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AKLATAN NG «TALIBA»

ESPERANZA

DULANG SOSYAL

NA MAY

ISANG TANGING YUGTO

Nagkamit nñ Unang Gantingpalà sa Timpalak nñ mña Dula, na binuksan nñ samahang "Ilaw at Panitik".

JOSE M.a RIVERA

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**TUNDO, MAYNILA
1913.**

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MGA TAO NG DULA

ESPERANZA.

ARTEMIO.

RAMON.

RAFAEL.

SALUSTIANO.

DELFIN.

G. LUIS.

Ga. AMALIA.

G. MATEO.

Pinangyarihang Panahon: Kasalukuyan.

ALAY.....

sa mga mahal na kaholong

Cirio H. Panganibon at

Teodoro E. Gener.

ANG KUMATHA



TANGING YUGTO

Bahay ni Artemio.—Pagbubukás n̄g Tabing ay mamamalas ang kagayakan n̄g isang loob n̄g bahay n̄g mahirap. Makikitang si Artemio ay nakahigâ sa isang papag na may tali n̄g isang panyô ang kanyang ulo. Ang ayos ni Artemio ay parang may dinaramdam na sakit. Sa kabilang panig n̄g bahay, na mangyayaring maging sa batalán, ay makikita si Esperanza na naglalabá—=Pag an̄gát n̄g Tabing at pagkaraan n̄g isang sandalî, ay titindig sa kanyang pagkakaupô si Esperanza.

Hapon, at ang ilang anag-ag n̄g araw na matuling tinutun̄o ang kanyang kanlun̄gan, ay pumapasok sa isang bintanà n̄g kababayán.

I TAGPO

Páhiná 12

Si Esperanza, pagkatapos, si Artemio

Esp. (Mula sa labas.) Kaawaawa ang aking si Artemio!... Tatlong araw na n̄gayong hindi makakain!.. Lagi nang asa mo'y may malalim na iniisip!... May sakit kaya?

Art. (Mula sa kanyang hihigan. Uubo, at pagkatapos ay magtuturing.) Bathala!... Lahat na po n̄g hirap ay ibagsak na sa akin, n̄guni't ipagkalooob mo po lamang na magpatuloy sa pagbuti ang puso at kalooban n̄g aking si Esperanza!... (Hihintong sumandali.) Di po kailan̄gan na batahin ko ang lahat n̄g pahirap matubos ko lamang siya....

Ay ...!!!

Esp. (Papasok.) Bakit, aking Artemio, may sakit ka bang dinaramdam?

Páhiná 13

Art. Wala, aking mahal na asawa.

Esp. (Kulang nang paniwala.) Wala? Nagkakaila ka sa akin.

Art. (Pan̄jiti.) Maniwala ka aking Esperanza sa katatapos na isinagot.

Esp. Huwag mong ipilit Artemio ang pagkakailá n̄g iyong dinaramdam sa katawan. Talos ko, aking mahal na Artemio na tatlong araw na n̄gayong hindi ko man halos makakain. ¿Alin ang sanhî n̄g gayon?... (Pasumala) Marahil ay hindi ko nararapat na malaman, at dahil dito'y hindi naman akó nagpupumilit na manawa ang gayon.

Art. Huwag, huwag kang magturing n̄g ganyan. Esperanza pagka't ang sarili mo ang siya ring sinusugatan: Tunay n̄gang may kaunti akong dinaramdam, n̄guni't wala namang gaanong kabigatan.

Esp. Kung gayon, ay hayo, turan mo sana sa akin ang iyong damdamín.

Art. Tunay n̄gang may m̄ga tatatlong araw na n̄gayon na laging sumisikip ang aking dibdib.

