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Tom Weisselberg KC



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Year of call: **1995**
Appointed to silk: **2014**
Degree: **MA (Oxon), Diploma in Law (City)**

Tom is co-Head of Blackstone Chambers and specialises in high value commercial claims, often involving an international element.

He has appeared in the Supreme Court, House of Lords, Privy Council, Court of Appeal and High Court and in a wide range of domestic tribunals. He regularly appears in domestic and international commercial arbitrations (including in the ICC, the LCIA and the AAA).

He has worked on cases involving a wide range of subjects (including alleged frauds, alleged breaches of fiduciary duty, alleged oral contracts, oil fields, promissory notes, copyright licensing, the hospitality industry, telecommunications and music recording contracts).

He has been called to the Bar in the British Virgin Islands and has appeared in a number of cases in the Cayman Islands (at first instance and on appeal).

Tom is recognised as a leading silk in the latest editions of both the leading legal directories, Chambers UK and Legal 500, for his expertise in commercial litigation, civil fraud and media and entertainment. Recent comments include:

- "Tom Weisselberg is a charming assassin in cross-examination." - Chambers UK, 2026
- "Tom is an exceptional leader. Tremendously bright, articulate, affable and charming." - Legal 500, 2026

Previous comments include:

- "He is not only one of the best commercial advocates at the Bar but also wonderful to work with. He is utterly charming and brilliant with clients." - Chambers UK, 2025
- "Tom is an absolutely first-rate, easy to deal with and sophisticated but firm advocate. He is very well prepared." - Legal 500, 2025

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- "Tom is a superstar advocate who always fights very hard for his clients." - Chambers UK, 2024
- "Tom is an exceptional barrister – a pleasure to work with. He is extremely bright, measured and charming." - Legal 500, 2024

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

> *"Tom is truly a joy to work with. At the top of his game, he is beloved by solicitors, clients and judges alike, and for good reason."*
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Tom has appeared in a wide variety of commercial cases in the Supreme Court, Privy Council, House of Lords, Court of Appeal and High Court. He also has extensive experience of acting for parties before different arbitral tribunals (including the LCIA, the ICC and the PPL Arbitral Tribunal).

Tom has particular experience of acting and appearing in civil fraud cases. He regularly deals with claims involving Search Orders, Freezing Injunctions, Document Preservation Orders and Information Orders.

He has acted for a very wide range of clients in all sorts of commercial cases. His clients have included Macquarie, Pirelli, Michelin, Oleg Deripaska, Rusal, Lloyd's, Lufthansa, Microsoft, BP, British Gas, the Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar, Den Norske Bank, Citibank, Cyprus Turkish Airlines, the BBC, Nokia, Vodafone, the Export Credits Guarantee Department, Ofcom, British Telecom, Sapporo, the developer of the Shard, the Royal Bank of Scotland, IFPI, News International, BSkyB, Uganda Property Holdings Limited and HM Attorney General.

He has also acted for a large number of Defendants who have faced claims brought by (for example) the Ministry of Justice, HM Revenue & Customs, News International, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Société General, the Government of Djibouti, PJSC Tatneft, Vale SA and Jyske Bank. He has obtained the discharge of wrongfully obtained injunctions and defended a large number of high value claims.

He has been involved in cases dealing with such things as Kuwaiti aircraft, photocopiers, ATMs, mobile telephones, share sale agreements, media representation and bribery.

He regularly acts in multi-jurisdictional disputes as part of a team involving lawyers and laws from many jurisdictions (including Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kuwait, Singapore, Gibraltar, Portugal, Angola, Uganda, Jersey, Switzerland, Djibouti and France). He has been called to the Bar of the British Virgin Islands and has appeared in a number of cases in the Cayman Islands (at first instance and on appeal).

He also has experience of private international law issues (having acted in the Kuwait Airways v Iraqi Airways litigation and in cases against a member of the Saudi Royal Family and the Ugandan President). He regularly works on cases that involve the application of foreign law in English proceedings.

Tom has acted as an examiner appointed by the Commercial Court for the purposes of taking a deposition for use in US proceedings.

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Cases

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Acted for Alaska Airlines in a case involving the proper construction of a trade mark licensing agreement and issues of US Aviation regulations.

Gorbachev v Guriev

[2024] EWHC 2174 (Comm); [2024] EWHC 622 (Comm); [2024] EWHC 247 (Comm); [2019] EWHC 2684 (Comm)

Acted for the Defendant in a claim based on alleged declarations of trust (allegedly made in a sauna, public house and in the street) and said by the Claimant to be worth around US$1 billion.

