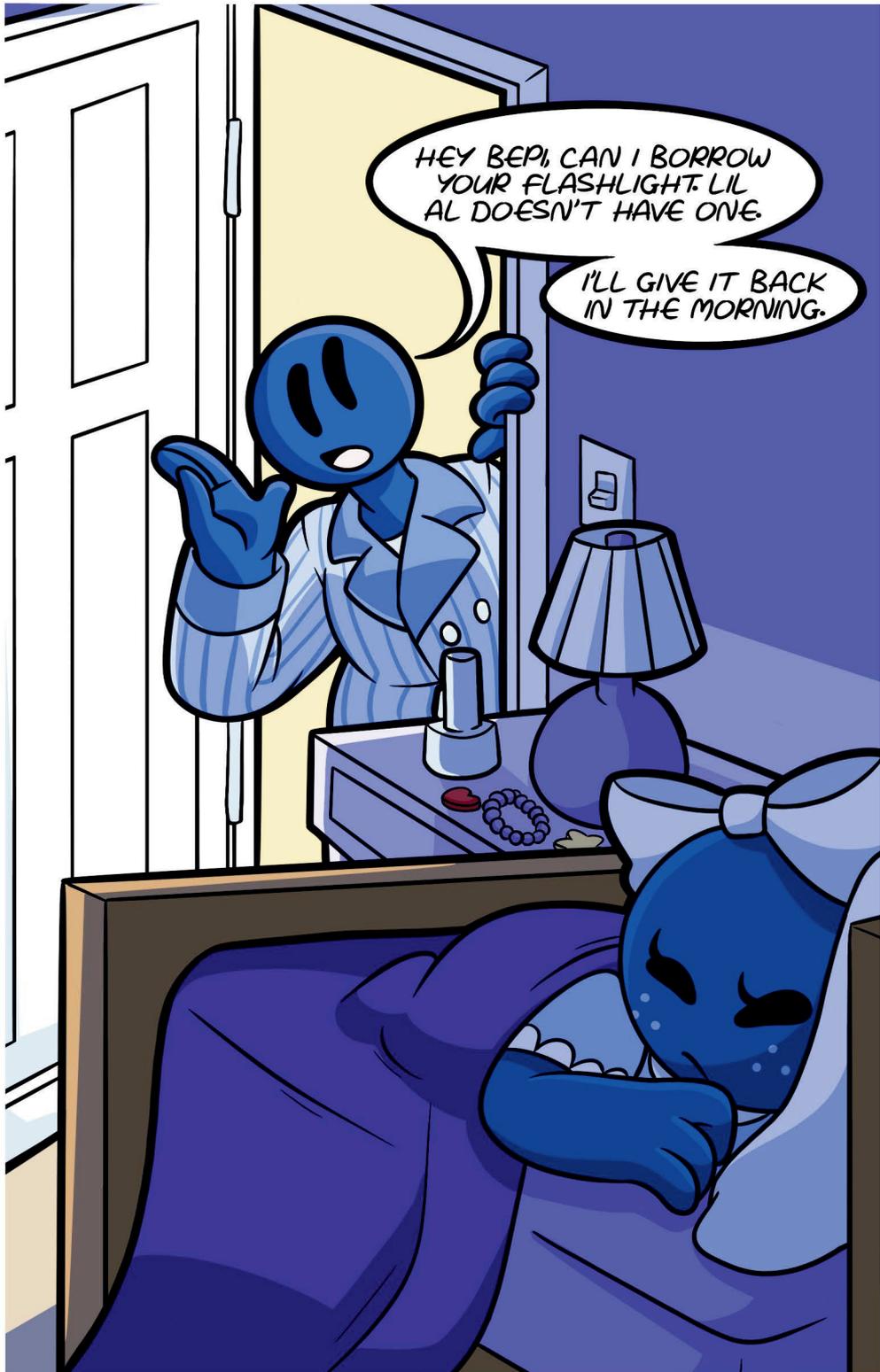


# BUD VISITS GULF STATE PARK



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HEY BEPI, CAN I BORROW  
YOUR FLASHLIGHT. LIL  
AL DOESN'T HAVE ONE

I'LL GIVE IT BACK  
IN THE MORNING.

HEY LIL AL, DID YOU KNOW

THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLES ARE THE LARGEST HARD SHELLED TURTLES IN THE WORLD WITH POWERFUL JAWS TO CRUSH THEIR PREY.



YOU SEE, THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE SLOWLY CREEPS OUT OF THE WATER AND ONTO THE SAND.

IT DIGS A HOLE ABOUT TWO OR THREE FEET DEEP, DROPS THE EGGS IN, COVERS THEM UP, LEAVES AND NEVER RETURNS.



AW, YOU BROKE MY  
TOY ROBOT.

\*SIGH\*

LET'S GET SOME SLEEP.  
WE'LL BE LEAVING EARLY TO  
GO CAMPING.

UH OH!

