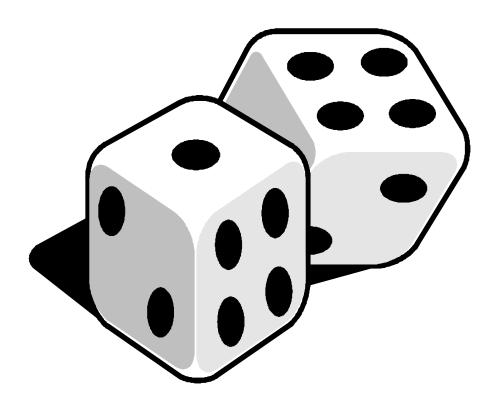
# CHANCE CARDS

(Print on Orange cardstock.)

There's good luck and bad luck. The chance cards represent random good or bad events that could happen to a person regardless of the amount of substance abuse in his or her life.

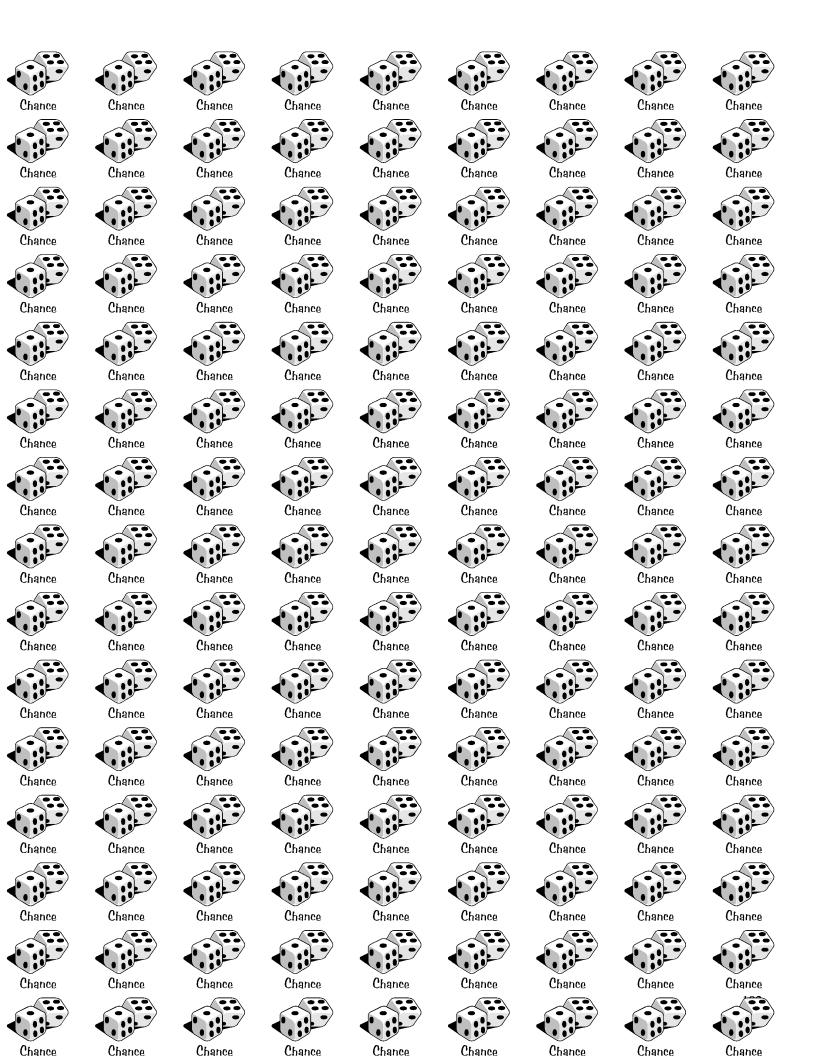


Just remember Lady Luck is fickle.

### **Chance Card Index**

Positive cards: .... (odd numbered cards)

Negative or Neutral cards: ... (even numbered cards)



You win a celebrity look-alike contest.

You give a raffle ticket to a friend. It turns out to be the winning ticket and he or she gets \$500.

Collect \$400.

<u>Pick one person (other than yourself)</u> to get the \$500 Prize.

**Quote** 

See how fate their gifts allot, For A is happy - B is not, Yet B is worthy, I daresay Of more prosperity than A.

# Proverb

All that glitters is not gold.

W.S. Gilbert (1836-1911) English songwriter

CH1

CH2

You get 4 numbers right in the state lotto.

JINX CARD

Collect \$200.

Your next consequence is doubled.

#### **Quote**

Chance is the one thing you can't buy.

Robert Dolsneau (b. 1912) French photographer

CH-3

#### **Proverb**

If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all.

