



YEAR BOOK 2020



**THE RACING COLLECTIVE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ROAD AND GRAVEL BIKEPACKING CLUB FOR SELF-SUPPORTED RACERS. INSPIRED BY RACES LIKE THE TRANSCONTINENTAL AND THE TOUR DIVIDE, WE SET OUT TO CONSTRUCT A SERIES OF TRIALS THAT CARRIED THE SAME SPIRIT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, BUT WHICH COULD BE COMPLETED CLOSER TO HOME.**

We seek the freedom and feral mindset that comes from riding fast and far. Meanwhile we are all too aware that the environment we ride in needs protecting. With that in mind, our long-term aim as a club is to buy a shooting estate in the UK and rewild it through the restoration of natural forests for wildlife and our adventurous descendents to enjoy.

2020 was a strange year for all of us, but necessity is the mother of invention and the pandemic forced GBDURO to adapt to become an even more extreme test of self sufficiency, creating a template for future editions. Thank you to everyone who has supported the 'Collective this year, we look forward to hopefully getting back a sense of normality and freedom next year.

Thank you and good luck!

*The Racing Collective*





# ROUTE TO NET-ZERO

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**DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2021, WE WILL BE CYCLING FROM LONDON TO GLASGOW FOR COP26, THE MOST IMPORTANT CLIMATE CONFERENCE SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN 2015.**

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We will be providing a route; we'd like you to bring yourself, and any mates stupid enough to join in.

What's the point? There is none. Our ride to Glasgow won't stop climate change any more than banging a saucepan on your doorstep stops COVID-19. It's simply a statement of intent – a physical expression of our desire for strong leadership and an acknowledgement that we're all in this together.

Details will be released throughout the year – for now, book the 8-12th November 2021 off work.

**"IF COVID-19 HAS ANY LESSON FOR THE PUBLIC, SURELY IT IS THAT NONE OF US LIVES IN ISOLATION, AND OUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR OTHERS - MAYBE EVEN PEOPLE WE WILL NEVER SEE."**

