

# 'Bachelor in Paradise' Reality TV Star Michelle Money on Relationship and Love with Cody Sattler



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If you've been watching *Bachelor in Paradise*, you've most likely declared Michelle Money as your spirit animal by now. The witty, warm-hearted Utah native originally appeared on Brad Womack's season of *The Bachelor* and later on *Bachelor Pad 2*. Now, in paradise, this single celebrity mom has swept away audiences with her humor and impeccable style (we mean *impeccable*). On the show, she's the resident beauty guru, getting the girls beautified for their dates. At home, Money

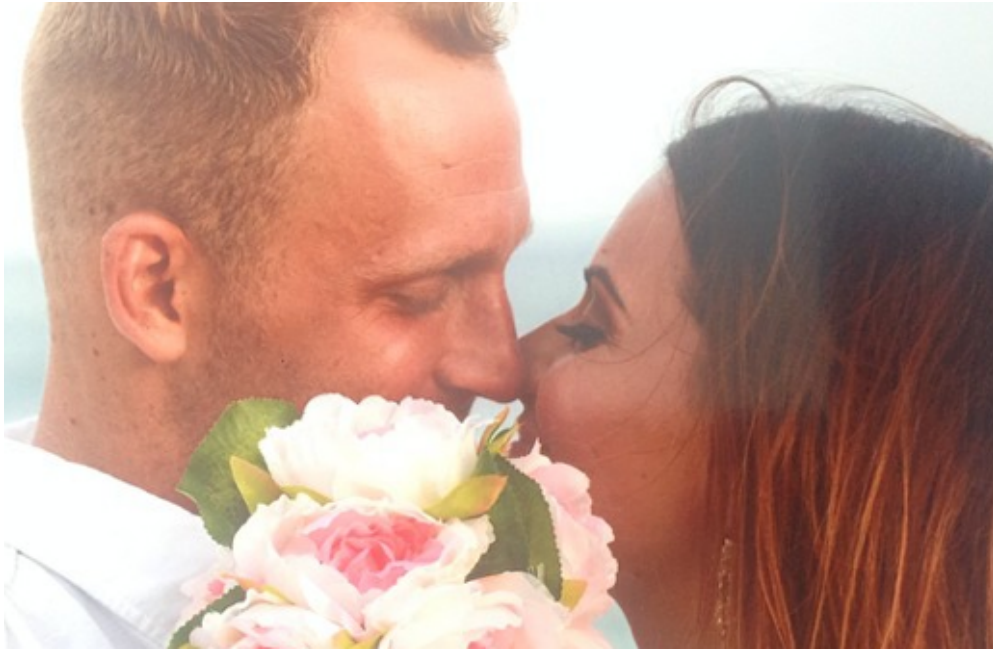
is mother to nine-year-old Brielle and works as a hair stylist while filming her YouTube show, MMandL.

## Michelle Money Talks About Looking for a Relationship and Love on Reality TV Again

This Salt Lake City lady was determined to find a relationship and love this time around, even though she was initially apprehensive. But true to her fearless form, Double-M decided to take the leap, affirming, “When they approached me with the show, I was pretty skeptical about going back on television for a third time, but they presented the format to me as being a lot more realistic in terms of finding a relationship.” Money also admits, “After going on *The Bachelor*, it was appealing to me to find someone who has had the same experiences that come with reality TV, like being recognized in public and having to deal with the editing.”

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When it comes to love, fans still swoon over the heartwarming relationship between Money and *Bachelor Pad 2* teammate and ex-boyfriend Graham Bunn, hoping that “MoneyBunn’s” love will prevail. However, the *BIP* fan favorite insists that their relationship is based on a special bond between friends. “We’ve been through a lot of unique experiences with each other that brought us closer, and it kind of just evolved from that,” she explains in our celebrity interview. “It’s hard for people to wrap their heads around it because they see how much we love and care about each other, but we just aren’t compatible in a romantic/long-term relationship/marriage way.”



