may think about your birth family. Your parents
will be there to help you understand the difficult bits.

About your birth

You were born on _____
at _____

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When you were born you weighed _____

Your name, _____ means:

About your birth family

Your birth mother is called _____

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She was born in _____

How she looked

Things she liked

Your birth father is called _____

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He was born in _____

How he looked

Things he liked

Other people in your family

Four empty boxes at the top level of the tree.

Two empty boxes in the middle level of the tree.

One empty box in the lower middle level of the tree.

One empty box at the bottom level of the tree.

Four empty boxes at the very bottom level of the tree.



Your birth mother and father

How your birth mother and father met



They found out that they were going to have a baby in

You were born on

They were very happy and proud on the day that you were born.

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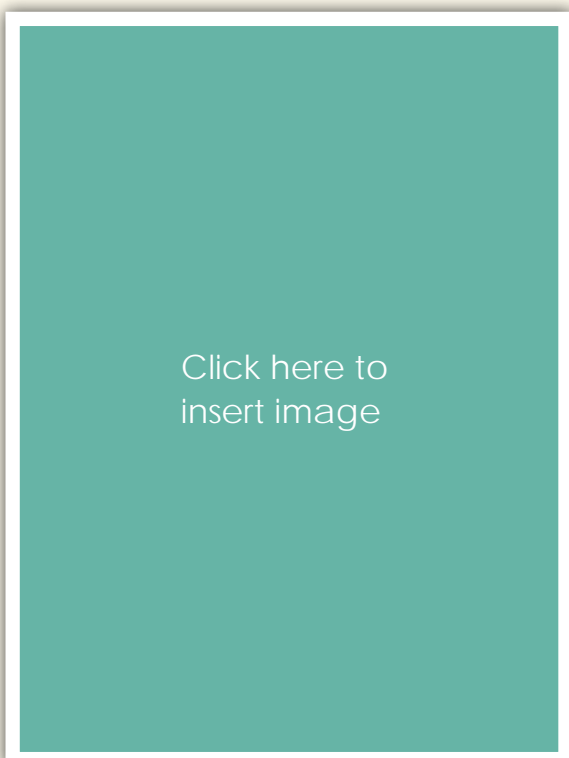
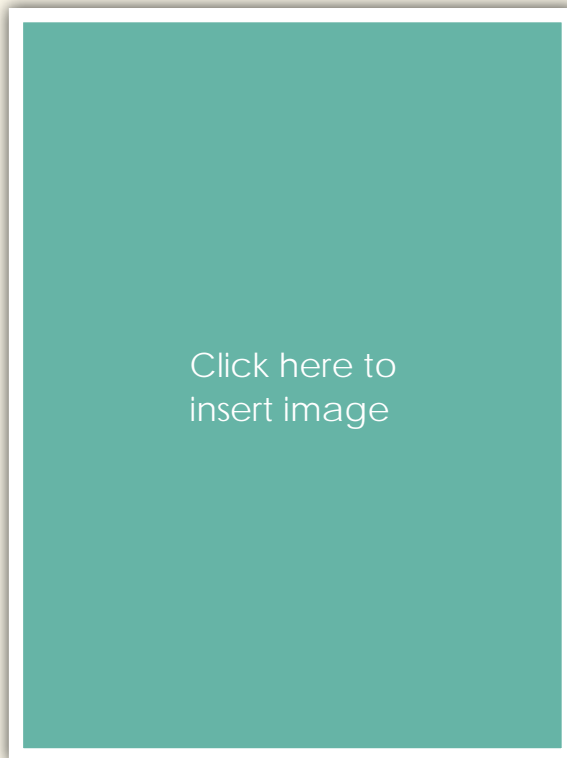
Your story

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About your foster carers

You lived with _____
from _____ until _____



Now _____ is older

About your school

I go to _____

My teacher's name is _____

My favourite lesson is _____



Now you are getting older you may have more questions about your birth family.

These pages have more detailed information about your birth family.

You may want to ask someone to read these pages with you.

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Messages for _____



About your Life Story Book

This is not the end of your Life Story Book!
In a way it's really only the beginning.

You have so much to look forward to and you can carry on adding all sorts of things to your book. You could add:

- photos and special memories
- **drawings and certificates from school**
- postcards and pictures from holidays

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About the person who made your book

Dear _____

It has been a real pleasure making this book
for you. **You are definitely are a very special**
person with a very special family.

I made this book by using information from file records
and by talking to the people who were part of your life.

I hope this book will help you understand some of
the things that have happened before you lived with
adoptive family. It should also help you to understand
that none of the difficult things that happened were
your fault. You deserved to be looked after well.

It has been so lovely to see and hear how
happy and settled you are with your family and
I wish you all the very best for the future.

Best wishes



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