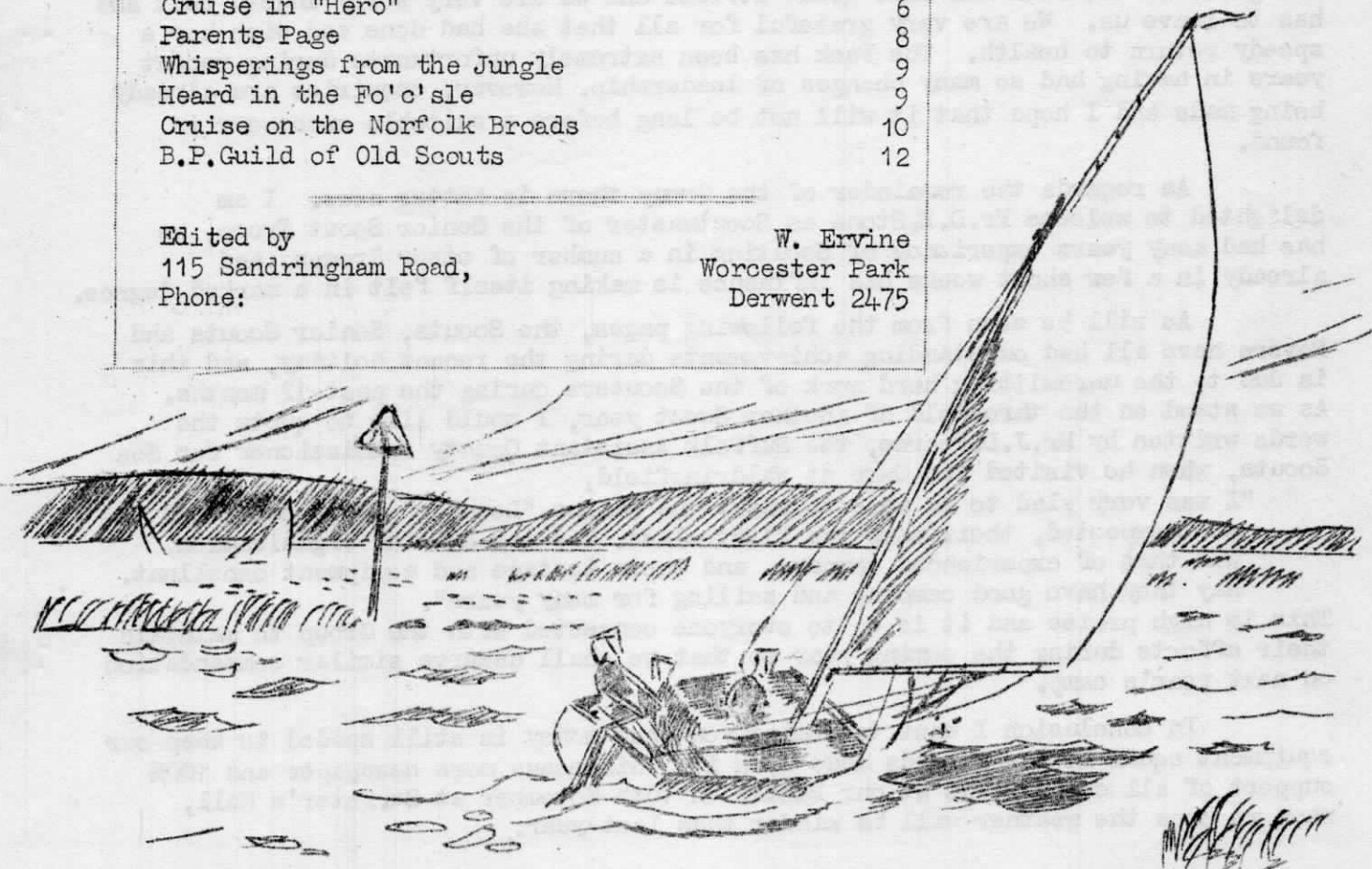


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## SKIPPER'S SCRAWL.

