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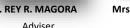
The creative imagination of a child sparkles once educators give them the sterling opportunity to shine. Undeniably, every student has got a mind of a palace where all hidden treasures are stored, awaiting to be unleashed and Future Pioneers Private School strives persistently to achieve this.

EDITOR

This much-acclaimed institution has been nurturing young minds for the past 6 years with the vision "Creating A Generation of Future Leaders".

We are jubilant to present to you the Year-End Issue of "The Pioneers" – the School Magazine of Future Pioneers Private School. In here, you will experience an incredible step into the world of adventures through the essays and stories written by some of our talented and level-headed students. Read, relax and enjoy!







Mrs. SAMEERA DHOUIBI Adviser



A message from THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful, Nun .By the pen and what they inscribe'

Welcome to Future Pioneers Private School!

We live in exciting and fast changing times and this means that providing an outstanding, progressive and well-rounded education is more important than ever. Of course, examination results matter and at FPPS our pupils consistently achieve excellent results in all areas of the curriculum. Future Pioneers Private School is accredited as a Cambridge School and students take international exams like Checkpoint Exam. However, this is just one aspect of an FPPS education. We at FPPS support pupils to grow in all aspects both within and beyond the classroom. Tradition is important at our school and that it continuously shapes some of our guiding principles. We seek to build from the past while looking forward to a brighter future. This is and will remain a forward-thinking school that enthusiastically embraces innovations and new opportunities. We are committed to making The Future Pioneers Private School education accessible to students regardless of their backgrounds and languages in order to achieve our vision "CREATING A GENERATION OF FUTURE LEADERS". Future Pioneers Private School works today on how it

Best Wishes!

will be remembered tomorrow.

KHALID HAMED ALKAMYANI



A message from THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Future Pioneers Private School (FPPS), one of the leading schools in Nizwa, Oman that provides stimulating, challenging, interesting and supportive environment. Founded in 2012 under the supervision of Ministry of Education to serve Omani and International families in Nizwa and neighbouring areas,

the school is very proud of its remarkable journey as the number of students has been increasing yearly. The school's excellent facilities, top qualified staff and impressive academic results have made it the leading bilingual school in Nizwa.

Teachers at Future Pioneers Private School are knowledgeable about their fields, productive in all their academic endeavors, creative both in decision-making, classroom setting, and excellent in classroom management. Their commitment and dedication towards their craft has remained unparalleled throughout the years. They identify ways to leap outside of the educational norms and create experiences that are unexpected, unique, and ultimately more memorable.

Teachers at FPPS know that communication is the key to students' success. They create an open path of communication between parents and students, and recognize that a united front between both groups lowers the chance that children will get left behind.

Teachers at FPPS explore new tools and stay up-to-date with the latest technologies.

Whether you are already a member of a school community, a prospective student or simply interested in finding out a little more about our school, I trust that you will find out what makes FPPS such a special and respected school in both Nizwa and Oman.

LOAY MOHAMMED ABU ALHASAN

Making Leaning Come Alive: SMART Boards in the FPPS Classrooms

The current trend in the academe has been challenging many schools across the globe to transform every classroom into becoming interactive and engaging. With the many technological advancements being launched and widely adopted, the use of smart board is the most popular. Undeniably, this teaching aide has been proven to heighten students' academic achievements through interactive and engaging classroom discussions. Too, this amazing technology not only enhances the way teachers teach, but it also enhances the way students learn.

Considering the benefits that smart boards may serve to the schools, the Future Pioneers Private Schools joined the group of the few schools in Oman that equip their classrooms with this latest technology. Hence, students and teachers alike greatly enjoy the privilege of having smart classrooms.

With the power of this technology, FPPS teachers can now provide students with an enriched learning experience by projecting visual elements. It also makes differentiated learning much easier because teachers are able to accommodate different learning styles. Visual learners are able to observe the whiteboard, while tactile learners can learn by touching the board. The touch screen option allows teachers to run programs with the tap of their finger. This makes it not only easy to navigate for the teacher, but for the students as well.

In addition to that, a student's learning experience is enhanced by this technology because of its ability for students to view diagrams, charts, videos and more, right on the huge screen in front of them. Their learning comes to life, and many students find it more fun to learn than ever before.

Meanwhile, Bayan Saud Altobi – a Grade 4A student - shared her insights about this latest technology. She said, "I thought that my learning experience before was already the best, but I was mistaken. During the first few days of witnessing how teachers used and navigated the smart board, I was dumbfounded. Everything was so fun and engaging, and up until now I'm still on a cloud nine, knowing that I would surely benefit much from this technology. So far I'm learning a lot and it made me more attentive and participative in the class."

Asked about their point of view on this newly-installed technology, teachers said that the number one benefit that they see in their classrooms is an increase in student engagement. According to them, these interactive boards provide an extraordinary opportunity for them to create a classroom environment where students with different learning styles can learn from each other.

Studies have shown that using smart technology in the classroom has proven success rates; it raises test scores, improves student learning, enhances literacy, boosts attentiveness, and increases comprehension, to name a few.

Truly, this easy-to-learn technology ensures that both teachers and their students are developing the 21st century skills that they need in order to succeed in today's world.











Grade 7 student wins Essay Writing Competition

Nasser Mohammed of Grade 7 was chosen as one of the winners in the 12th Annual Children's Writing Competition in Muscat, April 26.

Organized by The Dar Al Atta'a Let's Read Committee, the competition aimed to raise awareness among youth about the need to make the world a better place.

Uniquely and creatively written, the essay entitled "Mind over matter" which discusses about the dilemmas of depression caught the interest of the judges, making it to the final list of winners.

Asked about his thought, Nasser proudly said, "I am extremely delighted to have been chosen as one of the winners in this Writing Competition. Before, I used to doubt my writing skill but now this achievement is a proof that I am indeed a writer.

This feat has inspired me to write more and be the best I can be." Students received a gift, a cash and a certificate during the 'Prize Giving Ceremony' held at Al Qurum Complex, May 17.



FPPS HOLDS CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY CHECKPOINT EXAM

Grade 6 and Grade 7 students completed the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Exam held at the FPPS Conference Hall, April 22, 24 and 26.

The exam covered Math, Science and English subjects. With excellent preparation, the students were mentally and academically ready, which led to smooth and successful rounds of examinations.

