

Reads for Paeds

Von Willebrand Disease



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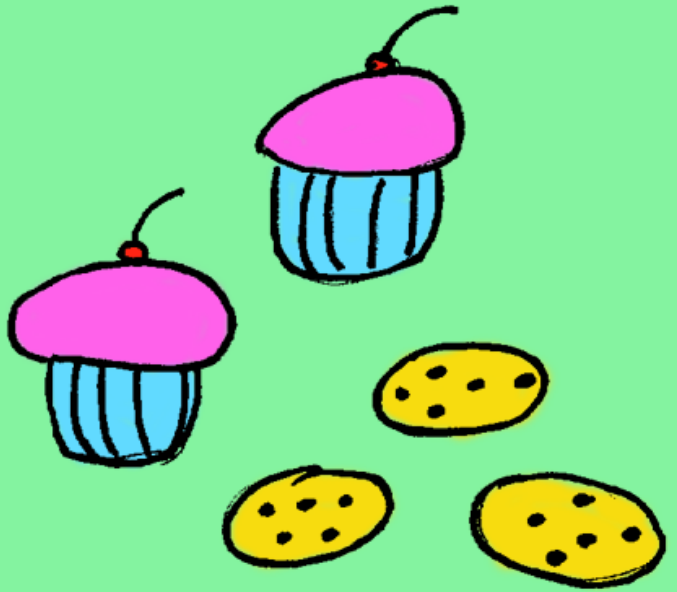
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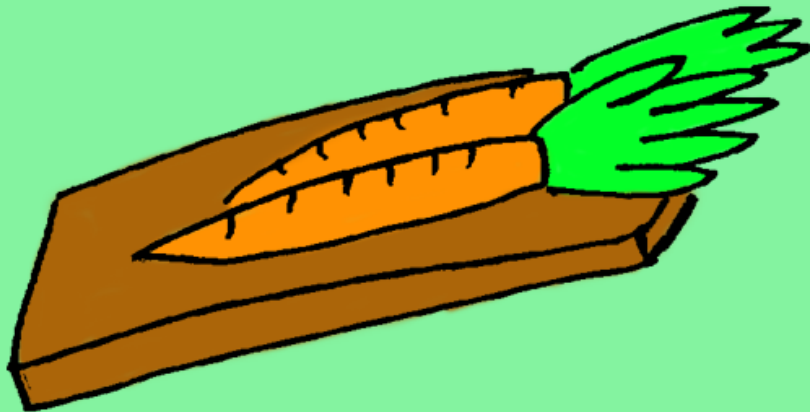
Hi!
I'm Charlie.



That's
Chef Charlie
to you.



I like baking and cooking,
And I like eating too!

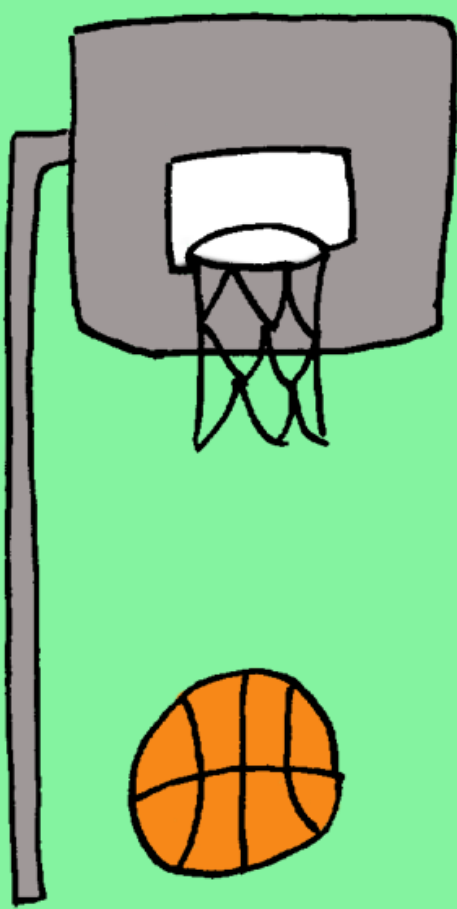


The other day I saw the doctor,
And I learned something new.

