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R4 VINCENNES [L-H]

C1 - PRIX DE SAINT-MANDE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class F Amateur Drivers Race - Harness - EUR € 12,000

1. GAIA DU CHERISAY - Imposed at Amiens before coming 5th of 13 in a 2750m Cabourg amateurs Class G on 23 July. Pitted against a better bunch this time and chances slim

2. GO GARFIELD - Like a horse reborn this season, winning 6, most recently a 2650m Class G at Les Sables-d'Olonne early-August. Unbeaten in last 3 starts in the day's configuration and will be expected to wrap this up

3. IRVING HEROLD - Showed his form before being sent for a break, finishing 6th of 9, on comeback, in a 2850m Bréhal Class F earlier this month. Reverts to a previous shoeing formula but others still easier to back

4. I LOVE ROSE FLOWER - Disappointing for much of the season, latterly 8th of 12 in a 2750m Cabourg Class E 8 days ago. Appreciates these conditions though and, in this category, will have a lot to offer

5. IDEAL DU MOULIN - Lost his action in a 2750m Class F at Le Pertre last weekend, after having gone close at Abbeville a week earlier. Nicely-placed on the front line and looks a serious proposition

6. ICONE PLANCHETTE - Not the luckiest when sanctioned in a 2150m Enghien amateurs Class F 2 weeks ago. Has nothing to prove at this level though and can get in on the action if she stays in stride

7. HARLEY DU CHERISAY - 5th in a 2150m Enghien amateurs Class F 8 days ago. Starts wide and other options available

8. HATALANTE DE FLO - 7th of 9 in a 2050m Cabourg Class D a fortnight ago. Boasts an excellent amateur record though and should not be written off

9. HARMONIE PICARDE - Drops back to a category she appreciates after finishing 7th of 14 [through bad luck] in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle a month ago. Form is not in question and will not be far off the mark if Jean-Maxime Lesne keeps her out of trouble

10. ICARE DE LA DORETE - Has gone from strength to strength over recent weeks, most recently running 2nd in a 2150m Enghien amateurs Class F 8 days ago. Is confirmed with his amateur and looks competitively well-in

Summary: Enjoying quite the renaissance in 2024, GO GARFIELD (2) may not have been seen at Vincennes for 2.5 years, but he has been excelling lately and, from the 2-spot, will take all the beating. I LOVE ROSE FLOWER (4) is considerably better than recent numbers would suggest, has run 1'11"8 under these conditions, and with application should pose the main danger. In the frame in 2 of 3 starts over course and distance, IDEAL DU MOULIN (5) will have his chances if Benjamin Marie keeps him trotting. Hard to fault in the amateur division, ICARE DE LA DORETE (10) is plainly in excellent shape and, in this small field, the draw should not prove much of a handicap.

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**GO GARFIELD (2) - I LOVE ROSE FLOWER (4) - IDEAL DU MOULIN (5) - ICARE DE LA
DORETE (10)**

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C2 - PRIX DE DOLE - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class D Race - Harness - EUR € 40,000