- Esp. Gayon pala, ay ¿bakit hindi mo nasabi sa akin?
- Art. Mangyari, ay walang kabigatan.
- Esp. Marahil n̄ga'y tunay ang iyong sapantaha, n̄guni't kailan̄gan din yata na ikaw ay makita n̄g m̄ga gamot.
- Art. Huwag na.
- Esp. Hindi. N̄gayon din ay tatawag ako n̄g isang manggagamot at n̄g makilala ang sanhi n̄g iyong dinaramdam. (Anyong aalis. Sasansalain ni Artemio.)
- Art. Bayaan mo na, at ito'y walang anoman. Kabigatan.
- Esp. Hindi, hindi ko matitiis na makikita kang may karamdaman at hindi ikita n̄g lunas ang gayon.
- Art. Kung mapili ka sa iyong nasa, ay bayaan mo n̄g ako ang siyang tumun̄go roon. Arimuhanan din ang mabawas sa dalawang piso na ating ibabayad sa Mangagamot, kung siya pa ang paririto.
- Esp. Huwag na, at baka ka pa abutan sa iyong pagtun̄go doon.
- Art. Hindi, huwag kang mag-ala-ala. Sa awa ni Bathala, ang dati kong lakas ay hindi pa din nagbabawa, ni hindi humihiwalay sa akin.
- (Aalisin ang nakataling panyô sa kaniyang ulo. Huhusain ang kaniyang buhok, at pagkatapos ay kukunin ang kaniyang sombrero at bago umalis ay magtuturing n̄g:)
- ¡Hangang mamaya!
- Esp. Hanggang mamaya aking Artemio, at kaiin̄gat ka sana sa iyong katawan.
- (Aalis si Artemio.)
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II TAGPO

Si Esperanza ay nagiisa

- Esp. (Luluhod sa harap n̄g isang Kristo. Malumbay) ¡Bathala!... ¡Bathala!... Ipagkaloob mo po sanang ang sakit na dinaramdam n̄g aking Artemio ay huwag maging mabigat. Ipagkaloob mo po Diyos ko, na ang manggagamot na titin̄gin sa kaniyang damdamin, ay matuklas ang gamot n̄g kanyang karamdaman!... ¡Para mo na pong habag sa akin!... At, kung ang ikagagaling po niya'y ang aking buhay, naito po, at maluwag kong inihahandog sa inyo ang aking puso ...

Mula sa labas. ¡Tao po!

- Esp. (Sa sarili). ¡May tao!... (Tatayo sa kanyang pagkakaluhod tutun̄ghin ang tarangkahan at bubuksan). ¡Tuloy po!

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Lalabas si Ramon.

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III TAGPO

Siya din at si Ramón

- Ram. ¡Esperanza!... ¡Anong sayá at nakita kitang ulí ... (Anyong yayakapin).
- Esp. (Pasansala kay Ramón at waring galit). Ginoo! dahandahan! Huwag ka po magasal n̄g papaganiyan.
- Ram. (Mamasdan n̄g pakutya at pagkatapos ay hahalukipkip.) Esperanza, nagpakikilalang tila mabuti ang natagpuan mong ka agulo, pagka't tila ... nalimutan mo na tuloy akó.
- Esp. (Galit) Ginoo, huwag mo pong lapastan̄ganin ang isang katulad kong na sasa loob n̄g kaniyang sariling pamamahay.
- Ram. (Palabag) ¿Pinupuno mo pa ako n̄gayon? ¿Di yata? ¡Ja! ¡Ja! ¡Ja!..... Kilalanin mo akong mabuti. Ako ang isa sa m̄ga giniliw mo sa Salon, sa Bahay sayawan!... ¿Hindi ka na ba sumasayaw n̄gayon?
- Esp. Alang-alang sa Diyos, huwag ninyong bigyan n̄g kauntulan ang isang babae na nanunumbalik sa kaniyang kabutihan ...
- Ram. (Pakutya) ¿Nagiisip ka n̄g bumuti? Loka ka n̄ga yata. Ang lalong kabutihan mong

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magagawa, ay ang sumama ka sa akin.

Esp. Ah, hindi, hindi na. Talastasin ninyo na ang Esperanzang ibinulid ninyo sa kasamaan, ay hindi na siya ang kausap sa m̄ga sandaling ito.