Just as we go to press has come the news that Miss Pam Hollis, our Akela, has been ordered by her Doctor to give up Cubbing completely for an indefinite period. During the time that she has been with us she has put a tremendous amount of energy into running the Pack in spite of spells of indifferent health. Under her guidance the Pack has made great strides and we are very sorry indeed that she has to leave us. We are very grateful for all that she had done and wish her a speedy return to health. The Pack has been extremely unfortunate during recent years in having had so many changes of leadership. However, enquiries are already being made and I hope that it will not be long before a suitable successor is found.

As regards the remainder of the Group there is better news. I am delighted to welcome Mr.D.E.Stone as Scoutmaster of the Senior Scout Troop, he has had many years experience of Scouting in a number of other Groups, and already in a few short weeks his influence is making itself felt in a marked degree.

As will be seen from the following pages, the Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rovers have all had outstanding achievements during the recent holiday, and this is due to the unremitting hard work of the Scouters during the past 12 months. As we stand on the threshold of another Scout year, I would like to quote the words written by Mr.J.D.Pearce, the Suffolk Assistant County Commissioner for Sea Scouts, when he visited the Camp at Waldringfield,

"I was very glad to be able to visit the famous "Leander" Sea Scouts, and as I expected, their camp was first class. The lay-out and organisation, was that of experienced campers, and their tentage and equipment excellent. May they have good camping and sailing for many years".

This is high praise and it is up to everyone connected with the Group to maintain their efforts during the coming year so that we shall deserve similar commendation on next year's camp.

In conclusion I want to remind you that money is still needed to keep our equipment equal to the demands made upon it. This means more newspaper and 100% support of all our friends at our Bazaar on 10th November at St.Peter's Hall, when we hope the weather will be kinder than last year.

### SCOUT TROOP CAMP AT WALDRINGFIELD.

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Twenty Leanders, in charge of Scoutmaster P. Burton, have now returned from a fortnight's camp at Waldringfield, in Suffolk. "Leanders" had previously camped at Waldringfield, during the years 1934 and 1935 and some of the Old Boys may remember the district and what an ideal site it is with the river "almost on the doorstep".

At a little after 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, 28th July, there was great activity outside the Headquarters when the pantechnicon pulled up ready to be loaded with two sailing dinghies, a pram dinghy, a couple of bicycles, and twenty Scouts and Scouters, together with their kit, and camping equipment. It was a lovely morning for the journey and those who were there to see the party off were very envious of the youngsters. As the Patrol Leader of the Beavers (Charlie Huckson) was representing Kingston Sea Scouts at the Jamboree in Austria, the members of his patrol were divided amongst the other patrols which were in charge of P/Ls Dick Garnish, John Evans and George Hopkins.

The party arrived at the campsite by noon and tents were pitched at the top of a grassy slope, at the bottom of which was a stream, the source of which was an icy cold spring rising in a corner of the camp field. "Leanders", always adaptable, utilised this cold water to keep their butter and other provisions cool. The food problem caused no difficulty as a travelling butcher's shop called at the camp twice a week, whilst rabbits were purchased at 1/6d each and, in spite of the shortage in London, potatoes and eggs were plentiful.

On Saturday 3rd August, the Skipper and Mrs. Ebbage visited the Camp, and the Skipper heartily congratulated the Troop on the splendid camp layout and the cooking arrangements. Each Patrol had their own "galley" complete with oven, and families at home would have been surprised to see the efficient way in which pans of water were covered with butter muslin, etc.

One of the chief attractions for the Juniors was the number of rabbits running about, and if one saw a fairly hefty piece of stick lying around and attempted to pick it up for firewood, a cry was heard "Hi! that's my Bunny Basher!" Those who were not expert with these implements resorted to the use

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of snares, and although the local shops did well in the sales, we haven't heard how many rabbits were actually caught by the boys.

