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Distinguished Readers,

This month, we celebrate a theme that truly defines our essence—Love in Ibadan. Beyond leadership and service, JCI Ibadan has nurtured friendships, forged lifelong partnerships, and even sparked beautiful love stories. From shared experiences to wedding vows, we have proven time and again that we are more than just an organization; we are a community where hearts connect and bonds flourish.

In the spirit of our Presidential Theme: Raising the Bar, we are not just excelling in impact and leadership—we are setting new standards in camaraderie, networking, and even matchmaking! So, to our single members, may your missing rib locate you soon (we are rooting for you!

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This edition captures the essence of JCI Ibadan, from the 40th Foluso Oluleye National Sports Competition to our second business meeting, alongside the stories that remind us why we call this place home. As we continue to raise the bar, let's embrace the love, unity, and opportunities that make JCI Ibadan truly special.

Enjoy the read, and remember—lead with passion, serve with purpose, and love without limits!

Yours in service, JCIN Ambassador Olansile Olanrewaju 2025 Editorial Chairman, JCI Ibadan



LOVE IN IBADAN

JCI Ibadan is more than an organization; it is a family, a place where connections run deeper than leadership and service. For over 50 years, this local organization has not only nurtured changemakers but has also fostered bonds that last a lifetime. Perhaps what makes JCI Ibadan truly special is the richness of its culture; one where love, friendship, and family are interwoven into its very essence.

JCI Ibadan has a beautiful tradition of welcoming families into its fold. It is not uncommon to see siblings, parents and children, or even life partners wearing the same badge of leadership and service. But beyond family legacies, it has become a place where hearts meet and love stories unfold. In 2023, JCI Ibadan witnessed an extraordinary milestone when a husband and wife were inducted on the same day, making history and solidifying the belief that this is not just an organization but a community where love thrives.





The tradition continued in 2024, when a passionate director introduced his fiancée to JCI Ibadan. She embraced the mission, was inducted into the organization, and within a few months, we all came together to celebrate their wedding in grand style. From induction ceremonies to wedding vows, JCI Ibadan has proven to be more than a platform for leadership—it is a place where destinies align.

JCI is structured around four key areas of opportunity: Individual, Business, Community Action, and International. But in JCI Ibadan, we proudly add a fifth —Marriage Opportunity. If you need proof, just ask the Adelabus!





Beyond love and marriage, the bonds within JCI Ibadan extend into every aspect of life. Members have built incredible friendships, supported one another's businesses, and created job opportunities within their network. Over the past four years, countless partnerships have been formed, diaspora connections strengthened, and unforgettable travel experiences shared. JCI Ibadan is not just about leadership and service; it is about enriching lives, empowering dreams, and fostering relationships that stand the test of time.

In JCI Ibadan, love is not merely an emotion—it is a tradition, a legacy, and a story that continues to unfold with each new member, each new friendship, and each new chapter written in the book of togetherness.









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JCI Ibadan Hosts Its Second Business Meeting for 2025

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, JCI Ibadan gathered for its second business meeting of the year at The Citron, Onireke, Ibadan. The event was graced with the esteemed physical and virtual presence of distinguished Past Presidents, JCI Senators, officers of JCI Nigeria, members from sister L.O.s, as well as intending members and special guests.

The meeting was further enriched by the caring and supportive presence of JCI Senator Wale Bakare, JCI Senator Kayode Adedayo, JCIN Senator Adedimeji Adekanbi, JCI Senator Adelayo Abass, and JCIN Amb. Adeola Adelabu, whose invaluable contributions and encouragement continue to inspire and strengthen the organization.







The session featured a thought-provoking training by **JCI Senator lyiola Folayan**, titled "Now That You Are Here." He inspired members to reflect deeply on their purpose for joining the organization, urging them to make meaningful contributions and maximize their membership experience.

The Special Guest of the Day, Hon. Oyesina Oyedeji, Member of the House of Representatives and a proud alumnus of the University of Ibadan Jaycees, charged members to embody honesty and integrity, emphasizing the importance of their role in building a better Nigeria.