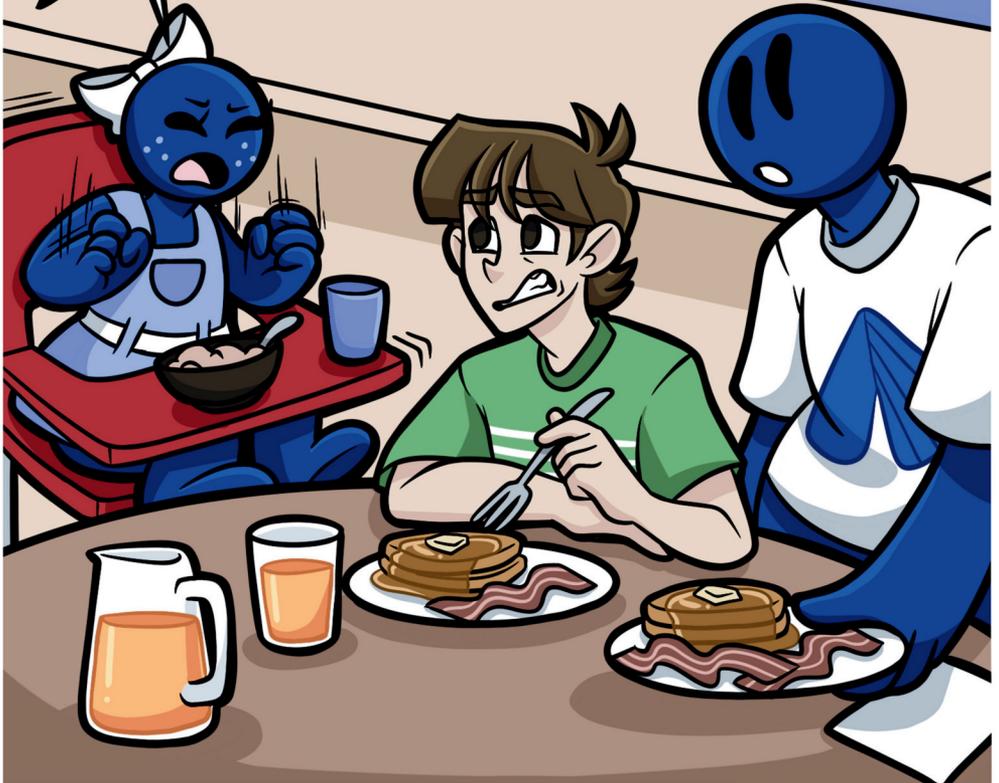


THE NEXT DAY

FLASHLIGHT!!  
FLASHLIGHT!!

OH DEAR

REMEMBER BUD, BORROWING  
MEANS TO TAKE AND USE  
SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO  
SOMEONE ELSE WITH THE  
INTENTION OF RETURNING IT.



OH YEAH, HERE YOU GO, SIS.

OOPS, LOOKS LIKE THE BATTERIES ARE DEAD.

SORRY

\*WAHH\*  
\*WAHH\*

\*CLICK\*  
\*CLICK\*

MAMA, LIL AL  
BORROWED MY TOY  
ROBOT AND BROKE IT.

NOW, YOU KNOW HOW BEPI FELT  
WHEN YOU GAVE HER BACK A  
FLASHLIGHT THAT DIDN'T WORK. IT  
IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE CARE OF  
WHAT YOU BORROW AND RETURN IT  
IN GOOD CONDITION.



NOW ABOUT AL,

FOSTERING IS A WAY OF PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR HIM UNTIL HE CAN BE REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY.

SO TAKE IT EASY ON HIM, OKAY? SHARING IS CARING.

# DING! DONG!

OH, HI ANNIE!

HEY BUD, REMEMBER THE MONEY YOU LENT ME FOR THE SODA MACHINE? I'M HERE TO PAY YOU BACK.

LENT?