Full use was made of the boats, and good sailing was enjoyed. The three Rovers who sailed round the coast arrived on the Monday night, and during the following week the Juniors were taken out sailing in "Hero". The longest trip was to Felixstowe to sample the irresistible attraction of Butlin's Fun Fair. The boats even came in useful to convey two of the Scouts on a four-mile trip up the river to the doctor where they had to attend each day (one of whom was stung by a jelly-fish, and the other had a bite before leaving for camp, which had turned septic and necessitated medical attention).

Waldringfield Regatta took place on Saturday afternoon, 3rd August, and the Scouts entered for several of the events. An outstanding victory was scored in the outboard motor race by Nigel Fentiman, who had fitted the 4 horsepower engine from "Hero" into one of the 12ft dinghies. A number of second and third places were gained in other events.

On Sunday evening, August 5th, the annual Yachtsmen's Service was held on the beach and the Troop attended, while some of their number assisted with the collection. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Trevor Waller, Vicar of Waldringfield, and a large congregation of sailing people attended.

The return journey was made on August 11th, with the pantechicon arriving early in the afternoon, and the party reached Headquarters by 7.30 in the evening after a very enjoyable camp.

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TESTS PASSED - JULY AND AUGUST.

SCOUT TROOP.

Coxswain Badge - C.Huckson.  
Oarsman Badge - P.Butcher, T.Milne.  
2nd Class Tests - K.Notley (3), R.Read (2), I.Bates (1),  
B.Garnish (1), C.Waddell (1).  
Tenderfoot Badge Completed - R.Lambert.

SENIOR SCOUT TROOP.

1st Class Badge completed - C.Ford, J.Keen, W.Shennan.

## KINGSTON SCOUTS AT WORLD JAMBOREE.

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At the SEVENTH WORLD JAMBOREE at Bad Ischl in Austria, Kingston was represented by C.Huckson of "Leanders", I.Brown and A.Smith of the Kingston Schools Scout Group. A most enjoyable and unforgettable time was had by the trio.

Leaving London on the 31st July, they safely crossed the Channel, and arrived at the Jamboree after a journey lasting 35 hours, 28 of which were spent in a French 3rd Class Railway coach.

The camp was in beautiful surroundings on two low grassy hills interspersed with small woods in a valley about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles wide with hills covered with pine woods rising to about 4,000 feet on either side.

The Opening Ceremony, which was very impressive, was held just outside the Jamboree site. Before all the participants of the Jamboree and a crowd of Austrian folk, seven towers were erected in a few minutes, to represent all the Jamborees. Then "OLYMPIA, LONDON" was heard over the loudspeaker. This was the signal for the two Scouts who were at the top of one of the towers, to shake hands and raise the Union Jack to the mast-head. Whilst the flag was being raised, a choir sung the 1921 Jamboree Song. Then the procedure was repeated with the Danish flag, until the seventh flag had been raised. From the top of the seventh tower, Herr Klaus, the Jamboree Camp Chief, welcomed all the Scouts to the Jamboree, and Colonel Wilson, Director of the International Bureau, declared the Jamboree open. Immediately after this, the Jamboree Song was sung, and all flags on the several surrounding mast heads were raised. Then, with the Jamboree Contingent, headed by the Scottish Bagpipe Band, they marched out of the arena.

During the actual Jamboree, many friendships were made, especially with two Jamaicans. They also managed to visit the old historical town of Salzburg, Strabl, Bad Aussee, two visits to Bad Ischl and numerous visits to nearby lakes.

There was also a grand Camp Fire, which many Scouts and Austrian folk attended. They learned from this Camp Fire many new songs and yells.

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On Tuesday 7th August, the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, visited the four Surrey Troops and shook hands with each Scout.

Many of the English camps erected skylions, and roped them off during the numerous storms. There were also many wonderful gateways and exhibits from many other countries.

During the journey out and the first few days in camp the weather was excessively hot, but on the Sunday it broke and there was much heavy rain, and a thunderstorm on the morning of departure. It could not damp the spirits of the campers, but they will long remember the MUD.