Mr. Loay Mohammed, the principal "Cambridge said, Primary Checkpoint offers feedback on learners' strengths and weaknesses in the key curriculum areas of English, Mathematics Science. The tests marked Cambridge and provide schools with an external internabenchmark tional for learner performance. The feed-back gained from Cambridge Primary Checkpoint is

invaluable source of information for learners, parents and teachers. Hence, the schools will be able to make strategic decisions, drawing upon a pool of information and specialist reporting tools built into Cambridge Primary Checkpoint.

Students who were asked about their experience in taking the exams said that it was a combination of what they were taught, the preparation for the tests, e.g. doing practice exams, and their own personal preparation at home.

Meanwhile, the result is set to be released in June.





Future Pioneers Private School was declared 'Champion' in the drama competition spearheaded by the Ministry of Education Al Dakhiliya Region, April 10. This year's theme was 'Effects of Technologies in the Everyday Life'. Their exceptional acting, fluency of the English Language, and well-coordinated performance made FPPS outshine seven other schools in the region.

Students from FPPS performed 'Get Off the Phone', a drama written by Teacher Sameera Dhouibi. The group spent nearly one month rehearsing at lunch times and after school, desperate to claim the top award. Organized by the Ministry of Education Nizwa, the competition sought to encourage students to love the English Language and the art of Drama. "The students worked hard to bring home the first place. They spent many hours of rehearsal time, listening to feedback from their mentors. I am incredibly proud of these students. Their performance was amazing! The round of applause they received from the audience spoke volumes," said Teacher Sameera- the drama mentor. For the feat, the champion received a cash and a certificate. Meanwhile, the winners performed during the 'Annual Ceremony of Private School' in Dhakiliyah Region, May 14.

One of the participants, Abdullah Jasim, was on cloud nine, saying they chased the victory because of the consolidated efforts everyone at FPPS had shown during their journey. "It has been a long way coming and finally hard work has paid off. We thank God for the health and teachers for the unwavering support," he said. The winning team was comprised of Fai Yagoob, Noor Al Huda, Fatima Masoud, Adam Amer, Ebadullah Khan and Abdullah Jasim.





FPPS celebrates

Echoes of laughters, screams and gaiety were the over-all mood of the Future Pioneers Private School family during a week of celebration dubbed "FUNtastic Week", January 13-18. "This event is an opportune

time for students, "I am incredibly happy and thankparents and teachers to relax, socialize and enjoy. Too, it aims to foster camaraderie and unity among students, parents and teachers," FPPS Principal Loay Mohammed stated.

ful to have witnessed a successful event like this. Our school continuously upholds its vision to create a generation of future leaders because of the untiring and unwavering commitment, selfless dedication and cooperation you devote to our school,"

The said event started with a staging of "Talk Show" and "Drama" by the selected students of Grade 5, Grade 6 and Grade 7. Some staff of the Ministry of Education graced the first day and witnessed the various engaging activities.

To realize this one-week momentous program, teachers and non-teaching staff brainstormed together to come up with worthwhile and exciting games and competitions, all for the purpose of fun. Hence, students enjoyed a jam-packed of activities.

One of the highlights of this event was the "International Cuisine Competition", an activity suggested by Mrs. Sameera Dhouibi. The big room was filled with mouthwatering cuisines from the different nationalities represented by teachers. Staff from the Ministry of Education served as the judges. Mrs. Fauzia Abubakkar who prepared the Indian Cuisine was declared "Champion".

Meanwhile, Mr. Khalid Hamed Executive Alkemyami, the

Chairman. expressed his gratitude to all the teachers, students and parents for a successful celebration. "I am incredibly happy and thankful to have witnessed a successful event like this. Our school continu-

ously upholds its vision to create a generation of future leaders because of the untiring and unwavering commitment, selfless dedication and cooperation you devote to our school," he said.

Teachers, students and parents alike forged a strong bond together. Truly, this event made a mark that will forever be etched in the treasury of the hearts of everyone.



To instill public speaking and descriptive skills of students, the English Department organized a Show and Tell competition at FPPS Conference Hall, December 21.

The students came with their unique and colourful objects which wowed the audience. They confidently expressed their thoughts and connection with these objects, which brought a bag of happiness, fun and insightful learnings to everyone.

Meanwhile, MoE staff who served as judges were greatly impressed with the speaking prowess, confidence and articulation of the participants. It was indeed a tough competition that everyone deserved to win. Students were adjudged on the basis of content, expression, choice of object and confidence. After the deliberation, only the best

emerged victorious. To wit:

Ziyad Zakariyah	(Grade 1A)
Ghazal Ahmed	(Grade 1B)
Lamees Saif	(Grade 1C)
Suliman Salim	(Grade 2A)
Malik Faham	(Grade 2B)
Maryam Rashid	(Grade 3B)
Leen Mansour	(Grade 3B)
Deima Bader	(Grade 3C)
Hanna Fayyadh	(Grade 4)
Nuha Hamad	(Grade 5)
Fai Yaqoob	(Grade 6)
Nasser Mohammed	(Grade 7)
Alyazin Anwar	(Grade 7)



The winners received a gift and a certificate. They were praised for the immeasurable efforts they put into the competition which led to their success.

FPPS celebrates 47th Oman **National Day**



Future at the grounds. November The celebration was graced reciting ive parents along with other Oman. special guests.

The sense of nationalism 47th National Day celebrawas truly evident as stu-tions gave everyone a re-

Pioneers Private dressed in their traditional School celebrated the 47th Omani dresses and exhibit-National Day with pride and ed the traditional Omani culschool ture by presenting folklore 23. songs, traditional dances, beautiful by some staff from the Min- praising His Majesty Sultan istry of Education, support- Qaboos Bin Saeed and

The colourful and inspiring dents and teachers alike newed spirit of nationalism.



FPPS celebrates Teachers' Day

Recognizing the selfless dedica- teachers. tion, indelible commitment and valuable contributions of teachers, the Future Pioneers Private School celebrated the Teachers' Day at the school grounds, February 14.