The Claimant failed to prove his case at trial (which involved the Trial Judge travelling to Dubai to hear the Defendant's cross-examination) and the claim was dismissed.

Solaria Energy UK Ltd v Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

[2020] EWCA Civ 1625

Acted successfully for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in striking out a claim under the Human Rights Act 1998 relating to proposed changes in feed-in tariff scheme in 2011/2012.

Vale SA v Steinmetz & others

Acted for three Defendants in a fraud claim said by the Claimants to be worth US$1.8 billion, which was later discontinued at trial.

Vodafone Ltd v Office of Communications

[2020] EWCA Civ 183

Acted for OFCOM in a case concerning the scope of a claim for unjust enrichment under the Woolwich principle and whether it was appropriate to run a counterfactual when deciding whether or not a public authority could retain a fee collected without lawful authority.

Maher v Maher

[2019] EWHC 3613 (Ch); [2020] EWHC 1000 (Comm)

Acted for co-trustees in a family trust in successfully (a) resisting their removal as trustees; and (b) securing the removal of their co-trustee.

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Arcelormittal USA LLC v Essar Global Fund Ltd & Others

FSD 2 of 2019 (IKJ)

Acted for the Plaintiff in the Cayman Islands in a claim for Norwich Pharmacal relief in support of attempts to enforce an ICC award for US$1.38 billion.

KrisEnergy (Gulf of Thailand) Ltd v Rubicon Vantage International PTE Ltd

Acted in the Cayman Court of Appeal in this challenge to the presentation of a winding-up petition based on an alleged debt for work done on Floating Storage and Offloading vessel in the Gulf of Thailand.

MacInnes v Gross

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Allied Irish Bank v Nolan

Acted for Irish Defendants in a claim under section 423 of the Insolvency Act in relation to an alleged transfer at an undervalue of valuable English properties.

Breyer Group v Department of Energy & Climate Change

[2016] EWHC 763 (Comm)

Acted for the Government in a high value claim for damages in relation to an alleged breach of Article 1 of the First Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights. The case was one of The Lawyer's Top Cases for 2018 and settled in January 2018 shortly before the start of a 10 week trial.

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Coventry v Lawrence

[2015] 1 WLR 3485

Acted successfully for the Secretary of State for Justice in the Supreme Court resisting a challenge to the enforceability of pre-Jackson regime Conditional Fee Agreements.

Roberts & Wilkins v FCA

[2015] UKUT 408 (TCC)

Acted against the Financial Conduct Authority for a regulated individual in a case involving traded life insurance bonds.

Krys v KBC Partners LP

[2015] UKPC 46

Acted for Salford Capital Partners in a number of multi-jurisdictional disputes involving questions of BVI partnership law, contractual construction and allegations of breach of duty, computer hacking and breach of confidence. Appeared in the Privy Council in an appeal as to the proper construction of the articles of association of a BVI partnership.

Ecclestone v HMRC

Acted for HMRC against Bernie and Slavica Ecclestone in a case involving HMRC's claim that it is entitled to rescind a settlement agreement concluded between it and Mr and Mrs Ecclestone.

ITV Broadcasting Ltd v TV Catchup

[2015] EWCA Civ 204

Acted for Virgin Media in the Court of Appeal in a case involving section 73 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act where the issue before the Court was whether or not the internet = cable.

Cooper Tire & ors v Dow Deutschland & ors

[2014] EWHC 1578 (Comm)

Acted for the Claimants in a multi-million Euro cartel follow-on damages claim brought by some of the leading European tyre manufacturers. This was the first cartel follow-on damages claim to come to a substantive hearing in the English Courts. The case settled at the end of the second week of trial.

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Otkritie v Urumov & Ors

[2014] EWHC 191 (Comm)

Acted for a Defendant in a high value and long-running trial involving allegations of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, knowing receipt and dishonest assistance.

Forstater v Python (Monty) Pictures Limited

[2013] EWHC 1873 (Ch)

Acted successfully for the producer of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" in a claim to rectify an agreement concluded in 1974. Cross-examined Michael Palin, Eric Idle and Terry Jones.

Resolution Chemicals v Lundbeck

[2013] EWHC 3160 (Pat)

Acted for the Claimant in resisting an application that Arnold J should recuse himself from hearing a trial in circumstances where he had a past academic connection to an expert witness.

Cherney v Deripaska

Acted as part of a team for the Defendant in an important case involving allegations of criminality and a claim that the Claimant had a 20% share in Rusal. Tom was heavily involved in all aspects of the case, with a particular focus on detailed and complex financial evidence (expert and factual). He travelled frequently to Moscow and liaised with English and Russian accountants. Tom was due to cross examine a number of witnesses (factual and expert) before the case settled.

