Fret Knot

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Newsletter of the Barony of Altavia



The Altav'-o'-Lantern wishes everyone a Happy Halloween!

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From The Baronage

September 2026 Comments

Hello Altavia!

This past month was a very Arts and Sciences heavy month, which is a wonderful way to spend an especially hot summer!

We had not one, but two Arts Nights, hosted by Petrusha and Jobana. Their open craft night was very well attended, with crafting ranging from research into historical garb to leatherworking, chainmail, and much more. They also hosted part three of their mead-making series, where they covered back-sweetening the mead they started at the beginning of the series. It has been wonderful to see so many people gathering to learn, make, and share their skills with one another.

Festival of the Rose was a lovely celebration of the work being done throughout the Kingdom, with artists showing off their skills for Her Majesty. Altavia had two artists displaying their work, with many more Altavians participating in the bardic portion of the showcase. It was wonderful to see our Barony so well represented.

We also had two specialty arts events this month in the Kingdom, Perfectly Period Feast and Muse's Masque. Both were first-time events, and both looked absolutely gorgeous and were very well received. It is wonderful to see more historical arts events happening throughout the Kingdom, and I am excited to see where these events go in the future.

For outreach, the SCA Worldcon demo took place this past month down in Anaheim. It was four busy days of demonstrations, conversations, and interacting with the public. A big thank you to the event coordinators and to all of the Altavians who donated their time and energy to making the event such a success. Outreach takes a lot of work, and it is always wonderful to see our community coming together to share what we do with others.

We wrapped up the month with a double-header weekend featuring Highland War and the Officer Skill Symposium. Altavia had representatives at both events, fighting on the armored field and shooting on the archery range at Highland, as well as teaching and learning about the many skills that help us run things within the SCA and that can also carry over into our lives and careers outside of the Society.

Next month looks like a fun, busy, and very martial-heavy month, with Angels Anniversary, the Caid Rapier Open, and Crown Tournament all on the calendar. An additional highlight will be at Angels Anniversary, where Altavia's own Merlin Wynn will be holding his sit-down vigil. He would love to talk with anyone who would like to offer advice, congratulations, or simply share in the excitement of his upcoming elevation to the Order of the Mark.

Thank you all. You are what makes this Barony great.

In Service,
Baroness Amabel Radleigh

Excuses and Expositions from the Editrix

Good Gentles,

Another month has passed and it is therefore time for yet another *Fret Knot*, the little newsletter that could or something like that.

I'm delighted to present Dame Briana's "Green, Green Fields of Bakersfield", her ode to Great Western War. Perhaps the Altavians in attendance will be able to persuade her to perform it.

Until next month, I remain, as always,

In Service to Altavia and the Dream,
Vivienne

P.S. While I am not seeking to step down from the Chronicler's office soon, a prudent officer should always have an eye toward the future and contingencies, so I should probably find someone to train as my eventual successor. If you are interested in helping make *Fret Knot* happen and perhaps taking over some day, do please let me know.

Altavia Online

Website: Including info on meetings, practices, officers, events, history, and more!
https://altavia.sca-caid.org/

Facebook Group: Membership is free and open to the public
http://www.facebook.com/groups/baronyofaltavia/

Discord Server: Scan the QR Code to join us on Discord



The Populace Presents

"Green, Green Fields of Bakersfield"
by Dame Briana MacCabe

Near the green, green fields of Bakersfield
I know a special place
Which every year fills with pageantry, with nobility and grace
When the tents arise and the banners fly
You're in the modern day no more
It's a wonderful alternate reality
Known as the Great Western War

With every stake and piece of garb
The centuries fall away
You may call it War but really it's a
A kingdom come to play
Some swings swords, some weave string, and then there's the alcohol
Camps full of happy people and Lord knows I love them all

In the early morning reverie,
I slip out of my tent
I volunteer then take a class a morning quite well spent
Then in evenin' I sing my songs and when my revels done,
I stumble back to my tent and fall asleep to drums

With the sun's arise on Monday, we float back up the years,
It's time pack up our all tents, our memories, and gear
With each goodbye, I shed a tear; it grieves my heart full sore
To leave that perfect reality
Known as the Great Western War!

