## **Slavery**

### by Charles Davidson

Careful identification of all the victims in any crime or tragedy is important because – until all are correctly identified – you can't be sure who is responsible. Without careful study, you might inadvertently blame one of the victims or worse, one of the victims might be "framed" as the apparent perpetrator.

Ironically, Blacks aren't the only victims of the legacy of American "slavery" – so are Southern Whites. And just as Blacks often can't be heard by America, Southern Whites are also condemned to a kind of political excommunication that prevents this nation from hearing their side of the story of slavery and the Civil War.

Insofar as Americans can't hear what the Blacks have to say and can't hear what Southern Whites have to say, it's not unreasonable to ask "Who is imposing this communication blockade?" Perhaps the entity that embargoes truth and promotes pleasing lies is exactly the entity responsible for the tragedy in the first place.

Does slavery still exist in the USA? According to some researchers, the average southern slave paid about 20% of his crops to his "massa". Today, the aver-

age "free" American pays about 55% of their income to government. Arguably, slavery is alive, well, and more widespread today than it ever was prior to the Civil War.

More importantly, slavery not only describes the condition where one man is controlled by another, it also describes the condition where a people are controlled by a lie. The old cliche' about "those who don't learn from history are bound to repeat it" is usually presented as an indictment of a people's laziness and reluctance to read their history books to learn the truth. But what if the history books are intentionally falsified? How can another tragedy be avoided if it's virtually impossible to learn from history because our "history" is itself fraudulent?

According to Roger K. Broxton President of the Confederate Heritage Fund (P.O. Box 771, Andalusia, AL 36420):

"Alabama State Senator Charles Davidson withdrew from the [1996] political race for the U.S. House of Representatives because of intense pressure from the Republican Party and threats on his family, in response to his famous Senate speech that was proposed but never deliv-

ered. The following is a copy of his entire speech ..."

State Senator Davidson's undelivered speech deals with the question of whether the Alabama state government should continue to display the Confederate battle flag. However, his argument touches topics far more fascinating than flags and presents an interpretation of American history whose "political incorrectness" is extraordinary:

My fellow members of the Alabama senate, our South, our Confederate history and by extension, our Confederate battle flag have suffered for many years from the relentless hatchet job of false propaganda heaped upon them by the news media, the education system and, of course, Hollywood and television. It appears that they wish to drive a wedge between Southern blacks and whites, much as the carpetbaggers did after the war for Southern independence and much as the northern news media drove a wedge between the north and South before the war.

It is important to remember

that, movies such as "Roots" and "North and South" are *make believe*, fiction; in other words, they are not true, just like *Uncle Tom's Cabin* -- written before the war -- was not true. One must wonder if the only reason such false propaganda is produced and promoted by the movie and television industry, is to make blacks hate whites, especially Southern whites.

For example, the Confederate battle flag has no more to do with the Ku Klux Klan than the Christian cross which the Klan carries and burns or the flag of the United States that the Klan says the pledge of allegiance to; yet the news media and Hollywood constantly try to connect our Confederate flag to the Klan in their propaganda. However, the news media never ask preachers if they are Klan members, because they wear a cross around their neck or link the American legion to the Klan because they carry the U.S. flag. It is time to put



an end to this anti-Confederate bigotry.

It is past time that the truth were told. Hitler's tactic of "tell a big enough lie often enough and people will believe it" has been utilized to the fullest extent, to smear the Confederate States of America and her symbols such as the battle flag.

Fortunately, most people have not been deceived by such hate mongering tactics, as is evident from a recent Louis Harris poll showing that 92% of the Southern people, of all races are not offended by our Confederate battle flag and that nationwide, 68% of blacks are not offended. Unfortunately, a few too many have believed the lies about our Confederate battle flag, which has resulted in unjustified and horrible intolerance, bigotry, hatred, violence and even murder.

Today, I come before you to set the record straight: to refute the myths and false propaganda and to remind you of the truth concerning our Confederate ancestors and history. It is my hope and fervent prayer that truth will replace fiction; that tolerance will replace intolerance; that peace will replace violence; that love will replace hate; and that unity will replace division. Our Lord Jesus says, "know the truth and the truth will set you free"; in this case, free from hate and intolerance of our Confederate symbols. So, I beg of you to listen with an open mind and a Christian heart.

