YOUTH BIBLE LESSONS

LEVEL 2

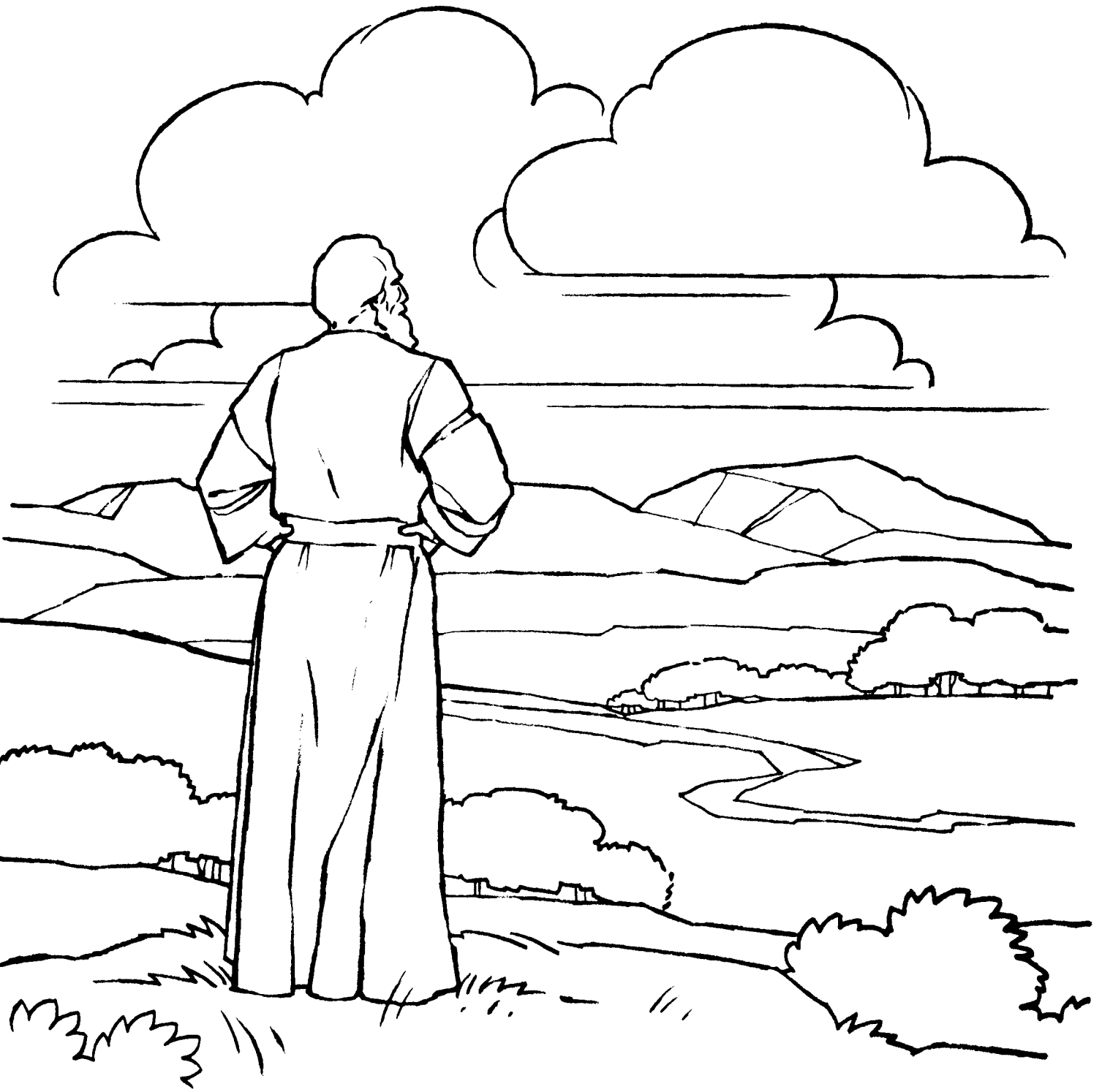
LESSON 6

Abraham Obeys God

Many years after the flood, a baby boy was born to Terah and his wife, who were descendants of Shem. They named him Abram. When Abram was a grown man seventy-five years old, God began to call him. God told him to pack up and move from his home in Haran to a land that He would show him. Abram obeyed. He took his wife, Sarai, and his nephew Lot with him. After a long journey, they arrived in the land of Canaan, which was to be their new home.