Near the green, green fields of Bakersfield
I know a special place
Which every year fills with pageantry, with nobility and grace
When the tents arise and the banners fly
You're in the modern day no more
It's a wonderful alternate reality
Known as the Great Western War

Council Meeting Minutes

September 2026 Baronial Council Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Sep 8, 2026, starting around 7:05 pm and ending approximately 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Sadhbh, Amabel, Niko, Lynnette, Vivienne, Niall, Matlens, Elle, Timotheus, Petrusha, Segin, Marianna, Griffith, Hammer Hart

Seneschal's Report: Sadhbh inghean Duinn (Deputies: Tezar of Aeolis, Merlin Wynn)

Privy council is next month. Tezar will be attending as Sadhbh's deputy, and Sadhbh will meet up with Amabel at fighter practice to fill out the report before the 9/30 deadline

Old Business

None

Ongoing Business

Agincourt Archery Tournament - October 25, 2026 (Woodley)

Co-Stewards: Vivienne and Ceallach; Marshal: Petrusha

Budget was submitted and approved.

Ceallach submitted the event description, and it has been added to the Caid calendar.

We continue to seek someone to run Fretted Fork. Nominations of potential candidates would be most welcome.

Fretted Fork runner should help with setup, provide cards for ingredients, set up populace voting, count votes.

Matlens will be running lists and can run the competition! She has 3x5 cards and pens. Amabel has voting tokens.

At October Council, we will seek confirmations of key event staff (gate, lists, constable, etc.) and set a date for a final logistics meeting. Meeting will be 10/6 (Tuesday before next council meeting) at 7PM. Attendees to include Amabel, Vivienne, Ceallach, Sadhbh, Petrusha, Matlens, Merlin

Yule - December 12, 2026 (with Angels - our turn to host)

Steward: Niall with Lynnette mentoring

Working theme: animals of winter festivals (penguins, yule cat, unicorns…)

Tour happened in August. Niall and Lynnette met site representatives and did some planning.

Niall is getting backdrops for a photo area.

Need to check with all B&Bs regarding site fees.

Closest parking lot will not be in use, so Niall is looking for alternatives.

Kitchen needs to be put back totally in order if we're going to use it. Leaning toward not using kitchen, but will confirm with B&Bs. Lots of plugs for hot plates and stuff.

Large game room - some space will be used for youth.

Getting in touch with Cecilia for Toys for Tots.

Working on layout for thrones vs. bardic space. The stage gets hot, so thrones will likely be on the ground.

Decorations should be hung with blue tape.

May need some fans for airflow. Niall can provide 1, Niko 3-4, Sadhbh 1. Site does have A/C.

Need to know from barony: how many round tablecloths do we have? We think none - we have several rectangular though. Can consider disposables or thrift store sheets.

Big screen can be projected upon - hearth scene maybe

Checking in on cost to get in early for decorating. We're at 2 hours now, but would like 1-2 more.

Asking all to bring heraldic banners for decoration (but consider blue tape/command hook restriction).

Griffith is asking Angels B&B for their thoughts on decorating themselves vs. having steward do it.

Possible wreath-making activity.

Niko will do parking/direction signs.

Tim and/or Lynnette will run credit cards at gate. We'll advertise both card and cash payments. Lynnette will do paperwork for Agincourt and Yule.

Griffith is asking about royals' seating preferences (kids, S/Os, etc.)

Try to finish games early.

Potential contribution to Kingdom funds

Elle received request from Kingdom Exchequer to donate Baronial funds to Kingdom (for general fund, or possibly travel fund). $500 - $1000 was given in the past. Smaller baronies would give $200-$300.

Elle will forward info to baronial seneschal.

Potential new spend: baronial popups

Many sites have tent restrictions. Owning a baronial popup (possibly with our arms, like Dreiburgen has) would be nice.