The first lie concerns slavery and its link to racism. The lie is that *only* blacks were slaves and thus have some special right to a "slavery pity party" because their ancestors were slaves and therefore, anyone who owned slaves was a racist. This is *not* true.

#### White slavery

The word "slave" is Greek for the word "Slav" and rightly applies only to white European slaves or Slavs from the countries of Yugo-slavia, Czechoslovakia, Slavonia, Russia, Poland, Hungary and others. The Slavonic tribes are the root of all European white people. For a thousand years, so many millions of these white European Slavs were captured and sold as servants, that the word "Slavs" or "slaves" became universally used for the word "servant" and was only later applied to black servants.

Every white person in America has ancestors who were slaves at some time or the other, including the Scots, British, French, Spanish, and Germans. In the early colonies of America whites were regularly sold as permanent slaves. If it were justifiable, whites would be much more justified in having "a chip on their shoulder" or "a pity party" over slavery than blacks, because more of their white ancestors were slaves and for a longer period of time than blacks. Almost all blacks in the U.S. were under slavery for less than 100 years and only 5% of all black slaves shipped by black masters out of Africa ever came to the United States, because most black slaves were shipped to South America or the West Indies.

The white European "Slavs" or "slaves" were sold to Romans, Arabs, Germans, and yes, even to black African masters in Northern Africa nations such as Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia. Are these black masters in Africa racist because they owned white European slaves? The Bible tells us that the blacks of Egypt owned the oriental Jews as slaves for 400 years. Does that make Africans in Egypt racists because they owned the Jews as slaves for 400 years? The Bible also tells us that Abraham, who is father of the Jews, the Christians, and the Muslims, owned hundreds of slaves: God also required Abraham to circumcise those slaves that he bought with For 27 cents per day you get on-line software to teach you how to build your own 15 MB website. Site maintenance, plus internet access and much, much more.

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money, as well as, those slaves that were home born. Moreover, Abraham's slaves fought for Abraham in a war with King Chedorlaomer to rescue Lot. In addition, Isaac, Jacob, Daniel, Job, Joseph, and David *all* owned slaves and even the apostle Paul returned a white runaway slave to his Christian master in the book of *Philemon*.

My question is this: Is the anti-Southern news media, education system, and Hollywood calling these great men of God like Abraham! — a racist or evil or wicked because he owned hundreds of slaves? If not, then neither can they call Southerners like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Jefferson Davis racists because they owned slaves. What hypocrisy and bigotry to criticize only white Southerners or the Confederate States for owning slaves. Almost every nation in the world owned slaves, especially the black masters in Nigeria, where most American blacks have their roots. Accordingly, if flags of nations that owned slaves are to be labeled "racists", then almost all the flags in the world are "racists", especially the African flag of Nigeria which dealt so overwhelmingly in slave trading.

### How do I know ...?

Our ancestors in the old South were fundamental Christians, which means, they believed that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, were the opinions of Almighty God, who does not change, and *not* the opinions of man. On the other hand, the abolitionists from up north were humanists. They believed that God changed with the times and that the Bible was merely the opinions of men and not necessarily the opinions of God. I shall read to you a little of what God says in the Bible concerning slavery and thus what our ancestors in the old South believed.

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 25: 44-46, God says: "As for your male and female slaves whom you may have — you may acquire male and female slaves from the pagan nations that are around you. Then, too, it is out of the sons of the sojourners who live as aliens among you that you may gain acquisition, and out of their families who are with you, whom they will have begotten in your land, they also may become your possession. You may even bequeath them to your sons after you, to receive as a possession; you can use them as permanent slaves."