Illustrations by Ken Tunell

Because Abram obeyed God, he was blessed greatly. He had much gold and silver, and many flocks and herds. In a short while, the area was no longer big enough for Abram's flocks and Lot's flocks. Because the shepherds began fighting among themselves, Abram decided that he and Lot should separate. He gave Lot the choice to stay there or move on. Lot chose to move to the plains near Sodom and Gomorrah.

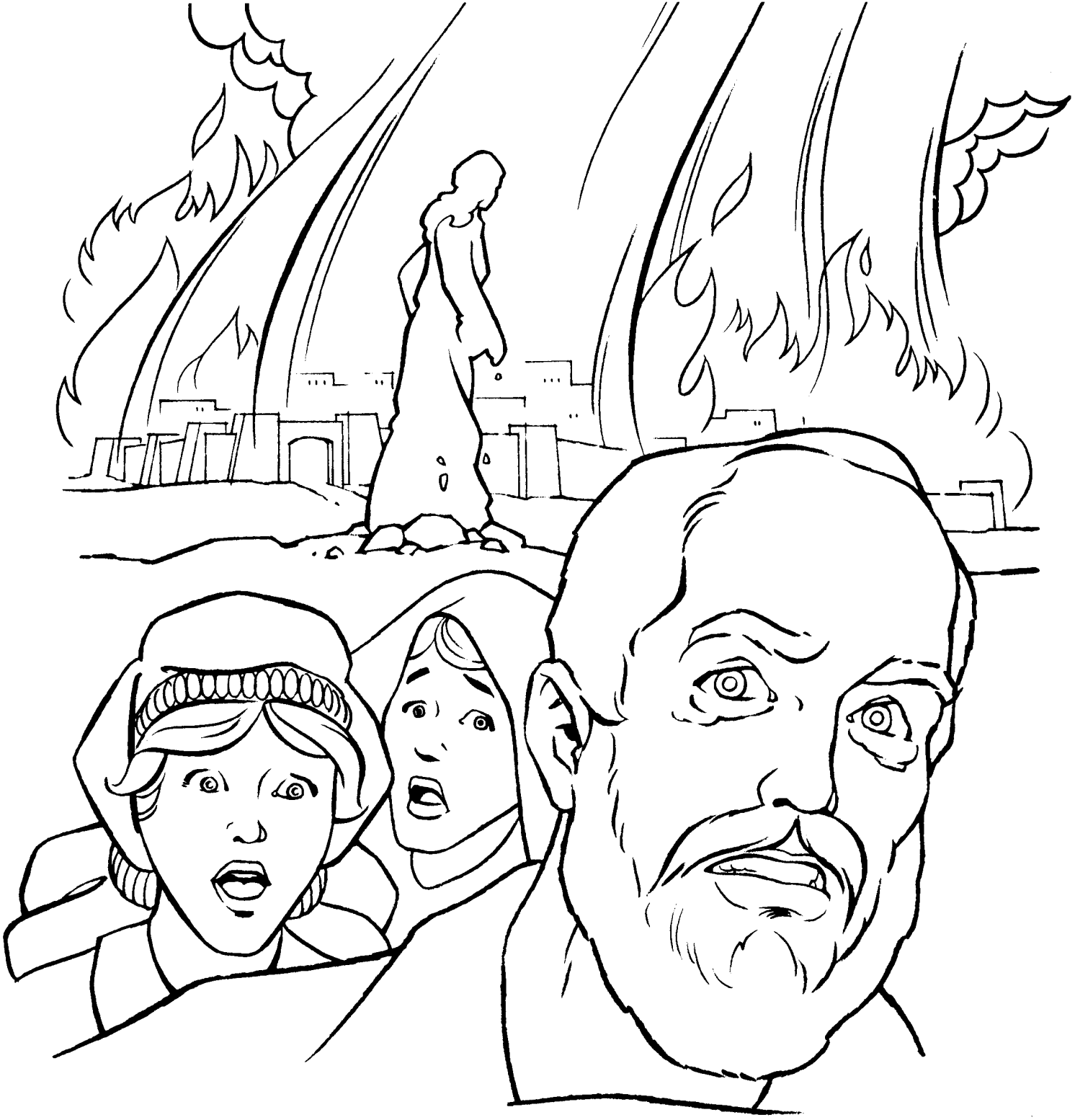


After Lot had gone, God told Abram to look in all directions. All the land he saw God would give to him and his descendants. God promised that he would have so many descendants that they would be as the dust of the earth in number.