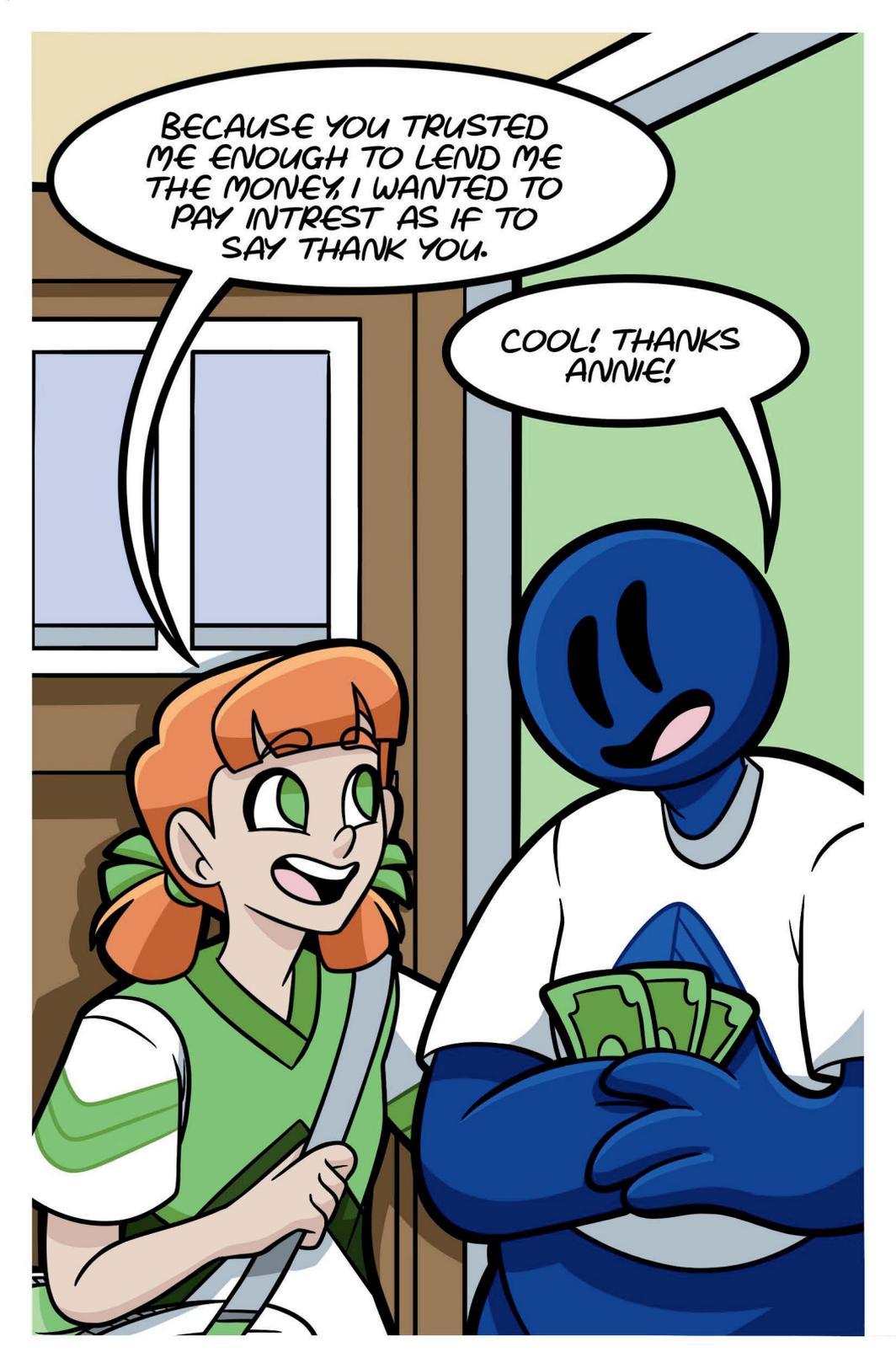


# LOAN

LENT IS ANOTHER WORD FOR LOAN.  
A THING THAT IS BORROWED,  
ESPECIALLY A SUM OF MONEY  
THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE PAID  
BACK WITH INTREST.

BUT I ONLY LENT YOU  
\$1, WHY ARE YOU GIVING  
ME MORE?



A comic panel showing two characters. On the left is a girl with orange hair in pigtails, wearing a green and white striped shirt, smiling. On the right is a character with a blue, featureless head and blue body, wearing a white t-shirt and holding a stack of green money. The background shows a window and a door.

BECAUSE YOU TRUSTED  
ME ENOUGH TO LEND ME  
THE MONEY, I WANTED TO  
PAY INTREST AS IF TO  
SAY THANK YOU.

COOL! THANKS  
ANNIE!

AND OF COURSE, I KNEW YOU WOULD WANT TO BUY A SOUVENIR ON YOUR TRIP. THINK OF IT LIKE THIS - BORROW, SHARE, LEND, AND CARE!

HERE'S A CATCHY LITTLE TUNE.

BORROW, SHARE, LEND, CARE  
BORROW, SHARE, LEND, I CARE, I  
CARE, I CARE

I CARE





LET ME HEAR YOU SAY BORROW - BORROW!

LET ME HEAR YOU SAY SHARE - SHARE!

LET ME HEAR YOU SAY LEND - LEND!

LET ME HEAR YOU SAY CARE - CARE!

LET ME HEAR YOU SAY BORROW - BORROW!  
LET ME HEAR YOU SAY SHARE - SHARE!  
LET ME HEAR YOU SAY LEND - LEND!  
I CARE! I CARE! I CARE!



ALABAMA'S  
GULF STATE PARK



GULF STATE  
PARK HERE WE  
COME!



KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED  
FOR IMPRESSIVE WILDLIFE,  
SUCH AS ALLIGATORS

AND  
ENDANGERED SPECIES OF  
BIRDS.

LOOK!

## ALLIGATOR MARSH TRAIL

I SURE HOPE WE FIND LEFTY, THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED ALLIGATOR ON THE PLANET. THEY CALL HER LEFTY BECAUSE SHE LOST HER RIGHT ARM.

MAYBE SHE'LL HAVE HER BABIES WITH HER.

Don't Feed the Alligators





ALLIGATORS HAVE 80 TEETH WHEN THEY'RE BORN. THEIR EYES ARE ALSO TRANSPARENT SO THAT THEY CAN SEE UNDERWATER AND PROTECT THEIR EYES FROM THE DIRT.

SHHHH!