The day buzzed with smiles, shared a heartfelt message in gratitude and appreciation. Mr. Arabic. Loay Mohammed, the principal, commenced the program with his inspiring message

Meanwhile, Abullah Jasim of Grade 5 delivered his speech in English which talked about the incredible importance of teachers and their huge role in students' lives whilst Fai Yaqoob and Al Zahra Bader of Grade 6

The students staged different performances which drew happiness and gratefulness to the that boosted the morale of the teachers and students alike. Fi-

nally, teachers and teaching staff received gifts from the school. It was indeed a wonderful day for the teachers to bask in the love and appreciation of the students on this very special celebration.



Alkemyani

2ND: Malik Faham

3RD: Retal Mohammed, Janah Yaqoob

Teacher Hilary Omokafe Egbonmali, Teacher Aliyah Khaizar Yousafzai and Teacher Fauzia Abubakkar were the minds behind this successful event.

3RD: Nuha Hamad, Osama Mohammed

2ND: Abdulmalik Saud Altobi

Almu'tasim Saleh

SUCCESSFUL Bake Sale

contributes to Fund Raising Goal





tudents of Grade 4 and the capital city of Oman. school grounds, October 26.

Each class of these grade levels was split into 3-4 groups and planned for the most an- Asked about her thoughts for ticipated day. To add some challenge, the organizer made this activity a competition among the groups, which was to raise the highest amount of money.

A variety of scrumptious and mouthwatering baked goods the success of the event, and traditional foods delighted the students. They swarmed "It was such an amazing like bees on every table and bought everything that satiat- gether and helped each other, ed their cravings. Surprisingly, real leaders appeared in them the foods on display were im- and I cannot even come close mediately sold out even before to explain how happy and the break was over.

to raise money for the trip of class project and I hope it will grade 4 and grade 5 to Mus- even be more successful." cat. This was the very first time the school allowed its stu-

dents to experience a trip to day for the grade 4 and grade

mony. To wit:

GRADE 4 GRADE 5

Osama Mohammed **Nuha Hamad** Shehab **Fatima Masoud** Mohammed Saud Tuga Mahmmod Jannah Hilal **Husun Talib**

Teacher Tammy proudly said, event! Students worked toproud I am of every single stu-The goal of the said event was dent. I look forward to our next

November 3 was the red letter

5 as they joyfully went to Mus-Grade 5 spearheaded the very Meanwhile, the winners re- cat for their school trip. They first Bake Sale held at FPPS ceived a medal and a certifi- visited the Pepsi Factory, Chilcate during the awarding cere- dren's Museum and Avenues Mall.

> "Although my family and I usually come here on weekends, I must say the feeling is different especially when I get the chance to spend a day full of fun and excitement with my friends," Omar Salim of Grade 5 said.

FPPS joins Road Safety Competition

FPPS racked up the top six schools reaching the final round on ROAD SAFETY competition, May 5.

Sponsored by SHELL which commenced last September 2017, the event lasted ten months, involving 28 schools across Oman .The event was an appeal to address people's consciousness to the importance of having 'A safe Road'. FPPS organized a determinant group led by Mr. Loay Mohamed in coordination with Teacher Ismail and Miss Ekhlass.

The aim was to raise awareness on the importance of road safety in and out of the school premises.

school pre school's premises.



The school launched many activities including teachers conducting awareness-raising sessions and discussions about the necessity of buckling up the belt while being on a drive and respecting the traffic signs. Students actively involved in interviewing drivers in both languages, distributing brochures and participating in outside school morning assemblies. Moreover, they engaged in many exciting activities inside the school such us listening to road-safety forum, doing a pantomime about traffic rules and crafting projects that highlighted the idea of the said event.

For the record, FPPS was ranked second in Dakhiliya Region but landed sixth place across Oman, May 2018.



If you ask me, making the world a better place is extremely difficult. It will take time, patience, hard work and even resources to make this possible. But what exactly do we need to do to help curb this problem?

the problem and the solution of the issue. I would like to emphasize that we should realize the problem first before we solve it. This was affirmed by Dr. Phil in his social media post which read, "50% of the problems solution is knowing what the problem is". That being said, we should therefore be socially aware and mindful on the current situation of our environment should we dream for a place free from the threats of environmental hazards. There are myriads of possible causes as to why our world is going through tough times nowadays. Here as follows:

Throwing of rubbish into the water. You must have learned that throwing waste on the beach like plastic bottles, plastic bags, nets and metal cans is very detrimental to animals that come in contact with these items. As a result, they die because of the chemicals these

attitude really matters and it must dwell within our hearts at all times.

Spilling of oil. Although this Before I walk you through is inadvertently caused by accidents of tankers, barges, pipelines and storage facilities, this may cause a serious hazard to our sea creatures. Some environmentalists do feasible ways to address the problem and one of the methods done is throwing dry ice in the area of water that has oil in it, what happens is that can surely bring forth positive the oil becomes frozen really guick- change to our environment. We ly making it easier to remove. This should reduce the amount of waste, method doesn't involve machines throwing wastes properly, stop usbut it will, however, cause more ing poly bags, reuse and recycle old carbon dioxide to be in the air. things, plant more trees, switch off Hence, it can still be a threat. lights and other electronic devices Therefore, there should be a strict when not in use, water conservation implementations of laws against the and a lot more. offenders and heightened monitoring of all sea vessels.

> Speaking about air, did you know the levels of carbon dioxide and oxygen keeps on changing? Sometimes there is a lot of carbon dioxide and less oxygen and sometimes it's the opposite. The main cause is factories that produce a lot

rubbishes are made out of. While it of carbon dioxide which can be the may true that we can't pick out eve- cause of acid rain that leads to soil ry single plastic bag or bottle out of pollution. The type of factories that the ocean everyday, we can still probably produce the most are fachelp by disciplining ourselves. Good tories that produce electricity. People also tried to find a way to solve this. They use "wind turbines" which look like fans but much and bigger. Their main purpose is to turn the wind's kinetic energy into electricity. This method is really effective because it doesn't release carbon dioxide, relying on the wind rather than substance or chemical to produce electricity.

It is true that a small effort

Of course keep in mind to do it as natural as possible or else while we are trying to help the environment at the same time we are causing more destructions. Our world desperately needs our help and so, be socially aware, mindful, and participative in making this world a better place.



It is a truism that nowadays we are used to watching news on T.V. where killings or disputes have become an everyday occurrence. People are always fighting over political differences, territory or simply out of faith. We have gotten so used to the image of people being murdered, and massacred in front of our eyes that we see these events without the slightest remorse. War and violence are making our society crumbled, before we know it we might even destroy the world. So how about changing our mindset towards taking a step to eradicate differences and be more accepting, compassionate and less discriminating? This essay will draw your attention to knowing the aftermath of the so-called "War".