The spotlight shone on JCI Senator Iwalola Akin-Jimoh, February's Personality of the Month. In her inspiring session, she highlighted the value of sharing knowledge and staying true to oneself. Attributing much of her success to the JCI network, she encouraged members to pass on valuable lessons as a lasting legacy.



A highlight of the meeting was the unveiling of the January Newsletter, a beautifully crafted publication summarizing JCI Ibadan's vibrant activities for the month. The print copy was officially presented by the organization's 2013 President to the Personality of the Month.

Recognition for exceptional dedication went to JC Esther Fajuyitan, honored as Member of the Month (January). Her remarkable contributions earned her generous sponsorships for the Southern Conference, National Convention, and two years' dues-graciously sponsored by JCI Senator Kayode Adedayo, JCI Senator Iyiola Folayan, JCIN Amb. Ibrahim Oredola, and JC Adewale Adegunju.

In a spirit of growth and celebration, four new members were inducted and graciously sponsored by various members for the upcoming Southern Conference delegate fees.

Looking ahead, the L.O anticipates its next business meeting on Sunday, March 2, 2025—a continuation of its journey toward leadership excellence and impactful service.







—like dots of paint on a white paper...

By Ibrahim Oredola

Dearest Left Ventricle

I know it's not an easy task loving me. I know it looks like it's a lot of work. While I believe that it's not, individual differences will definitely differ. Our individual experiences and aspirations in life will always colour our perspectives and that's perfectly fine. I also know it's not an easy task loving you and you may also be wondering why that is. It's okay to always exist on the extreme sides of love, though not for long, but the best place to be in love is always to draw closer to the other person no matter how unreasonable or preposterous. Because, love itself has no reason or rhythm to it. Love is just what it is—love.

If love or being in love is ever easy, everyone we know would definitely be in love. Every adult would be married and divorce as a concept would probably not exist. But every day, I come to realise that truly, love is for the brave. Love is for brave men and women who in each of their own way has their life and dreams; and yet are so courageous and brave to keep that all open for someone else's world and dream to enter theirs; without dreading a collision or a 'yam-pepper-scatter-scatter' situation. People in love are brave people who just hope and believe that everything will align and fits in, in the end. Love is for brave people.

And yet, it seems that no one is complete without love. That which seems to upset the balance of our lives is still the very same thing that completes us—like dots of paint on a white paper. Love is like dots of paint on a white paper. While these paint dots can smear a perfect white paper, love—as paint dots on a perfect white paper—also has the potential of creating a perfect piece of art.











But just like for every art—Love is not perfect. There's no perfect love. There's always a love in progress, a love in transit, a love under construction. Love is always revealing, concealing and unveiling. A love journeys endlessly between the past and the future; between what is and what ought to be; between now and never; between when and forever; it journeys like an ocean's tide—between ebbs and flows.

Love is only perfect and complete when the lovers die—and with their passing, they would have created a masterpiece. Strangely, even at that, the journey of love has only just begun. Like an art, for decades and centuries, people will still stand in hallways and parlours to talk about it—in curious tones; like Romeo and Juliet, like Sàngó and Oya, like Awo and his HID. Love is an art and it never dies. Love has a life of its own, and it's eternal.

I know you are not Buju, yet almost every now and then, you scale hundreds of kilometres just to see your sweetheart. I know you compromise a lot just to see love thrive. I know you worry about whether all these will be worth it. I know, sometimes, you are confused. I know sometimes, you feel like running away. I know sometimes, you feel like being trapped. I know sometimes e be like say nobody—me—send you (but I can assure you, my love), that one na lie, I dey for youuuuuuuu, my friennnnnnnnd.

Through the lows and the highs, I will stay by your side
There's no need for goodbyes, now I'm seeing the light
When the sky turns to grey and there's nothing to say
At the end of the day, I choose you... (I Choose You, Alessia Cara)

It's lovers' day and like every other day, I appreciate your love for me. Your sacrifices, and your commitment. It might look like I don't appreciate it but I really do. I don't joke with you, LV. It's even almost becoming an obsession that your presence is the only thing that gives me joy and clarity and an assurance that life's good. Without you, life's like a beat, but what's a heart without a beat? Without you, life's like a flow, but what's a flow without water? Without you, life's like a land, but what use is a land that has no home.