Ram. (Patuya). Loka ka n̄ga palang tao. Dapat mong talastasin na ang isang babayeng na gumon na sa lusak, at ang kapurihan ay nawalan na n̄g tunay na halaga, ay hindi na mangyayari pang bumuti. Kaya n̄ga't.... (Anyong yayakaping muli.)

Esp. (Galit) Huwag ka pong man̄ahas n̄g ganyan, Ginoo, kung di mo ibig na kayo'y samain.

Ram. Sasangayon ako sa iyong hinihiling kailan man at sasama ka sa akin.

Esp. (Boong puso.) ¡Ah!... sukat na ang pagulit n̄g ganyang pananalita. Tahas kong sinabi sa inyó na hindi ako makapapayag sa inyong hiling.

Ram. (Pakutya, pagkatapos na tignang mabuti ang ayos n̄g bahay.) ¡Ha! ¡Ha! ¡Ha!... Malasin mo Esperanza ang bahay na itó, na halos ay magibâ na lamang. (Pahikayat) Sumama ka sa akin, at kita ay pagkakalooban n̄g isang marikit na bahay ... di katulad nitó. Hayo na. Sumama ka sa akin. (Patabanan niya sa kamay si Esperanza at pipiliting sumama sa kanya.)

Esp. (Galit na galit). Ako'y inyong bitawan ...

Ram. (Pabatok) ¡Sumama ka sa akin!...

Esp. (Matatabanan ang isang luklukan, at siyang ihahampas kay Ramon. Ito'y tatakbo sa loob.)

¡Inibig mo ang ganyan, ikaw ang bahala ... (Huhusain ang kanyang damit at buhok na magusot.)

Buhat sa loob: ¡Magandang hapon po!

Esp. ¡Magandang hapon po naman!

Lalabas si Rafael.

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IV NA TAGPO

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Si Esperanza at Rafael

Raf. (Pagkakita kay Esperanza). ¿Ano, Esperanza, kumusta ka?

Esp. (Magalak) Ikaw pala, Rafael. Mabuti sa awa ni Bathala.

Raf. ¿Si Artemio, saan naroon? ¿Wala ba siya rito?

Esp. Wala, tumun̄go siya sa bahay n̄g isang mangagamot at ikinuhang sangguni ang kaniyang karamdamang tinataglay.

Raf. ¿May sakit? ¿Mabigat bagá?

Esp. Hindi, ayon sa sabi niya sa akin, n̄guni't sa palagay ko ay hindi nararapat na palampasin. Akó na sana ang tatawag sa Mangagamot, n̄guni't hindi siya pumayag, dahil sa malaki pa raw ang aming ibabayad.

Raf. Matagal kaya siya?

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Esp. Hindi naman marahil. Matagal ka rin hindi nakaka-ala-ala sa amin.

Raf. Tunay n̄ga, pagka't tumun̄go akó sa lalawigang Pangasinan at pinakialaman ko roon ang isang Lupain. N̄gayon, ay kararating ko pa lamang. Ipinalalagay ko Esperanza, n̄gayon sa ayos n̄g inyong tahanan, na dumadanás kayó n̄g di kakaunting hirap at paghihikahos, at dahil sa gayon, ay tangapin mo ito. (Ibibigay ang isang bilot na papel moneda.)

Esp. (Tututulan ang ibinibigay sa kaniya) Payagan mo sana Rafael, na huwag kong tangapin ang inyong ibinibigay sa amin. Gayon man, ay asahan mong pinasasalamatan namin n̄g marami.

Raf. (Pasamo) Kunin mo sana, Esperanza, at iya'i huwag mong ipalagay sa bilang limos ko baga sa iyo, kundi, parang isang abuloy ko sa inyó ni Artemio.

Esp. Kahit na, hindi ko sana ibig tan̄gapin ang gayon alang-alang lamang sa iyong m̄ga pan̄gan̄gtuwiran ay paitirugan kita, n̄guni't ¿hindi ba ang lalong mabuti ay kay Artemio mo na ibigay kung siya ay dumating?

Raf. Oo, tunay ang iyong sinabi.