Niall recommends 10x20 - will send link in council chat.

Dreiburgen uses EZ UP

Will revisit after Agincourt

New Business

None

Officer's Reports

Archers – Petrusha Serebrianoi (Lieutenant: Marianna Lightwood)

In August, we had two archery practices and canceled one (the 1st Sunday) because of the summer heat.

A big thank you to Her Excellency, Gideon, Brig, and Ingram for stepping up to run the last practice of the month while I attended to some personal matters.

The two practices brought out 14 and 8 archers, respectively.

Our first practice had four newcomers, including two youths shooting.

The baronial loaner gear is in good condition, though an arrow repair day is overdue, and I still plan to go through, categorize, and log all the loaner gear in a spreadsheet for posterity.

Arts & Sciences – Marianna Lightwood (Deputy: Jobana de Valencia)

Arts and Sciences Night for August was held on August 25th at the home of Petrusha and Jobana. The class was on mead making part 3 and was taught by Petrusha. We also had an open craft night at the same time for those wanting to work on other artistic endeavors. There were six people in attendance.

We learned how to back-sweeten and bottle the finished mead. It was a very fun and educational class. For those that have missed this series, we will be running it again.

We had an open craft night on August 14th at the home of Petrusha and Jobana, and we had a good number of people working on various artistic pursuits, from sewing to leather working.

We had several Altavians participate in the Festival of the Rose on August 15th. There were at least 11 Altavians present, and most of the group performed in the bardic competition, including the Band of Bards. We also had rehearsal with the Caid Choir, taught by our own Sadhbh and attended by a few Altavians. Amabel and myself had artistic displays; Amabel displayed her leather work, and I displayed my drolleries.

Bardic Jam with the Band of Bards is happening weekly on Monday nights before fighter practice and is hosted by Giacchino. We are working on a set list for Great Western War.

Our September A&S Night will be on cordials and infusions! (The event is coming soon once we have specifics.)

Please see Facebook for more information on A&S Nights, Open Craft Nights, and Bardic Jam. Please keep coming out for the Arts and Sciences nights! Please get in touch with me if there is something you would like to learn or teach, or if you have any questions.

Chatelaine – Ceallach mac Uilliam (Deputy: vacant)

Not much to report. We had a couple newcomers try rapier earlier in the month but so far they haven't come back. We also had a couple people referred to us from the WorldCon demo; so far they haven't responded to that initial email, but I plan to send a follow-up this week.

Chronicler – Vivienne de Chauvigny (Deputy: vacant)

I'm thrilled to announce that Marianna has volunteered to be my Art Deputy. The quality of Fret Knot should increase significantly soon.

Constable - Nikolaos Phaistos (for now) (Deputy: Niall Ua Morna)

Nothing new to report. No new items were collected and no new items were returned to their owners. I did try to download the Kingdom constable handbook, but it was a bad link. An email was sent to the Webwright and they said they would fix it.

Exchequer - Elle Wynn of Essex (Deputies: Timotheus Zacharia von Schloss Zwilling and Hammer Hart)

See “Exchequer’s Report” section below.

Herald - Briana MacCabe (Deputy: Vivienne de Chauvigny)

Our Altavia archery badge is in process with the Dolphin Herald

I have started to research submitting Sigyn's new name with the College in Discord.

No Altavian heraldry or names were approved on the August letter.

Vivienne is officially my deputy for submissions and it sounds like Niall may want to be a deputy for court heraldry…we'll chat soon!

The next heraldry meeting is tomorrow night at 7pm on Discord. I am unable to attend but hope that Vivienne is able to attend and report back on anything relevant to Altavia!

Lists - Matlens Litovka (Deputy: vacant)

Matlens will run Lists at Agincourt.

Marshal - Nikolaos Phaistos

Marshal, Armored - Griffith von Bremen (Deputy: vacant)

Marshal's Monthly Report **Report Period: August 2026**

Armored Combat Marshal: 1

Participants: 9, 2, 3, 4 ,5 (average, 5) 5 practices

Minimum Authorization Age: 16

Experimental Weapons: 0

Problems/Injuries: Typical / Minimal (armor bites, bruises, sprains, etc.)