Cody Sattler and Michelle Money. Photo courtesy of Michelle Money's Instagram.

Having your BFF by your side for six weeks is definitely helpful when you're navigating the unpredictable waters of paradise. In fact, Bunn's right-hand girl had his back when news came out that his new boo AshLee Frazier had been bad-mouthing castmate, Clare Crawley. Money was also at Bunn's side when he got sick and had to excuse himself from the rose ceremony. Money admits that she initially thought Frazier would be a great catch for her ex. "AshLee is a sweet woman," she said, "She was kind to me, and she was kind to everyone. There's a lot of really sweet things she did for everyone that you don't get to see."

But her mind started shifting when she realized that there was another side to the personal organizer. "It was very obvious that when the cameras were on, it was a different version of AshLee," she says. "AshLee had two different personalities. And knowing Graham the way I know him, that's not something he's interested in." The single mom goes on to explain the type of guy her ex is by saying, "Graham is very compassionate and soft, and he should be with someone who's consistent, who's always who they are. It became clear that AshLee wasn't that girl."

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Protecting her ex and friend Crawley was just the start, the Utah native became a real heroine on the show when she went out of her way to confront Jesse Kovacs about treating Christy Hansen in a less-than-gentlemanly fashion and dishing that he'd hooked up with multiple girls. "For all the women in America," Money said encouraging Hansen to stand up to Kovacs and herself when he decided to leave the show ahead of time, realizing he wouldn't be getting a rose. "We have all experienced someone like Jesse in our lives, who makes you feel degraded or disrespected," Money says. "Sometimes, you want to brush it off, but that just enables them to continue their behavior, and I'm not down with that." Money knew that Christy had been through a lot in previous relationships and lost her self-respect. "People will treat you the way you let them treat you," she adds. "Christy's an amazing woman, but the longer she keeps letting guys treat her that way, the longer it will continue to happen. She needed to know her feelings were valid and what happened wasn't her fault."



Cody Sattler and Michelle Money. Photo courtesy of Michelle Money's Instagram.

# Single Celebrity Mom Opens Up About New Boyfriend Cody Sattler

But while the hair stylist was putting her energy into helping her friends and fancying them up for their dates, an unexpected Cody Sattler arrived on the beach, and the SLC sweetheart finally got to have something of her own to talk about. Sattler, 28, who appeared on Andi Dorfman's season of *The Bachelorette*, tore into Tulum and swept Money right off her feet. Their blossoming relationship and love changed everything for her. "Coming out of the experience with Robert and feeling pretty rejected and sorry for myself and then having this guy come in who was full-throttle was a total contrast of emotions pretty quickly," she said. "I wondered if he was being serious, being real, and really meant what he was saying to me. But after talking to Graham, my girlfriends, and the producers, everyone agreed that he was genuine."

Money tells us that one thing we don't get to see on the show is how genuinely interested and compassionate Sattler is in the fact that she's a mom and has a daughter. "He loves talking about her and asked me a lot of questions," she says. "That's not easy to find."

Money has not yet confirmed whether the two are still dating and if he's relocated from Chicago to Utah, as many rumors claim, but the happiness in her voice could be an indication that these lovebirds are ready to fly! So, until next week we're holding on for the final episode of *Bachelor in Paradise* to see where the road will take them!

*Michelle and MManDL co-host Laura Armstrong have teamed with Emminent beauty to launch a skincare line that can now be found at [TheBeautyDestination.com](http://TheBeautyDestination.com). You can keep up with Michelle on Twitter @MoneyMichelle. Be sure to tune in to Bachelor in Paradise on Monday nights at 8/7c on ABC!*



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# 'Bachelor in Paradise' Reality TV Star Jesse Kovacs Apologizes: "I Acted Like a No Class D-Bag"

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On this week's episode of *Bachelor in Paradise*, Jesse Kovacs escaped Tulum, Mexico, in his typical controversial fashion. The villainized cast member departed the reality TV show with regrets and without a relationship and love. In all the chaos of his exit – the accusations, the name-calling, the

confrontations, *and* the yelling – it was difficult to understand just what happened in paradise and why. Luckily, we got an exclusive interview with Kovacs and heard his side of the story.

