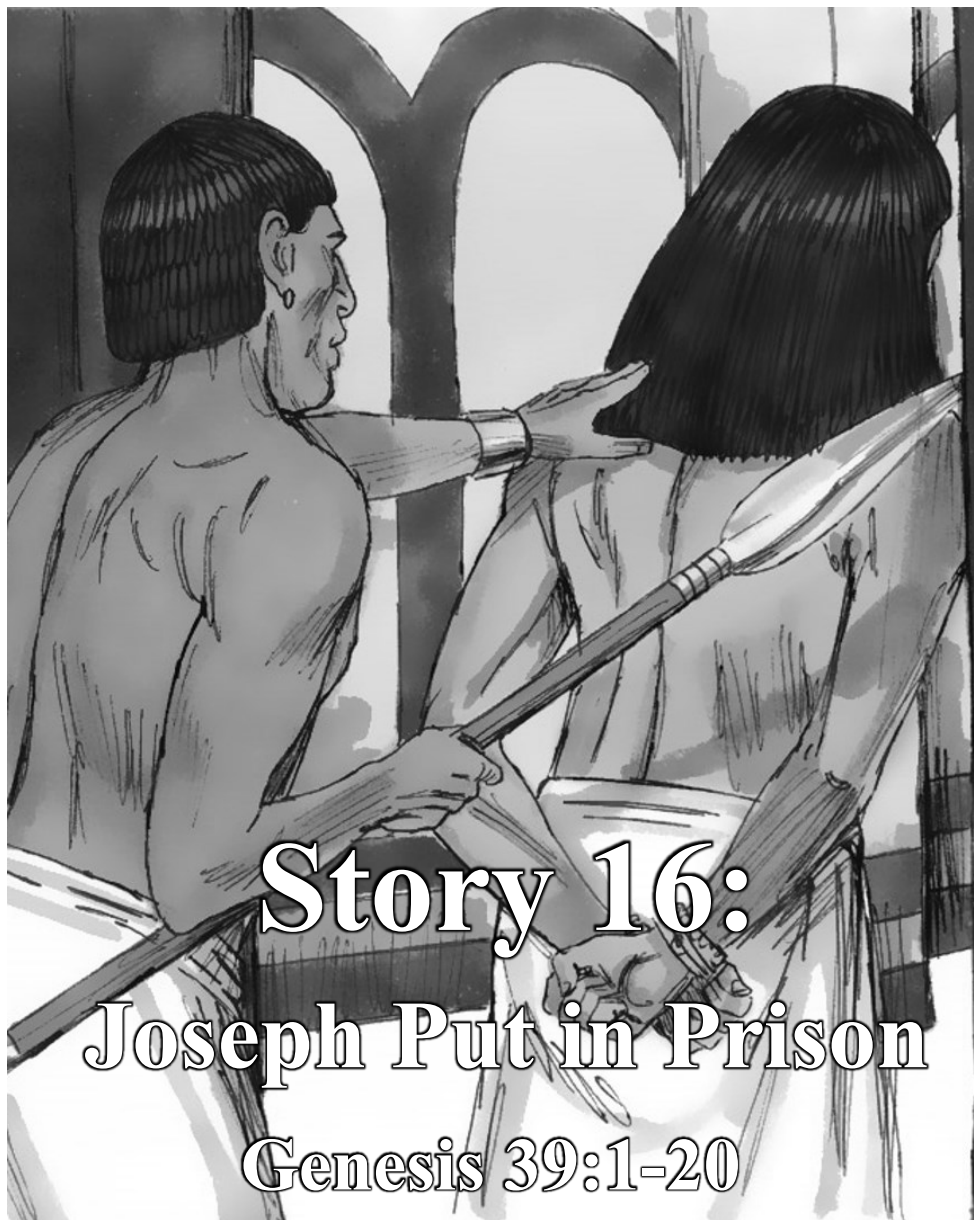


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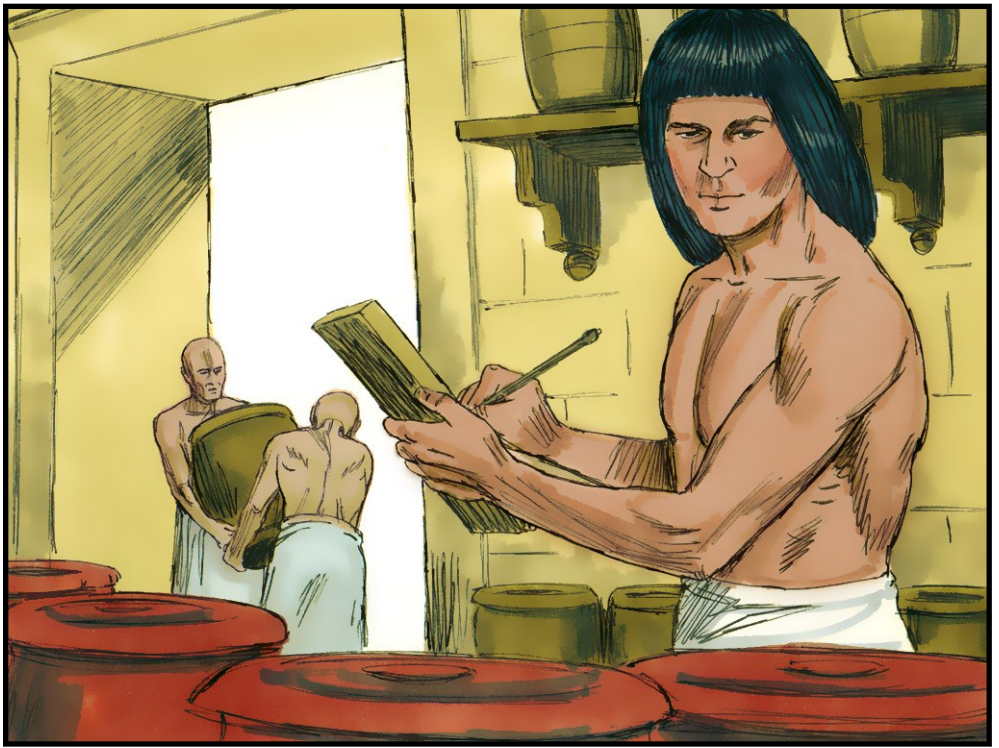
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