Current Status: No issues to report.

Visiting Knights:

Local Knights:

Comments: No injuries. No issues. Armor operational. Regular attendees. Visitor came by to try armored for the first time, Sigyn brought two guests and we got them into gear as well. Sigyn has been attending regularly and helping out with new person. Runi has also been attending and helping with training.

Marshal, Equestrian - Guene Annwyll (Deputy: vacant)

No report.

Marshal, Rapier - Giacchino Morone Lococo di San Filippo (Deputy: Nikolaos Phaistos)

This past month's fighter practice saw good attendance ranging from 4-10 fighters.

We have had several new people attend for the first time. It has been wonderful to see the new folks jump in so enthusiastically.

Worldcon was well attended with several Altavians participating in both combat and at the fan table.

No reports of injuries or equipment issues.

Marshal, Thrown Weapons - Christofanus Castellani (Deputy: Cecilia Medici)

No news for getting practice back yet. We will have Altavia TW competition at GWW on Friday afternoon.

Marshal, Youth Combat - Cecilia di Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Cecilia plans on getting to a fighter practice after GWW to start making new swords. We will need shields as well. Then we can set a day for regular youth combat practice.

See you all at GWW!

Social Media - Petrusha Serebrianoi (Deputy: Briana MacCabe)

August 1 - August 31 Social Media Report

Facebook

- 903 total members (up 44% vs July)
- 4 members joined the FB group in August
- 77 total posts from all members in August (47% more than July)
- Monday was the best day for engagement
- The top 3 posts were about our archery practice and Baroness Amabel's prowess at Pennsic (winning the women's shoot)

Discord

- 4 new members joined our Discord group in July
- Seeing more engagement on Discord! Both in the Barony and Kingdom-Altavia Discord

Webwright - Merlin Wynn (Deputies: Segin Branán & Petrusha Serebrianoi)

The site is still up. We have gained a new deputy, Segin. We are working through list of pages, to create a new site map so Segin can assist in filling out the new places version of our site.

Youth - Cecilia Medici (Deputy: vacant)

Cecilia will still be in France come time for Agincourt. The last few archery events most all of the youth were shooting. So no youth activity at Agincourt.

Next Council Meeting – October 8, 2026



Exchequer's Report

September 2026

Based on July statement

W.F. Checking	$21,293.07	
Sub Total	$21,293.07	
W.F. CD 6 month	$6,468.16	(Feb + Aug)
Cash box	0.00	
Total	$27,761.23	

July Transactions

Date	Description	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
07/17	P. Brousseau – Event Start Up Cashbox	0.00	-300.00	-300.00
07/22	Deposit - Start Up Cash Returned	300.00	0.00	300.00
07/22	Deposit – CC Ranged Donations	110.00	0.00	110.00
		410.00	-300.00	110.00

2026 Major Event/Project Income/Expenses (not a complete list)

Date	Description	Status	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
N/A	T-Shirts	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
N/A	Fund Raising	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
N/A	Donations	Pending	398.00	0.00	398.00
01/31/26	FOTR	CLOSED	2,620.00	-2,095.10	524.90
03/29/26	Caid Archery Open	CLOSED	0.00	-152.87	-152.87
05/09/26	Anniversary	CLOSED	2,185.00	-1491.55	693.45
07/19/26	C.C. – Ranged	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
10/25/26	Agincourt Tourney	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/12/26	A/A Yule	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00
			5,203.00	-3,739.52	1,463.48

2025 Y/E INCOME STATEMENT- Adjusted

TOTAL GROSS INCOME	$6,194.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	-$5,365.82
TOTAL NET INCOME	$828.23

Altavia's Upcoming Events

******Listings are as current and complete as feasible, but confirm with online resources or event stewards for the most recent information.******

Agincourt Tournament

Sunday 10/25/2026

Site: Woodley Park Archery Range

EVENT STEWARDS: Lady Vivienne de Chauvigny & THL Ceallach mac Uilliam

EVENT EMAIL: Agincourt@altavia.sca-caid.org

The Barony of Altavia invites you to join us at Woodley Park Archery Range for our Agincourt Tournament. We will have Ranged Combat (Archery and Crossbows) and our Fretted Fork cooking competition. Baronial Champions will be decided from the day's competitors. Loaner gear will be available.

