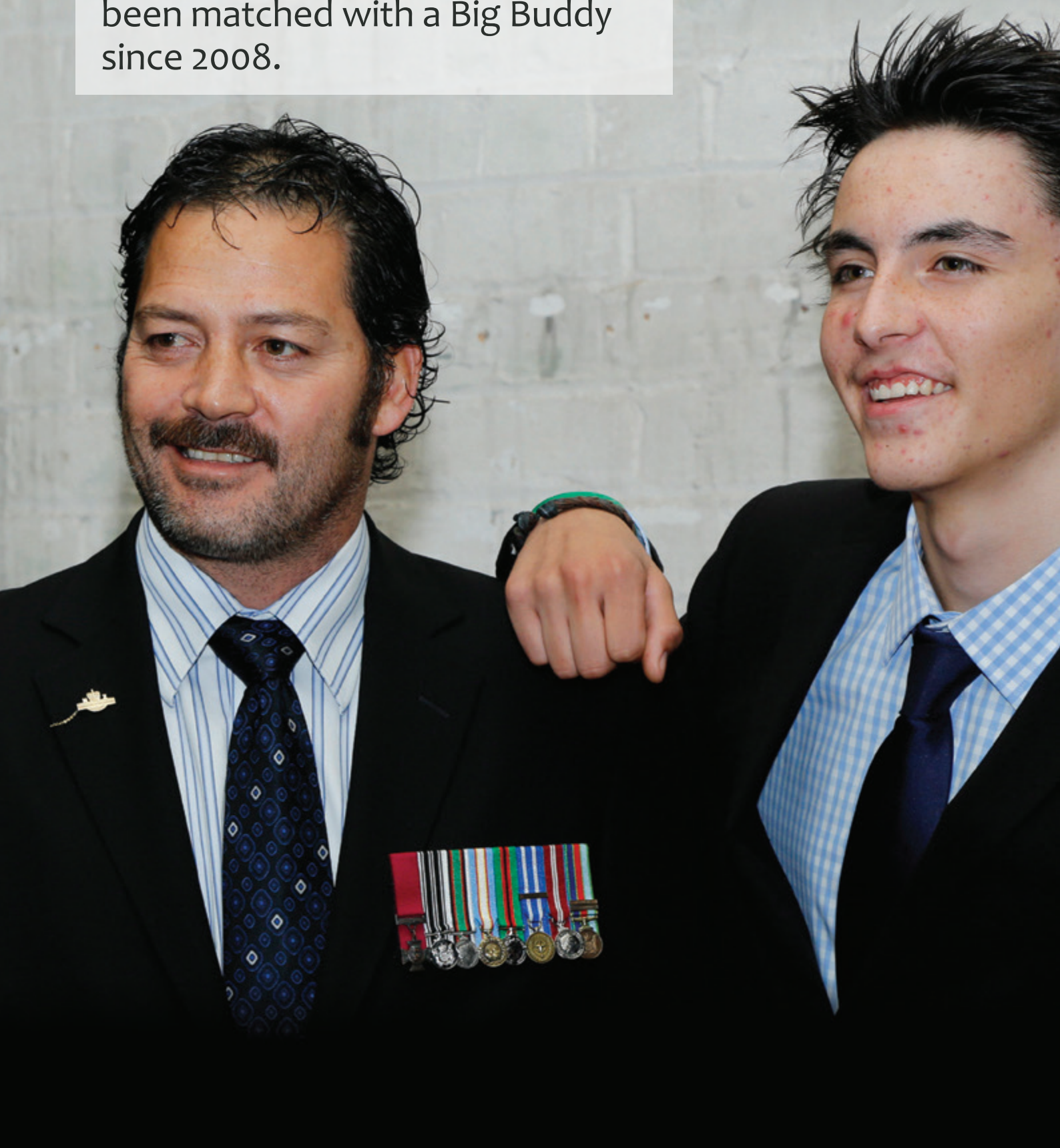




Leaving an enduring gift to Big Buddy in your will

How your generosity will change fatherless boys' lives

Big Buddy of Big Buddy, Willie Apiata VC, with Taraia Whatuira-Henderson. Taraia has been matched with a Big Buddy since 2008.