She said, "You have von Willebrand Disease,"



Which just
sounded like
gobbly-goo.

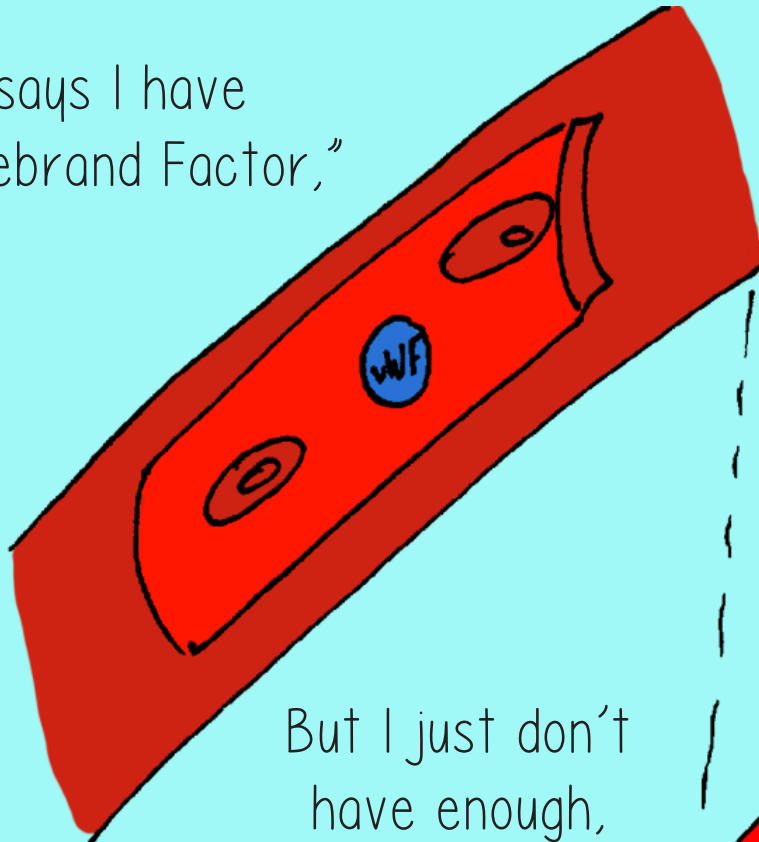


She explained the problem to
my parents,
Then she explained it to me.

It makes it hard
to stop bleeding,
So I bruise quite
easily.



She says I have
"von Willebrand Factor,"



But I just don't
have enough,

She says that it's
important
To turn runny blood to
sticky stuff.