SCHEDULE:
8:00 am - Site opens
10:00 am - Opening court
Lists close 15 minutes after court
Tournaments start shortly after lists close
12:30 pm - Lunch break
1:00 pm - Team novelty shoot
2:30 pm - Single elimination segment of archery tournament
3:30 pm - Closing court
5:00 pm - Site closes

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: All attendees are guests of the Barony. Donations are welcome.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT: We will begin in the morning with a Round Robin Forester tournament, where archers will shoot in pools against other archers. The top eight will advance to the afternoon's single elimination tournament to determine the Champion. Depending on numbers there may be a separate period handbow division. Between the pools and single elimination will be a lunch break and a team novelty shoot.

CROSSBOW TOURNAMENT: Format will be determined based on the number of participants. Crossbows will also be part of the team novelty shoot.

COOKING CONTEST: Altavia is pleased to host our Fretted Fork cooking contest. Bring your favorite dishes incorporating the ingredient of the day: orange. We will have a combined competition for both period and non-period recipes to choose the Baronial Champion. Documentation is not required for period entries, but is appreciated. Ingredient lists are strongly encouraged for safety of persons with allergies. Champion will be chosen by populace vote.

SITE INFORMATION/RESTRICTIONS:

- This is a dry site–sharp projectiles and alcohol do not mix.
- Children must be supervised at all times by parents or guardians.
- Pets must be attended and on leash at all times, but are not allowed near the firing line.
- Pavilions and pop-ups are allowed and encouraged. Extra long stakes are needed for the soft soil.

DIRECTIONS:

(NOTE: If you're using a navigation app, please enter your destination as "Woodley Park Archery Range" rather than the street address. We checked; it's better this way.)

The site is located in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area west of the 405, between Burbank Boulevard and Victory Boulevard.

From the South: 405 Fwy North to Burbank Blvd exit. Go west on Burbank, turn right onto Woodley Ave. Head north, turn right on the road leading to the Japanese Garden. With the Japanese Garden on your left, head past the cricket field on your left. At the small traffic circle, veer to the right and head 3/4 of the way around the circle and exit to the north. The archery range is up the hill.

From the East: 101 Fwy North (which is actually heading west), transition to the 405 Fwy North, then follow the directions above.

From the North: 405 Fwy South. Go south, exit for Victory Blvd. Turn left onto Haskell, then turn right (west) onto Victory Blvd, then west to Woodley Ave. Turn left onto Woodley Ave and left at the road leading to the Japanese Garden. Follow the directions above.

Yule

Saturday, 12/12/2026

Site: First United Methodist Church of North Hollywood, 4832 Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601
EVENT STEWARDS: Noble Niall Ua Morna & Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios



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Webpage: https://altavia.sca-caid.org/officers/

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Interested in helping the Barony and learning how to be an officer?
Interested in one of the open positions or in being a deputy for one of the offices?
Please contact the Seneschal at: seneschal@altavia.sca-caid.org

Meetings & Practices

Please come join us! Newcomers and visitors are welcome!

Meetings

- ***Council Meeting***
  - **Date/Time:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
  - **Location:** Held via **Zoom** -- Link is posted to the Altavia Baronial **Facebook Group**
  - This is the monthly Baronial business meeting. The meeting consists of officer reports, event reports, discussion of Baronial involvement at the Kingdom level, new officers discussion, and announcements. Baronial decisions are made here, and you do have a voice.
  - **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**
  - **Contact** the Seneschal for details: seneschal@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ***Newcomers Meeting -- Currently on Hiatus***
  - **Contact** the Chatelaine for assistance and information: chatelaine@altavia.sca-caid.org
- ***Fighter Practice & Social Night***
  - **Date/Time:** Every Monday, 7:00pm
  - **Location:** At **Verdugo Recreation Center** in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).