In the New Testament, 1 *Timothy* 6:1-5, God says: "let all who are under the yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and our doctrine may not be spoken against. And let those who have *believers* as their masters not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but let them serve them all the more,

because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and preach these principles." People who are bitter and hateful about slavery are obviously bitter and hateful against God and his word, because they reject what God says and embrace what mere humans say concerning slavery. This humanistic thinking is what the abolitionists embraced, while Southerners and most Northerners embraced what God said in the Bible. The humanists' argument is not with me or the South or the United States but rather their argument is with God. They have made themselves out to be greater than God, for they add to God's word when they call something evil that God obviously allows. This is what the humanistic abolitionists did, teaching the doctrines of men as if they were the doctrines of God.

#### **Mistreatment**

The second lie is that slaves were mistreated in the old South. Again, this is *not* true.

In *Colossians* 4:1, Jesus says: "Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a master in heaven." To say that slaves were mistreated in the old South, is to say that the most Christian group of people in the entire world, the Bible belt, mistreated their servants and violated the commandments of Jesus their Lord. Anyone who says this is an accuser of the brethren of Jesus Christ; not a very good position to take. We in the South are offended by such false accusations.

Just the opposite is true. In the old South there were numerous laws that protected servants from abuse just like there are laws to protect wives and children from abuse, today. But just because a few men abuse their wives or children does not make marriage or having children a cruel hateful endeavor.

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The same is true for slavery. Of course, there were masters who violated the law and mistreated their servants, like Union General William T. Sherman, who owned a number of slaves before the war and who was constantly in court facing charges for abusing his slaves. That is what the laws were for, to stop Yankees like Sherman from mistreating their slaves. The incidence of abuse, rape, broken homes and murder are 100 times greater, today, in the housing projects than they ever were on the slave plantations in the old South. The truth is, that nowhere on the face of the earth, in all of time, were servants better treated or better loved than they were in the old South by white, black, Hispanic and Indian slave owners. That's right, even blacks and Indians owned slaves in the old South. While 7% of Southern whites owned slaves, 2% of free blacks in the South also owned slaves.

For example, in 1860, the U.S.

census reported that about 10,000 free blacks owned some 60,000 black slaves. It was a black slave master, named Anthony Johnson, who sued and won in a Virginia court in 1653 that changed temporary servitude to lifetime servitude. Thus a black slave owner established permanent slavery in Virginia. Moreover, when the Cherokee Indians were removed by the U.S. government along the "trail of tears" out west, almost 30% of the people removed were black slaves of the Cherokees.

### **Civilizing influence**

Just as white European slaves were primitive, barbaric pagans who practiced human sacrifice, incest, witchcraft, and idolatry; yet were converted to Christianity, learned trades and skills and became a civilized people under black, oriental and white masters; so also, did black African, barbaric pagans become civilized, Christians with skills and trades under slavery in the old South.

Slavery was a family institution in the old South, just like it says in the Bible in *Galations* 4:1 "As long as the son is a child he does not differ at all from a slave although he is the heir of everything." A typical family plantation had one family of whites living next door to one family of blacks. They had the same last name, worked in the fields and on the farm, side by side, played together, prayed together, raised each others children, took care of each other in sickness and all in all, loved one another, just like family.

It was on these small family farms that Southern blacks were taught about and converted to Christianity, by the millions! I am sure that those converted black Southerners are most grateful today -- just like our white European ancestors are grateful for their conversion to Christianity while slaves of *black* masters in northern Africa, such as, the black Coptic Christians in Egypt, one of

the oldest Christian groups in the world. Remember, it was not from Yankees that Southern blacks learned about Jesus Christ. For the most part, it was from Southern slave owners.

It was here on the family plantation that blacks learned trades and skills from farming to saw-milling to ranching to carpentry to driving steamboats and railroad trains. Even the Yankee abolitionist government's Department Of Education admitted after its total failure of the "reconstruction experiment" in 1892, that the best technical education that the world has ever seen, was the education that was given by their masters to the slaves *before* their emancipation.

Remember, black slaves from Nigeria, the most populous region in Africa, were not civilized and not Christian, practicing voodoo, cannibalism, and witchcraft, just like the white European slaves did. These blacks were captured in tribal wars by other blacks in Nigeria. White people did not run "through the jungles of Africa kidnapping blacks and making them slaves. Black Africans captured and sold other blacks as slaves; they were already slaves of black Africans before they ever set foot on a New England Yankee slave ship. Such ships stayed anchored off shore for fear of jungle diseases and the slaves were rowed out in long boats by Africans and put on board. Many of these slaves were already riddled with disease and half starved.

