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KEY SELLING POINTS

- The cadence makes it an excellent read-aloud with a classic children's literature seek-and-find for readers of all ages.
- The stories referenced include many treasured classics, such as "Puss in Boots," "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," "Hansel and Gretel," "Humpty Dumpty," *Charlotte's Web* and *Alice in Wonderland*.
- The author's book *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey* won the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize (2017) and was shortlisted for many other awards.
- This is a debut picture book for the illustrator, who brings a unique sense of color and pattern to her illustrations.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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MARGRIET RUURS is the author of many award-winning books for children. She enjoys speaking about reading and writing to students at schools around the world. Her adventures have taken her to such countries as Myanmar, Pakistan, Laos, Tanzania and many others. Margriet was born in the Netherlands but has been a Canadian for most of her life. She lives with her family on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR



Born in Taiwan and currently based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Christine Wei has a bachelor of fine arts with a major in illustration from the Emily Carr University of Art + Design. Christine's works are often inspired by and about the natural, social and cultural landscapes around her, and she incorporates nature-inspired patterns in the landscapes and objects she paints.

REVIEWS/ENDORSEMENT

“A book that parents, primary teachers and librarians can use to introduce a discussion of the world of children’s books. [Children] will enjoy the game of identifying the literary references hidden in the lines.”

—*CM: Canadian Review of Materials*

“Sweet and richly detailed, Wei’s rich, complex mixed media illustrations make the story’s concept shine, totally capturing the magic of imagination, while Ruurs’s simple, rhythmic text pulls everything together.”

—*School Library Journal*

“[Pays] homage to the wonderful world of imagination found in children’s books.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

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Come, let's read.

Cuddle closer, open your eyes.

Let's look at the pictures and fly through the skies.

The adventures on these pages are as old as the ages,
so let's read...

Let's read big books and small, new books and old.

I promise the best tales you've ever been told.





Together we'll travel to faraway lands
where spiders weave words and animals talk.
All we need is this book that we hold in our hands.





We'll meet fairies and gnomes and magical things,
soar high in the air on dragon wings.





Now turn the page and look at each word...

The best spells that you've ever heard!

These stories sound like wind in the willows.

Just follow my voice and fluff up your pillows.

Hold-on tight to my hand

as we sail away to Neverland.





I spot pirates and treasure on a faraway shore
of an island dotted with coconut trees,
parrots who screech as monkeys swing
in the breeze.

Read on, there is so much more
to explore!







Oh, look! Look at that fluke—it's the tale of a whale!

And a jungle of wild things who march to their very own beat.

Oh, the places we'll go, the things you will meet.



Waves of words take us back to the shore.

Quick, turn that page—let's read on some more.