**IAN WALKER**









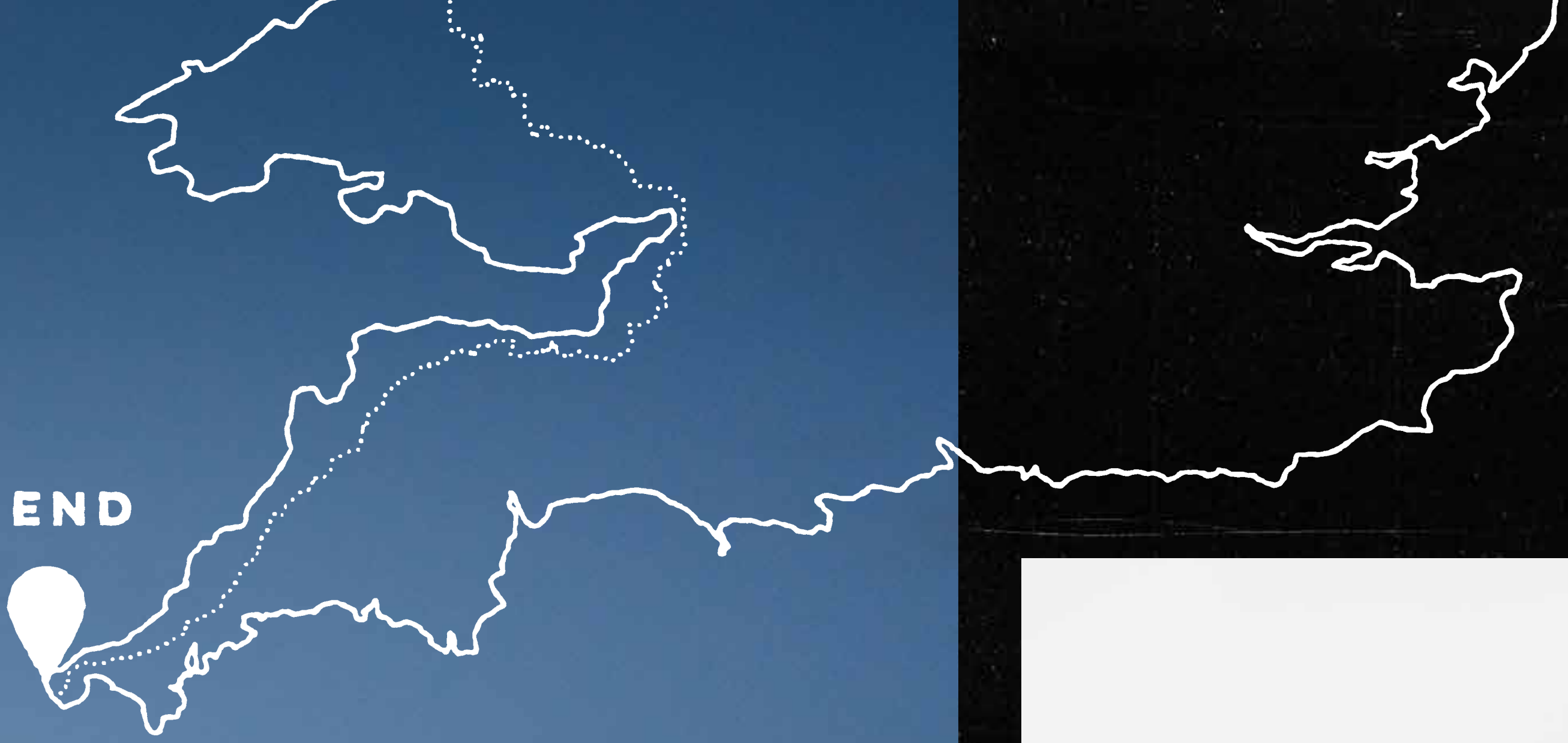
**“A SMALL BUT ELITE  
GROUP OF INTREPID  
ADVENTURERS SET  
OFF AT 8AM FROM  
THE CLIFF-TOP AT  
LAND’S END ON  
HEAVILY LADEN  
STEEDS, HEADED FOR  
JOHN O’ GROATS AT  
THE OTHER END OF  
THE BRITISH ISLES”**