Lufthansa Technik v Evergreen International Airlines

Acted for Lufthansa in a claim seeking payment for work done on aircraft engines.

Société General v Saad & Others

[2013] EWCA Civ 2361, [2012] EWCA Civ 695 & [2011] EWHC 2424

Acted for a co-defendant in an interesting case involving letters of credit and a guarantee. Judgment handed down in October 2011. The Court of Appeal granted permission to appeal but, at a contested hearing the Court of Appeal set conditions on the appeal (requiring money to be paid into Court).

Government of Djibouti v Boreh

Acted for the Defendant in a claim involving allegations of breach of duty and difficult issues of Djibouti law.

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Meltwater v Newspaper Licensing Agency

CT114/09

Acted for an intervener, the UK Media Monitoring Agency, in a case in the Copyright Tribunal which concerned the terms on which online newspaper sites can be used by press cuttings agencies.

JSC Bank v Ablayazov & others

Acted for corporate Defendants in this high value Kazakh fraud case.

Air Transworld Ltd v Bombardier Inc

[2012] 1 CLC 145

Acted for the defendant, an aircraft manufacturer. Case concerned issues of contractual construction, choice of law, offer and acceptance, fitness for purpose, implied terms, unfair contract terms and satisfactory quality.

Partnership disputes

Acted for a number of partnerships in disputes over names and other partnership assets (including the bands Snow Patrol, Duran Duran and the Sugababes). Often asked to advise in relation to the approach to be adopted when valuing partnership assets, including partnership names. Advised and acted for a number of law firms in disputes between partners and members of LLPs.

Attheraces Ltd v Ladbrokes Betting and Gaming Ltd

[2017] EWHC 431 (Ch)

Tom acted successfully for one of the Respondents in resisting an application for pre-action disclosure in a dispute involving the horse racing world and the betting industry

Kent v Paterson-Brown

[2018] EWHC 2008 (ch)

Tom acted successfully at trial for defendants who faced a claim involving complicated issues of applicable law, English trust law (including Quistclose trusts) and Swiss law.

Recovery Partners & anor v Rukhadze & ors

[2025] UKSC 10; [2023] EWCA Civ 305; [2018] 1 WLR 1640

Acted for the Claimants in a high value claim relating to the provision of “recovery services” to the family of Badri Patarkatsishsvili.

The claim is one of breach of fiduciary duty, breach of confidence and unlawful means conspiracy. Tom appeared for the Claimants in a four week trial on liability before Cockerill J and then in the Court of Appeal on an appeal against the Judge's findings at the quantum phase. In the Supreme Court, the Defendants sought (and failed) to persuade the Court to depart from the principle that a fiduciary's duty to account for profits is not subject to a "but for" causation test.

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Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Tom has substantial experience of obtaining and resisting interim injunctions and acting in large-scale international fraud cases. He is regularly involved in claims involving Worldwide Freezing Injunctions, Search Orders, Document Preservation Orders, Norwich Pharmacal Orders and Bankers Trust Orders.

He has appeared in the English Court of Appeal, the English High Court, the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands in a wide variety of disputes concerning such things as breaches of fiduciary duty, misappropriated monies, fraudulently obtained contracts, Organic Grape juice, insolvency issues and corporate disagreements.

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Arbitration

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He has dealt with arbitrations that have involved such issues as alleged breaches of fiduciary duty, alleged breaches of shareholder agreements, the terms and application of sponsor investor agreements, the lease of aircraft, disputes between co-venturers in Eastern European companies, the supply of petroleum coke, the sale of iron ore, the supply of services (by amongst others a well-known firm of solicitors and an American technical services company) and the exercise of an option under a music publishing agreement.

His recent arbitrations have involved issues relating to oil fields, private client offices, international telecom investments, carried interest payments, software development, patents licensing, FRAND terms, an airport services marketing agreement and investments in Djibouti.

He has experience of dealing with appeals to the Commercial Court from domestic arbitrations.

Financial Services & Banking

Tom has acted in a wide range of Financial Services cases for many years. He has acted for regulators, the regulated and the unregulated.