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## Reality TV Star Opens Up About Controversial Celebrity Hook-Up

We all know the magic of television editing can turn anyone’s character sour, but Kovacs testifies, “I feel like trying to explain what happened on the episode would be a cop-out. I can’t blame anything on editing.” He goes on, “There were certain things that were suggested that never happened, but all the statements made by me and others really were said.”

In his last moments on camera, Kovacs was accosted in his exit car by three heated women: Christy Hansen, Michelle Money, and Lacy Faddoul. The scene was intense. “I have no idea why they were upset after I left.” The San Diego native added, “I never wanted a drama-filled confrontation. I just wanted to leave.”

But we all know what he said in front of and outside of the confessional camera. After the show, the winemaker told us that he “never had the intention of being disrespectful,” but then he conceded, “I made some pretty stupid statements about Christy, and I feel horrible.” The 32-year-old admits that he called Hansen and apologized. “I acted like a dick, and Christy wanted to let me know.” He also “hashed it out” with Money post-show.

The style in which Kovacs went out was by no means gentlemanly, but he defends his actions. “I left as soon as I felt like my time was up. No connection was happening, and I didn’t want to waste any one’s time. And I know people

probably think I already wasted every one's time, but everything happened so fast." He must have done something right, though, because he says he still talks to most of the guys. Plus, "Lucy [Aragon] and Michelle are still friends...I think."

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The whole ordeal surrounding his celebrity hook-up was a lot to handle, but reflection brings both perspective and clarity. Kovacs wants everyone, especially his parents, to know that he's sorry. In a statement to us, he explains: "To my Mom and Dad, I'm sorry you had to sit through that, and please stay off my Twitter for a while. I acted like a no class d-bag, and although all the things being said about me aren't true, they are well-deserved."

We look forward to what comes next for Jesse Kovacs, the Liquid Lounge co-owner, reality TV star, and self-proclaimed d-bag!

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After this week's episodes of *Bachelor in Paradise*, you'd think the show was set in the Bermuda Triangle instead of Mexico. The scrumptiously scandalous moments were centered around none other than Jesse Kovacs, who arrived on Monday night's episode and was swept away on not one but *three* dates with beautiful ladies on the show: Jackie Parr (from Sean Lowe's season), Christy Hansen (from Juan Pablo Galavis's season), and Lucy Aragon (also from Galavis's season).

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# Jesse Kovacs Talks About Celebrity Flings on *Bachelor in Paradise*

It's easy to see why these women were drawn to the handsome newcomer, but Kovacs thinks it was more than just an instant attraction. "I don't feel like the girls were smitten. I think I was open-minded and didn't act as if I was unavailable," he shares in our exclusive celebrity interview. "Plus, both Christy and Lucy asked other guys on dates. I may have been the last option."

Smitten or not, the bachelorettes asked Jesse Kovacs for his company, and he said yes every time. "As far as attraction goes, I thought Jackie was hot. Christy and I had fun on our date too," the reality TV star explains. "I'm all about meeting new people and experiencing new places, and that's what I tried to do." He added about the often nude Aragon: "I actually didn't want to go on the date with Lucy at first. I was exhausted and had been sick, so I didn't think I had the energy. Ultimately, we had a blast, and I'm glad I hung out with her."

Hung out he did— with *both* women. There was a gasp-inducing, extremely suggestive scene depicting Aragon joining Kovacs and Hansen in a rather intimate setting. Rumors of a threesome surged the Internet as quickly as you can say "o-m-g!" However, the California winemaker insists, "There was no threesome. I fell asleep."