Lalabas sina Salustiano at Delfin.

V TAGPO

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Sila rin at sina Salustiano at Delfin

Sal. (Papasok) ¡Magandang hapon po!

Esp. Magandang hapon po naman. Magtuloy po sila. (Ang dalawa ay papasok. Si Rafael, pagkakita kay Delfin ay magalak na yayakapin ito.)

Del. (Kay Rafael) ¡Kaibigang Rafael!...

Raf. (Pataka) ¿Anong hiwaga ito? (Ap) Ano't pati n̄g m̄ga umalipusta kay Artemio sa kanyang pagaasawa kay Esperanza, ay nagsitun̄go n̄gayon dito?

Esp. (Kay Rafael) Tunay ang iyong katatapos na sinabi, Rafael. (Sa dalawang bagong pasok). ¿Kan̄gino pong santó utang namin ang inyong pagkakaparito?

Sal. Sa kan̄gino man po sa m̄ga santo, ay wala, n̄guni't o, sa isang balitang tinanggap kagabi sa bahay n̄g amá ni Artemio na umano'y may sakit daw. ¿Tunay n̄ga po ba? (Kay Esperanza.)

Esp. Tunay n̄ga po, n̄guni't wala namang anomang kabigatan, na di gaya mandin n̄g gumalang balita.

Del. ¿N̄guni't saan po naroroon si Artemio? ¿Nasaan po ang aming giliw na kaibigan?

Raf. (Galit, n̄guni't nagpipigil. Aparte.) ¿Kaibigan nilá? (Sa dalawa.) At, hindi n̄ga ba't kayó ang m̄ga nagsipagpuno n̄g pagkutya kay Artemio, na n̄gayon ay tinatawag na mahal na kaibigan, n̄g gabing humihin̄gi siya n̄g tawad sa kaniyang amá? ¿Sa palagay kaya ninyó, ay mabuti ang gayon kagagawan?

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Ang Dal. (Kay Raf. pakumbaba) Namamali ka, kaibigan; hindi kami ang nagsimula n̄g gayon?

Raf. At sino?

Ang Dal. Hindi namin alam.

Esp. (Ap. kay Raf.) Bayaan mo na silá. Sila'y pinatatawad namin.

Del. N̄guni't, saan n̄ga po ba naroroon si Artemio?

Raf. ¿Bakit anong pilit n̄g inyong pagtatanong sa kaniya?

Del. Pagka't, mayroon kaming ibabalitang isang bagay.

Sal. Tunay n̄ga po, ibabalita namin sa kaniya na siya ay.... pinata ...

(Lalabas si Artemio, na may tali'y na dalawang sisiglan n̄g gamot.)

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VI TAGPO

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Sila din at si Artemio

Esp. (Sasalubun̄jin). ¡Salamat, dumating ka! Kan̄gina ka pa hinihintay n̄g m̄ga kaibigan mo ...

Raf. (Yayakapin) ¡Mahal na kaibigan!...

Art. (Yayakapin din). ¡Kaibigang Rafael!...

Sal. Kaibigang Artemio ... (Anyong yayakapin).

Art. (Pataka). ¡Aba, naririto pala kayo!... (Ap). ¿Ano kaya ang sanhi?

Del. Ipagtataka mo n̄ga marahil, n̄guni't kapag natanto mo ang sanhi n̄g gayon, ay hindi malayong iyong ikatutuwa.

Sal. Tunay, ang sinabi ni Delfin. Naparito kami upang ibalita sa iyo, na kumalat ang balitang ikaw ay may sakit na malubha.

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Art. (Pan̄giti). Malubha ang aking sakit? ¿Nabalita ang gayon? Saan?

Del. Sa lahat n̄g m̄ga pahayagan dito.

Art. Sa m̄ga pahayagan? (Kulang n̄g paniwala.) Huwag sana ninyo akong biruin n̄g ganyan....

Sal. Hindi biro, kaibigan....