Who we are and what we do

Big Buddy is a mentoring service that recruits positive male role models to mentor fatherless boys aged between the age of 7 and 14 years. This secular service is run by dedicated professionals who rigorously screen men from the community to become the father figures missing from these boys' lives.

This award-winning programme covers the Auckland, South Auckland, North Shore/Rodney, Hamilton and Wellington regions, with expansion plans for the rest of New Zealand.

Begun in 1997, Big Buddy became a registered charity in 2002. It is governed and supported by the Big Buddy Mentoring Trust and the Big Buddy Foundation.

The mentoring programme works on the simple philosophy that boys need positive male role models in their lives to reach their full potential. While mothers and grandmothers do a courageous job of raising their boys without a father figure, mums can't 'model' maleness. Quite simply, boys learn about being a man by being around other men.

The statistics on positive mentoring are clear and compelling. It's about making a world of difference, one 2-3 hour visit at a time. The idea is simple but profound. Research shows that for a boy growing up without a father, the benefits to having a Big Buddy include:

- a marked improvement to boys' confidence overall
- an increased feeling of general happiness in boys' lives
- a willingness to go outside their comfort zone and try new things
- an improvement in ability to relate to others

Big Buddy does not replace fathers. In the rare event that a boy does have a father present, we carefully establish how much contact they have and will only get involved if the contact and input is minimal, and if we have the father's consent.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
48,669 BOYS
AGED 7-14
living in solo parent families in New Zealand

WE ESTIMATE THAT
8,030 BOYS
have no contact at all with their father
(16.5% of all solo parent families)

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
2,618 FATHERLESS
BOYS
IN THE AUCKLAND REGION
and 15,867 boys living in solo parent families

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
893 FATHERLESS
BOYS
IN THE WAIKATO REGION
and 5,412 boys living in solo parent families

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
780 FATHERLESS
BOYS
IN THE WELLINGTON REGION
and 4,725 boys living in solo parent families

[Estimates based on 2013 Census data and overseas research]

A Helping Hand

Message from Big Buddy Foundation Chair

My father passed away when I was 9. I was the youngest of three and my mother had to face the stark reality of being a solo parent.

I was fortunate to have an extended family including many uncles who took me under their collective wings and, along with my mother, they helped guide me through the next 6+ years.

Not all solo mums are this fortunate. There are often no adult males who are able to assist. Big Buddy is able to fill this gap by providing carefully selected mentors to fatherless boys. Our mentors are always fully trained and have proven to be good male role models in the boys' lives, giving them a helping hand and guiding them through their formative years. Over many years, research shows that young boys who have good quality fathering, or if that is unavailable, mentoring, fare very much better in all walks of life. This applies to both growing up and throughout adulthood.

Any gift or donation is a great help to us in our work. In particular, a gift in your will is, by its very nature, future

“There’s a lot of bad stuff happening, you can’t fix it all, but you do what you can to make things better, to leave the world in a better state. It’s hard to live a completely moral life, but you do your best.”

A new 23-year-old Big Buddy speaking in his interview.



focused. Big Buddy focuses on the future of fatherless boys. Such a gift will help Big Buddy to recruit and train more mentors and enable us to give a helping hand to fatherless boys, of whom there are many throughout New Zealand.

Big Buddy’s aim is to be able to respond to the needs of fatherless boys across the whole country. We want to have offices, with a co-ordinator, in every region. A gift in your will helps this aim to come true, especially as it allows us to plan forward with a higher level of security than the reliance on annual fund raising allows.