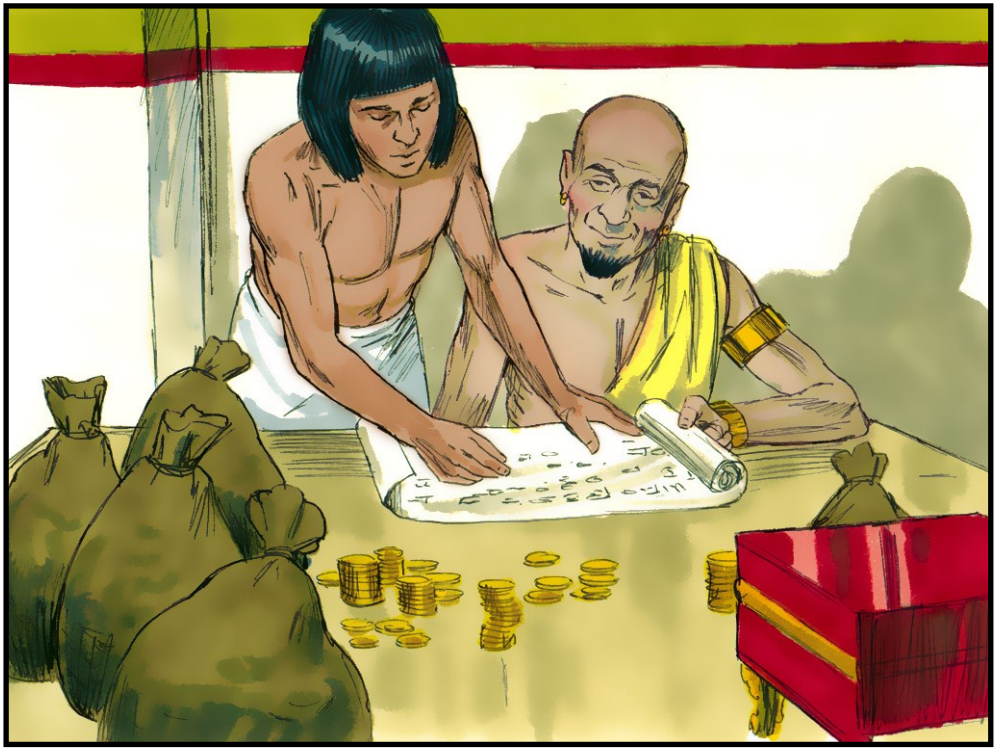
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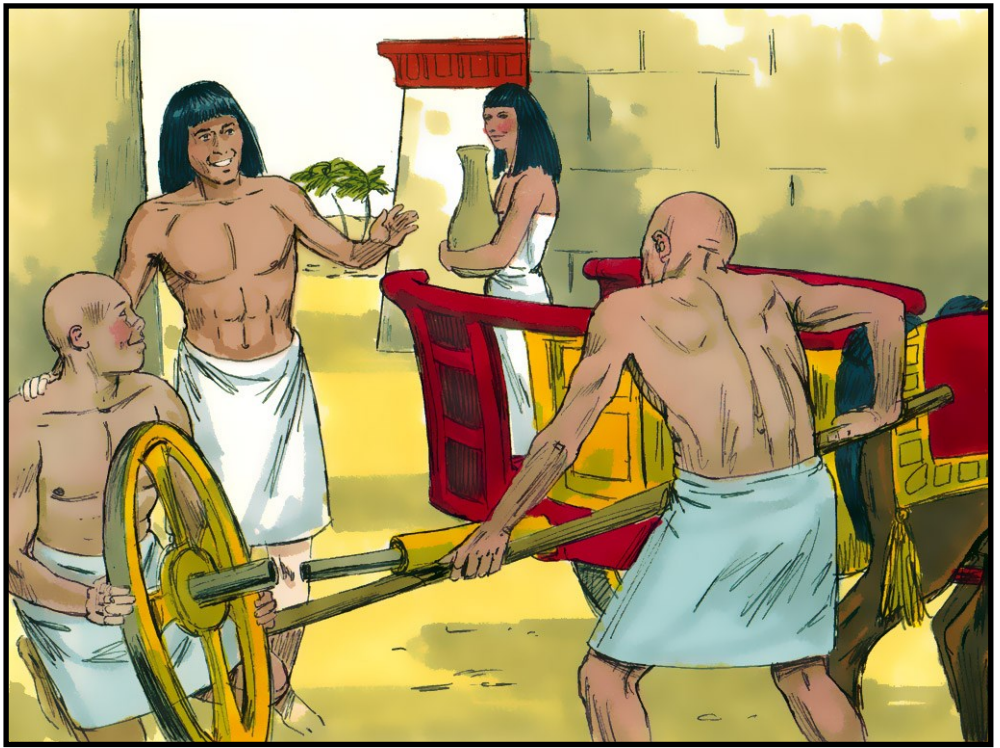
Now, Joseph was taken down to Egypt by Ishmaelite traders after being sold by his brothers. In Egypt, he was sold again to a man named Potiphar who was a high official of Pharaoh and the captain of the guard.