I want to reassure you, my love, that my love for you is like the dandelions, anywhere, everywhere, it's alive! And I promise to move from one extreme condition to the other and right back to the middle and without—if that's what it takes.

Happy Lovers' Day,

Yours, LA







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Question & Answer Featuring:

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The Okunofas

How did your individual experiences in JCI shape your relationship as a couple, and how has it helped you both grow individually and together?

The fact that we are both in JCI brings us together the more (permit me to say like our extra-curricular activities), we are both involved in JCI Activities, so I am not usually home alone while he is out to GA 1 or GA 2 meeting and gatherings. Victor also would remind me of meetings, my duties and contributions to the organizations (He dey over ambitious in his goals make I no lie)... lol he would ask, are you not in the meeting, are you not going, are you not joining.. you know things like that just adds to our love conversations.

What roles or responsibilities did you both take on within the organization?

Victor has held several positions and even a part of the board for about 2 years now... I don't know the position title but yeahhhh. For me, I am the current Chairman Investiture and Convention soooo.

What advice would you give to other couples who are considering joining or becoming more involved in JCI lbadan?

I would say the best place to be is this family, plus you and partner will be together everywhere, which is better (I think that is all I can say for now.



How do you both celebrate special moments like anniversaries or milestones outside the hustle of JCI activities?

Sometimes we plan a getaway, exchange gifts and also, we make future plans.

How do you balance your roles in JCI with your personal life? Is it challenging, or do you find it rewarding?

We found it rewarding because JCI Is flexible, even at the corners of our home, we still get to learn, network and give back.

What advice would you give to other couples who are considering joining or becoming more involved in JCI lbadan?

Trust us, JCI Ibadan is a very good community. You learn, you meet, you connect, you explore.

How did you both first meet through JCI Ibadan?

We met through one of the GA in 2015 at Premier Hotel.



What's one funny or light-hearted moment you've had as a couple during a JCI event or meeting?

Jumoke: There have been different instances. One that I can remember vividly was shortly after we got married. During market place, I introduced myself as JC Jumoke Oladoyinbo and members started laughing at me and making noise asking if I had forgotten that I am now married. Some people also asked if my bride price was not complete. It was all bants though.

Adeola: We got married late December 2018 and went for honeymoon which lasted till the first week of January 2019. We left the resort where we lodged early on Saturday and went straight to the Joint OTS. The event had started before we got there, however, as soon as we entered, 2019 President Adedimeji Adekanbi announced our arrival as the latest JCl Couple in town. The event was paused and everyone gave us an ovation and cheered us on. It was heartwarming.

How do you balance your roles in JCI with your personal life? Is it challenging, or do you find it rewarding?

Jumoke: For me, being a wife and mother with a very demanding career and being an active JCI member is not an easy feat. However, I have a very supportive husband who helps to lighten the load when it gets too heavy.

Adeola: Sometimes, balance seems like a myth, so we try to figure out what is important per time, considering demands from work, family and other aspects of life. However, JCI takes priority most times, including scheduling annual leave to coincide with major JCI conferences and retreats. This year that I have worked away from Ibadan, I have had to schedule my trips home to meet up with JCI meetings and events.

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What's one unforgettable experience or event you both have shared during your time in JCI that reminds you of the love you share?

Jumoke: Awwwwnnn...for me, I would say it was the day he proposed. He asked me to marry him at the 50th Anniversary and Convention of JCI Ibadan in 2017. It was a memorable event. He planned with the 2016 President, JCI Sen. Olawale Bakare and JCIN Amb. Tolu Bamgbose, it came as a surprise to me but those two knew what was going on. Members were very happy for us. The celebration that day was beautiful. There is a big smile on my face as I am reminiscing.