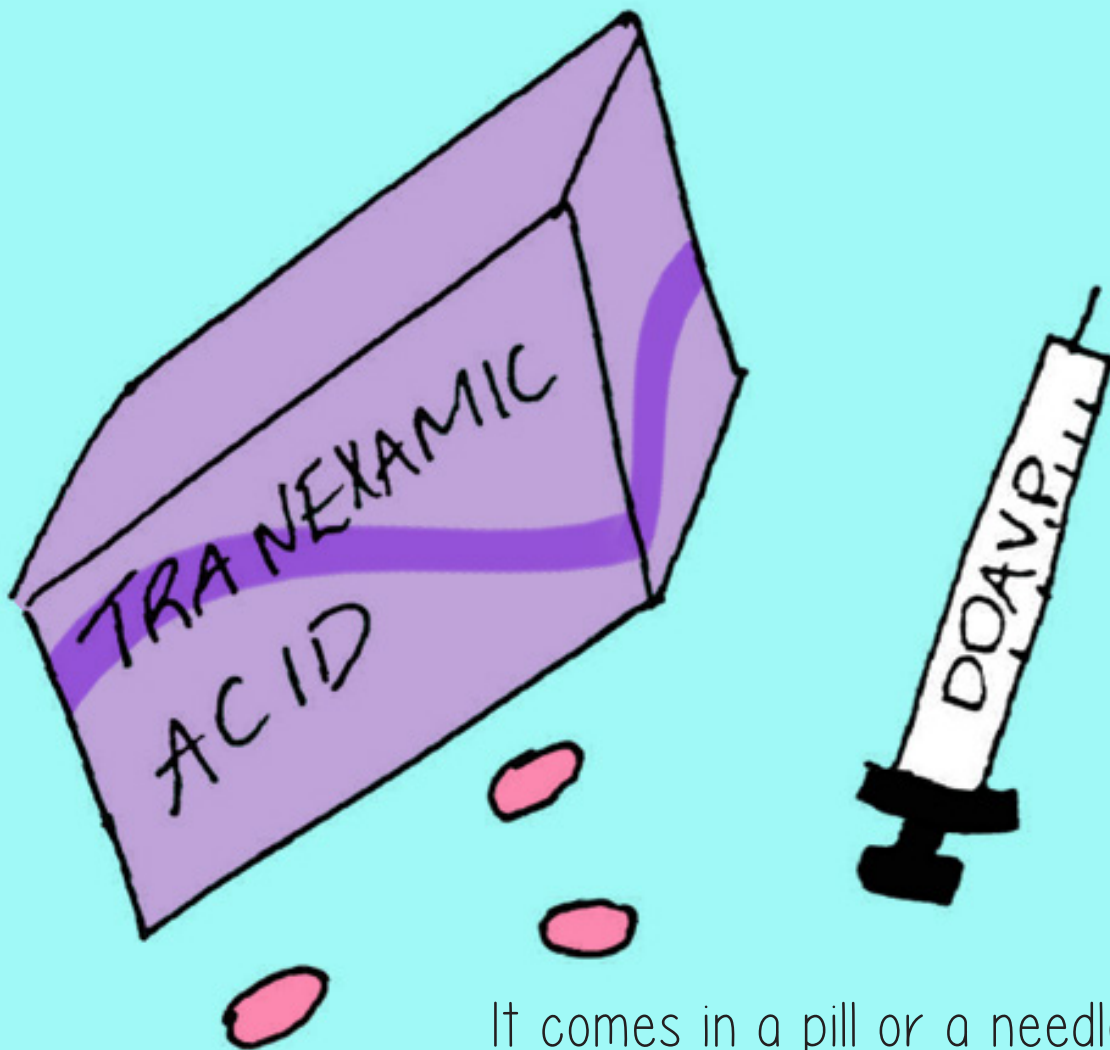
So now I know why
My nose and gums bleed.



But I still use my nose to smell,
And my mouth to taste what I eat!



Sometimes when I bleed too much,
I take medicine to make my blood thick.