At the end of Tuesday's *Bachelor in Paradise* episode, he gave the rose to Hansen – but don't expect the pair to be as lovey dovey as some of the other couples by next week's show. "I literally was only there a couple days, and it's ridiculous to think you can just fall for someone in such a short time," he says of their brief celebrity fling.

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The blue-eyed co-owner of Liquid Lounge in downtown San Diego will be gracing our television screens for at least another week. Apparently, there may be even more drama to come for poor Jesse Kovacs. He lets us in on what those teasing trailers may have left out for our gossip-hungry pleasure: "I'm not sure they will show this, but I get confronted by a few castmates. Basically, they wanted to tell me how much of a coward I was. Not sure that makes any sense – it didn't to me." We shall see...

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Fans recognize Jesse Kovacs from season five of *The Bachelorette*, where he fought for Jillian Harris's heart, and season one of *Bachelor Pad*, where he caused drama with ex-girlfriend Elizabeth Kitt. Now, he is standing at another rose ceremony, waiting to see if he will get a rose on *Bachelor in Paradise* tonight. "It's funny because, during this rose ceremony, I was sick as hell. I don't think they show it, but I was off in the jungle puking my brains out," Kovacs tells us in our celebrity interview. "So I wasn't even concerned about getting a rose."

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## **Jesse Kovacs Talks About Return to Reality TV for *Bachelor in Paradise***

Arriving in Tulum, Mexico this week, his first date was with Jackie Parr (Sean Lowe's season). He knew nothing about the format of the show; he did, however, know that it was worth it

if finding relationship and love was a possibility. "It's all about the experience for me," he shares. "If you're open-minded, you can meet someone anywhere. It doesn't matter if it's on reality TV or if you're in the coffee shop, at a bar, or at the post office."

What wasn't aired is that Robert Graham pulled him aside and gave him a brief rundown of the situation. "I did know that Marquel and Jackie went on a date but still felt confident that she would want to go on a date," he confirms. He also says that everyone was super nice and inclusive. "Graham Bunn and I pretty much hung out the entire time," he adds.

When the winemaker first got to the island, he had three or four days of date after date after date and then a rose ceremony, leaving him with little free time to get to know any of the guys except for his roommates. "I'm talking with the guys in my hut as if I were talking to any of my buddies about a girl I was seeing, totally not realizing that there were microphones in the ceiling," he reveals. "Certain things were relayed back to the girls – and of course, guy talk isn't always meant to be shared."

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Teasing his storyline further, he admits that something happens that leads to tension between him and one of the guys. Plus, he gets mixed up in a big misunderstanding that causes him to head home early. "That will all come out later," he assures us. He says that he looked like the bad guy, although he was telling the truth about what happened.

Despite everything, Kovacs doesn't have any regrets and speaks highly of his experience. "It is what it is. Realistically, I should've known better." Given he walked into a similar storm between AshLee and Clare, we had to get his opinion on the situation with the ladies. "I definitely feel like AshLee is

always concerned about how she will be portrayed,” the reality TV star says. “Her edit or cut was the most important thing to her. I noticed this right away.”

## His Recent Relationship and Love Life

He may not have found a relationship and love on *Bachelor in Paradise*, but we do know is that he had a serious girlfriend since viewers last saw him on *Bachelor Pad*. “She was in San Diego, and I was living in Los Angeles. We spent every weekend together – we’d go to the beach, and I’d bring a bottle of wine,” he candidly shares. “We moved in together, started a business, and then split up seven months ago.”

Outside of the show, Kovacs tells us that he isn’t looking to settle down again anytime soon. Instead, he’s staying busy with his entrepreneurial endeavors. He recently opened a lounge called Liquid in downtown San Diego, and he’s still managing Kovacs Brothers Wine with his brother. “We have some wine that we’re probably going to release in early September, and then we’re going to be harvesting again,” he says of what’s next.