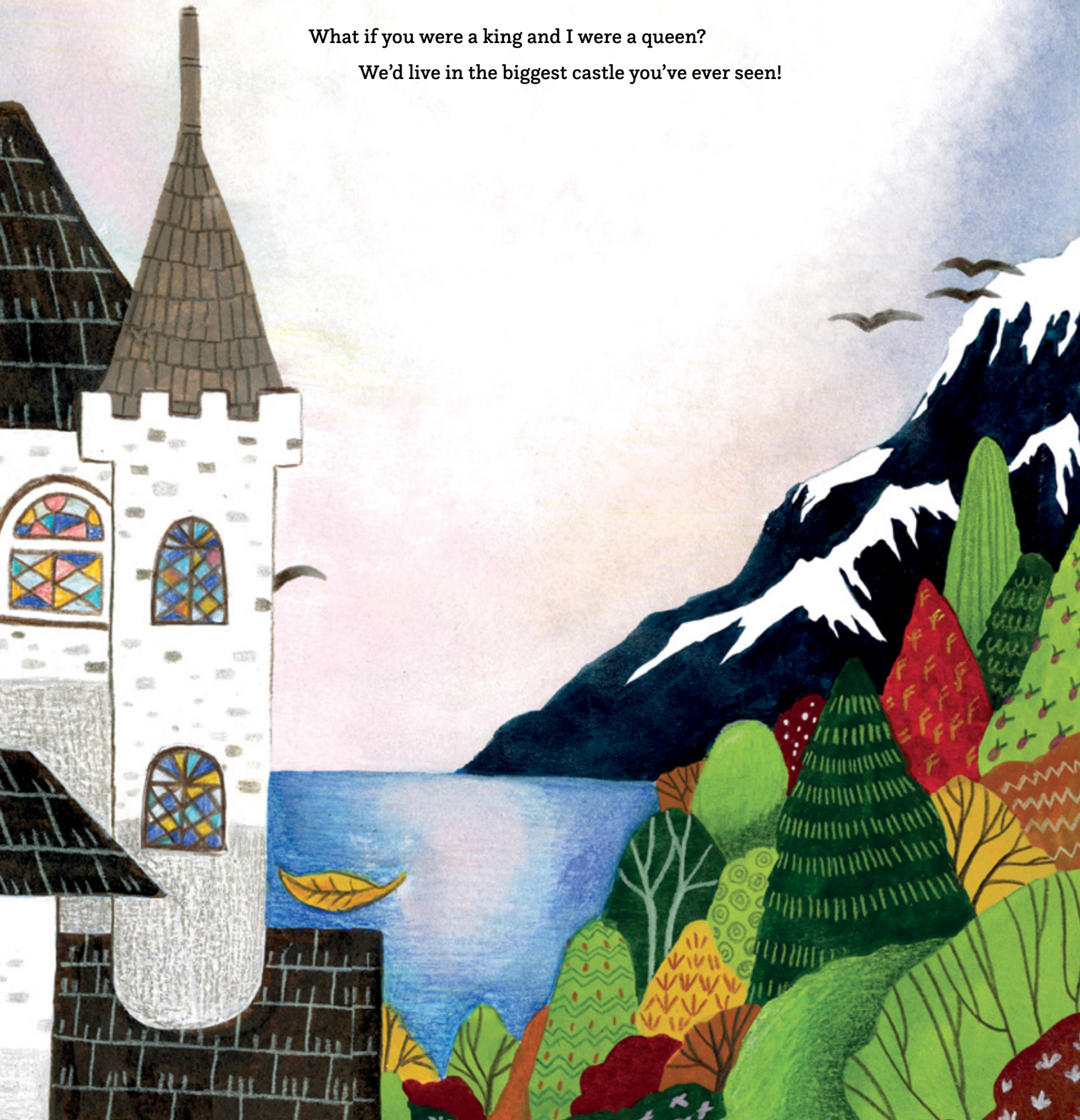






All these squiggly lines are just made of ink,
but they make us imagine and make us think.

What if you were a king and I were a queen?
We'd live in the biggest castle you've ever seen!



There's a yellow brick road that leads out of town.

Put on your glass slippers and straighten your crown.

Let's follow these breadcrumbs into the wood.

We'll go visit our friend in a red riding hood.







But wait! A house made of candy?
Let's take a nibble while we watch
wicked stepsisters quibble.

(Who is going to the ball?)



And there is an egg perched on a wall,
sitting next to a princess who is yawning with grace
and watching a hare and a turtle who race.

And you, stay awake, though I know that it's late
and it's hard to keep all these characters straight—
but do you hear that? Do you hear that sound?
Let's keep on going to see what we've found.





It's a pied piper and his haunting tune.
By the light of the stars and the magical moon,
we'll march with a puss in boots and a cat in a hat
behind a proud lion and a grumpy rat.