- Art. Sa makatwid pala ay tu ...
- Del. Oo, tunay, maniwala ka sa aming ibinalita sa iyo.
- Art. ¿Hindi kaya iyan, ay katulad n̄g inyong ginawa sa akin na pagkatapos na udyukan upang tumun̄go sa bahay n̄g aking m̄ga magulang n̄g dooy ipinagdiriwang ang kanyang kapistahan, na pagkatapos ay kayó pa ang siyang umalipusta sa akin? ¿Hindi kaya itó ay isa na namang *kabuluhang ibig* ninyong idulot sa akin?
- Del. (Papakumbaba). Maniwala ka sa aming hindi.
- Sal. At ang balitang ibibigay namin sa iyo, ay kagabí lamang namin tinanggap. ¿At, nalalaman mo ba kung saang bahay namin tinanggap?
- Art. (Boong pagnanasa). Kan̄jino?
- Esp. at Raf. Siya n̄ga, kan̄jino?
- Del. Sa bahay n̄g iyong papá.
- Art. Sa bahay n̄g pa ...? (Alinlan̄gan) ¡Ah!... Hindi ko mapaniniwalaan!
- Del. Ayaw kang maniwala? Siya, m̄ga ilang saglit na lamang, at makikita mo din kung ang balita namin ay biro lamang ...
- Sal. At, lalong hindi ninyo mapaniniwalaan marahil kung aking sabihin na, tanggapin n̄g mag-asawa ni D. Luis ang balitang tinuran na, ay kapuwa nan̄gapaiyak, at si D. Luis ay nagturing na «Amalia, tun̄uhin natin siya» ...
- Art. (Kulang paniniwala. Waring galit). Salustiano, Delfin, hangga n̄gayon ay ipinalalagay ko pa kayong kaibigan, n̄guni't utang na loob kong kikilanlin sa inyo na huwag na akong biruin. Huwag na ninyong ultiñ kapuwa ang pagbabalita n̄g hindi tunay. Ang aking ama ay hindi makapagpatawed sa akin, talos ko ang kanyang ugali. At talos ko din naman na kanya nang ipahihiwatig sa m̄ga lalong kapalagayang loob naako'y kaniyang isinusumpa ... At wala akong mahihintay na mana sa kanya ...
- Del. Maniwala ka at siya ay paparito.
- Sal. Tunay, gayon ang kanilang sinabi sa akin.
- Art. ¿Paparito? (Galit) ¡Sukat na n̄g inyong pagkutya! ¡Sukat na!...
- Sal. Huwag kang magalit. Sa katusayan, ang mama mo ay itinanong pa tuloy sa inyong Papa kung ikaw ay pinatatawed na niya sa iyong pagkakamali.
- Art. (Kulang n̄g paniniwala). At ano ang isinagot?
- Sal. Na ikaw ay pinatatawed niya, at muling kinikilalang anak, alalaong baga'y parang walang nangyari sa inyo.
- (Makaririn̄gig n̄g m̄ga yabag n̄g kabayong wari ay katitigil lamang sa tapat n̄g bahay ni Artemio. Dudun̄gaw si Rafael at pagkatapos ay sasabihing sakdal tuwa.)
- Raf. Artemio, naririto ang iyong m̄ga magulang! (Lalabas na nagdudumali sina D. Luis at D.a Amalia.)

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VII TAGPO

Sila din at si D. Luis at D.a Amalia

- D. Luis. (Yayakapin) ¡Artemio!.... ¡Anak kong mahal!
- D.a Am. (Yayakapin) ¡Anak ko!
- Artemio. ¡Papá, Mamá!... Patawarin ninyo kamil!... (luluhod siya.)
- D. Luis. Pinatatawid kana namin!... (Makikita si Esperanza pa pakatin̄gin lamang sa kanila na waring takot at tatawagin.)
¡Esperanza halika!...
- Esp. (Lalapit n̄g patakot) ¡Patawarin mo na po kami!..... (Luhod).
- D. Luis. (Ititindig at yayakapin si Esperanza.) Pagtindig, Esperanza, at ikaw ay pinatatawed namin!..... Ako, oo, akó ang siyang lalo mo pang dapat patawarin dahil sa pagapi kong ginawa sa iyo.
- Lalabas si D. Mateo.