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# 'Bachelor Pad' Exes Elizabeth Kitt and Jesse Kovacs Offer Advice on Dating and Love



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Elizabeth Kitt and Jesse Kovacs are no strangers to finding love on reality television, as they both competed on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* series respectively – Elizabeth on season 14 with Jake Pavelka and Jesse on season 5 with Jillian Harris. The two seemed to find love as they cozied up with one another during last summer's reality hit spin-off series *Bachelor Pad*, but like the majority of *The Bachelor* franchise unions, their relationship didn't last after the cameras stopped rolling.

Oftentimes, lack of communication in a relationship can lead partners down two totally different paths: Kovacs wanted something more casual while Kitt wanted to fall in love. Nevertheless, the couple's strong bond and competitive spirit led them into the final six, just a few steps away from winning the big pot of cash.

With another season of *Bachelor Pad* coming this summer, we asked Elizabeth and Jesse for their insight on dating, relationships and finding love on reality TV:

**1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**

**Elizabeth:** I think watching myself on the *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelor Pad* really helped point out some areas I can improve upon in terms of my approach to dating. With Jake I could tell I was very guarded, and unable to open myself up to finding love with him. On the *Bachelor Pad*, I was too open with falling for Jesse Kovacs. I knew he didn't have the same feelings for me, but I chose to ignore that and I hoped it would change. I think the more I pushed for it, it pushed him away. (Had the roles been reversed, it would have pushed me away as well!)

**Jesse:** Yes, being on a reality dating show did change my perceptions and expectations about dating. You have to make the most of your time. If you're not feeling it, then call it like it is and shut it down. But if you like the person and see some potential, you have to let them know so it's not a waste of time for both parties.

**2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/ette* and *Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Elizabeth:** I think my dating experiences are a little different since the shows. I am definitely stronger in who I am, and what I'm looking for in a relationship. I keep my

heart open, but I'm a little more cautious about who I give it away to. There is a balance. It's a bit more challenging as well, since I don't typically like to date guys who recognize me from the show. I can see why real celebrities have trouble dating. The fame aspect can be tricky.

**Jesse:** It's been strange. I found someone now that had no clue I was ever on these shows, but before that I was going out with girls who already knew me and had their opinions.

**3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Elizabeth:** I think love can find us anywhere. A lot of people are skeptical about the *Bachelor* process, but I'm a believer. Does being on the show ultimately mean you're going to fall for the Bachelor? No. I didn't fall for Jake. But I think it CAN happen if it's meant to be. There are some relationships that have formed after the fact at our *Bachelor* reunion parties too, so you just never know. You have to have an open mind, and you can't be afraid to take a chance.

**Jesse:** Absolutely. There is no difference from meeting someone randomly at a Christmas party that you're not invited to, or on a TV show. Both are weird situations, but it could happen.

**4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Elizabeth:** Keep an open mind when it comes to finding love. I think we decide at a young age what our life is going to look like, and sometimes it doesn't always turn out the way we thought. But if we keep an open mind and an open heart, it can turn out to be even better than we ever dreamed! Be optimistic. Learn from past relationships. Don't be in a rush. And most importantly, loves finds us, we don't find it. In the meantime, enjoy your single life!! Every day

should be a new adventure, whether you're alone or with someone. Life is precious, and life is short...so live it up!!

**Jesse:** Stop having dating rules. "I only do this," or "I only date this kind of guy," is a bad way to start. Having an open mind and taking the pressure off finding the perfect guy on paper will allow some you to meet some really great people.

*Stay tuned tomorrow as we hear from Bachelor Pad power couple, Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke.*

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## Former 'Bachelor' and 'Bachelorettes' Pick Chantal O'Brien Over Emily Maynard For Brad Womack





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With *The Bachelor* final rose ceremony less than a week away, single women are placing their bets on who they think ABC's two-time *Bachelor*, Brad Womack, will give that final rose to on March 14.

It's down to this season's two fan favorites: soft-spoken southern mother Emily Maynard and sassy, slaphappy divorcee Chantal O'Brien. Based on Womack's infamous dumping of both DeAnna Papas and Jenni Croft in season 11, many fans wonder if he'll leave his final two picks heartbroken as well.