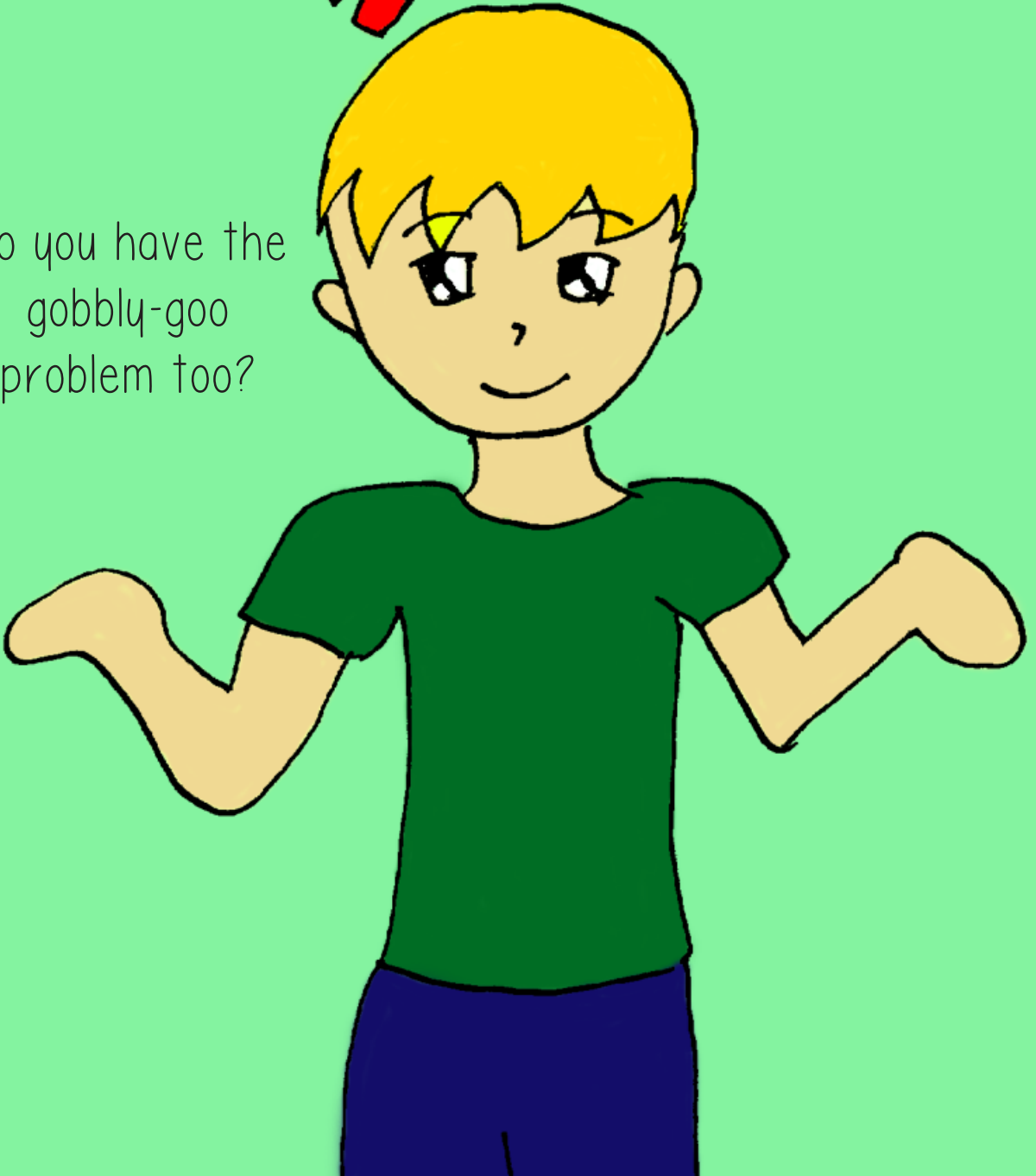


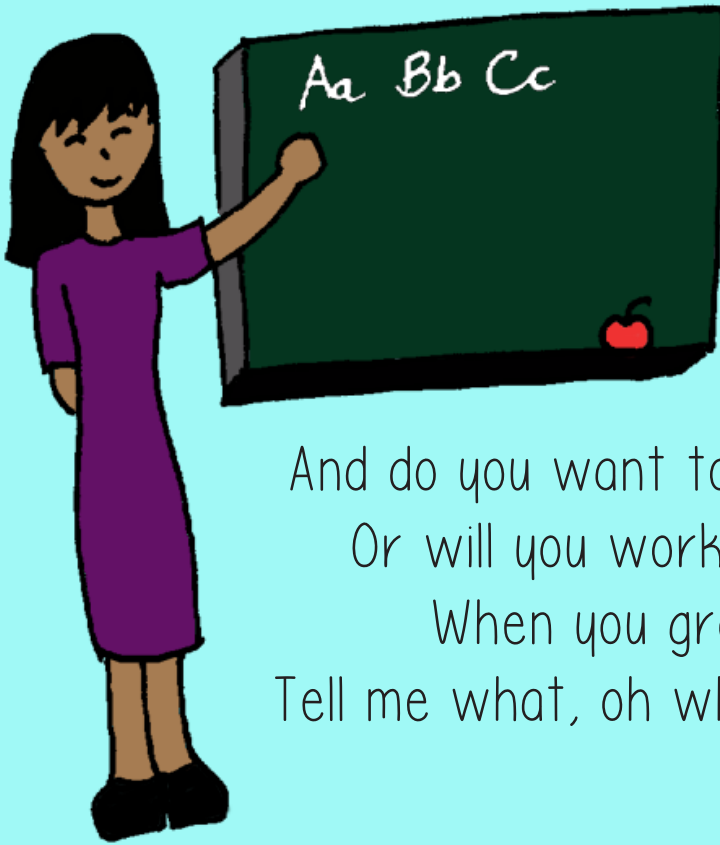
It comes in a pill or a needle,
It makes my nose stop bleeding,
and my blood start to stick.