- 1. KORALIA DE CROUAY** - 4th of 10 finishers in a 2150m Enghien Class D a month ago. Is proven over 2100m here and looks good enough to get her nose in front
- 2. KALINE JAMINI** - Unremarkable 7th of 10 in a 2150m Enghien Class D a month ago. Has never delivered over similar trips and, in spite of a good draw, is unlikely to spring a surprise
- 3. KAPUCINE ZEN** - Serious filly that finished last but one in a 2850m Bréhal Class E, on comeback, 12 days ago. Has never disappointed when barefoot and the draw will only enhance her good prospects
- 4. KIVA DU LOISIR** - Lost her maiden tag [at 17th time of asking] in a 2950m Le Mans Class E late last month. Unlikely to repeat but won so well that day that she will generate interest
- 5. KHALEESI LA VIE** - Won 3 of last 5, most recently with ease in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle on 22 July. Should have no issues with the new conditions and can double up
- 6. KASSIOPEE WIND** - Made short work of a 2725m Cabourg Class E 8 days ago. Is in her category, has previously won over 2150m, and from the front row, can give this a good go
- 7. KARA DE PIERREPONT** - Gave a good account at Lisieux before being sanctioned in a 2150m Enghien Class D a month ago. Is first-time barefoot but others still easier to trust
- 8. KIA DE GUELLE** - 2nd of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class E 3 weeks ago. Has hardly put a foot wrong this season. Has no references over these shorter trips, is forced to start wide, but races barefoot and, on talent alone, can get in on the action
- 9. KININE DE MONTCEAU** - Back under harness after finishing last of 7 in a 2750m Cabourg Class D mid-July. Has previously placed over course and distance but current form does little to inspire confidence
- 10. KRYSEIS** - Won at Cabourg mid-July before faulting early in a 2725m Class E at the same venue on 16 August. Makes just 2nd left-handed start but, on good behaviour, can get a look-in
- 11. KINOUE DAB** - Faithful servant making first appearance since trotting 2nd in a Class E over course and distance late-May. Is shod for competition and, despite the draw, will be expected to pick up where she left off
- 12. KAROLINE CADE** - In the frame in 3 before coming 8th of 13 in a 2850m Bréhal Class E 12 days ago. Has never excelled in the day's configuration and best to wait
- 13. KEYPTOWN** - Sanctioned early in a 2925m Cagnes Class D on 27 July. Reliability not her strong suit and others preferred

Summary: Rejuvenated since starting to race unshod, KHALEESI LA VIE (5) met little opposition last time out, goes barefoot from the 5-spot, and can make her main-course debut a winning one. Benoît Vallette will still want to be wary of KORALIA DE CROUAY (1) who imposed over the inner track earlier in the year, and the less-favourably-drawn KINOUE DAB (11) who went close under these conditions before being sent for a spell. KAPUCINE ZEN (3) will have come on for her re-entry run, is ideally-positioned behind the car, and will be dangerous if she can adapt to the shorter trip.

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KHALEESI LA VIE (5) - KORALIA DE CROUAY (1) - KINOUE DAB (11) - KAPUCINE ZEN (3)

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C3 - PRIX PHACT - 2175m (a1m1/4) - Gr3 Race - Mounted - EUR € 80,000

- 1. LOVER FACE BOY** - Is being aimed high after winning a 2300m Châteaubriant harness Class E 2.5 weeks ago. Pads all around for first time but still looks out of his depth
- 2. LOVI CADENCE** - 6th of 7, on re-entry, in a 2875m Enghien harness Class C a fortnight ago. Hind pads fitted for the occasion but can still expect to have few takers
- 3. LUZ FATALE** - Makes first appearance since faulting in Gr.1 Prix d'Essai 2 months ago. Is back to a more reasonable level but still has a lot to do
- 4. LIBERTINE DJOB** - Last of 10, on return to competition, in a 2875m Enghien harness Class A on 27 July. Is confirmed under these conditions when fitted with pads and, if fully fit, can finish in the mix
- 5. LOTUS ZEN** - Opened his monté account at Enghien last month before finishing last of 8 in 2875m harness Gr.3 Prix de Berlin at the same venue 3 weeks ago. Jean-Yann Ricart back onboard and should again figure prominently
- 6. LE JIBAY** - Last of 7 in Gr.1 Prix d'Essai before coming 6th of 10 in a 2875m Enghien harness Class A conditioner late last month. Sports 4 pads this time, with Eric Raffin in the irons, and is unlikely to be far off the mark
- 7. LE VOYOU D'ALMO** - Unraced since faulting in Gr.1 Prix d'Essai over 2700m here 2 months ago. Is confirmed at Gr.2 level [and over 2175m here] when racing shod and can bring the fight to LEARN TO FLY (8)
- 8. LEARN TO FLY** - 2nd in Gr.3 Prix Serpentis on monté debut before coming 6th of 11 in a 2150m Enghien harness Gr.3, in preparation for this, early last month. Mathieu Mottier takes over in the saddle and looks the obvious choice

Summary: Very impressive first time under the saddle, LEARN TO FLY (8) has a lot more to offer in this discipline and is in with a realistic shout of getting off the mark for 2024. Mathieu Mottier will still be keeping a watchful eye on the promising but difficult LE VOYOU D'ALMO (7) who returns to racing shod, and LOTUS ZEN (5) who lost his maiden tag at Enghien just last month.