- Almost every Monday night we gather at Verdugo Park for Fighter Practice and also socializing. Come on down and participate in the activities, hang out, bring a project to work on, or chat with fellow Altavians. Non-meeting days include Monday holidays and the few days we get rained out. Updates about the Fighter Practice nights are posted on the Altavia Facebook page.
- **Contact** the Chatelaine for details: chatelaine@altavia.sca-caid.org

Arts & Sciences

- ***Arts & Science Workshops*** *(aka Craft Nights)*
  - Occasional Meetings
  - Please check the Altavia Baronial **Facebook Group** for times.
  - We regularly have meetings covering many types of arts and sciences including but not limited to Scribal and working on Largess for Baronial Presentations.
  - The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is published on the Altavia Baronial **Facebook Group**
  - **Contact** the **Arts & Sciences Officer** for details, questions, or to teach a class.
- ***Bardic - Weekly Bardic Jams***
  - **Date/Time:** Monday nights before fighter practice, beginning at 6:30pm at the stone tables
  - **Location:** Verdugo Park, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank, CA 91505, right hand side of the park near the tennis courts.
  - **Singers, instrumentalists, and audience welcome!**
  - We practice an eclectic mix of traditional folk music and some period pieces here and there, with the goal of performing at wars and other events
  - **Hosts:** THL Giacchino Morone Loccoco di San Filippo and Dame Briana MacCabe
- ***Bardic - Occasional Bardic Circles***
  - Often held after Altavian events at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois
  - All can perform or watch!
  - Contact the bards for directions & dates
  - **Host:** Baron Sir Charles of Dublin
- ***Brewing - Currently on Hiatus; contact Dame Selene for info***
  - Special interest group for home brewing of beer, mead, wine, liqueurs, fermented foods, and more.
  - All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
  - **Join the Guild on Facebook:** Knotty Brewers of Caid (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)
- ***Culinary Guild - Currently on Hiatus***
  - Special interest group for all things delicious to eat and drink.
  - All are welcome in discussions, recipes & historical research.
  - **Join the Guild on Facebook:** Altavia's Culinary Guild (Membership is free and open to the public, although membership must to be approved by the admins)

Combat Practices

- ***Archery*** - archerymarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
  - **Date -** The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month, as weather permits. May be canceled when in conflict with events, especially if they're archery-related.
  - **Time -** Time varies between 10am-1pm or 9am-12pm depending on the time of the year and the amount of heat.
  - **Additional Saturday Practices** may be held at the discretion of the Captain of Archers.

    - **Location**: Woodley Park Archery Range
    - **Contact** the Captain of Archers or check Altavia website, Facebook group, or Discord server to verify days and times and to inquire about loaner gear.
- ***Armored Combat*** - marshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
    - **Date/Time:** Monday 7:00pm-9:30pm
    - **Location:** At **Verdugo Recreation Center** in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505 (From Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).
    - Almost every Monday night we gather at Verdugo Park for Fighter Practice and just socializing.
    - Come on down and participate in the activities, hang out, bring a project to work on, or chat with fellow Altavians.
    - **Non-meeting days** include Monday holidays and the few days we get rained out. Updates about the Fighter Practice nights are posted on the Altavia baronial **Facebook Group.**
- ***Equestrian*** - *equestrianmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org*- ***Currently on Hiatus***
    - **Contact** the *Equestrian Marshal* for more information.
- ***Rapier Combat*** - rapiermarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org
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- ***Thrown Weapons*** - thrownweaponsmarshal@altavia.sca-caid.org- ***Currently on Hiatus***
    - **Contact** the Thrown Weapons Marshal for more information.
- ***Youth Combat*** - *youth@altavia.sca-caid.org*- ***Currently on Hiatus***
    - **Contact** the Youth Combat Marshal for more information.

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