All slave ships from the United States sailed from the northern States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, new jersey and Delaware under the United States flag. Not one Southern ship sailed to Africa to bring back slaves and no ship ever sailed under the Confederate flag to bring back slaves. This slave trading was the big business of the rich new England Yankees. They traded rum

made in northern factories to black African slave owners for their slaves and then traded most of the slaves to South America or the West Indies for molasses (only 5% of the slaves reached the U.S.), and then manufactured the molasses into rum and made another trip. With rare exception, the life of a slave in the United States was ten times better than his life had been in Africa.

#### The War to Free the Slaves?

The third lie is that the War for Southern Independence (or as the U.S. Congress officially declared it to be: The War Between The States, it was not a civil war), was fought over slavery, with the north fighting to free Southern slaves and the South fighting to keep her slaves. This is, of course, not true.

First off, all thirteen original States that seceded from England in 1776 and formed the United States, from Maine (a part of Massachusetts at the time) to Georgia, owned slaves. Was the 1st American revolution fought over slavery?

No? Then neither was the 2nd American revolution fought over slavery, when the Southern States withdrew from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America. Is the 4th of July a racist holiday because all thirteen original colonies had slaves? No? Then neither are our Confederate holidays.

Is the United States flag a racist flag because all thirteen original States had slaves? No, then neither is the Confederate battle flag, or do these intolerant individuals and the news media advocate taking down the U.S. flag, also? If yes, they will need to take down almost all of the national flags in the world, starting with the flag of Nigeria, who was more involved in selling slaves than any nation. What blatant bigotry to call the Confederate flag racist!

During the War for Southern

Independence, the north also had slaves, but refused to free their slaves until after the war. Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Kentucky, Missouri and west Virginia all owned slaves, never seceded, and were under the control of the United States for the entire war. However, they were not required to free their slaves by the U.S. government. The U.S. Congress in 1862 even refused to pass a Constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, when the only senators and representatives in Congress were from the *North*! Remember, all Southerners had left Congress to form their own nation. How could the North be fighting the war to free southern slaves when they would not free their own (like U.S. Grant's personal slave or Abraham Lincoln's father-in-law's slaves)?

What hypocrisy! Even worse, Lincoln and the U.S. Congress offered to pass a Constitutional amendment for the South, guaranteeing permanent slavery forever in the slave States, if only the Southern States would return to the Union. The South refused the offer.

Northern slaves were even exempt from Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation! Furthermore, captured Southern slaves on the Mississippi river were forced to work on the plantations as slaves for the United States Army, growing cotton for northern factories, rather than be set free. Also, during the war just as many Union

soldiers owned slaves as Confederate soldiers. Is the U.S. flag a symbol of slavery because the north owned slaves during the war? No, then neither is the Confederate battle flag. How could the war be fought over slavery when both sides had slaves?

### "That this big government shall not perish . . ."

The War for Southern Independence was fought over local self-government for the South versus centralist government by the North; the centralist government won and local self-government lost. The Confederate battle flag is the symbol of the right of the local people and the States to govern themselves and is flown in memory and honor of our Confederate ancestors and veterans who gave their lives for less government, less taxes and Southern independence.

In his inaugural address of march 4, 1861, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln Stated that he had "no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so." Furthermore, Union General Ulysses S. Grant said that if he "thought this war was to abolish slavery, I would resign my commission, and offer my sword to the other side." A war over slavery? Not hardly! The Confederate States of America even of-

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fered to free all Southern slaves in return for independence. *Lincoln* refused the offer.

The term "free" State meant "free from blacks". Northerners did not want to live with blacks, slave or free, and many northern States and territories actually passed laws prohibiting free blacks from entering into them. Abraham Lincoln, himself, stated the opinion of the northern people at a meeting with a group of black leaders during the war, when Lincoln said, "There is an unwillingness on the part of our people (northern whites) to live with you free colored people. Whether this is right or wrong, I am not prepared to discuss, but a fact with which we must deal. Therefore, I think it best for us to separate.