The LORD was with Joseph, and he became very successful working for Potiphar in Egypt.



When his master saw that the LORD was with Joseph and made everything he touched a success, he was very pleased. Potiphar made Joseph his personal attendant, putting him in charge of his entire household and placing all that he owned under his authority.



The LORD blessed Potiphar because of Joseph. Everything he had, both in his house and in his fields, prospered because of Joseph's leadership. Potiphar didn't worry about anything. The only decision that Potiphar had to make each day was the type of food he was going to eat.



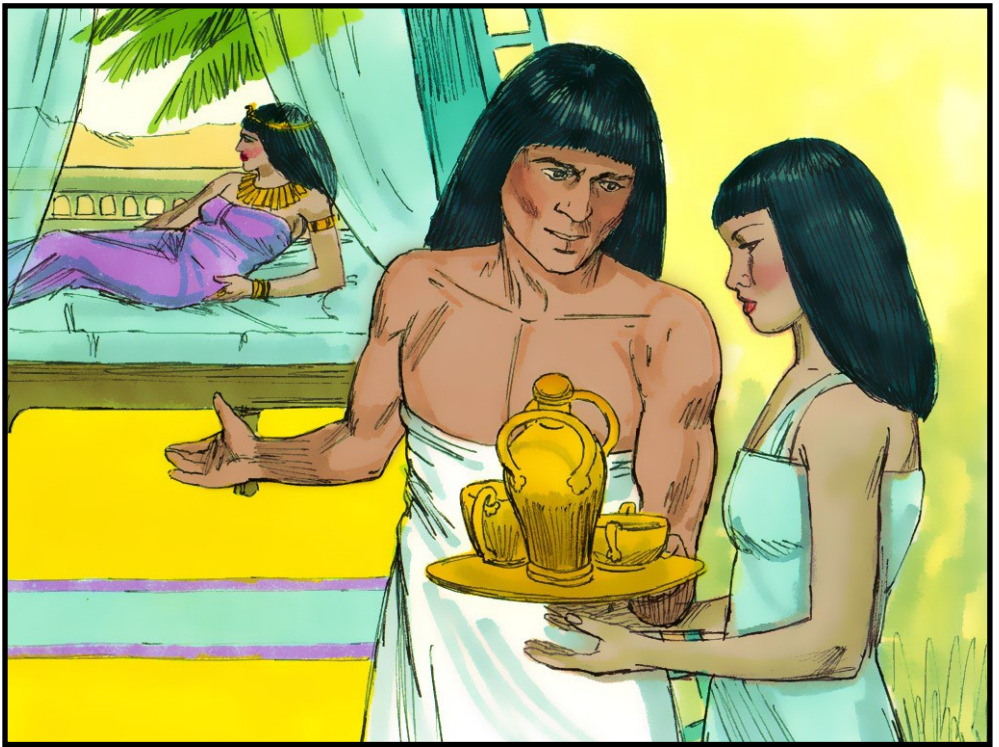
Now, Joseph was a very handsome and muscular man. After a while, even Potiphar's wife began to notice Joseph's good looks.



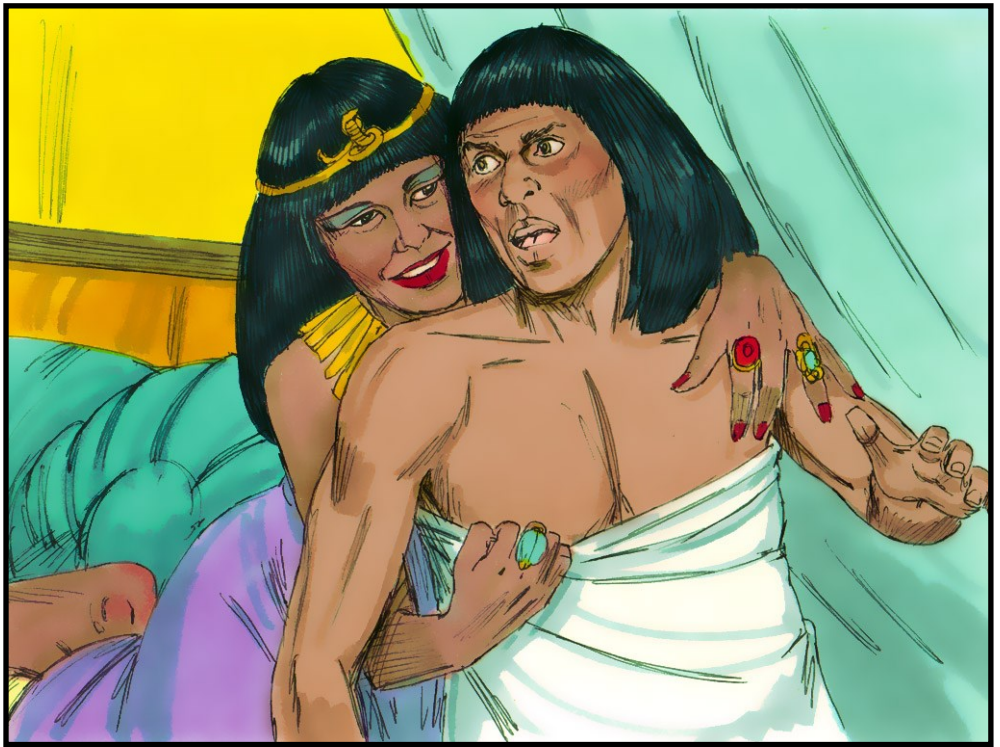
One time, she came to him and said, “Come with me. I want to cheat on my husband with you.