By definition, war is a state of usually open and declared armed hostile conflict between states and nations. It starts off by sending innocent lives out to war, most of them not knowing that they are going to sacrifice themselves for the cause of their government. Hundreds if not thousands of innocent people would die each day due to the war, but does not mean that it always justifies the end. The answer is no, risking innocent lives is not a debatable issue, it simply is wrong. Yes, they swore their oath towards safeguarding their respective nations but has the government thought of the risks that this scourge may bring to the family of these soldiers and to the whole nation in general? It is a sad fact that the government leaders of these nations continue to wage war for their own selfish motives.

At present, Syria is under the siege of violence. Watching the news about the wretched lives and deaths in this country is apparently excruciating. Innocent people are dying while children are begging and pleading. It has been two years since the outbreak of civil war has taken over in this ill-fated country. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights released the over-all casualties since the onset of the war. Overall, the death toll is 353,593–498,593 from March 15, 2011 to March 2018. The number of deaths is very alarming and disturbing and will continue to rise unless government leaders of involved countries resort to peace talks. Yes, it is possible so long as collec-

It is a truism that nowadays we are used to watch- tive efforts and campaigns are initiated all over the world.

Although war is technically defined as conflict between tow nations and state, we must not forget that war can happen to us everywhere and everyday too. Within the circle of our family, within the corner of our school, inside our workplaces, most of us fight wars and it all starts with pouring out of hatred, revenge, jealousy, greed and discontent from our hearts. Sometimes, little conflicts between two persons may bring huge conflicts between families and soon after leads to resentments between kinsmen and even states. I think the only difference between the little conflict and the big battles fought in battle grounds is probably just the weapons and perhaps the massive collateral damage but the roots of the wars are the same.

As a forward looking young man like me, I would like to offer simple tips to prevent war or future war from happening.

- Understand others and disregard differences.
- Let peace dwell in your hearts.
- Be more forgiving and accepting.
- Detach yourself from any spirit of hatred and revenge.
- Never resort to vengeance. Peaceful talks can solve the problem.
- Let pure love flourish whatever be it good or evil.

The above virtues may sound cliché but I believe these are foundational values that will help cleanse our hearts because the seeds of war are planted in the hearts of men daily. Our future and the future of the next generation is at stake; hence, let us all start doing our own part to prevent future wars from happening. As H.G. Wells put it, "If we don't end war, war will end us." This way we can make our world a better place!



"Mind over matter", "Whatever the mind can conceive the mind everything. person falls into the trap of insanity? This probably won't make sorry about themselves. the world a better place.

main causes of depression. The feeling of hopelessness can seven simple steps to battle against this monster-depression. tragically result to the loss of interest in so many things if not

Get up. You don't have to see the whole staircase but you definitely need to take the first step to get there. You need to tell yourself that no one's going to pick yourself up but yourself. Your friends, the ones who truly care for you and your family will be your support but you will have to do it by yourself. Get up and strive to be your own hero.

Write down. Most patients of depressions have trust issues and are often hesitant in sharing to people how they really feel. Writing down one's feelings will help ease one's feelings. Patients of depression may also experience introvert behaviors and writing down doesn't require too much social exposure that may bring discomfort to someone who is suffering.

Get enough sleep. Depression brings about an enormous amount of stress to your body, give it time to rest. Get the right amount of sleep and let your body properly recover from its traumatic mental difficulties.

Note to the Community. Mental disorder is quite a hard battle, one will never understand the depth and breadth of this situation unless one is in it. Let us be more compassionate, more patient and less criticizing to people, this way we do can show respect to everyone's own unique story.

can achieve", "IF you correct your mind, everything will fall into Depression is a mental disorder. This is a fact. This has led to place". These are scant lines often believed by many to direct many cases of suicide and has become a global perennial them towards a healthy life and a peaceful mind. The mind problem. A patient suffering from this disorder may experience conveys all the thoughts we have in life, and if the mind is extreme sadness, disconnection from the world, self-pity and sane then the body can work at ease. What happens if the other behavioral changes. These people are often misundercoin is flipped, when reality creeps through an individual and stood and instead of finding comfort from people close to creates an unbearable darkness, what if sanity slips out and a them, they are judged and criticized making them feel more

Although there are known effective treatments for depression, Depression is mental disorder common to both men and wom- there are a few steps a person can do to help one's self in en. Globally, more than 300 million people of all ages suffer overcoming such a difficult situation. With my desire to help from depression. Most researches attest that diseases are the eradicate this burdensome condition I would like to suggest,

> Eat healthy. IF the body doesn't lack nutrients, the body will be able to sufficiently supply all the energy the body needs. Hence eating healthy will be very helpful in maintaining one's health. Hence, you shouldn't deprive your self of the food your body needs.

Do what makes you happy. Free yourself, don't be your own prisoner. IF it makes you happy, do it. Do not be too hard on yourself. Try something new, something you wrote in your bucket list but haven't had the courage or time to accomplish. Do what makes you happy, the small joys will soon pile up and in no time you will be fine.

Love yourself. Nothing is more powerful than loving yourself. Do not think of yourself as a loser, or a misfortune or disgrace. You are in such situation because some one more powerful believes that you should be there, embrace your circumstances and thrive in it. Life is about surviving everything that comes along. If you fall, stand; if you trip, stand; if you stumble stand. Never get tired of getting up after falling. Give yourself the love that you deserve and slowly breathe back the life, that this mental difficulty has taken away from you.

Nasser Mohammed



Technology: BOON OR BANE -ALYAZIN ANWAR ALMAHROOOI

Undeniably, our world is living the prime time of techno- ened personal interaction with real people, places and logical change. We have incredibly enjoyed a great deal of this change which resulted to a change to our lifestyles and certain behaviors. We feel the change as students, before there was a blackboard but now we study and copy through our smart phones. In the past, people used typewriters then jumped to computers and eventually to laptops. To some extent, I do recognize the convenience and efficiency brought by these technologies, but at the same time, I dread the fact that we become relatively less human because of this.