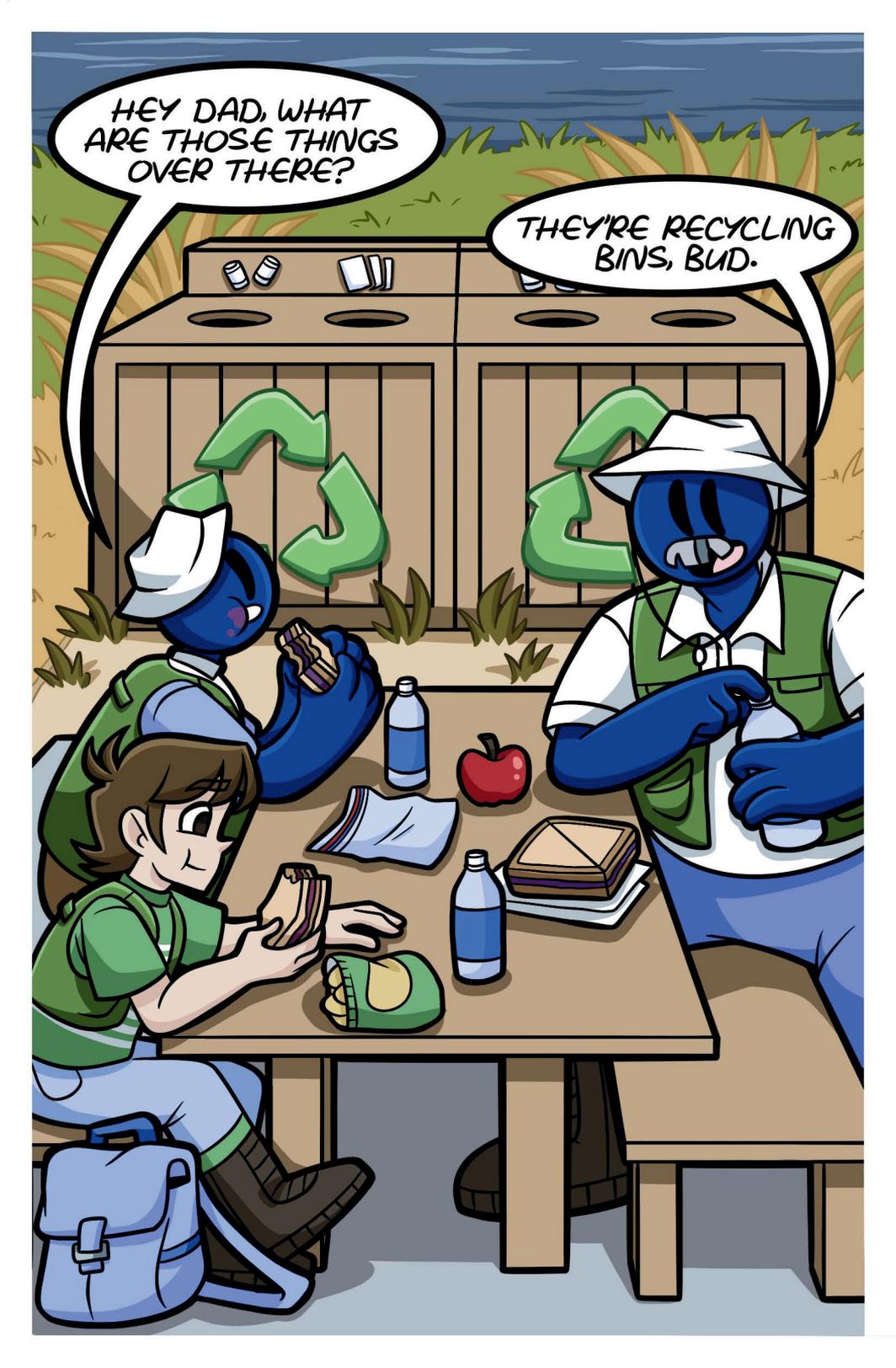
I THINK I HEAR SOMETHING!



AHHH!!!

SEE YOU LATER,  
ALLIGATOR!





HEY DAD, WHAT  
ARE THOSE THINGS  
OVER THERE?

THEY'RE RECYCLING  
BINS, BUD.



THE RECYCLING BIN HAS AN OPENING FOR CANS, PAPER, GLASS, AND PLASTIC. RECYCLING IS THE PROCESS OF TAKING MATERIALS READY TO BE THROWN AWAY AND CHANGING THEM INTO REUSABLE MATERIALS.

GULF STATE PARK IS ONE OF THE FEW CAMPGROUNDS WE VISIT THAT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY.



YOU CAN FEEL GOOD ABOUT HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT WHEN YOU RECYCLE BECAUSE YOU'LL BE SAVING ENERGY AND REDUCING POLLUTION.



LATER THAT NIGHT

WE'D BETTER GET SOME REST TONIGHT. WE'RE TAKING A TOUR OF THE PARK ON BIKES IN THE MORNING.



THE NEXT DAY

YIPPEE!

CAN WE KEEP THESE BIKES, MAMA?

THE PARK'S BIKE SHARE PROGRAM ALLOWS US TO BORROW A BIKE RATHER THAN RENT OR BRING OUR OWN.