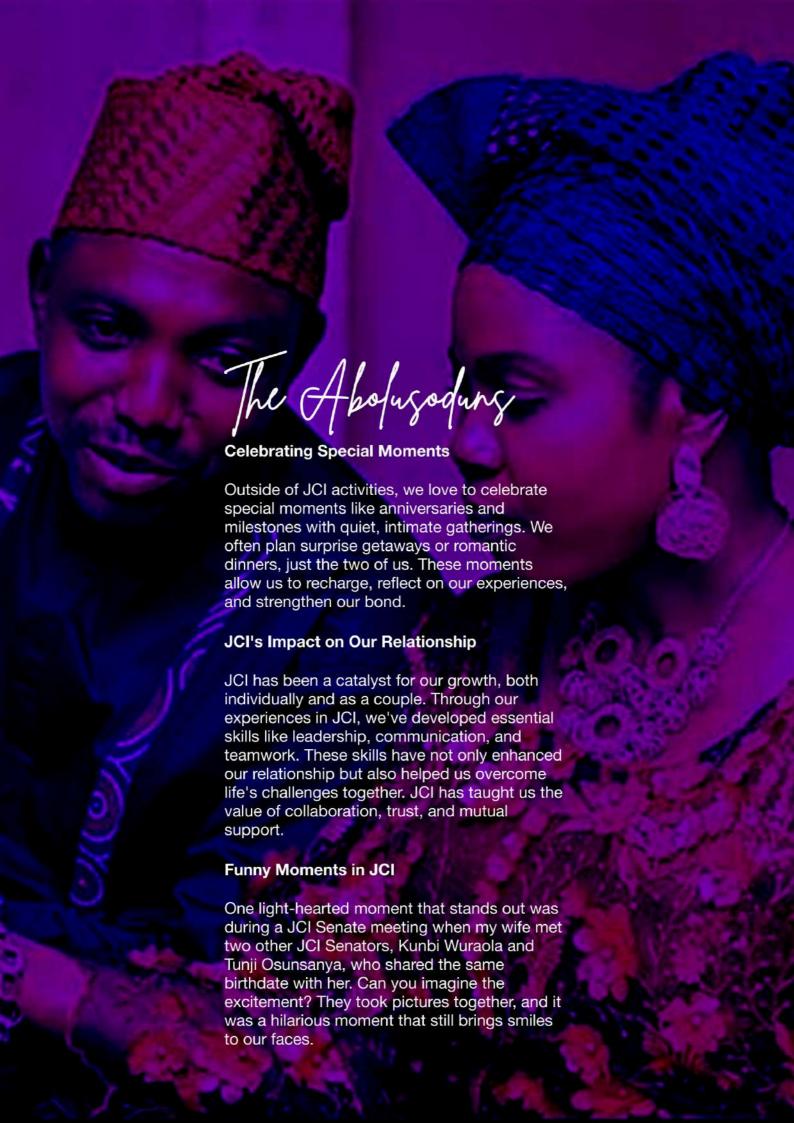
Looking ahead, how do you both plan to continue contributing to JCl Ibadan, and how do you envision your growth as a couple within the organization?

Considering the fact that we both have reached the peak (Presidency) in JCI Ibadan, the next goal is to mentor and inspire the upcoming generation, couples and 'single pringles' (like Laolu & Nadal) alike.

How did you both first meet through JCI Ibadan?

Jumoke: "After G.A Shenanigans" lol. Not how we first met tho. I think it was how we clicked. We had known each other casually since our days in University of Ibadan and after I joined JCI Ibadan in September 2016, I used to relate with him as fellow Jaycee. So after G.A in December 2016, a couple of us were outside at Premier Hotel Car Park gisting about "The Wedding Party". Labzy & I were the only two who hadn't seen the movie, so we fixed a date to go watch it together. After that day, one thing led to another and you can see the evidence. The longer version is a story for another day.

Adeola: Me I only wanted to be her friend o. Because at that time, she was "omo get inside" and wanted her to come out of her shell. But Alhamdulillah, what I was looking for in Sokoto was in my Sokoto all along.