But Joseph replied, “How could I do such an evil thing? Your husband is my master and he is worried about nothing while I am here. He keeps no good thing from me except you. I would be sinning against Potiphar, and I would be sinning against God if I cheated with you.”

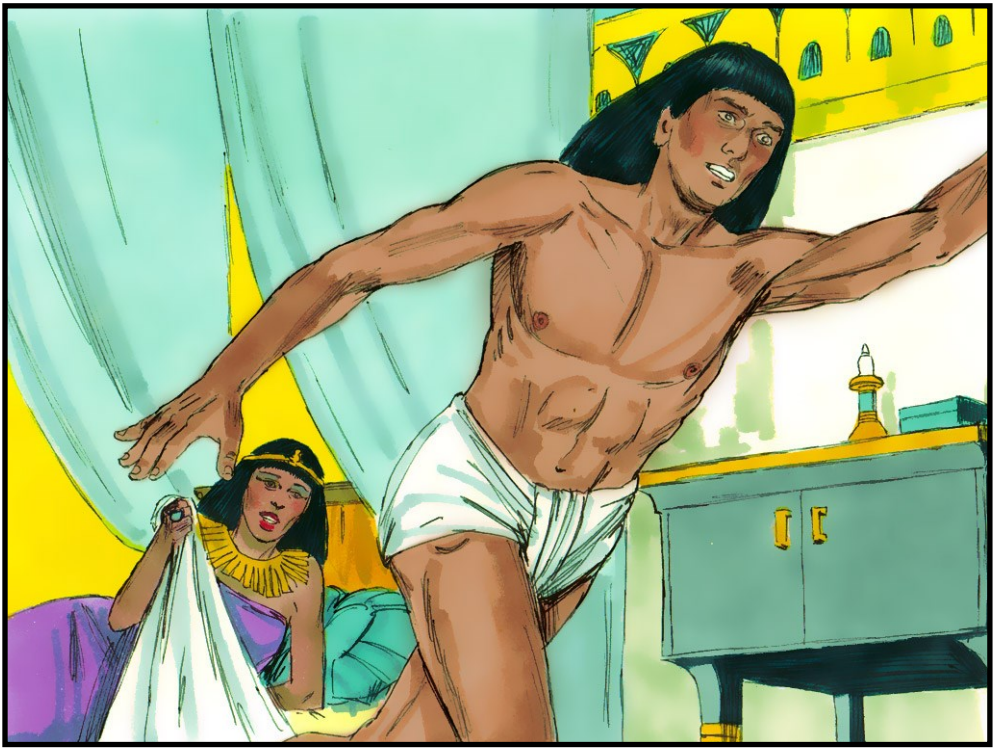




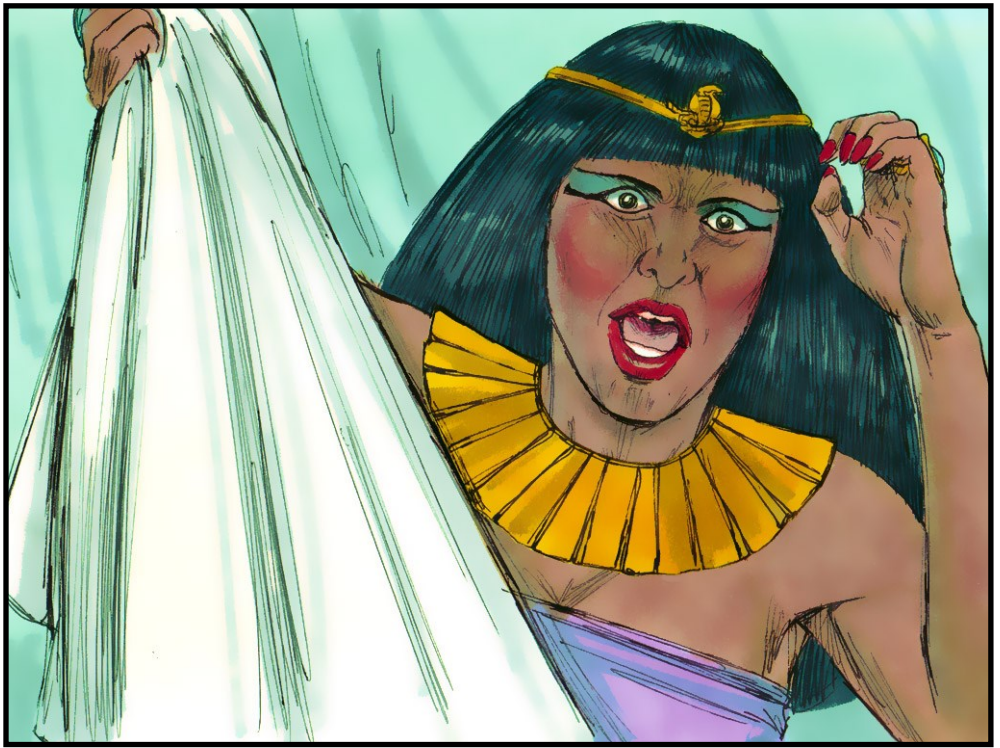
However, Potiphar's wife would not give up. She spoke to Joseph day after day about being with her.