While everyone has an opinion, nobody can be sure what will happen. Even *Bachelor* reality TV spoiler sites like Reality Steve have reported different endings before next week's season finale. That's why Cupid's Pulse took this question to the experts: six rose-loving revelers from past seasons – David Good, Natalie Getz, Tenley Molzahn, Kiptyn Locke, Jesse Kovacs and Elizabeth Kitt.

After all, who better to ask than former *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* contestants who appeared not once, but twice

(just like Womack) on the *Bachelor* franchise? Each of them competed last summer for a chance to win \$250,000 on ABC's *Bachelor* spin-off show, *Bachelor Pad* – which Chris Harrison officially announced will return this year for a second season during last night's The Women Tell All episode.

**The verdict:** None of the former reality stars chose fan favorite Emily Maynard, who **83 percent\*** of Cupid's Pulse readers picked as their favorite for Brad in this week's poll.

Here's who the former contestants chose and what they had to say about it:

**1. Elizabeth Kitt** (*The Bachelor*, season 14): Brad should choose Chantal O'Brien. They really seem to have a connection. Chantal seems really down to earth and open to falling in love. It looks like he feels natural and comfortable with her.

**2. David Good** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5): Chantal O'Brien has a great family and a beautiful mother. Her father seemed legit like someone I could hang out with and that's huge, so I go with her.

As we saw in the hometown episode, Brad met Chantal's dad, Mike, and the two bonded over past issues with their own father's and the fact that they're both self-made men. Compatibility with your partner's family is a strong sign that your relationship has staying power. Given that Emily's daughter took a while to warm up to Brad, Chantal scores higher in this category.

However, Cupid believes the most important aspect in a relationship is the compatibility that you have with one another, which is what Kiptyn Locke and Tenley Molzahn found at the end of *Bachelor Pad*. In fact, they both agreed with Elizabeth and David and said Chantal would be a good pick for Brad.



**3. Kiptyn Locke** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5): Who Brad will choose is on him; it's all about compatibility. Judging by what I've seen on TV, I'm liking Chantal O'Brien for him.

**4. Tenley Molzahn** (*The Bachelor*, season 14): I adore Emily, like everyone. But I don't see Brad and Emily together. I see him with a more bold personality like Chantal O'Brien.

Tenley also mentioned that Shawntel N. could have been a possible choice.

**5.** The next person to pick Chantal was **Jesse Kovacs** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5), but Chantal wasn't Jesse's only pick; he also favored Michelle Money. "I seem to like the ones who are a little tilted. I just think that would be some entertaining TV," he said. This was definitely true while Michelle's reign on the show lasted, but Brad sent Ms. Money packing before hometown dates.

**6.** Only one person didn't mention Chantal at all: **Natalie Getz** (*The Bachelor*, season 13). She thought Shawntel N. would have been the right choice because she is so "sweet and simple." Unfortunately, Shawntel's hometown tour of her family's funeral parlor wasn't the type of romantic introduction Brad had in mind when he committed to meeting her family.

What's more interesting than who they chose is who they *didn't* – early front runner Emily! Elizabeth summed this up by saying, "Emily is beautiful and sweet, but she seems very guarded, and I think that scares Brad."

While Cupid has made it no secret that we are also "Team Emily," we tend to agree with the others – Chantal is Brad's best pick. From what we've seen on the show, it seems like Brad is never going to be himself with Emily – how can you be comfortable with someone who constantly makes you sweat and stutter?

However, during last night's Women Tell All episode, Michelle

said that after watching this season, she thinks that Brad needs someone like Emily. "She's soft," she said. "She's not me."

So – is Michelle on the "Money" with this one? Did Brad propose to southern belle Emily in South Africa or did he choose sassy and confident Chantal? Be sure to watch ABC on **Monday, March 14 at 8PM/7PM Central Time** for season 15's finale of *The Bachelor* to find out!

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