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Challenges and Growth

As a couple involved in JCI Ibadan, we've faced challenges like balancing our roles and responsibilities within the organization with our personal life. However, we've learned to manage these challenges effectively by communicating openly, prioritizing our tasks, and supporting each other. JCI has taught us the importance of teamwork, adaptability, and resilience.

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

One unforgettable experience that stands out was in 2001 when I served as Chairman of External Speakers for JCI Ibadan. My wife played a pivotal role in ensuring the event's success, impressively securing a strong audience, sponsorships, and renowned speakers. Her dedication and support were instrumental in making the event a memorable one. I was later honoured as the Best Committee Chairman that year. This experience not only showcased our collaborative spirit but also highlighted the impact we can make when working together towards a common goal.

Advice to Other Couples

To other couples considering joining or becoming more involved in JCI Ibadan, we would advise you to be open-minded, flexible, and willing to learn. JCI offers a unique opportunity to develop new skills, build lasting relationships, and make a positive impact in your community.



Flavors of Passion: A Culinary Tale of Love, Growth, and Purpose

In the warmth of her mother's kitchen, a young girl found her first love, not in play or books, but in the simmer of pots and the aroma of spices. This was where her story began, a tale written with flavors and stirred by purpose.

Growing up in a family of six, meal preparation was more than a routine. It was a symphony of bonding, laughter, and memory-making. As the eldest daughter, Oluwaseun Ajayi naturally became the family cook, transforming simple ingredients into meals filled with care. What started as a responsibility soon blossomed into passion, a language through which she spoke to hearts and souls.



But passion wasn't enough. Driven by curiosity and the desire to refine her craft, she ventured into professional culinary training. In kitchens filled with the clanging of pans and the hum of ambition, she learned resilience. The burns from hot stoves and the relentless pursuit of perfection became marks of growth, not defeat.



Her first catering event was a turning point. From selecting ingredients to leading a team, she understood that cooking was about more than food. It was about creating experiences. Shezy Delight, her brand, was born, a name synonymous with creativity, sustainability, and bold flavors.

Beyond the kitchen, she found a second home in Junior Chamber International (JCI), where leadership, service, and collaboration became new ingredients in her journey. Here, she blended her culinary expertise with community impact, fostering change both on the plate and beyond.

Through challenges and triumphs, one thing remains certain. Oluwaseun Ajayi's love for food burns brighter than ever. Every dish she creates tells a story of persistence, creativity, and joy, leaving a flavorful mark on all who taste it. And this, she believes, is just the beginning.





From Hotels to Highlights: The Journey of Fajuyitan Esther Mobolaji

Fajuyitan Esther Mobolaji's story is that weaves hospitality. leadership. and purpose into a tapestry of remarkable achievement and dedication. From the moment she stepped into the world of hospitality, it was clear that her iourney would not be ordinary. "For me, hospitality has always been about people," she says. "It's the warmth of a sincere welcome, the precision behind seamless service, and the joy of creating spaces that feel like home."

What began as a curiosity evolved into a thriving career. Over the years, Fajuyitan has not only excelled in setting up hotels, training teams, and driving revenue growth, but she has co-founded also The Hospitality Consult. а start-up focused on transforming hospitality businesses and nurturing young professionals to bring excellence to One of her proudest accomplishments was playing an integral role in a hotel launch that generated ₦38 million in just 100 days - an impressive achievement that reflects her strategic approach and passion for hospitality.



Beyond her professional expertise, Fajuyitan's heart lies in seeing people and businesses thrive. "It's not just about the numbers for me," she shares. "My real fulfillment comes from seeing individuals and organizations flourish, creating a lasting impact."

Fajuyitan's journey took another significant step in September 2024 when she was inducted into Junior Chamber International (JCI) Ibadan. Through JCI, she found a community of bold thinkers, changemakers, and leaders - people who are pushing boundaries and making a real impact in their fields. In January 2025, her exceptional contributions were recognized when she was awarded Member of the Month, a welldeserved acknowledgment of her dedication and service.







As one of the brainboxes behind the success of the 2025 Sina Adegunle Business Summit, Fajuyitan demonstrated her incredible leadership, vision, and ability to work seamlessly with others to make the event a success. Her calm demeanor, excellent communication skills, and consistent delivery set her apart as a leader who inspires and leads with purpose.