One day, while none of the other servants were around, Joseph went into the house to do some unfinished work. Potiphar's wife came up and grabbed Joseph by his cloak and said, "Come be with me."



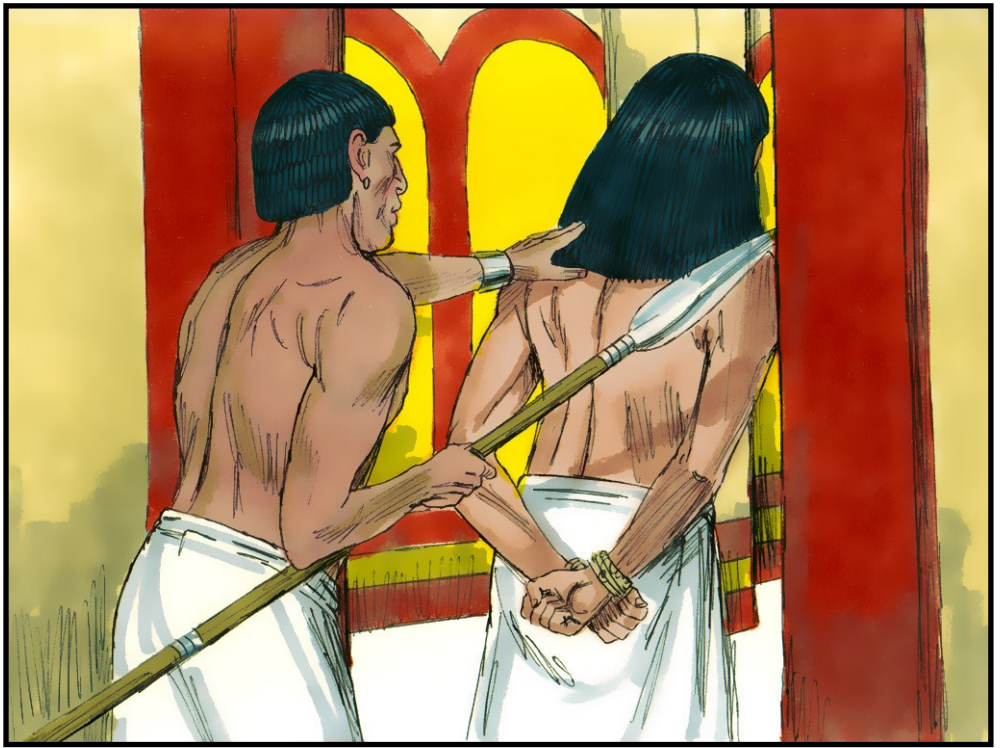
But leaving his cloak in her hand, Joseph was able to get away and run outside.



Potiphar's wife was left holding the garment in her hand, so she yelled for the other servants to come. She lied to them saying, "Look, my husband brought in that Hebrew slave to make fools of us. He wanted me to cheat with him, but when I screamed for help he ran away."



She kept Joseph's cloak with her until her husband returned. When he arrived, she told him the same made-up story that she told the others.



When Joseph's master heard the story, he was furious and had him thrown into prison. But, it wasn't any ordinary prison; it was one where all the king's prisoners were held.

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