Everyone would agree if I say that these modern privileges have made our lives better and easier. Take for example, in a single click or tap, we can already call or text anyone around the world. Google made information readily available. We can take selfies anytime, anywhere. And of must say we are wrong to blame science. We should course, the perks of using the social media like Facebook, blame ourselves instead. Ultimately, we should be acavailable. We can take selfies anytime, anywhere. And of Twitter and Instagram.

Although all these advantages may sound amazing, we must not forget that because of this we have generally abandoned the manual ways of doing things. Yes, it truly is a major step and an exceptional one. However, while we are over the moon with these benefits, we have forgotten that these technologies gradually control our lives, when we are supposed to be in control of them.

While it is true that these have improved the quality of our life, it must also be noted that they have also brought the worst things for us. The more we are exposed to these technologies, the less productive we become. It is a sad fact that the birth of internet marked the death of books

events. If we continue to act insanely then in the long run, we may suffer the ironies we may not like.

We people are indeed malcontented by nature. We crave for more without thinking the results of our actions. But we should also think that we all live in the same planet. This is not just about you or me. This is about US! This is about Mother Earth.

I usually hear and see people blaming science for what has happened to our humanity. Earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, hurricanes - all these natural phenomena are thought to have caused by the influx of modernization; this, however, won't happen if not because of our greed, abuse, discontentment and insensitivity. I countable to whatever is happening to our world nowadays, as it was imprinted on the day a man attempted his very first experiment to change the world.

Truly, our world was once a marvelous place. It may seem quite far from what it used to be, but I believe we can still make it a better place so long as we become educated and responsible to use things right, cherish human experience from the heart and carefully choose the things we change.

Embrace the change but never forget to change for the BETTER!





The Amazing Castle





Sara and Salma

By 6 hazl Ambusaidi





Sara and Salma are good friends. Sara is always happy.

One day, Sarah entered the classroom with her head bowed down. She looked very sad. Her friends asked her, "Why are you looking sad today?" She did not answer and didn't look up.

Sara wanted to make her smile so she took a candy from her bag and went to give it to Sarah. Sarah became happy and she opened her mouth to smile. While she was smiling, her friends saw that three of her front teeth were missing.



by Lameese Saif

One day, while I was walking home, I saw a small cat. It was screaming. I walked close to it to help. The cat was hungry and thirsty.

I took it home and gave it some water and food. Later, I asked my mum and my dad to keep the cat with me until it gets better. They were happy and advised me to take care of the small cat. My dad built a small wooden house to keep it safe from other animals like dogs. After few weeks, the cat became better.

While I was happily playing with my new pet, I heard a loud knock on the door. It was the owner of the cat. She knew about what I did for her pet and she was very thankful for all that I did.

I cried just when my new friend was taken away from me but nonetheless I felt happy for it was finally with her master.

The next day, I woke up with the sound of "meow...meow..." I hastily looked where the sound was coming from. Then my mum and dad shouted "Surprise!" At last, I got my own cat.





Dino Hunter:
The Deadly Shores

BY ABDULLAH JASIM



DNAs are useful in the world of dinosaurs. It might save your life one day like what happened to sir Jonathon Nightinborg. He had killed a VELOCIRAPTOR which is a feathery dinosaur with his sniper.

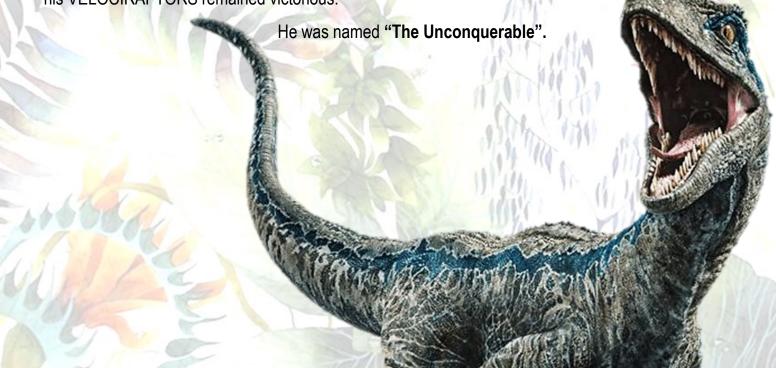
After he killed the VELOCIRAPTOR, he took his DNA.

He made about fifteen VELOCIRAPTOR eggs with its DNA. When they hatched, he tamed them, taught them to follow his command and made them aware that he was the leader. He treated them like they were his sons. The VELOCIRAPTORS loved Sir Jonathon very much.

One day a group of ALLOSAURUS attacked their simple wooden house. It got him off guard but he thought of his VELOCIRAPTORS. He knew they could help him. Hastily, he commanded them to attack and they did not fail him. He was greatly impressed as to how much strength his VELOCI-RAPTORS could be.

They won over ALLOSAURUS and it meant a huge victory for Sir Jonathan.

On this fight, Sir Jonathan proved that VELOCIRAPTORS were indeed reliable. The first fight against the ALLOSAURUS was followed by a series of other bloody upheavals yet Sir Jonathan and his VELOCIRAPTORS remained victorious.