WHEN WE ARE FINISHED, WE MUST RETURN THE BIKES TO THE STATION.





BORROW, SHARE, LEND, CARE,  
BORROW, SHARE, LEND, I CARE,  
I CARE, I CARE

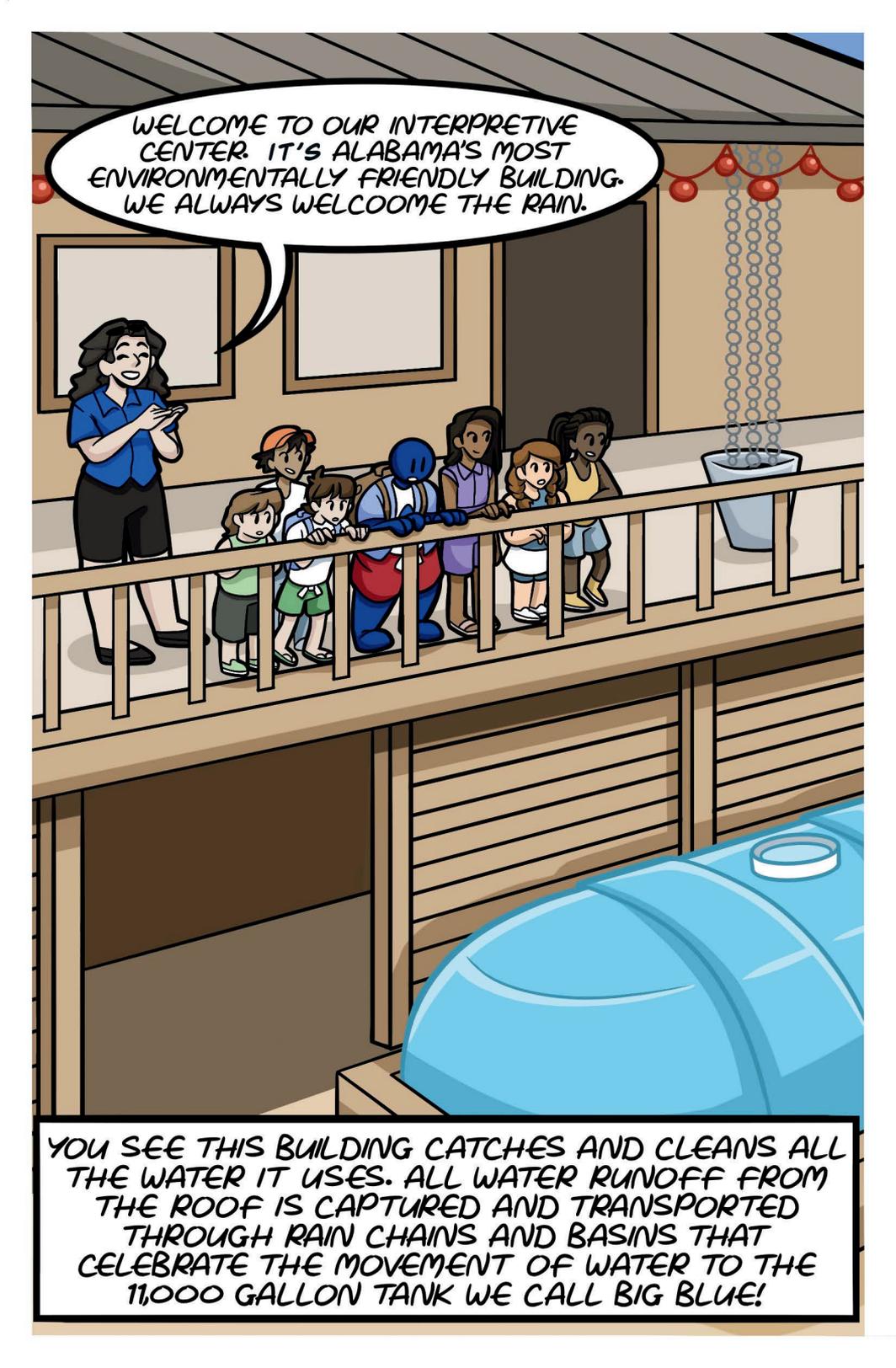
I CARE



GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, AND WELCOME. MEET SHERLOCK. SHE IS OUR BARRED OWL THAT MAKES HER HOME IN OUR NATURE CENTER.

SHERLOCK WAS INJURED WHEN SHE WAS LEARNING TO FLY AS A JUVENILE. SHE BLEW INTO SOME BARBED WIRE AND BROKE HER WING.

I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT SHE IS NOW AN EDUCATION AMBASSADOR HERE AT GULF STATE PARK.



WELCOME TO OUR INTERPRETIVE CENTER. IT'S ALABAMA'S MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BUILDING. WE ALWAYS WELCOME THE RAIN.

YOU SEE THIS BUILDING CATCHES AND CLEANS ALL THE WATER IT USES. ALL WATER RUNOFF FROM THE ROOF IS CAPTURED AND TRANSPORTED THROUGH RAIN CHAINS AND BASINS THAT CELEBRATE THE MOVEMENT OF WATER TO THE 11,000 GALLON TANK WE CALL BIG BLUE!