The closing ceremony was of course, a sad event, and in the arena there was only one tower left, to represent unity. The ceremony commenced by the Scouts all singing the Jamboree Song, during which a hundred pigeons carrying goodwill messages were released. Votes of thanks were given by Colonel Wilson, and Herr Klaus closed the Jamboree. To signify the Jamboree was closed, all Scouts joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne", and, with arms linked, eight deep, all the Scouts marched happily out of the Jamboree Arena.

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#### THE VOYAGE OF HERO.

It was getting dark on the evening of Friday 27th July when HERO and her crew, consisting of Nigel Fentimen (in charge), Bob Dodge and John Sharp pushed off from the Headquarters on the commencement of her voyage to Woodbridge. Once through Teddington Lock the newly acquired outboard engine was shipped and such good progress was made that they arrived at the City of London Scout Guardship moored near Tower Pier at 1.20 in the morning.

After a few hours sleep, they got under weigh again at 10 o'clock, and during the passage down river had a "grandstand view" of the work that goes on on London River. Southend Pier was reached at 18.55 and here the crew had the good fortune to be invited aboard the Naval M.F.V. "Vengeance I" where they passed the night in comfort.

Setting off again at high water on Sunday morning, they encountered a N.E. wind which necessitated them beating all the way up the Swin Channel along the edge of the Maplin Sand to the Swin Spitway Buoy which was reached at 16.35. From here the course lay through the Spitway and thence to Clacton where they arrived at 21.00 hrs. and spent the night on the beach.

The morning was passed in replenishing stores and repairing the rudder pintle which had broken adrift the previous evening. Whilst at Clacton there was a great temptation to turn to the westward and explore the estuaries of the Colne and Blackwater, but this pleasure was postponed for another year, in view of the fact that the boat was to be used by the Scouts during their camp at Waldringfield.

On Monday afternoon Clacton Pier was passed at 14.00 hrs, and with a strong easterly breeze HERO arrived off the entrance to Bawdsey Haven. With the Martello Towers as leading marks, they entered the River Deben at 21.30 hrs and arrived off the campsite at Waldringfield half-an-hour later.

The return journey was started on Wednesday 8th August, and a short sea passage was made to Felixstowe where, in the evening, Butlin's Fun Fair was the great attraction. Next morning course was set for Brightlingsea with Morrie Buer and John Scott as crew, with Nigel again in charge.

With a moderate following breeze Walton-on-the-Naze and Clacton were soon left astern, and HERO reached Brightlingsea at 14.15, where the night was spent.

Friday passed uneventfully and although a fishing line was trailed over the stern, they didn't have a single bite all day. Southend was reached at 17.30 and after a short time ashore waiting for the tide to turn, the trip up river was continued during the night, and HERO arrived back at Headquarters at about 6 o'clock in the morning, thus ended her first post-war cruise in her rightful element.

It is hoped that in future years such trips will again become part of the Group's normal activities.

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## P A R E N T S    P A G E .

Friday evening of 22nd June, saw H.Q. a hive of industry. Parents and boys joined forces to prepare the 1951 Summer At Home. How many parents noticed the repainted and rewritten sign board facing the towpath? Who saw the nearly completed new fence in the Albany Park Road frontage? These are concrete examples of the help Parents and Old Scouts can and do give to the Group. If any Parents other than the "Old Faithfuls" like to volunteer, there are many other jobs still to be done.

The weather on the afternoon of the 23rd, was disappointingly dull, but there was a grand gathering of Parents and Friends who responded generously to the cajolery of the "barkers" at the various side shows - Darts, Roll-a-Penny, Hoop-la, Feeding the Greedy Pig and "Aunt" Sally. Teas in the open were popular, while boat trips remained as big an attraction as ever.

Cubs, Scouts and Seniors, all gave displays during the afternoon and early evening. What a lot the Group owe to Akela. Her Cubs are a fine bunch of lads, and their early training, give promise of strength to the Troop for a long time to come. The Junior Troop showed their elders the way to win a Trek Cart race, but I suspect a bit of a fiddle with the axle pins was an added handicap to the "old men". A happy camp fire sing song closed another memorable day. In spite of the weather the very handsome total of £26 was realised.