For the regulated, his work has included:

- He has appeared before the RDC/EDMC for a former CEO.
- He has appeared before the RDC on behalf of Third Parties named in Warning Notices seeking to anonymise them in any Decision Notice or to limit the extent to which they are referred to in any Decision Notice.
- He has acted for a number of debt management firms seeking full permission from the FCA to undertake regulated activities. He succeeded in persuading the RDC to set aside a Warning Notice which would have terminated a firm's interim permission.
- He appeared in Upper Tribunal in a case involving the traded life insurance market (Roberts & Wilkins v FCA [2015] UKUT 408 (TCC)). He overturned a prohibition that had been made by the RDC and successfully resisted an integrity case that was resurrected by the FCA in the Upper Tribunal.
- He appeared (led by Charles Flint QC) in a high-profile case before the Takeover Panel. It was the first case for many years in which a ‘cold shouldering’ order was made.
- He worked on a number of cases brought by the Financial Services Authority against individuals for alleged book mismarking.
- He worked for GE Life Fund Management in a case brought by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in a case involving Structured Capital At Risk Products. He has advised a number of individuals and firms in relation to allegations of Market Abuse and other regulatory issues.
- He has advised in a number of judicial reviews and proposed judicial reviews against the Financial Ombudsman.
- He has wide experience of acting for financial institutions in claims brought by customers relating to demutualisation and other issues.

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- He has acted for Lloyd's in a number of cases before the Lloyd's Appeal Tribunal involving the termination of membership of the Society.
- He worked on secondment to the Financial Services Authority. As External Counsel to the FSA's Enforcement Law & Policy Department, Tom advised on a wide range of financial services related issues, including questions relating to financial services regulation, the (then) draft Financial Services and Markets Bill and the new regulatory regime.
- Tom worked for FSA as part of a team from Blackstone Chambers in a number of cases involving allegations of endowment mis-selling by leading financial institutions.
- He acted for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in a judicial review that arose out of the collapse of Keydata Investment Services Limited.

For the unregulated, he has given advice as to the scope of the regulatory regime (e.g. in relation to potential Collective Investments Schemes) and has advised individuals who have been threatened with domestic regulatory action and with action by overseas regulators.

Tom has also acted in a large number of disputes involving banks and banking practices. He has particular experience of working on fraud cases involving banks.

Cases

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Tom has also acted for a number of other firms seeking permission from the FCA and recently succeeded before the RDC in obtaining permission for one such firm.

Firm A v Financial Conduct Authority

[2016] UKUT 18 (TCC)

Acted for a regulated firm in a case concerning the proper construction of the Financial Services and Markets Act (2000) (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No 2) Order 2013 and whether a firm would lose its interim permission to carry on regulated activities at the point when the FCA refused an application for authorisation and gave a Decision Notice.

Roberts & Wilkins v FCA

[2015] UKUT 408 (TCC)

Acted against the Financial Conduct Authority for a regulated individual in a case involving traded life insurance bonds.

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Media & Entertainment

Tom has acted in a wide range of entertainment disputes, involving music, film, fashion, television and radio. He has advised licensors, licensees and regulators in relation to a wide range of UK and international disputes. He spoke at MIDEM 2007 on the work of the Copyright Tribunal, and in particular the Online music reference (see below).

He has considerable experience of the Copyright Tribunal and regularly deals with cases which involve issues relating to copyright, partnership and performer's property rights.

In the Copyright Tribunal, Tom has acted in a large number of disputes both for applicants (including BPI and iTunes) and for licensing bodies (VPL and PPL).

He has been instructed in a number of challenges to schemes promulgated by PRS for Music (including the scheme for music DVDs and the scheme for Online music). In the Online music reference, he initially acted for the BPI as part of a team led by Ian Mill QC. When the BPI settled its claim, Tom was instructed by iTunes to represent it and conducted the hearing without a leader (see BPI v MCPS-PRS Alliance [2008] EMLR 5). He also acted for ITV in its Copyright Tribunal challenge to the terms offered to it by PRS for Music and has often advised licensees who are dissatisfied with PRS for Music.

Tom has also acted for VPL and PPL in the Copyright Tribunal. He appeared for VPL in relation to music television, CSC v VPL [2010] EWHC 2094 (Ch) and [2011] EWCA Civ 650, and for PPL in an appeal against the Copyright Tribunal's decision in relation to background music, PPL v BHA [2009] EWHC 209 (Ch).

He also appeared for an intervener, the UK Media Monitoring Agency, in a challenge in the Copyright Tribunal to one of the Newspaper Licensing Agency's schemes (Meltwater v NLA).

He assisted EOS- Yr Asiantaeth Hawliau Darlledu Cyfyngedig (a licensing body that licenses, protects and promotes the repertoire of composers and publishers of Welsh-language music) in defending a claim brought against it in the Copyright Tribunal by the BBC.

In the High Court, Tom has acted in a wide range of cases. He acted for Virgin Media in ITV Broadcasting v TV Catchup where the Court of Appeal (after hearing argument as to the scope of section 73 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988) made a second reference to the CJEU (see [2015] EWCA Civ 204).