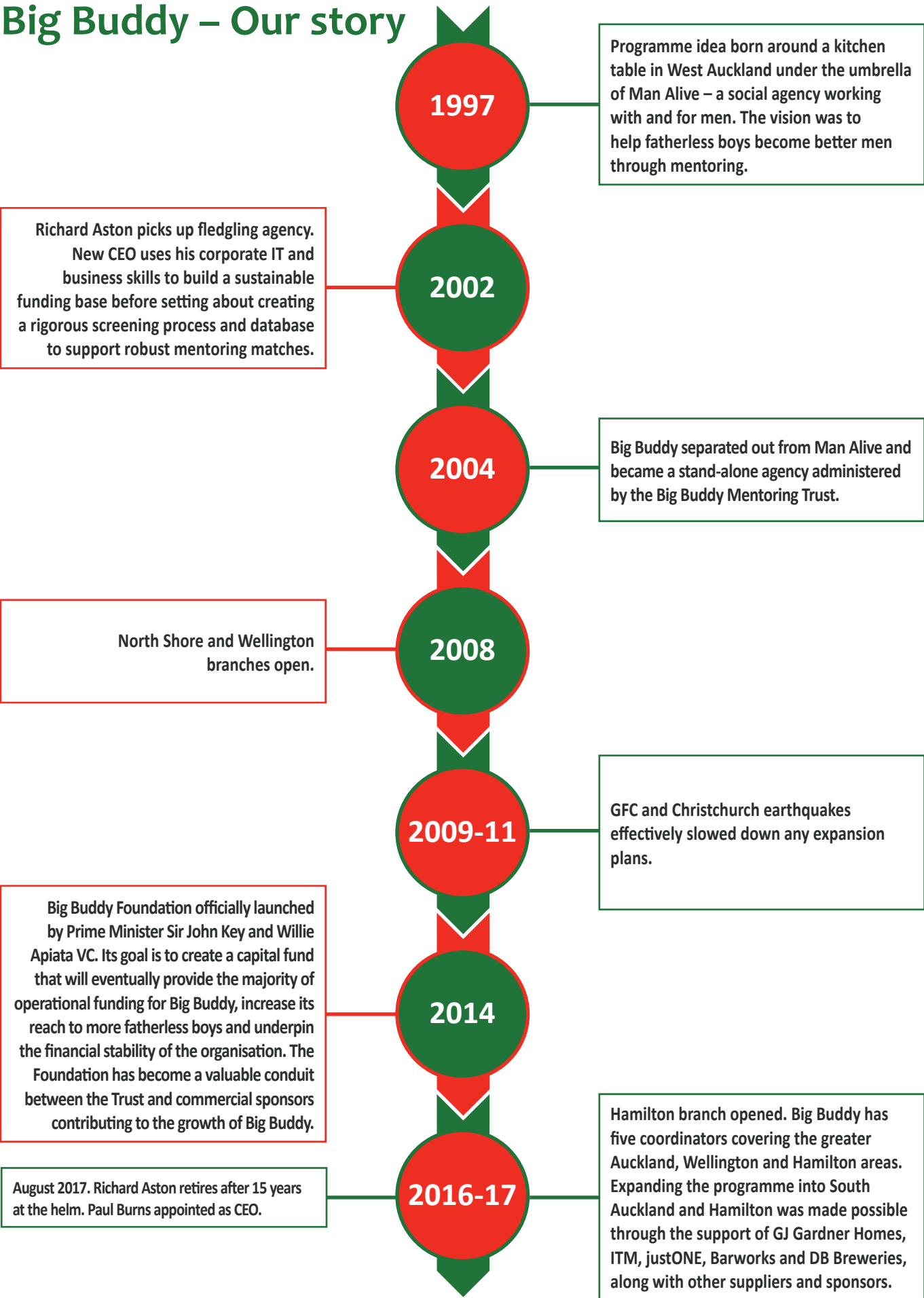
I do hope you will consider joining us.

Jeff Meltzer JP, BCOM, FCA, MINSTD, AAMINZ
Chair, Big Buddy Foundation



Big Buddy of Big Buddy Willie Apiata VC with former Prime Minister Sir John Key and the trustees at the Foundation launch.