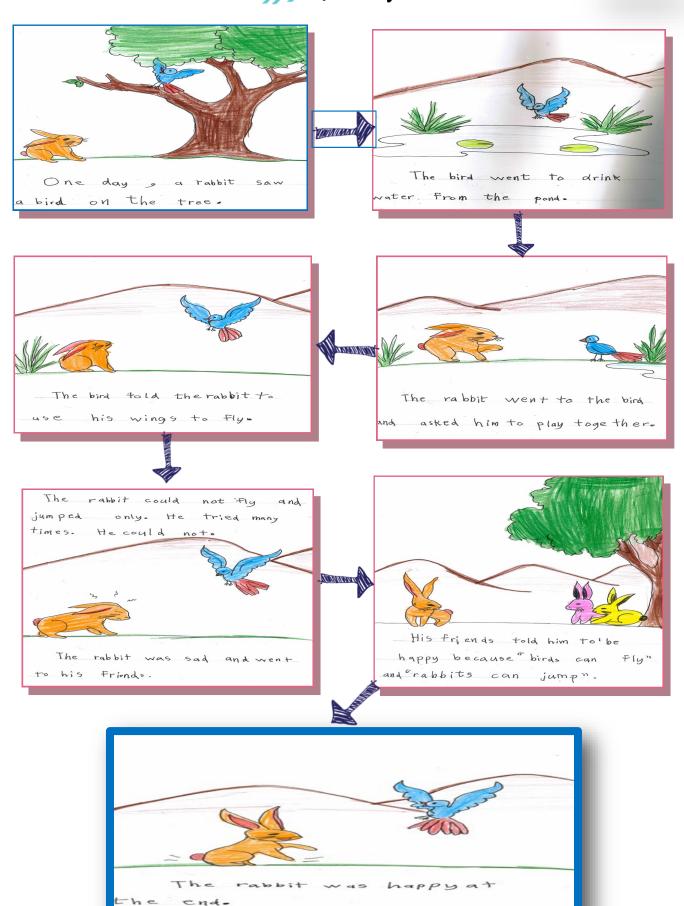


The PIONEERS

RABBITS CAN'T FLY



By Zayd Mahmood Al-Salmi





The
City
of
Lights

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Sam. He lived in a dark city and he hated it so much. He couldn't do any exciting activities at night. All he had to do was sleep and wait for the sun to rise up.

He asked his mum to move to another city where they could enjoy the brightness and the glittery of lights. Much of his mum's desire to grant her son's wish she couldn't as they were really struggling financially. She could only imagine the loneliness of her son.

Although the city didn't give him a lot of excitement, there was something likable about it – the school, his friends, the teachers. They gave him a lot of comfort and fun he really wanted to experience. But of course he still felt empty for the reason that he really wanted to land in the city of lights.

One day, the teacher informed the students about an important event. It was the most exciting news Sam had ever wished to hear. The teacher organized a competition and that was to have students study hard and make it to the top 10. The prize would be to experience a three-day trip to the city of lights. Sam felt incredibly determined to win in the competition. He burned a midnight candle and did everything just so he could realize his greatest dream.

After 2 weeks, the result was already posted around the corners of the school. Sam was extremely excited to see his



by Muhannad Nasser

Seated in his room, he overheard his teacher calling his name. The teacher told him to see the principal. He felt a sudden chill all over his body. He came face to face with the principal. While talking to her, he couldn't believe the words coming out from her mouth. The very reason why his name was not included in the list was because a special surprise awaited him. The school appreciated and recognized all the good deeds Sam had done to the school. He was a model student and a consistent top student. With this, they decided to grant Sam his greatest dream, that is to live in the city of lights. Sam felt happy but he was even happier when he heard that his family would go with him. He could hardly explain his emotions. It was the best feeling he had ever felt in his entire life. He was very excited to go home and break the news to his family.

On the day of their departure, a swirling cacophony of emotions engulfed his whole senses. He felt sad but superbly ecstatic because at last he would be able to live in the city of lights.

"Ladies and gentlemen, as we prepare for our final descend, please make sure your seatbelt is securely fastened. Thank you!" As he peeped over the window, his eyes were dazzled by the shining, shimmering lights of the place. The sparkling boulevards, skyscrapers and bridges got him awestruck. It was splendidly awesome! Everything was illuminated.

He thought his life would definitely change and he was all ready to summon whatever cost this adventure may bring. Just like the city of lights, he would make himself the brightest!





the Two Rams



By Ebadullah Khan

Once upon a time, there was a fox that hadn't aten anything for 3 days because he didn't want to hunt for food.

One day, he saw two rams fighting. He told himself, "I will wait until ne two rams die." So he had waited for 5 minutes and the two rams started leeding. The fox sniffed the swee<mark>t aroma of the</mark> blood and it got him excited. So e went a little bit closer to smell the blood until he was already in between the vo rams. The two rams mightily d<mark>id one more draw which could have cost their</mark> ves but they were spared because the fox received the strongest draw. The fox ied unexpectedly.

This story teaches us not to be dependent and lazy. If we want something, e have to work hard for it.



The Violin



One day, she went to the shop to buy the violin she liked very much.

She played the violin nicely. Then she sang beautifully "La-la-la-la....I love you mum and dad...la-la-la-la...I love you my dear sisters...la-la-la-la...I love you my lovely family...la-la-la-la...."

The girl was very happy and her family too. Also, they loved her very much.



WISH GRANTED

By Nuha Alqasabi



Katie is a girl. She is 10 years old. She dreamt to be a pianist. Her mum and dad travel a lot to another country.

She lives with her grandma.

One day, while she was going home from school, she found her grandma lying on the ground. Quickly, she called the ambulance. When the ambulance arrived, a man said, "You can come to the hospital but you will not see your grandma." She said, "Okay, no problem." When they arrived at the hospital, she found her mum and dad there. She was surprised. Her dad said, "SURPRISE! How are you? Are you fine? By the way, your grandma is not sick." We have here a gift for you - it is a piano. Katie was very happy. When they came back home, she started playing the piano. "Stop Katie!" everyone screamed. Katie was very sad because she didn't know how to play the piano.

Under her house, there was a magical land. Whenever someone was sad, a fairy came to appease his loneliness. The queen was the one who sent other fairies. When the queen knew about Katie, she sent a fairy to her. At first, Katie was scared but after that, she knew that the fairy would grant her three wishes. The fairy said, I will give you 3 wishes but you have to pass a tunnel. While passing, you will find some puzzles.



If you cannot complete, you can come back but I will not give you your wishes. She said, "Okay". As she was passing, she found a puzzle that she cannot solve. She tried until she finally did solve it. As soon as she finished passing through the tunnel, the fairy said to her, "I will give you your three wishes. Say what you want." Katie said, "I want two for today and one for tomorrow. The fairy said, "Okay, no problem. Then, Katie said her first wish that is to have a lot of money.

After that, she wished to have more clothes. She came back home feeling very happy because she'd got what she wanted.

While she was sleeping, the queen of the fairies went to Katie's room, woke her up, and told her why you only wanted money and things. All of these won't stay forever! Why don't you wish your dream? Suddenly the fairy left. Katie asked, "Why didn't I get the third wish for my dream like I wish I knew how to play the piano? The next day, she called the fairy and told her third wish, "I wish I could play the piano perfectly. Then, she started playing the piano. Her parents said, "Wow! That is amazing! How did you learn to play the piano? Then Katie smirked and said, "SECRET!"



The Pencil and the Rubber

by Ibrahim Jasim

One day, the rubber said "Hello" to the pencil, but the pencil didn't say anything. It seemed to the rubber that it was angry.