Whereupon, Abraham Lincoln and the United States Congress purchased land, passed laws and started shipping free northern blacks out of the U.S. down to poverty stricken Haiti. Lincoln put together several such schemes to remove free blacks from the U.S., to send some back to Africa and some to Central and South America. At the end of the war, a few weeks before Lincoln was killed, Union General Benjamin Butler asked Abraham Lincoln what was he going to do with all the recently freed southern blacks? United States President Abraham Lincoln replied "I think we should deport them all."

### Southern hospitality

Meanwhile, down South, Confederate States President Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina were *adopting* an eight year old, free *black* orphaned boy, named Jim Limber. After his mother died, little Jim was placed with a free black family as foster parents. But this black family badly mistreated this eight year old youngster to such a degree that the news reached the ears of Mrs. Davis and the president. Whereupon,

President Jefferson Davis, in the middle of the war, took the time and effort to intercede and rescue Jim Limber from this child abuse. Little Jim's wounds were doctored and he was welcomed into the Confederate White House as a member of the Jefferson Davis family.

President Davis, himself, went to court in Richmond and had free papers registered on Jim Limber, so he would always be free. Even when our president was on his way to prison for trying to obtain independence and self-government for the Southern people, he made arrangements and provided for Jim Limber's future education and care.

In the old South it was not uncommon for blacks to take in orphaned whites or for whites to take in orphaned blacks. A relationship between blacks and whites that Northerners even today do not understand or appreciate.

### Industry vs. agriculture

The war for Southern independence was fought over the right of the local people to govern themselves versus a centralist government by the few, the rich and the powerful. The South wanted less government, less taxes, independence, and decisions made at the local level where the people have control. The north wanted more taxes, more government, and centralism, with a compulsory Union at bayonet point and decisions made in Washington rather than by the local people. The South stood on the principles of the Southerner, Thomas Jefferson, who, in the Declaration of Independence, said "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government." In other words, the people should control government, not the government controlling the people.

The North stood on the principles of the Northerner, Alexander Hamilton who believed that government should be ruled by an intellectual aristocracy, maintained by the enlightened self-interest of the wealthy rather than the common people governing themselves. Northern abolitionists, like William Lloyd Garrison, burned the U.S. Constitution in the streets, calling the Constitution "a pact with the devil". U.S. president Abraham Lincoln brutally violated almost every article and amendment to the U.S. Constitution, throwing over 35,000 northern citizens in prison as political prisoners, including State legislators, without cause or trial, as well as, violently closing down opposition newspapers and suppressing freedom of speech.

President Jefferson Davis and the Confederate States Congress never did any such thing. The Southern people took the U.S. Constitution with them when they voluntarily withdrew from the voluntary Union and brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, where the right of the local people to govern themselves was protected.

### Root of all evil - the love of taxes

Just like the War for American Independence of 1776, the War for Southern Independence of 1861 was fought over "taxation without representation". The North was constantly trying to raise taxes on Southerners through high taxes on imported goods, in order to protect the inefficient big businesses up north who could not compete with manufactured goods from England and France with whom the South traded cotton in exchange for their manufactured products.

The South did not have factories and so had to import most

finished products. The industrial revolution allowed England and France to produce and ship across the Atlantic products that were cheaper than the products northern manufacturers (who refused to modernize) could produce with their white child labor; ten year old children working 16 hours a day in polluted cities for pennies and sleeping in the streets. Slaves in the South were treated much better than child labor in the north.

When the taxes on imports were raised then the price paid by the Southern people for goods from England and France went up and of course the northern manufacturers immediately raised their prices for products the South bought from the North. But the South did not receive any more money for its cotton to compensate for the increased prices. Therefore, the Southern people, rich and poor, black and white, all paid for the taxes or higher priced northern goods, while the north received the profit and tax receipts, to spend on their canals, railroads and other internal improvements. The South paid much more in taxes than the north and received much less back in tax spending, a very burdensome, unfair situation for Southerners. This was in direct violation of the Constitution, which provided for taxes to be levied equally among the States.