Fajuyitan's story is far from over. With her strong foundation in hospitality, leadership, and community service, she continues to shape the future of the hospitality industry while making a meaningful impact in every space where excellence and purpose intersect. "Through JCI, I will continue to learn, lead, and serve – not just in hospitality, but in every space where excellence and purpose meet," she affirms.





"Service to humanity is the best work of life, and love is at the heart of true service." – Henry Giessenbier, Founder of JCI











































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JCI Ibadan to Hold 40th Edition of Foluso Oluleye National Sports Competition



Every year, during the Easter season, members of JCI Nigeria gather in Ibadan, not just to compete but to honor the memory of a man whose passion for sports and service still lingers in the hearts of many. The Foluso Oluleye National Sports Competition (FOSC) is more than just a sporting event—it is a tradition, a tribute, and a celebration of life.

Forty years ago, Foluso Oluleye, a young geologist and dedicated JCI Ibadan member, won the squash competition during the annual Easter sports festival. However, fate had other plans. On April 15, 1984, while returning from a wedding in Ilesha to receive his well-earned trophy, he lost his life in a tragic accident at Gbongan junction on the Ife-Ibadan road. To honor his memory, JCI Ibadan renamed the competition after him, ensuring that his love for sports and camaraderie lives on.

Since then, every Good Friday, JCI Nigeria members from across the country gather in Ibadan for this prestigious event.

It is a time to reunite, compete, and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. What started as a simple Easter picnic has evolved into a national event, widely regarded as the JCI Nigeria Olympics.

This year, the 40th edition of the competition promises to be grander than ever. Athletes will compete in basketball. volleyball, football. athletics, and more, with categories for both professionals and amateurs. **FOSC** is not iust But competition—it is about connection, laughter, and shared experiences. The feature thrilling event will performances from top artists and DJs. creating an atmosphere of excitement and entertainment. Families and children will also enjoy various fun activities, making it the perfect day out for all.

Beyond the games, FOSC provides an incredible platform for networking. Whether you're an athlete, a coach, a sports enthusiast, or a business professional, the competition offers opportunities to interact with likeminded individuals, form valuable partnerships, and even explore new ventures.

As the legacy of Foluso Oluleye continues, JCI Ibadan remains committed to fostering unity, fitness, and fun. So, lace up your sports shoes, bring your family and friends, and be part of a tradition that has stood the test of time. The 40th edition of FOSC is more than an event—it is a celebration of resilience, friendship, and the enduring power of sports.



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Adedayo Ademola **Entrepreneur: Copywriter and Retail Marketer**



Habeeb Opeyemi **Entrepreneur: Fashion Designer**

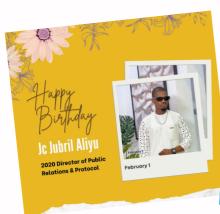


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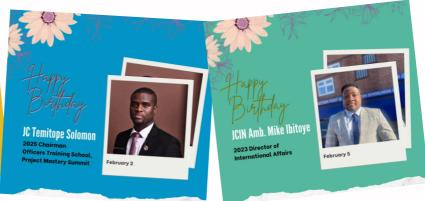
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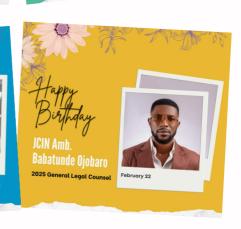
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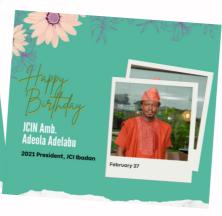
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Upcoming Events in March

	General Assembly 2nd March, 2025
Gender Advocacy Campaign 8th & 9th March, 2025	
	Q1 Corporate Training Date to be announced
Kickoff of 'Access to Justice' Project A flagship initiative aimed at providing legal aid and promoting human rights in our community	
	Diaspora Dialogue Date to be announced

Get ready for another exciting month ahead! Let us keep leading with passion, serving with purpose, and loving without limits.





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