The Group Committee in thanking everyone for the great support given to the "At Home", have already gone into a huddle to think of something to bring all the Parents together again at the Bazaar, which has been fixed for SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER at St. Peter's Hall, London Road. Make a note of the date Parents. Later we will be able to tell you the attractions we shall have to offer, but in the meantime don't keep it dark - rather shout it from the house tops - "LEANDER" BAZAAR, Saturday 10th November. They always have something worth while to offer.



Well, Cubs, first I want to welcome to our Pack, Peter Voysey, who was enrolled a few weeks ago (just before the Summer holidays began). We were sorry to part with Alan Saunders and John Spratley, who have "gone up" into the Troop, but we are sure they are enjoying life with the Scouts and finding fresh interests.

I want to say how very sorry I was to have to disappoint you about the camp we had planned. Unfortunately my health has not been as good as I should like, and now my Doctor has ordered me to have complete rest, so I am afraid this must be my "farewell Whispering". Although I am hoping to see something of you from time to time, I shall no longer be AKELA, (at least for the present), but I do hope to arrange a Saturday afternoon outing during September.

I have had a very happy time since being with "Leanders" and don't like saying "Goodbye" one bit, but after all, Doctor's orders must be obeyed, "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf".

Just one more word, I do hope you will soon be back at the usual good attendances at Pack Meetings now that your summer holidays are over.

Good Hunting to you all in the future,

AKELA.

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#### HEARD IN THE FO'C'SLE.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. "Joe" Bunkin on the birth of a son Paul; a brother for Andrew.

On August 9th Laurence Bailey reported for duty at the R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth. Since gaining his B.Sc. Degree he has obtained a short Service Commission in the R.N. and is now an Instructor Sub-Lieutenant.

John Manning has gained the Degree of B.Sc. (Engineering) with 1st Class Honours. He has started his career as a civil engineer with the Western Union Telegraph Co., and it is probable that much of his work will be abroad.

Since his return from Australia, Arthur Hall has communicated his taste for travel to Ron Jault. They have just returned from a fortnight's tour through France to Italy returning through Switzerland. The journey was made on Ron's motor cycle with Arthur riding pillion. We hope to publish an account of this trip in a later number.

## SENIOR TROOP CRUISE ON THE NORFOLK BROADS.

Commencing on August Bank Holiday Saturday, twelve Senior Scouts of the "Leander" (Kingston) Sea Scout Group spent two weeks cruising on the Norfolk Broads. The object was to explore as much as possible of the Rivers and Broads during the fortnight. Two 30 ft cruisers, "Japonica I & II" and an 18 ft half-decked boat, "Albatross", were chartered from the Martham Boat Building Company. The party was divided into two crews as follows:-

"Japonica I". Rover Bob Dodge, P/L. John Ford, Senior Scouts D. Blundell, Mike Smart and Ken Marshall, (a guest from the 4th Morden.) S/M. "Doc" Stone joined this ship for the second week.

"Japonica II". A/S/M. Chas. Bishop, with Senior Scouts Nobby Handley, Colin Ford, Wally Shennan, Bob Johnson and Harry Sharp. "Albatross" was used in turn by pairs of Scouts.

We collected the craft from Martham and went under power to Potter Heigham, where we lowered the mast and passed under the old bridge with only three inches to spare! Here we stayed the night, and the next day started off under sail tacking in a very light breeze. At first the craft seemed rather heavy to handle, and did not respond to the helm as well as those to which we had been accustomed, with the result that we had one or two minor mishaps, but we soon acquired the art, and proceeded happily on our way.

During the first week we sailed down the River Bure, stopping at many interesting places, finally reaching St. Olaves on Monday night. Except for the rain the weather was good - it was good sailing weather at any rate, which was all we wanted.