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LEARN TO FLY (8) - LE VOYOU D'ALMO (7) - LOTUS ZEN (5) - LE JIBAY (6)

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C4 - PRIX DE PROVENCE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 90,000

1. ICONE MADRIK - Quality mare that was sanctioned, when full of running, on re-entry in a 2950m Saint-Malo Gr.3 2.5 weeks ago. Will be race-ready by now and can figure prominently at the business end of affairs

2. JIOSCO DE PHYT'S - Firing on all cylinders since the spring, most recently missing out by little in a 2875m Enghien Gr.3 early last month, and can impose this time

3. HURELLA - 5th in Les Sables-d'Olonne race of reference. Yoann Lebourgeois reining this time but still needs to find more

4. HERAUT D'ARMES - Gr.1 winner at 5, most recently 10th of 12, following a long layoff, in a 2875m Enghien Class B late last month. Stays shod and cannot be considered a priority

5. INSTRUMENTALISTE - Produced a good effort to run 2nd of 10 in a 2000m Class B at Les Sables-d'Olonne 2 weeks ago. Is justifiably well-regarded at home and, with his mind on the game, is unlikely to disappoint

6. HELIOT DE CAHOT - Encouraging 4th, behind INSTRUMENTALISTE (5), in a 2000m Class B at Les Sables-d'Olonne a fortnight ago. Little chance of imposing but is still capable of picking up a slice of the pie

7. HYMNE DU GERS - In cracking form since returning from his break, latterly pipped in a 2875m Enghien Class B a month back. Is difficult to knock when unshod-all-4 and can give JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (2) a run for his money

8. I CAN DREAM - Unraced since coming 3rd of 7 in a 2850m Class A here mid-June. Has other priorities though and can be passed over

9. HONKY TONK BLUES - Steps up in category after coming 4th of 11 in a 2050m Class B at Divonne-les-Bains a fortnight ago. Nicely-engaged here, with Mathieu Mottier reining, but others still preferred

Summary: JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (2) has really come into his own this season, thrives with Eric Raffin, and given his record over 2700m here, the race looks his for the taking. Not once out of the frame when barefoot this season, HYMNE DU GERS (7) steps up in category but has earned the right to race at this level and will be no pushover. INSTRUMENTALISTE (5) made a promising return to the track after a long layoff and can again finish close. The good ICONE MADRIK (1) will have progressed for her return run, appreciates this distance, and is unlikely to disappoint.

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JIOSCO DE PHYT'S (2) - HYMNE DU GERS (7) - INSTRUMENTALISTE (5) - ICONE MADRIK (1)

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C5 - PRIX ALFRED LEFEVRE - 2850m (a2m) - Class A Race - Mounted - EUR € 90,000

1. JELYSON - Has not been seen out since coming last of 7 in a 2175m Gr.2 here last January. Makes just 3rd start for new trainer and is not about to shake things up

2. HALFA - 7th of 10 to EXTREME DESBOIS (4), when being conditioned, in a 2875m Class C across town late last month. Shoes on again and best to hold off

3. GALA D'URFIST - Faulted when preparing for this in a 3100m Granville Class A 3 weeks ago. Competitively-shod for a return to the ridden code and, with application, can make his presence felt

4. EXTREME DESBOIS - Unbeaten in last 3 monté starts, most recently tenacious winner of 2875m Gr.2 Prix de Londres a fortnight ago. Would have preferred a more even surface but in current shape must be regarded a serious contender

5. DUC DU LUPIN - Back under the saddle after finishing last of 10 in a 2150m Enghien claimer 2 weeks ago. Totally off the boil this season and must first re-establish his credentials