Sila rin at si Mateo

D. Mat. (Mula sa pintuan) ¿Se puede?

D. Luis. ¡Patuloy po kayó!... Ginoong Notario.

Art. (Ap) ¿Ano ang ibig sabihin nito?

D. Mat. Naparito po akó upang ipagbigay alam sa inyó ang huling habilin at pasya nōg isang amain nōg inyong asawa. (Kay Artemio)

Art. (Pataka) Nōg aking pong asawa? (Ang lahat nōg mōga panauhin ay mapataka. Lalo na si Esperanza.)

D. Mat. Oo, po. Isang amain nila (Ituturo si Esperanza) na siyang lalong mayaman sa Misamis na nagnāngalang Pedro Abelario, na kamamatay pa lamang sa Bayang ito ay inihalal niyang tunay na magmamana sa lahat nōg kaniyang pag-aari.

Art. (Kulang pa din nōg paniwala) ¿Tunay nōga po ba?

D. Mat. Tunay po. At sa katotohanan, ay, naririto po ang testamento, at sampa nōg lahat nōg kayamanan.

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(Bubuksan ang kanyang tanāng Kartera, at ibibigay ang testamento, mōga dokumento at mōga salapi.)

Art. (Boong galak) ¡Esperanza, Mama, Papa.. Mōga kaibigan ko.

Lahat. (Pataka) ¿Ano ang nangyayari?

Art. (Matuswa). Si Esperanza ay *heredera* nōg lahat nōg mōga kayamanan nōg isang amain niya na kamamatay lamang.

Lahat. ¿Tunay?

Art. Tunay. At talos ninyo kung magkano? Limang pung libo....

Lahat. ¿Tunay nōga ba?

Art. Oo, at naito, inyong malasin!.... (Ipakikita ang testamento.)

Lahat. Mayaman pala si Esperanza!....

Esp. Ganiyan nōga ang patunay, mōga ginoo nōg Notario, nōguni't huwag ninyong ipalagay na ang gayon ay magpapabago sa aking paguugali. Ang yaman sa biglaang sabi, ay hindi ko kailanān, kundi, ang kapatawaran lamang nōg mōga nagagalit sa akin. Nasa ko po ang mahirap!

Lahat. ¡Mabuting puso!....

Esp. (Kay Artemio) Artemio, ang kayamanan kong nagbuhat sa aking mamang kamamatay pa lamang, ay ipinagpapaubaya ko as iyo ... Nais ko lamang sanang ang dalawang hati, ay ipagpagawa nōg isang paaralan para sa mōga anak nōg mahíhirap; at, isang bahay ampunan para sa mōga laging sinasahol nōg palad; para sa mōga anak nōg kahirapan..... ¿Tinutulutan mo ba ang gayon?

Art. (Magalak) ¡Nang boong puso!... (Sa lahat nōg kanyang panauhin) ¡Mōga kaibigan!... ¡Papá, Mamá!... Tumubo rin ang aking inihasik na mōga panāgaral!... (Tatabanan sa isang bisig si Esperanza). ¡Naito!... ¡Naito ang ninasa kong tubusin: (Boong puso). ¡Kahapon, siya'y makasalanan, at nōgayon ay tunay nōg malinis. ¿Siya ang aking Esperanza; ang pagasa kong naging katuñayan!... ¡Dapat matanto nōg lahat na hindi ang bawa't nalublob sa burak nōg kasamaan, ay hindi na bubuti! ¡Naito si Esperanza na siyang tunay na saksi!... Larawang tunay nōg mōga nagbabagong buhay!...

Páhiná 32

(Lahat nōg mōga panauhin, ay mapapamaang: Ang manggagawa ni D. Luis, ay yayakapin ang dalawa ni Artemio at Esperanza samantalang, ang mōga kaibigan naman nito ay magagalak na tatabanan si Artemio sa kamay. Ang TABING sa gayon ay unti-unting malalaglag.)

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