On Tuesday we motored under two bridges and then hoisted our sails in a gale. We had the best sail of the cruise from here to Oulton. During the run back we met Skipper at Somerleyton Ferry, and Chas. Bishop, John Ford and Nobby Handley went with him to see the Scout Camp site at Herringfleet, whilst the rest of us sailed to Reedham Ferry, where they re-joined us.

Thursday was spent exploring the historic Cathedral City of Norwich, and on Friday we proceeded to Yarmouth Yacht Station, arriving late that night.

The following morning S/M. "Doc" Stone joined us, and we looked around

the town, in atrocious weather, but a happy time was had by all.

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We left very early on Sunday morning, but had to stop later owing to engine trouble. The delay was not altogether wasted, as it gave us the opportunity of examining a working windmill, a unique experience in this mechanical age. The wind by now having increased considerably, we sailed to Acle, where we stayed the night, continuing on, past Thurn Mouth, and up the River Bure to Wroxham, arriving there on Tuesday evening. Here, incidentally, are what must be the finest free moorings on the Broads, and we noted with some interest that the whole town, all the shops, garages, etc. belonged to one enterprising merchant by the name of Roy.

Wednesday we had some fair sailing on Wroxham Broad, and slept the night at a truly beautiful spot, Salhouse Broad. We were so taken by the charm of this place that we spent the whole of the next day there swimming and fishing, Colin Ford obtaining the record catch of 21 fish, and Chas Bishop, to his great delight, caught his first, all two and a half inches of it!!

On our return journey down the Bure we visited Woodbastwick Broad, a very impressive stretch of water, which is the boating H.Q. of the Norwich Sea Scouts. However, time forced us on, and we proceeded under power to Thurne Mouth from whence we sailed and drifted back to Potter Heigham, staying here the night and thoroughly cleaned out the boats ready for their return.

Saturday dawned, much to our disappointment, the most beautiful day of the whole fortnight. We returned the craft to Martham, and made our weary way back to Kingston and home.

We all agreed that it was one of the finest holidays that we had ever had, and we shall remember it for many years to come, with so many and such contrasting reminiscences, the unforgettable time when we woke Chas. Bishop by dropping a live eel, caught by Bob Dodge a few minutes previously, and fully 2'6" long, on his face, the time when Wally, our athletic type, leaped into a manure heap, mistaking it for a heap of straw - Nobby's record for falling in with his clothes on, eight times in all!, and, as a contrast, the peaceful calm of the rivers and broads at night, the grand sailing, above all the run from St. Olaves to Oulton, and, more than all this, the really grand happy spirit of the trip will live long in our memories.

## B. P. BUILD OF OLD SCOUTS.

Here is a date for all old "Leanders" to put in their diaries. It is the first Thursday in November, which also happens to be the 1st November. On this date we are going to have a Reunion Dinner at the Clubroom. Nothing posh, you know, just a good old "Leander" do. So please make it a special night and do your best to come. We do want to make it one of those "do you remember?" evenings. When you read this please write straight away to

Jack Douthwaite,  
28, Mount Pleasant Road,  
New Malden,

and tell him you will be there. If you will do this it will help Jack to arrange the catering. Remember Thursday 1st November, 8 p.m.

Another function which last year developed into a grand reunion of "Leanders" and friends was the visit to Ralph Reader's "Gang Show" at Kings Theatre, Hammersmith. This year the "Gang Show" will be staged at the same place from 3rd to 15th December. It is proposed to make up a party for the show on our regular meeting night viz. Thursday 6th December. Will all those interested please let the Skipper know not later than October 8th, how many tickets are required so that these can be obtained directly the Box Office opens. The cost will be 10/6d. per head including coach fare, or 7/6d for those travelling independently.

Jack has had a letter from Roy Marchant, and we are sorry to say he is in hospital again. Now any of you who have had a spell in hospital know what it means to receive an unexpected letter, so if you spare five minutes to write him a line or two I am sure you will give Roy a pleasant surprise. His address is:

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