He was also instructed on behalf of ZTE in Vringo v ZTE in a follow-on damages claim for patent infringement. The case settled shortly before trial.

Tom has acted (or is currently acting) in a large number of band and partnership related disputes for amongst others Snow Patrol, Duran Duran, the Sugababes and Busted (McPhail v Bourne [2008] EWHC 1235 (Ch)). He regularly acts for managers who are in dispute with their artists or former artists.

In Forstater v Python (Monty) Pictures Limited [2013] EWHC 1873 (Ch), Tom acted successfully for the producer of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" in a claim to rectify an agreement concluded in 1974. He cross-examined Michael Palin, Eric Idle and Terry Jones.

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He has also acted in wide range of disputes on behalf of (amongst others) the Discovery Channel (about a Bulgarian broadcast licence), Bucks Music (in a dispute with the DJ Jay Sean), Onward Music (in a dispute relating to “A Whiter Shade of Pale”), the tenor Jonas Kaufmann (in a dispute with Decca), iTunes, IFPI, Christine Bleakley, Mark Morot, Iron Maiden, the BBC, Fat Cat Records (in a dispute with Sigur Ros), Microsoft, Blue (in a passing off action brought against the boy band by a 1970s band), Oasis (in insurance and other matters), Carlton Film Distributors, MGN, Film Four, Tomasz Starjewski and Roger Moore.

He has also been involved in cases involving the band Placebo, the Beatles’ Lost Concert, the song “Fight for This Love” (performed by Cheryl Cole), the music for Space 1999, an Oscar winning animated version of Peter and the Wolf, the Bay City Rollers, The World is Not Enough, P Diddy, Simply Red and Melinda Messenger.

Cases

Smith v Dryden & ors

[2021] EWHC 2277 (IPEC)

Acted successfully for the Band Rudimental in resisting a copyright infringement claim brought in relation to the song "Waiting All Night".

Martin v Kogan

[2017] EWHC 2927 (IPEC)

Acted for the screenwriter of the acclaimed film Florence Foster Jenkins in a case involving a claim by his former partner. that she was a co-author of the screenplay. HHJ Hacon dismissed her claim. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal against that judgment and ordered a re-trial.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Appointments

- Tom is a Bencher of the Inner Temple.
- Tom is a former member of the Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service (formerly the Council of the Inns of Court Disciplinary Panel).
- Before taking Silk, Tom was a member of the Attorney General's 'A' Panel (having been a past member of the 'B' Panel and the 'C' Panel).

Memberships

- COMBAR
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- LCIA
- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Justice

Selected earlier reported cases

Commercial

- Secretary of State for Justice v LSM & Ors [2011] EWHC 983 (QB); [2010] EWHC 1781 (Ch)
- Proactive v Rooney & others [2010] EWHC 1807 (QB)
- Scopelight v Chief Constable of Northumbria [2010] QB 438
- SOCA v Perry [2009] EWHC 1960 and 2673 (Admin); [2010] EWHC 1711 (Admin); [2010] EWCA Civ 907
- Young v Official Receiver [2010] EWHC 1591 (Ch)
- VPL v Chartshow Channels, 7 September 2009 (Copyright Tribunal); [2010] EWHC 2094 (Ch); [2011] EWCA Civ 650
- Customs & Excise v Total Networks [2008] 1 AC 1174
- iTunes & Others v MCPS-PRS Alliance [2008] EMLR 5
- McPhail v Bourne [2008] EWHC 1235 (Ch)
- Jirehouse Capital & Another v Beller & Another [2008] EWHC 725 (Ch)
- Tajik Aluminium Plant v Ermatov
- ACP Capital Ltd v IFR Capital [2008] 2 Lloyd's Rep 655
- Toronto Dominion Bank v a trader
- Petroval v Stainby & Others
- Howell v Lees Millais [2007] EWCA Civ 720
- Victor Chandler v Murray (2007)
- Global v AMS and MBC [2006] EWHC 3107 (Ch)
- Daraydan v Solland [2004] EWHC 622 (Ch)
- ABN-AMRO v Blue Wings

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Public & Regulatory and Civil Liberties & Human Rights

- Walker v GMC [2010] EWHC 3849 (Admin)
- Young v Official Receiver [2010] EWHC 1591 (Ch)
- Chauhan v GMC [2010] EWHC 2903
- SOCA v Perry [2009] EWHC 1960 and 2673 (Admin); [2010] EWHC 1711 (Admin); [2010] EWCA Civ 907
- Al Fartoosi v Secretary of State for Defence
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