ANY QUESTIONS?

WHY ARE ALL THE  
LIGHTS OUTSIDE  
RED?

EACH YEAR WE SHARE OUR BEACHES WITH DOZENS OF SEA TURTLES. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A SAFE PLACE TO NEST, WHERE THEIR HATCHLINGS CAN EMERGE FROM THE SAND THEN FIND THEIR WAY SAFELY INTO THE WARM GULF WATERS. OUR RED AMBER LIGHTS ARE LESS DISORIENTING TO THE TURTLES AND OTHER WILDLIFE.

A woman with long dark curly hair, wearing a blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark pants, stands on the right side of the frame. She is pointing her right index finger towards a large framed diagram on the wall. The diagram illustrates the life cycle of a sea turtle: at the bottom, several white eggs are shown with small green hatchlings emerging; a larger hatchling is shown crawling up a sandy slope; another is shown swimming in the water; and a large adult turtle is shown swimming in the ocean waves at the top. In the foreground, the back of a person's head wearing an orange cap and another person's brown hair are visible, looking towards the diagram. A speech bubble from the person in the orange cap contains the text. The background features a tan wall with a string of red spherical ornaments hanging from the ceiling.

HOW MANY EGGS DO  
MOTHER TURTLES LAY?

TYPICALLY THE MOTHER TURTLE LAYS  
100 TO 110 EGGS. DURING A BOIL, THE  
BABY TURTLES COME CHARGING OUT OF  
THE NEST EXCITED TO GET TO THEIR  
NEW HOME, THE SEA.



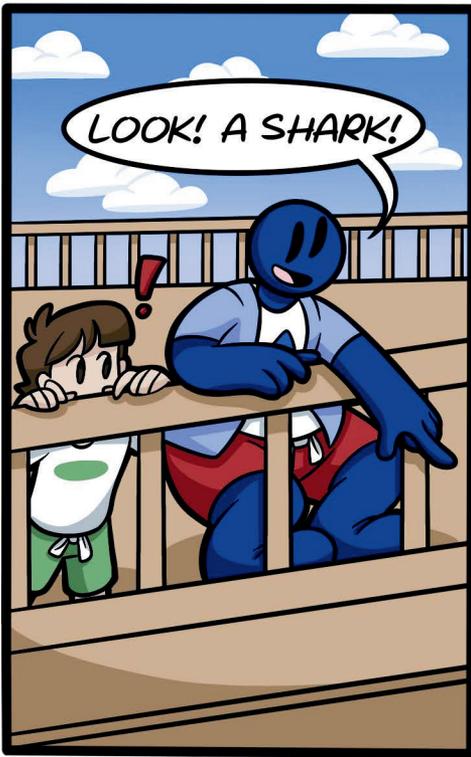
IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN AND DO NOT LEAVE DEEP HOLES THAT TURTLES CAN FALL INTO. WHEN SEA TURTLES SEE PLASTIC BAGS FLOATING IN THE SEA, THEY THINK THEY ARE JELLY FISH, AND THEY EAT THEM, THIS IS HARMFUL AND DANGEROUS TO THE SEA TURTLE'S STOMACH. REMEMBER ONLY LEAVE FOOTPRINTS!

A woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark pants, stands on a wooden boardwalk. She is waving her right hand towards a group of people. In the background, there is a sandy beach, blue waves, and a blue sky with white clouds. A speech bubble above her contains the text: "I WILL BE HUNTING TURTLE TRACKS TOMORROW IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ME."

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A person wearing a blue smiley face mask and a white t-shirt with a blue jacket draped over their shoulders is part of a group of people. They are looking towards the woman in the blue uniform. A speech bubble above them contains the text: "YES!".

YES!



TAKE A TOY, LEAVE A TOY?

HMMMMMM

OH, SO YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR TOYS IN THIS BOX FOR THE NEXT FAMILY TO ENJOY. SUCH A CREATIVE WAY TO SHARE!

# SHARK TOY BOXES

Take a Toy,  
Leave a Toy



THE NEXT DAY

BE SURE AND FILL  
THOSE HOLES BACK UP  
BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

WE WOULDN'T WANT  
A SEA TURTLE TO  
GET TRAPPED INSIDE.





I'M OFF TO HUNT FOR TURTLE TRACKS WITH THE DIRECTOR C.