Rubber: Why are you angry?

Pencil: Because of you....

Rubber: Why?!

Pencil: Because every time I write something wrong, you rub it.

Rubber: I have a reason for that.

Pencil: And what is it?

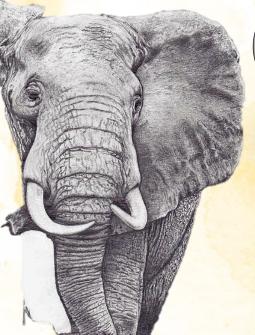
Rubber: Because sometimes you make mistakes. If I don't correct

you, who else will do it for you?

Pencil: The pencil was speechless!

The pencil apologized to the rubber and they lived friends forever.

Layla and the Elephant





_{by} Hiba Al-Sabahi

One day, Layla went for a walk to the forest close to their house. She saw an elephant. He was hurt. Layla brought the elephant to their house.

When they got home, her mum gave the elephant some food and water. She sprayed a magic water on the elephant's leg. In a blink of an eye, the elephant got well. He was very happy.

He went back to the forest with a big smile and satiated from eating.



Once upon a time there were five princesses. They were sisters. Each one liked something to do. Their names were Majomi, Najomi, Iona, Iomi and Ioni. Majomi loved science and books while Najomi loved fashion. The third princess named Iona loved courage and the fifth princess, Iomi, loved cooking. The youngest, Ioni, loved fun.

One day, their friends invited them to a party. Majomi and Najomi went but others did not. Iona, Ioni, Iomi wanted to do their own party because they always felt bored, atteniding such gathering.

"Swiss...swiss" - a weird sound coming from nowhere.

Ionie: What is that?
Iomi: I don't know.

Iona: Let's see. Let's take a look sisters.

Iomi: Okay Ioni: Oh oh no.

Iona: We are in a problem!

Ioni: Why?

Iona: Because these small creatures are going to destroy everything.

Iomi: Hey Iona, the magic jewelry is gone.

Iona: What? How can find it now?

Ioni: I think we are in a big problem if our sisters knew about this.

Naiomi: Hi sisters! We're home......

Iomi: What????? They are here!!!! What should we do?"

Ioni: I do not know!!!

Maiomi: What are you doing?

Iona: Nothing!

Maiomi: Bye for now! I will go to my room.
Naiomi: Wait!We want to tell you something.

Maiomi: Okay, I am listening.

Ioni: Naiomi took the magic jewelry and now it is lost. **Maiomi:** What Naioni? Where is the magic jewelery?

Naiomi: I do not know Majomi. It is gone. Sorry I do not mean that.

Maiomi: Okay, I will help you but do not think I will forgive you for what happened!"

Ioni: What are these small creatures with big eyes, big teeth and green

colour.

Iona: They are grools.

Ioni: Oh no, come little creatures.

Maiomi: No..no..no..Ioni they like to eat flesh and can destroy everything"

Ioni: Really?

Iomi: What should we do now Miomi.

Miomi: I have an idea....to the lab everyone.

Ioni: Let's go!

Naomi: What is the plan Maiomi?"

Iona: I will give you the ingredients Maiomi. Take them Naiomi. Ioni will come with you to bring something to put in the potion. I will go search how we could make like the magic jewelry.

Miaomi: Now everyone go to your designated task.

All: Okay, Maioma"

Niomi: It is a fantastic and clever plan Maiomi.

Miaomi: Thanks! said Maiomi.

Iomi: Let's go sisters!

Everyone went to their designated task. After two hours....

Iomi: Could we start now Maiomi?"

Miomi: Yes, but I will stay here to complete searching.

Ioni: Okay!

Ioni: Hey sisters, Maiomi said that we should start fighting grools now.

All: Okay!

The sisters started fighting the grools.

Miaomi: I found it, ok some magic jewelries, colouring, magic portion, and some feathers. Now I will put them in a hot water and start shaping it. Yes, I finished, only I have to do it in its place.

Iona: Can you be fast Maiomi?

Iomi: Help me!

Naiomi: Hey sisters, Iomi fold on the magic door. Now Iomi is in the groots planet.

Ioni: Oh now how can we help her.

Naiomi: I will help her.

Iona: I will go and help her! It was my fault. Where are you going?

Naiomi: I am going to help her catch the cord.

Naiomi: Hey iomi ,iomi, iooooooomi.....Where are you? Please forgive me! I love you! Please answer me.

Iomi: I am here naiomi.

Naiomi: Hold my han<mark>d Iomi.</mark> We will go out.

Naiomi and iomi went out from grools planet.

Ioni: Are you fine Iomi and Naiomi?

IOmi: Yes we are fine!

Maiomi: Come sisters I made it ,it is the magic jewelry.

Iona: Oh you are such a clever girl to do that.

Maiomi: Thanks ,now sisters let's place it in the magic jewelry altogether. The sisters placed the jewelry in its place. Ioni: Now the grools cannot come to our planet and destroy it.

Naiomi: I am sorry sisters. I am sorry maiómi. I love you all. Can you forgive me?

Miaomi: I forgive you and I think that our sisters forgive you too.

Iomi: Yes we forgive you.
Iona: Okay, thanks Majomi.
Najomi: Thanks to all of you!

Iona: Don't cry Naiomi.

Ioni: How about we do our own party?

Naiomi: That's a good idea!

Naiomi: I agree!!!

Mahmood is a smart superior boy but this year he is more into playing than studying. He thinks time table. Mahmood continued that he is too smart and depends on his speed of memorization to get full mark in his exams.

His friend's name is Ahmed. He is smart too. He advised him to reduce his play time so he could make his mum, dad and teacher Mohammed happy. Teacher Mohammed takes the students to the library but Mahmood does not go with the students.

One day teacher Mohammed told the students about exam playing more than studying so the night before the exam he studied but he fell asleep. During the exam, he thought hard but could not answer. Then, he wrote what he knew. His results were bad. His teacher Mohammed was upset and sad.

Because of his bad marks, Mahmood decided reduce play time and study hard instead.





Spooky Night



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As the white blanket of snow covered everything, I sat on the chair gazing out the window. I could not see anything except the white blanket of snow. It looked so bright as if sunshine was all over the area.