Big Buddy – Our story



Leaving your legacy: important considerations

A bequest is a powerful gift. It has the potential to change lives and, at Big Buddy, we understand the value of this gesture. Please know that regardless of the amount, every gift is deeply appreciated and will be well-utilised. Your gift will go towards making more matches and changing outcomes for fatherless boys.

The Big Buddy programme’s running costs are approximately \$700k per year. With about 9% of our funding coming from Government, we rely on the generosity of funders, sponsors and donors to support our work. The more funding we get, the more matches we make and the demand is high.

You have no obligation to tell anyone what decisions you have made in your will - it’s your choice who you share your decision with. But knowing about bequests intended for Big Buddy will help us plan for the future. You can even talk to us about how you would like this important gift to be used. If you advise us of your ‘Living Bequest’, we are happy to acknowledge it publicly (if you so wish) and will ensure you are on our invitation list for appropriate events.

When making a will, or changing an existing one, it is safest to consult a solicitor or Trustee Company who is experienced in wills and estates.

If you already have a will, you should be able to include a bequest to Big Buddy; even after you’ve made your will, you are free to change it at any time.

Types of Gifts you can leave in your will

There are three main types of gifts to consider - you can choose a bequest that best reflects your wishes:

- **Residual Gift:** This means leaving the remainder (or percentage thereof) of your estate to Big Buddy after your loved ones have been looked after and any expenses deducted.

- **Pecuniary bequest/Fixed sum:** This gift is in the form of a specified cash amount e.g. \$10,000.
- **Percentage Bequest:** This is used if you wish to divide your estate among a number of people or organisations. Leaving your gift as a percentage rather than a fixed amount will ensure that inflation doesn’t erode the value of your gift over time.

How to bequest and support the Big Buddy Foundation

If you do not have a will or wish to make a new will, the Big Buddy Foundation is partnering with Perpetual Guardian as a part of an initiative to ensure that every New Zealander has a will and every child is protected by an Estate Plan. With over 130 years experience Perpetual Guardian specialise in and is dedicated to providing wills to New Zealanders. As a part of it’s social responsibility agenda Perpetual Guardian provides a will service to their charitable partners at a reasonable cost so that people can consider a charity in their will, once they have looked after their family and friends.



Wording Suggestions

It’s important that your bequest is worded correctly, and we have supplied the following two examples as a guide. You can consult your solicitor, Perpetual Guardian Trust, another trustee company or the Public Trustee regarding the wording.

Outright Gift

I give [INSERT AMOUNT] to THE BIG BUDDY FOUNDATION (CC50456). Without imposing a binding trust, I ask that these funds be used for the benefit of _____. A receipt appearing to my Trustee to be given on behalf of the Foundation will be a complete discharge to my Trustee for the gift.

Remaining Estate

I give [the rest of] my estate to my Trustee on trust. Out of this my Trustee will pay my debts, all funeral, memorial and estate administration costs and all taxes payable on my estate.

My Trustee will transfer what remains of my estate (“my Remaining Estate”) to THE BIG BUDDY FOUNDATION (CC50456). A receipt appearing to my Trustee to be given on behalf of the Foundation will be a complete discharge to my Trustee for the gift.



“It’s given me someone else to get ideas off. It’s like little subtle things, just like leading by example, sort of. Just like getting me to do stuff that I wouldn’t normally do.”

Little Buddy Teina Kanohi, now 17, has been matched with his Big Buddy, Lawrence Stanaway, since he was seven years old.

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Roger Moses
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Clare Wilson

BIG BUDDY TO THE BIG BUDDY FOUNDATION

Willie Apiata VC

“I am a son without a father, a brother. My path ahead seems steep and isolated like a lonely mountain. I am a young boy, challenged by life trying to become a man.

I need a **Big Buddy** to help me climb that mountain, so I may become a man and no longer stand alone.”

*Willie Apiata, VC
Big Buddy to the Big Buddy Foundation*

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