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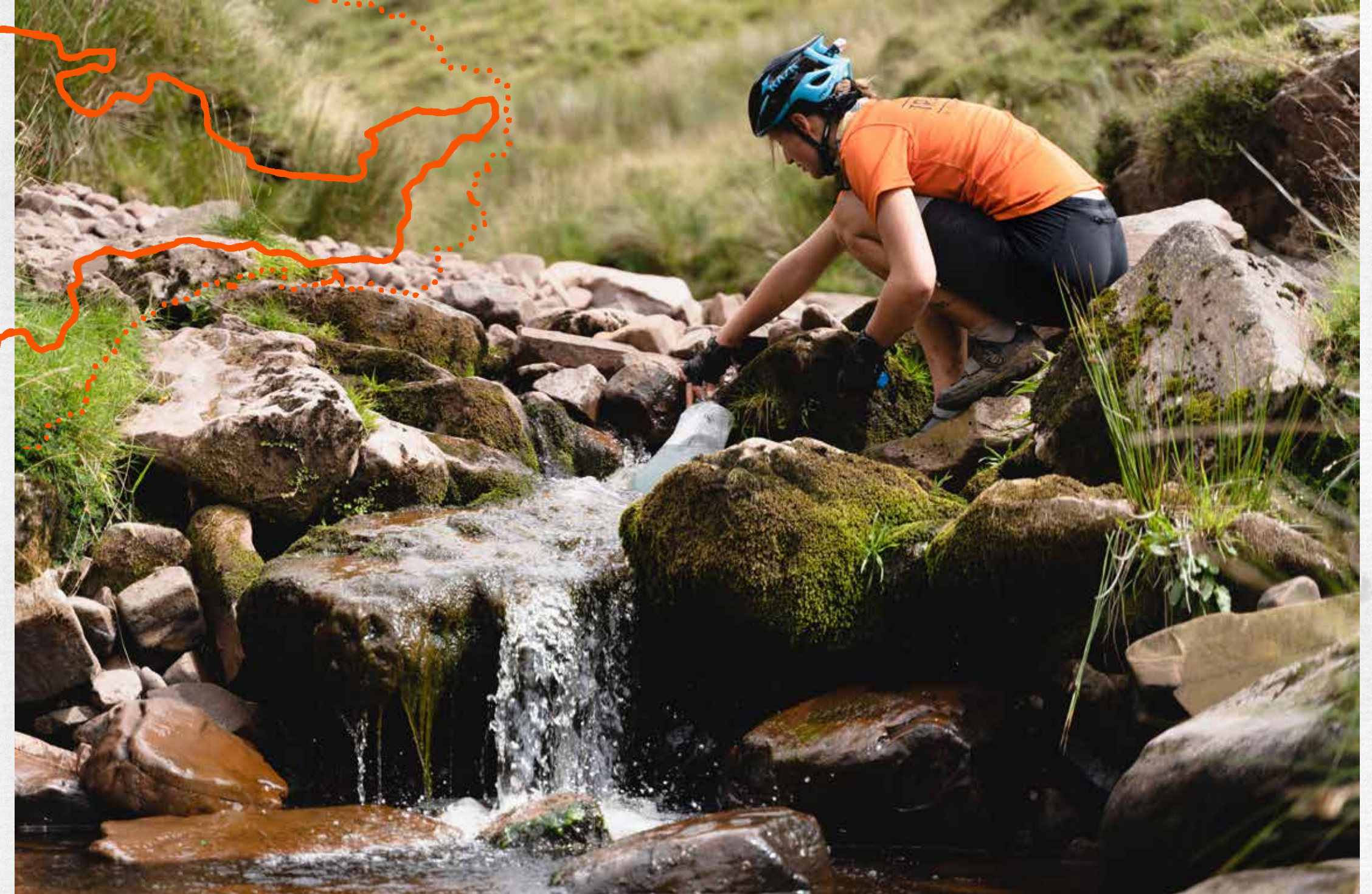