CH4

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You find someone's wallet and return it to him. He gives you a reward.

You lose your wallet.

Collect \$50.

Lose all the cash you currently have.

#### **Quote**

Honesty is the best policy.

Miguel De Cervantes (1547-1616) Spanish writer

CH5

#### **Quote**

Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

Edward E Murphy (b. 1925) Engineer

CH<sub>6</sub>

You win a new television set.

One thing seems to be happening after another.

Add another television set to your possession list (cash value is the same as your old TV.)

You get an extra turn. Roll again!

#### **Proverb**

Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

CH7

#### **Quote**

Ill luck, you know seldom comes alone.

Miguel De Cervantes (1547-1616) Spanish writer

CH8

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You once said, "A person would have to be pretty stupid to overdose and if they were that stupid then they couldn't matter much anyway." A friend then reminded you of some of the famous people who have died from substance abuse (Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Ernest Hemmingway, Bonn Scott, John Belushi, River Phoenix, and many others.)

If you can name a famous individual that died of substance abuse that isn't named on this card, then this card can be used as a safe card. It may be used to keep one consequence from happening in the future.

#### **Quote**

Past hope, past cure, past help.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) English writer

CH9

**CH11** 

There is a big thunderstorm. A tree falls on your car.

Cross your car off your possessions list.

#### Quote

A man said to the universe:

"Sir, I exist!"

"However," replied the universe,

"the fact has not created in me a sense
of obligation."

Stephen Crane (1871-1900) Writer

**CH10** 

An old friend of yours suddenly comes back into your life.

Gain 4 friends points.

You get a flat tire.

Pay \$60 to get it fixed.

#### **Quote**

No man is useless while he has a friend.

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894) Scottish writer **Quote** 

In short, luck is always to blame.

Jean De La Fontaine (1621-1695) French poet

**CH12** 

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You have been worried about the negative effects of using or mixing drugs. You stop mixing and cut way back on how much drugs you are doing.

You slip on a banana peel and sprain your ankle.

Your next consequence affects you half as much.

Lose 3 health points.

#### **Quote**

When written in Chinese, the word "crisis" is composed of two characters—one represents danger and the other opportunity.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) U. S. President

CH13

#### **Quote**

Life is a jest, and all things show it, I thought so once and now I know it.

John Gay (1688-1732) English poet

**CH14** 

You send out Christmas cards to all your friends and relatives.

A lightning bolt strikes your home destroying anything that was plugged in.

Earn 2 friends points.

Earn 2 family points.

<u>Cross your computer, TV/VCR, and your stereo</u> <u>off your score sheet.</u>

#### **Quote**

Sir, a man should keep his friendship in constant repair.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784) Essayist

**CH15** 

#### Fact

The odds of being struck by lightning on any given day are 1 in 250 million.

**CH16** 

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You have seen so many people lose their battle with drugs that you think it is probably hopeless. A friend points out that people like Betty Ford, Ozzy Osbourne, Elton John, Robin Williams, Eric Clapton, and Alice Cooper all successfully recovered.

If you can name a famous individual that recovered from substance abuse that isn't named on this card, then this card can be used as a safe card. It may be used to keep one consequence from happening in the future.

**Quote** 

While there is life, there is hope.

Terence (190-159 BC) Roman author

**CH17** 

You need a break!

Skip your next turn and avoid some potentially grim consequences.

#### Quote

Tomorrow we'll discover what our God in heaven has in store. One more dawn, one more day, one day more.

> Herbert Kretzner Songwriter

> > CH19

A waitress dumps a milkshake on your best clothes right before an important meeting. You are very embarrassed since the stain won't come off.

Lose 2 self-confidence points.

#### Quote

Life is simply one damn thing after another.

Attributed to Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915) American writer and editor

**CH18** 

Even though you aren't so well off yourself, you know you are doing better than the homeless people you see on the street. You donate one of your possessions to charity.

<u>Cross one of your possessions off your score sheet.</u>

Gain 2 personal accomplishment points.

#### Quote

But for the grace of God, there go I.

Attributed to Orson Welles (1915-1985) U.S. film director

**CH20** 

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The IRS finds an error on your tax return. They owe you \$360.

You were bored and threw rocks at a hornet's nest. You were stung 37 times.

Lose 4 physical points.

Collect \$360.

#### **Proverb**

Miracles do happen.

**CH21** 

#### **Quote**

Those who'll play with cats must expect to be scratched

Miguel De Cervantes (1547-1616) Spanish writer

CH22

You keep a friend from shooting up.

You find someone's wallet, but since there is no cash in it you throw it away. You later discover that there was a \$500 reward for returning the wallet and the pictures it contained.