So tell me about you!



Do you have the
gobbly-goo
problem too?

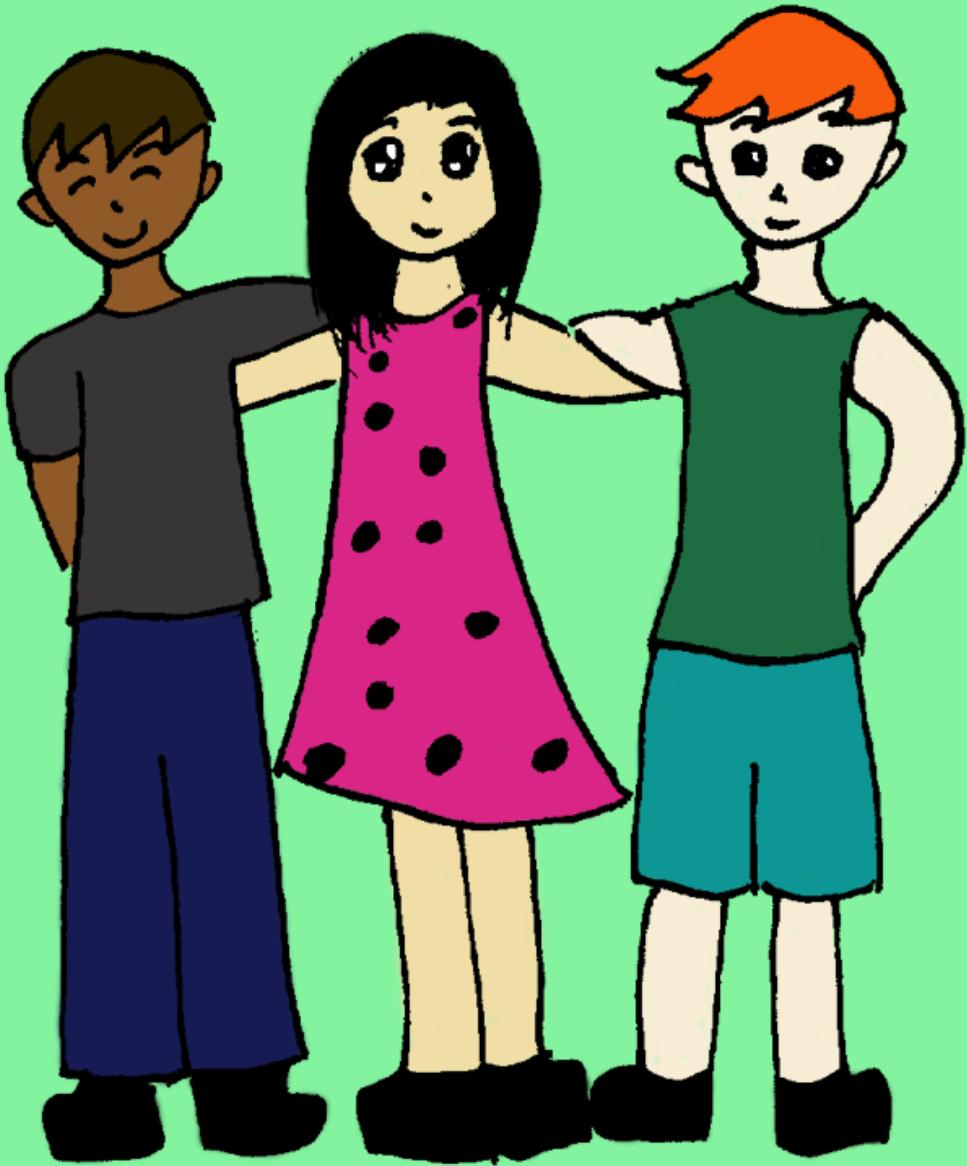




And do you want to be a teacher?
Or will you work at the zoo?
When you grow older,
Tell me what, oh what, will you do?