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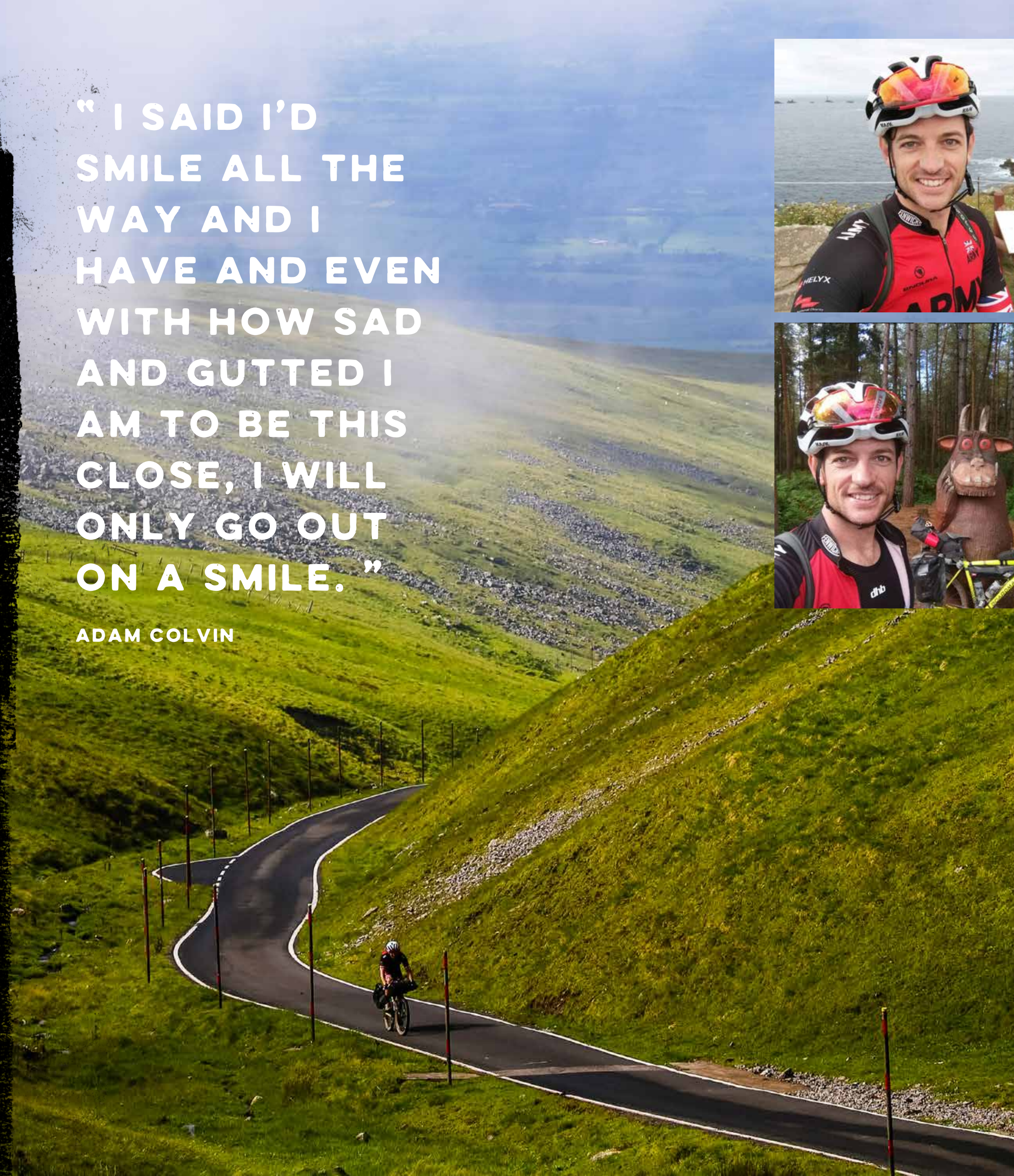