Gain 4 friends points.

Gain 2 personal accomplishment points.

Lose 1 thinking/judgment point.

Lose 2 personal accomplishment points.

#### **Proverb**

It is never too late to mend.

**CH23** 

#### **Proverb**

Wisdom and virtue are like the two wheels of a cart.

**CH24** 

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You call in the correct answer on a radio show trivia contest.

An asteroid hits your house. Luckily, it only destroys your TV and VCR.

Add \$20 dollars worth of CDs to your possession list.

<u>Cross off your TV/VCR</u> <u>from your possession list.</u>

#### **Proverb**

No knowledge is wasted.

**CH25** 

#### **Proverb**

When God throws, the dice are loaded.

**CH26** 

You become a big brother/sister to a disadvantaged child. You hope you can make a difference so that the child won't make the same mistakes that you did.

You get pulled over for speeding again.

Gain 2 personal accomplishment points.

Gain 2 friends points.

#### Pay \$130 fine.

#### **Quote**

There are only two families in the world, the haves and the have-nots.

Miguel De Cervantes (1547-1616) Spanish writer

**CH27** 

#### **Proverb**

Commit a sin thrice and you will think it allowable.

**CH28** 

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While cleaning out a closet you find a packrat's nest. The nest is filled with jewelry and loose change worth \$50.

A rock flung off a gravel truck breaks the windshield of your car.

Pay \$200 dollars to replace it.

Collect \$50.

#### **Proverb**

Finder! Keepers!

CH29

#### **Quote**

Whether it is nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) English writer

**CH30** 

You remember Mother's Day and get your mom flowers.

Your employer downsizes. Through no fault of your own you lose you current job and go on unemployment.

Gain 2 family points.

You now collect \$100 dollars when you pass the pay square. If you roll three of a kind you get back a regular job.

#### **Quote**

There is no way I can pay you back but the plan is to show you that I understand. You are appreciated. Don't you know I love you, dear lady?

> Tupac Shakur (1971-1996) American rapper

#### **Quote**

Thanks for nothing.

Miguel De Cervantes (1547-1616) Spanish writer

**CH32** 

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**CH31** 

You remember Father's Day and send a card.

While targeting your newly washed car a bird gets you instead.

Gain 2 family points.

Lose 2 self-confidence points.

#### Quote

Blessed indeed is that man who hears many gentle voices call him father.

Lydia M. Child (1802-1880) American author

**CH33** 

#### **Quote**

Taken as a whole, The universe is absurd.

Walter Bagshot (1826-1877) Author

**CH34** 

Your family forces you into rehabilitation against your will. They say it is for your own good and they are only doing it because they love you. Once there, you feel like hell. After you have been sober for a month you realize you feel real good and are glad that your family loves you.

Gain 2 family points.

Gain 2 physical points.

#### **Quote**

And remember the truth that once was spoken:
To love another person is to see the face of God.

Herbert Kretzmer Songwriter You get abducted by aliens and are experimented on. When you tell your friends, they all think you are crazy. No one believes you and sometimes you don't believe yourself.

Lose 2 emotions/sanity points.

Lose 2 self-confidence points.

#### **Quote**

The thing I would dread most would be your adopting a common sense attitude, that you could take for granted that I was deluded.

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951) Philosopher

**CH36** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

Cut on dotted lines

**CH35** 

You talk to high school students about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

There was a freak snowstorm. You got snowed in for two weeks and couldn't get to work.

Gain 2 personal satisfaction points.

Gain 2 self-confidence points.

Don't collect \$200 the next time you pass the pay square.

#### **Quote**

Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.

Aldous Huxley (1894-1903) British novelist

**CH37** 

#### **Quote**

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626) Artist

**CH38** 

You meet a friend who has cleaned up his act and he wants to help you.

There is a big storm and hailstones, the size of baseballs, come down. The hailstorm damages your car.

Gain 3 friends points.

Pay \$250 to fix your car or subtract \$250 off the value of your car.

#### Quote

The friend is the man who knows all about you and still likes you.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915) American author/editor

**CH39** 

#### **Quote**

The universe is not hostile, Nor is it friendly. It is.

John Haynes Holmes (1879-1964) Author

**CH40** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

You win a prize in a sweepstakes.

Roll a die to determine what you win. Then add the prize to your possession list.

If you roll a:	then you win:
1	a car worth \$6,000
2	a stereo worth \$200
3	a camera worth \$50
4	a new suit worth \$200
5	a fish worth \$3.
6	a hammer worth \$15.