However, the South was outvoted in the U.S. Congress by the populous North and became little more than sheep to be fleeced by the North's oppressive taxation without representation. The South's only recourse was to either admit more States to the Union that would vote against the oppressive taxes, or keep a low-tax President in the White House (whose veto power would protect against higher taxes), or withdraw from the Union and form another nation with lower taxes.

For example, when the "tariff

of abominations" was passed in 1828 and another such high tariff in 1832, the State of South Carolina threatened to withdraw from the Union, but these oppressive taxes were repealed or diluted to a 20% tax on imports before her secession took place. Please note that South Carolina's threatened withdrawal from the Union was not over slavery, but over taxes.

For a period of years after that, the South was able to keep the import tax at a tolerable level of 20%, by electing Presidents who would veto higher tariffs.

Unfortunately, in 1860, in a four way presidential race, Abraham Lincoln was elected by only 38% of the vote, all from up north. Lincoln did not receive even one vote in the deep South. This minority elected president had promised the rich big businesses in the north that, if elected, Lincoln would drastically raise the import tax. That is why the Southern states quickly be-

gan to escape from the tax net that Lincoln was spreading.

Within Lincoln's first month in office, the U.S. Congress had passed the Morrill Tariff, which was the highest import tax in U.S. history, which more than doubled the import tax rate, from 20% to 47%, enough to bankrupt many Southerners. This oppressive tax is what pushed southern States to legally withdraw from the voluntary Union, and not slavery.

Since the Southerners escaped the tax by withdrawing from the Union, the only way the north could collect this oppressive tax was to invade the Confederate States and force them at gun point back into the Union where they could be taxed. It was to collect this oppressive import tax to satisfy his northern industrialist supporters that Abraham Lincoln invaded our South and not to free any slaves. Lincoln's war cost the lives of 600,000 Americans.

When Lincoln invaded

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Charleston and then Virginia, all Southerners: white, black, Hispanic, Indians, Orientals, Protestants, Catholics, Jews, rich and poor, male and female almost to a person rose up and volunteered their services in defense of the Confederate States of America, because all were going to suffer from this horrible federal tax. Nowhere in the history of movements of independence and self government, have a people been so united in purpose and dedicated to the cause of independence. No, not even in 1776 did the thirteen Colonies receive such support of and sacrifice by the people and that war was fought over a 3% tax on tea!

My fellow Senators, the South was right! The Confederate battle flag represents all Southerners and even northern Confederates from states like Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and others who supported the South and who even tried to secede from the Union and form their own nation but whose efforts for freedom were crushed by Lincoln's troops.

Confederate Indians, Hispanics, blacks, and whites all received Confederate pensions after the war and attended Confederate veterans reunions together, year after year; just as they had suffered and fought together during the war, year after year. The Confederate battle flag represents all Confederates, regardless of race or religion and is the symbol of less government, less taxes, and the right of a people to govern themselves. It is flown in memory and honor of our Confederate ancestors and veterans who willingly shed their blood for Southern independence. Their Confederate battle flag deserves the highest of honors, by being flown on top of our Alabama State capitol.

The decision we make today is similar to a decision that was being made in Mississippi on February 11, 1890 regarding a monument to the Confederate dead. John F. Harris, a black Republican delegate from Washington County rose to speak for the bill, saving,

"When the news came that the South had been invaded, our men went forth to fight for their country and for what they believed, and they made no requests for monuments . . . but they died, and their virtues should be remembered. Mr. Speaker, I went with them. I too, wore the *Gray*, the same color my master wore. We stayed four long years, and if that war had gone on till now, I would have been there yet . . . I want to honor those brave men who died for their convictions. And sir, I shall vote for it. I want it known to all the world that my vote is given in favor of the bill to erect a monument in honor of the Confederate dead."

When the applause died down, the measure passed overwhelmingly, and every black member voted "aye". May God grant that the same response occur here today. Thank you.

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