" I SAID I'D  
SMILE ALL THE  
WAY AND I  
HAVE AND EVEN  
WITH HOW SAD  
AND GUTTED I  
AM TO BE THIS  
CLOSE, I WILL  
ONLY GO OUT  
ON A SMILE. "

ADAM COLVIN











**"STEPS + 40KG BIKE:  
QUITE DIFFICULT.  
CARRIED MY BAGS UP  
SEPARATELY, JUST  
COULDN'T LIFT IT.  
WHY DID I FILL UP  
WITH WATER AT THE  
BOTTOM?!"**

**JAMES ILLMAN**







**"IT'S WALK OR  
SCRATCH HERE.  
CAN'T KEEP FOOD  
IN SO NOT EATEN  
FOR ABOUT 15  
HOURS, RUNNING  
ON EMPTY.  
WALKING JUST  
TO KEEP MOVING  
FORWARD."**

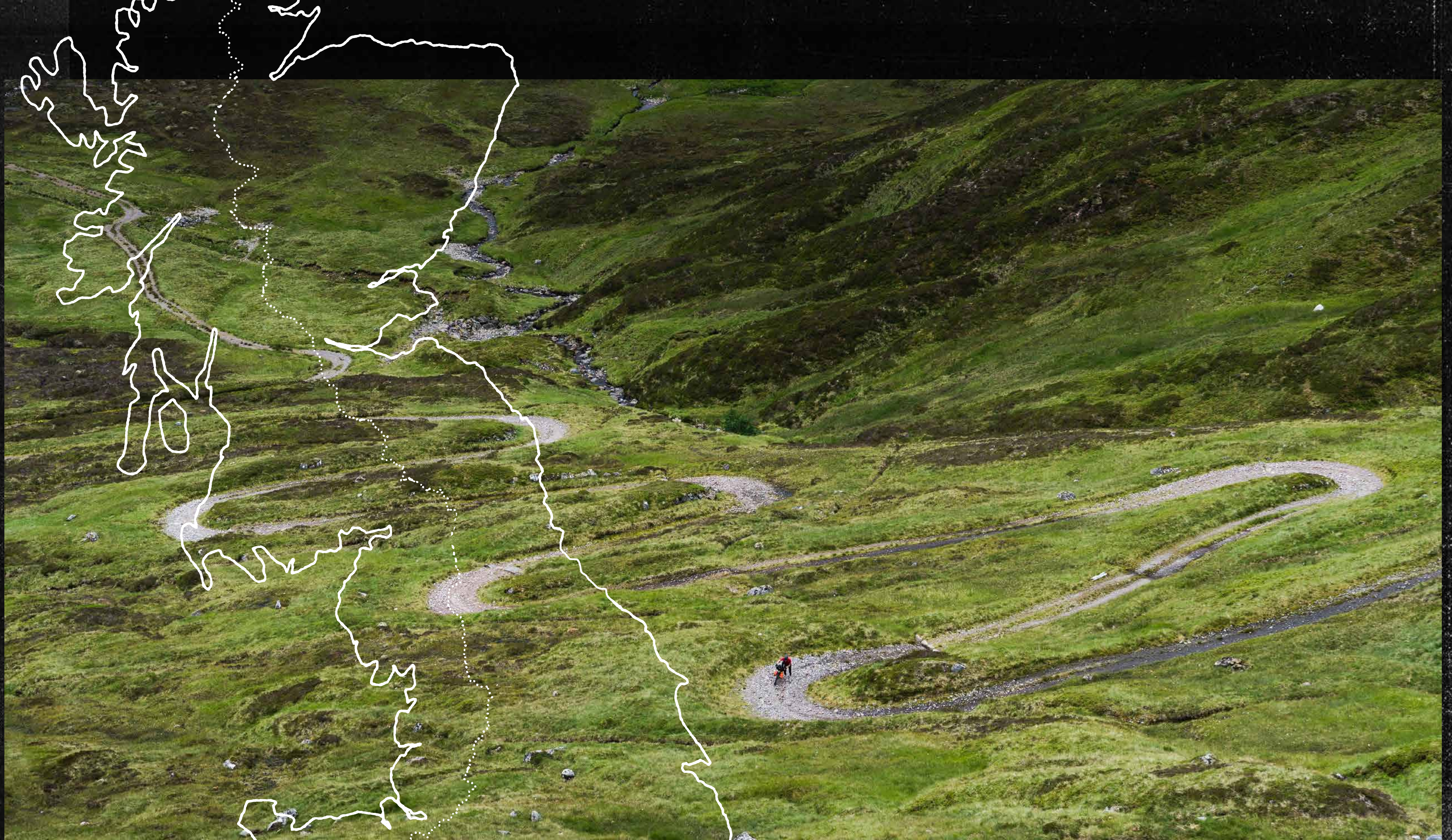
**SHARON CALTON**













**"ONE THINGS  
FOR SURE IF I  
HAVE TO STICK  
THE SEAT POST  
UP MY ASS I  
WILL MAKE IT  
TO JOG."**

**JASON BLACK**



**JOHN O' GROATS  
1960 KM**







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1. **JOSH IBBETT / 7D 17H 44M**

2. **PAUL ADDY / 9D 14H 51M**

3. **GAIL BROWN / 9D 15H 45M**

4. **JAMES ILLMAN / 11D 10H 35M**

5. **ANISA AUBIN / 12D 13H 45M**

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**THANK YOU!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A RIDE IN 2021**

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