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God spoke to him and changed his name to Abraham which means "a father of many nations." He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah. God said they would have a son and should name him Isaac.

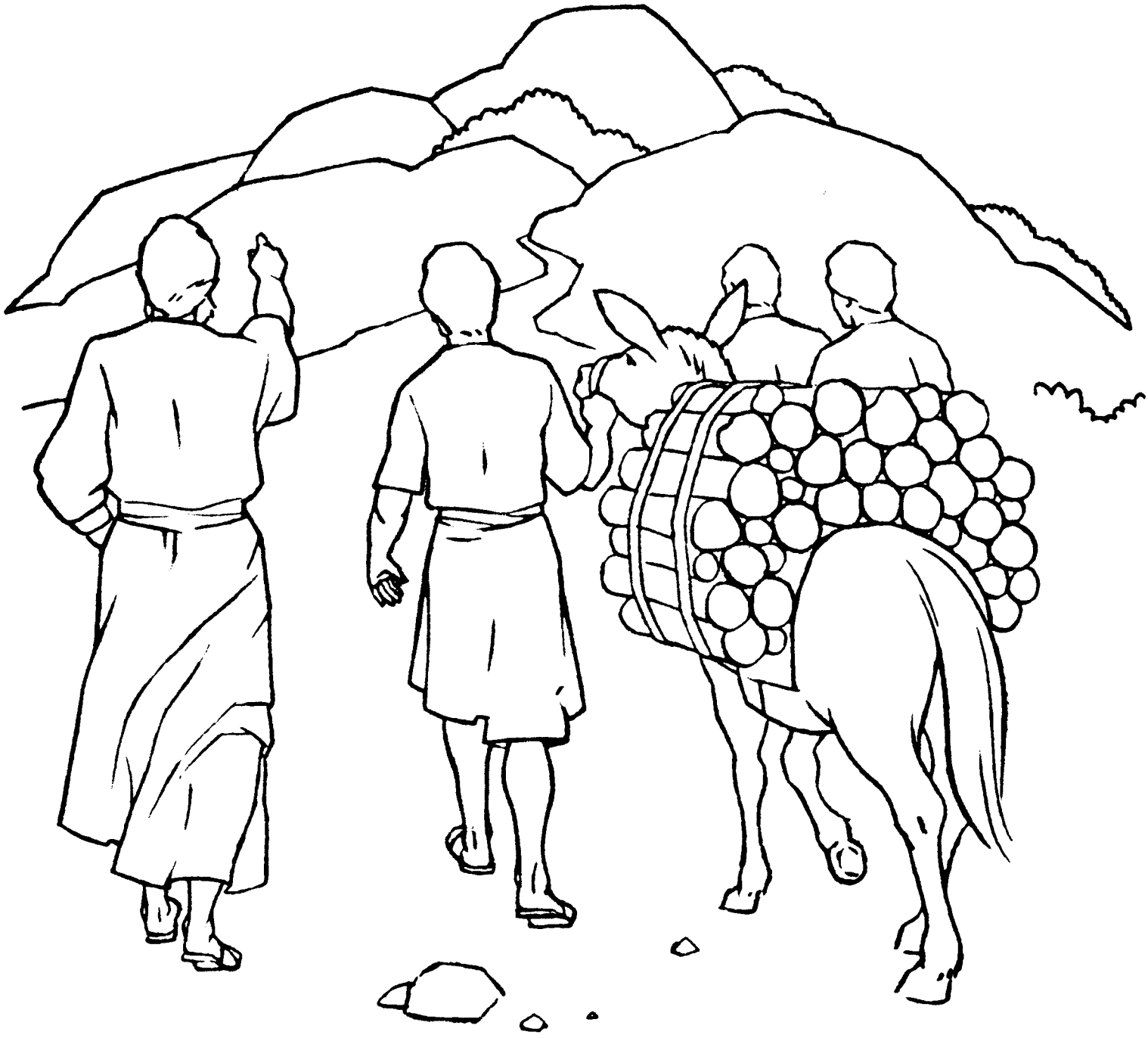
Some time later, three beings who appeared as men came to visit Abraham. Two were angels; the other was the One who later became Jesus Christ. He told Abraham that Sarah would soon give birth to a son. He also told Abraham that the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed because of the wickedness of the people there.