"John, dinner is served," my mother's sound interrupted the scene. "Okay mum, just a sec," I replied. As I walked to the kitchen, a deep, dim voice called me from nowhere, "Come to me," it said. But I didn't notice. I entered the kitchen, the smell of mushed potatoes with chicken, my favorite! After that I decided to go to bed after the hard work I have done. But I couldn't sleep. That sound kept on annoying me."

"Come to me, come to me!" I decided to go to the kitchen and drink some milk, but before I got out of the room, a very-loud, high-pitched scream spread across the area. I got frozen for a second, and then I was in a completely different place...

It was dark in there, some terrifying weird sounds were coming from nowhere. I looked around the pitch-black room, when an angry-looking man came out of the dark. As I looked at him, he asked, "Who are you?" "E... me?" I answered. "Yes, is there anyone here except you?" He said. "John," I answered. Without a word the man's teeth grew bigger and sharper and his shirt was ripped into shreds. And his body became more and more muscular. And out of the dark, large beasts were drawn into fight. One of them was about to smash me when suddenly a cold hush of the wind throbbed all over my body. Voila! Reality hit me. Thank God, it was just a nightmare....





Support Charity

Once upon time, there were a brother and a sister watching a program on TV about charities. After they finished watching, they started to collect things for the charity and sometimes arguing about the things they wanted to donate. Suddenly, a strong thunderstorm came while they were collecting things to donate.

They ran faster to the roof of their house because the flood entered in it. They started screaming from the top of their voice! They asked for help. Finally, a helicopter came to rescue them and brought them to a safe place. They couldn't believe their eyes. A lot of people in the place where they stayed needed help. They couldn't withstand listening to their woes because of hunger and worries. They thought of helping these people and so when flood subsided they hurriedly went home and wrapped the things that they wanted to give and put it in the boxes. They went to help those people in need.

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The Two Lazy Frogs



Hamza Mahmood

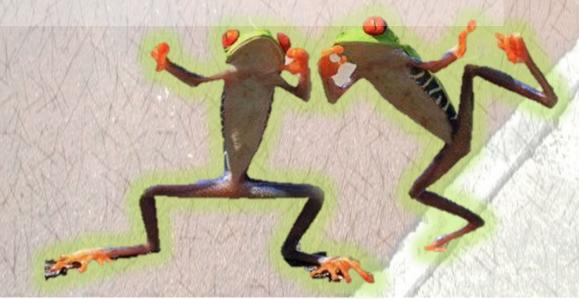
One day there were fifteen frogs who had been in a race including the two lazy frogs. While racing, the two lazy frogs fell into the deep hole.

The race rulers came and said to the two lazy frogs, "You cannot climb above the deep hole because you are lazy frogs. Then, it started to rain. The game rulers said, "Wait until the hole is filled with water so you can swim and exit the deep hole. One frog didn't listen to the race rulers. He could wait anymore and so he jumped and jumped until he reached the top of the deep hole!

He said, "Thank you for encouraging me." He knew that if he wouldn't do anything, he would remain under the deep hole.

They decided to encourage the other frog to exit and he obeyed.

Finally, the two lazy frogs learned their lesson. On that day on, they became hardworking and industrious.





The ley Girl



Noor Al Huda

Once upon a time in a village, there was a girl called Icy Girl. She was named Icy Girl because she had a long white hair and a really white skin. Icy Girl did not like that. She wanted to be called just like any normal person. One morning, while she was eating her breakfast, someone knocked at the door, it was Jeff the baker.

Jeff: Hi Mr. Robin, I need some help.

Mr. Robin: What do you want?

Jeff: Can you work at my place please?

Mr. Robin: Why?

Mr. Jeff: Because I am going to travel.

Mr. Robin: Okay sure, when are you coming back?

Jeff: I'm gonna be back after 33 days

Mr. Robin: What? That's pretty quite a long time.

Mr. Robin slammed the door at Jeff's face.

The Icy girl heard every single word and went to her sister. She told Lina what happened. The next day, there was a huge crowd in the village so the icy girl and her sister went to see what's happening. Someone was killed and the police were everywhere. The two sisters asked the police who he was. To their surprise, it was Jeff! They remembered the night Jeff was asking for help from their dad. It was then that he wanted to escape from a gang.

Icy girl was so devastated. Jeff had been a pretty good man to him. She wished she had a magic to catch the bad guys and make them pay the death of their friend Jeff.





One day, while Icy Girl was playing on her bed overnight, she saw something shining over the table. She started cleaning the dust until she saw a book and a magical pen. She opened the book and saw her name written on it and beside her name there engraved "The Magical Girl". She was incredibly surprised! She ran to her sister and told her everything.

Her sister didn't get surprised because she knew since then that she's got an extraordinary power but she never told her. She felt scared for the life of her sister. However, Icy Girl was determined to use her gift to help people in need. Smiling on her face, she knew what her first mission was – to catch the bad guys. The words sounded like drums over her ears.

She wrote Jeff's name on the book and suddenly the incident of killing him flashed like a movie on the screen. She noted every detail and made the police aware of what happened. Not long enough, the killers were caught and put to jail.

Icy Girl was very happy and so was her sister. The two of them worked together to help people in need. Her magic made the whole world happy and peaceful!



The Red and White



There was a child who lived in the red island where every day he slept on the sound of bombs and screams.

This child wished to live in the island of peace. And for the quiet of the night, he went into deep sleep and dreamt of a beautiful place.

He found himself in an island filled with greenery, fresh air, sound of birds and screams of water.

Came to him a beautiful white bird which found him very sad and asked him, "How are you?"

The child said, "Who are you?

Bird: I'm BP.

Child: Who is BP?

Bird: Yes BP, the Bird of Peace.

Child: What do you want from me Bp?

Bird: I found you upset and I came to help you.

Child: Because everyday, I see death and I can't go to school and live in peace.

Bp: You really have strong reasons for your sadness. You can't change the world but you can change yourself. You can

make peace. I can help you.

Child: How ?!!!

Bp: I have a peace spray. I will spray your island but you must help me turn the red island to white. You must do everything to change the world.

Child: Okay, I will write stop wars and send it to all the world day after day.

After 30 days the island turned into white and the child was very happy but unfortunately the child woke up from his sleep and said. Everything was just a dream! But he told himself, "Maybe the dream will come true if each one starts by himself and accepts all regardless of color, religion, customs and traditions.

Each one must search for Bp in the world and do everything to find it























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