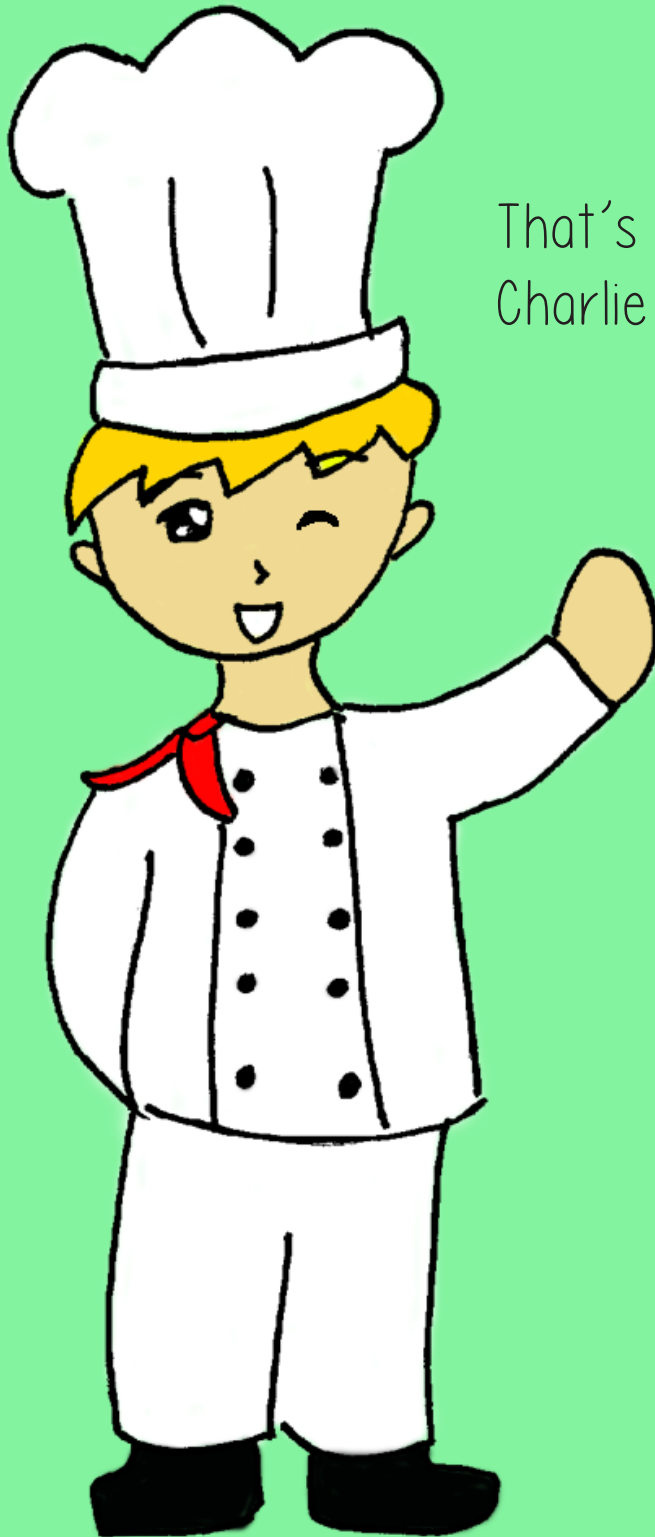
Oh!
That's cool!



And you'll have lots of friends, too!



And when we
meet, tell them
I'm Charlie...



That's Chef
Charlie to you!



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