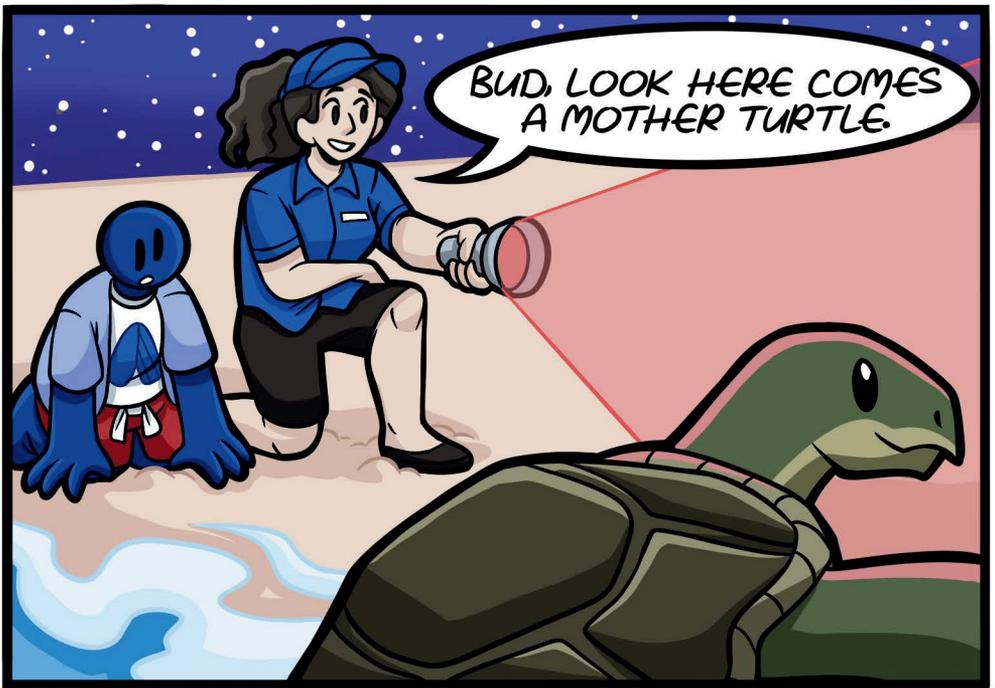
SHARE



YIKES? WHAT IS IT?

WOW! BUD, YOU JUST FOUND A FOSSILIZED GREAT WHITE SHARK TOOTH.

AWESOME!



HOME SWEET HOME



BEPI, HERE IS YOUR FLASHLIGHT

GOOD AS NEW!

HEY, LIL AL! MY ROBOT IS BETTER THAN EVER!



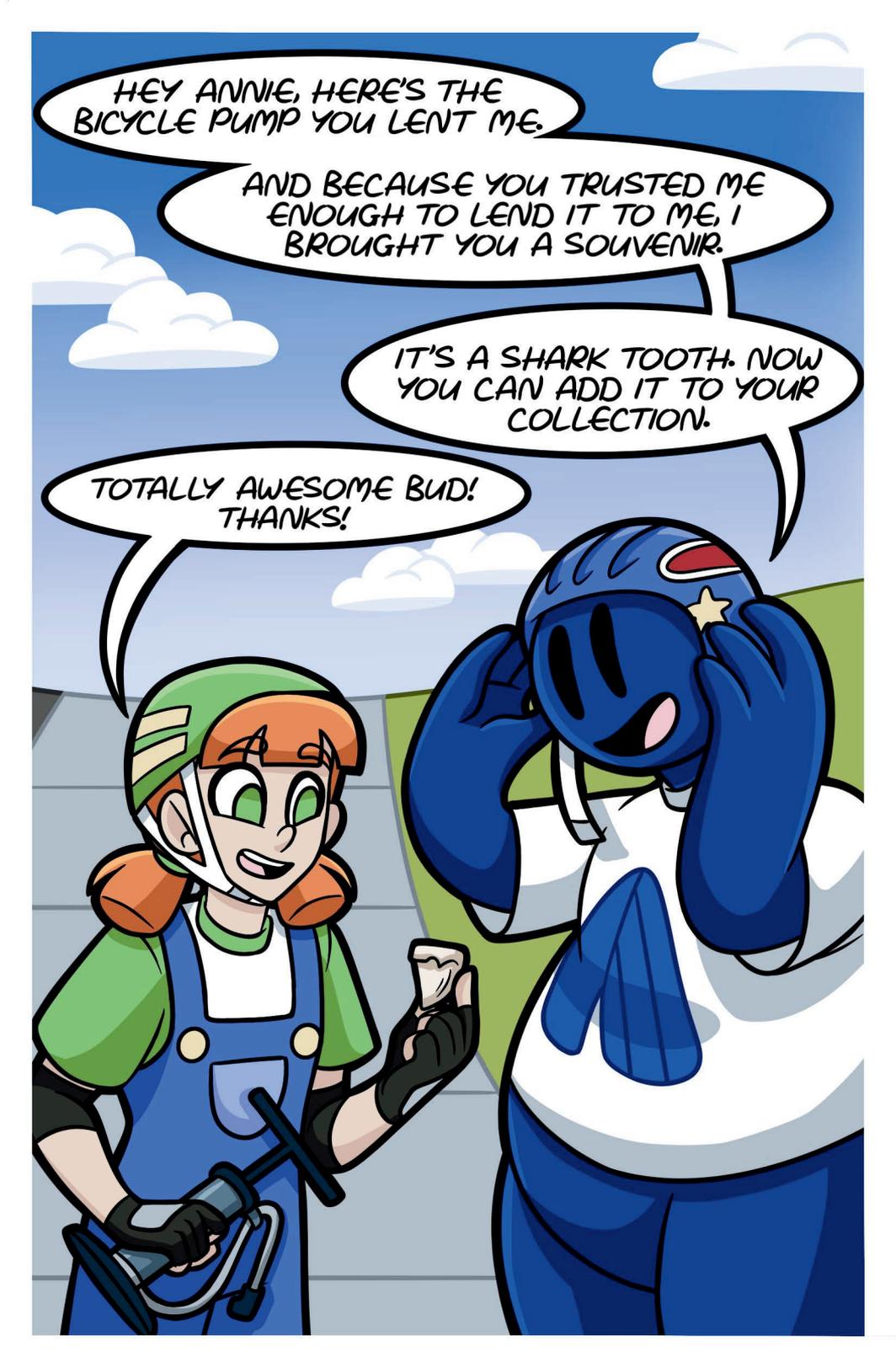


WAIT, LIL AL!

YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING.





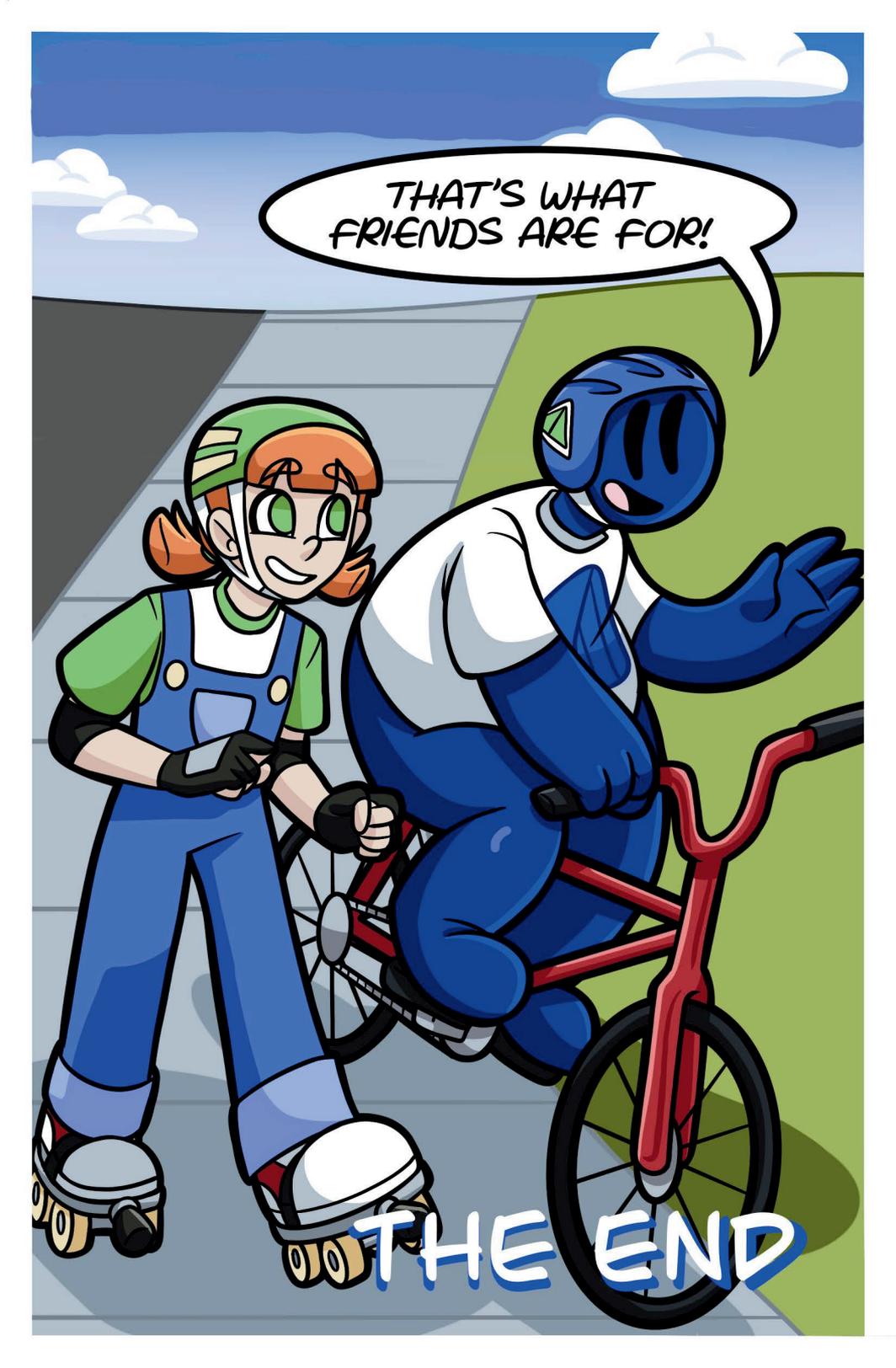


HEY ANNIE, HERE'S THE BICYCLE PUMP YOU LENT ME.

AND BECAUSE YOU TRUSTED ME ENOUGH TO LEND IT TO ME, I BROUGHT YOU A SOUVENIR.

IT'S A SHARK TOOTH. NOW YOU CAN ADD IT TO YOUR COLLECTION.

TOTALLY AWESOME BUD! THANKS!



THAT'S WHAT  
FRIENDS ARE FOR!

THE END

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