#### **Quote**

Luck never made a man wise.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca (8 BC-65 AD) Roman philosopher

**CH41** 

A neighbor suspends a radio on a string down your chimney as a joke. You start hearing voices and you can't figure out where they are coming from. After two weeks you are beginning to think you are insane, when you finally find the radio.

Lose 3 emotions/sanity points.

Lose 2 self-confidence points.

#### **Quote**

Insane people are always sure they're just fine. It's only the sane people who are willing to admit they're crazy.

Nora Ephron (b.1941) Author/Filmmaker

**CH42** 

#### **SAFE CARD**

You accidentally hit a skunk. Your car smells awful and all your friends and even random strangers are teasing you about the stench.

<u>Use this card to avoid one consequence in the future and then return it to the deck.</u>

Lose 3 self-confidence points.

#### **Proverb**

The calm before the storm.

**CH43** 

#### **Quote**

It is not the criminal things that are hard to confess, but the ridiculous.

Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778) French philosopher

**CH44** 

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You find a dog running around in the road. You get it out of the road, keep it safe and use the number on its collar to get in touch with the owner. He is so grateful to have his beloved pooch back that he gives you a \$100 reward.

A tornado hits your house while you are at work. The house is devastated. Miraculously, one of your favorite possessions is unharmed.

Collect \$100.

Lose all your possessions except your car (it was at work with you) and 1 possession that you choose.

#### **Quote**

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) Poet

**CH45** 

#### **Quote**

Though you drive nature with a pitchfork, she always returns.

Horace (65-8 BC) Roman poet

**CH46** 

You wrote a story on the dangers of drug abuse and mail it into a newspaper.

The elevator gets stuck with you aboard. You miss half a day at work with nothing to do but listen to the elevator music. Now you can't get the song "You Light Up My Life" out of your head.

They pay you \$100 and print the story.

Gain 2 personal accomplishment points.

Lose 2 emotion/sanity points.

<u>Collect only \$150 the next time you pass</u> the pay square.

#### **Quote**

A wise man turns chance into good fortune.

Thomas Fuller (1608-1661) English clergyman

**CH47** 

#### **Proverb**

Time is money.

**CH48** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

An old friend comes into your life to thank you for the help you gave him. He said it changed his life for the better. Your paycheck gets lost in the mail and you can't pay your bills on time.

Gain 4 friend points.

Gain 2 self-confidence points.

Pay \$20 in late fees.

#### Quote

Without friends no one would choose to live, though he had all other goods.

Aristotle (384-322 BC) Greek philosopher

**CH49** 

#### **Proverb**

Better late than never.

CH50

You see a man on the street suddenly grab his chest and fall over. You call an ambulance and stay with him till help gets there. He is the head of a successful company and is so grateful to you for your help that he gets you a new job that pays twice the salary of your old job.

<u>Collect \$400 every time you pass the \$ squares instead of \$200.</u>

You win free skydiving tickets. You are so excited and nervous that you don't pay much attention to the teacher's directions and you break your arm during the landing.

Lose 2 health points.

Gain 1 personal accomplishment point.

#### Quote

There is no hope of joy except in human relations.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900-1944) Author

**CH51** 

#### **Quote**

Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) U.S. President

**CH52** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

You decide to volunteer your time at a local homeless shelter. It keeps you busy and you feel like you are finally doing some good in the world.

A squirrel jumps out of a tree and bites you on the ear. You have to get rabies shots.

Gain 4 personal accomplishment points.

Pay \$100 for medical treatment.

#### **Quote**

The busy bee has no time for sorrows.

William Blake (1757-1827) English poet

**CH53** 

#### **Proverb**

Even the worm will turn.

**CH54** 

## **Test your memory**

If you can remember what drug(s) John Belushi, Jim Morrison or Jimi Hendrix overdosed on, you can earn back points anywhere on your score sheet. One point for each correct answer with 3 points possible.

You are having a really bad day and everything seems to be going wrong, so you are making the people around you miserable.

Your next consequence is doubled and so are the next consequences for the people on either side of you.

#### Quote

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana (1863-1952) Philosopher

**CH55** 

#### **Proverb**

Misery loves company.

**CH56** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

You refuse to sell drugs to a young kid even though you can use the money.

A person is tailgating you and he runs into your car and damages it. You lose your temper and attack him when he blames the accident on you. You are arrested for assault.

Gain 4 personal accomplishment points.

Pay \$100 to fix your car. If you do not have the money, subtract it off the worth of your car.

Go to Jail!!

#### Quote

Some people are so fond of ill-luck that they run half-way to meet it.

Douglas Jerrold (1803-1857) English playwright

**CH58** 

#### **Proverb**

If you can do no good, at least do no ill.