The two angels were sent to Sodom to warn Lot of the coming destruction. When Lot took the angels into his house, the evil men of Sodom wanted them to come out. The men even tried to break down the door to get to them. It was then that the angels struck these men blind. The angels then hurried Lot and his family out of the city. They were warned not to look back as they left.



The temptation to look back was too great for Lot's wife. She wanted to take one last look at what had been her home. As punishment for her disobedience, God turned her into a pillar of salt. It is very important that we obey God and do what we are told!

It was hard for Abraham and Sarah to believe God would still give them a son because they were both very old by now. But God kept His promise, and when Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety years old, Sarah had a son whom they named Isaac.



Up to now, Abraham had obeyed God in all he was asked to do. However, God wanted to be sure that Abraham would obey Him by doing whatever He told him to do. So God decided to give Abraham a very difficult test. God told him to offer as a burnt offering his only son, Isaac. Abraham left very early the next morning to do as God had commanded him.

As Abraham and Isaac made their way up the mountain, many thoughts must have gone through Abraham's mind. Abraham knew God had promised many children through Isaac. He also knew God could resurrect Isaac. So Abraham trusted God.

As Abraham was about to slay Isaac, God commanded him to STOP! Now God knew Abraham would withhold nothing from Him. Because of this and many other examples of obedience, Abraham became known as the "father of the faithful." Millions of his descendants are still living on the earth today. He died at 175 years of age, having lived a long life of obedience to God.

Do You Remember?

1. What does "Abraham" mean? A _____ of many _____.
2. When Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, what did she turn into? A _____ of _____.
3. When Sarah was 90 years old and Abraham was 100, they had a son and named him _____.
4. God tested Abraham by telling him to offer his son as a _____ _____.

Mystery Message

Decode the message below by matching the numbers with the letters, and see how we can follow Abraham's example of obedience.

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BIBLE MEMORY Matthew 5:16-17
John 3:16-17

WORD SEARCH

Find each word from the list below in the word search puzzle. The letters may be read horizontally (left to right or right to left), vertically (from top to bottom or from bottom to top), or diagonally (at an angle). Be sure to check off the words as you find them. The first word is done for you.

WORDS:

- ✔OBEY
- SARAH
- GOMORRAH
- TEST
- ABRAHAM
- SODOM
- ISAAC
- SALT
- LOT
- HARAN
- CANAAN

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