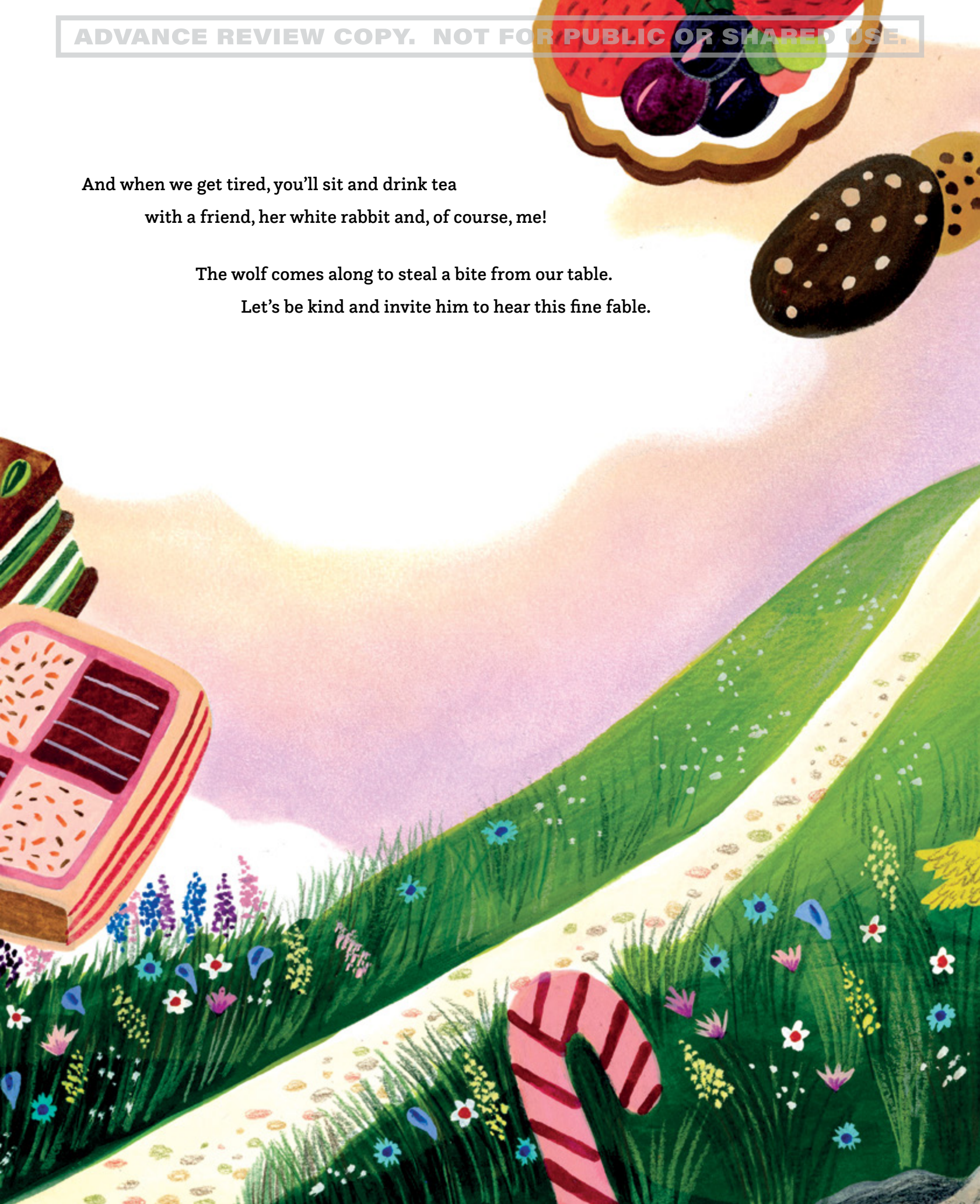




A girl who has pigtails walks with a horse.
There are plenty of princes and a peacock, of course.
Make way for a duckling and a big furry dog,
and wish for a good knight while kissing a frog.

And when we get tired, you'll sit and drink tea
with a friend, her white rabbit and, of course, me!

The wolf comes along to steal a bite from our table.
Let's be kind and invite him to hear this fine fable.





These books hold a promise as old as the ages.
Our happily ever after will be found in these pages.

Come, cuddle closer...now close your eyes.

The story is finished, and the moon's on the rise.

Goodnight, little readers. *Sleep tight.*





*In memory of Dashdondog and for Basarat,
who knows the power of stories.*

—M.R.

*To my beloved parents and sister, who never to my knowledge attempted to trade me
for a less crazy child, and encouraged my dream with patience and love.*

—C.W.

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