**CH57** 

You are having a really bad day when a complete stranger comes up and asks you for directions. You don't feel like talking to anyone, but you know it's not fair to take it out on others so you give him the directions. A few days later you run into him again and he gives you a \$50 gift certificate as thanks.

Collect \$50.

#### **Quote**

Of cheerfulness, or good temper the more it is spent, the more of it remains.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) Poet

**CH59** 

You find the winning lotto ticket but then a gust of wind blows it out of your hand and you can't find it again. You are angry and depressed for days.

Lose 2 emotions/sanity points.

#### Quote

You can't lose what you never had.

Izaak Walton (1593-1683) Author

**CH60** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

A long lost uncle remembers you in his will.

You get food poisoning.

Collect \$2,000.

Lose 2 health points.

#### Quote

Savings are a very fine thing. Especially when your parents have done it for you.

Attributed to Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) English Prime Minister

**CH61** 

#### **Quote**

Life is a bag of snakes; you don't know which ones are poisonous until they bite you.

Anonymous

**CH62** 

You stay sober for 1 week.

You make a big mistake at work and are worried that your boss will think less of you if you report it.

Gain 2 physical points.

Gain 2 personal accomplishment points.

Lose 2 self-confidence points.

#### Quote

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

Lao Tzu (6<sup>th</sup> century) Chinese philosopher

**CH63** 

#### Quote

Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response that counts.

Nikki Giovanni (b. 1943) U.S. poet

**CH64** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

An old friend of yours is now the head of a successful business. He offers you a better job.

Collect \$300 whenever you pass the pay square. If you lose your job, you can't get this job with the higher wage back.

#### **Proverb**

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

**CH65** 

You find \$30 dollars in the pocket of one of your old coats.

Collect \$30.

#### Quote

The man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) Author

СН67

Your father decides that the only way that you are going to get your life under control is to work for him. The pay is less (\$125 every time you pass pay square) but at least you will always have a job. So should you take him up on his offer? Roll the dice.

<u>If you roll :</u>	Then:
1,2,3	you decide to work for
	your dad. You gain 4
	family points and
	you can't lose your job
	unless you lose all your
	family points.
4,5,6	you decide that you
	want to keep your
	regular job and your
	current lifestyle. Lose
	3 family points.

#### Quote

Growth is the only evidence of life.

Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) British churchman

**CH66** 

You throw out some junk from your closet. A neighbor finds it and later tells you that they sold it for \$100.

Give \$100 to one of the other players in the game. If you don't have \$100 dollars sell one of your possessions to raise the money.

#### Quote

Man is not a creature of circumstances. Circumstances are the creatures of the man.

> Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881) British statesman

> > **CH68**

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A friend drags you to an AA meeting. You go to the next meeting voluntarily and make a commitment to yourself that you will try to clean up your act. You get audited. There was an error made on your taxes and you now owe the IRS \$200.

Roll one die to see how long you keep this commitment. The number you roll determines how many damage points you get to take off your score sheet.

Pay \$200.

#### Quote

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

The Bible Proverbs 17:17

**CH69** 

#### **Proverb**

Two things in life you can't avoid are death and taxes.

**CH70** 

For once, you spend the money you borrowed from friends on food (rather than drugs).

Your life's on hold.

Gain 4 thinking/judgment points.

Miss the next two turns.

#### Quote

None will improve your lot, if you, yourself, do not.

Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956) Playwright **Quote** 

Killing time or killing yourself amount to the same thing, strictly speaking.

Elsa Triolet (1896-1970) Writer

**CH72** 

Print on Orange Cardstock

Cut on dotted lines

**CH71** 

# Appendix A THE CARDS



# **Financial/legal** (Card # FL1-FL72)

Negative consequences that involve money or legal problems.





# **Self-Concept**

(Card # SE1-SE72)

Negative consequences that affect the way you think about yourself.



# **Social** (Card # SO1-SO72 )

Negative consequences that affect your family, friends, children, and significant other.



#### Chance

(Card # CH1-CH72)

Good and bad things that can happen by chance.



# Health/Sanity

(Card # HS1-HS72)

Negative consequences that affect your health or sanity (or both).

# OPPORTUNITY CARD

# **Opportunity Card**

(One card only)

Opportunity to <u>learn</u> something (and earn back points) from the negative consequences of the downward spiral.



# **OUTCOME CARDS**

(These cards end the game for better or for worse – usually for worse).

## **Death Cards**

(Card # DE1-DE6)

Substance abuse leads to death or worse end of the game, you lose.



# **Recovery Card**

(One card only)

Your one chance to get out of the downward spiral of substance abuse.



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