6. EQUINOXE JIEL - 10th of 11 behind FOUQUE DU DOLLAR (8) in a 2750m Cabourg Class A last month, on first monté start for 3.5 years, and will need to find significantly more

7. INSHORE - Won 2 in a row following the spring break, latterly 2700m Gr.3 Prix Guillaume de Bellaigue here in late-June, and pulling off the 3-timer is well within his capability

8. FOUQUE DU DOLLAR - Last of 8 in a 2925m Cagnes harness Class A on 5 August, 2.5 weeks after having beaten a number of these at Cabourg. Unlikely to have her day in the sun but can nevertheless play an active role

9. HARLEM DE BUCY - Makes first public appearance under the saddle after finishing 8th of 11 over 2300m at Mons earlier this month. Just hind shoes off this time and will be worth keeping an eye on

10. GALET STED - Drops in category after coming 6th of 9 to EXTREME DESBOIS (4) in 2875m Gr.2 Prix de Londres at Enghien 2 weeks ago. Is back racing barefoot though and will be competitive for a place in the frame this time

11. GO FOR THE GOLD - 5th of 11 in 2875m Gr.3 Prix Jean-Paul Fairand at Enghien early-July. Has ideal conditions for his return to Vincennes and can impose

Summary: GO FOR THE GOLD (11) has won 5 of his last 7 monté races at Vincennes, including over the distance, and is just preferred to the hat-trick-seeking INSHORE (7) who has nothing to prove in this category. EXTREME DESBOIS (4) has never been in better shape and even though never having delivered at Vincennes, he is very easy to like. GALET STED (10) is better than latest numbers would imply and returning to racing barefoot will do his chances no disservice.

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GO FOR THE GOLD (11) - INSHORE (7) - EXTREME DESBOIS (4) - GALET STED (10)

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C6 - YEARLING CUP 2024 - ARQANA TROT - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Gr3 Race - Harness - EUR € 150,000

1. LIBERTINE ECAJEUL - Reassuring 4th of 7 in a 2700m Class B at Grenade-sur-Garonne mid-month, but still has more to find

2. LORD DE LOIRON - Kicked his career off with a hat-trick before finishing 6th of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class C 3 weeks ago. Is new to Vincennes and can pick up a cheque if he takes to the new profile

3. LOWENDAL - Disappointing since winning here during the spring, latterly 6th of 7 in a 3000m Class B at Rochefort-sur-Loire on 5 August. Front pads fitted for the occasion but still faces a stiff test

4. LOVE ME DO - Has bags of ability but sanctioned as often as not, most recently in a 2875m Enghien Class B 2 weeks ago. Eric Raffin gets the nod here but still not an obvious choice

5. LA DIVA SUPREME - Game filly that that finished 4th of 8 in a 2875m Enghien Class B on 11 August. Takes on some superior individuals this time and represents no more than minor place prospect

6. L'AS DESBOIS - Last of 7, when being conditioned, in a 3000m Class B at Rochefort-sur-Loire earlier in the month. Not the easiest to trust but has solid course-and-distance credentials, sports 4 pads this time, and can play an active role

7. LE GRAAL - Steps up in category after dominating a 2875m Enghien Class B a fortnight ago. Is plainly a colt for the future and will be expected to compete for a place on the podium

8. LA FEE DU NOYER - By no means disgraced on comeback when 6th of 9 in a Gr.2 over course and distance last weekend. Excels over 2700m here and looks main challenger to LUCIANO MENUET (10)

9. LARGO DE CASTELLE - Ran 2nd in a 2700m Graignes Class B when preparing for this 2 weeks ago. Is confirmed at a superior level, and over course and distance, and will be competitive for a first-3 cheque

10. LUCIANO MENUET - High-class colt that was sanctioned in a Gr.2 over course and distance a week ago, after having won an Enghien Gr.3 a fortnight earlier. By some margin the best horse here and will legitimately garner the lion's share of support

Summary: Oddly out of sorts in the Gr.2 Prix Abel Bassigny last weekend, LUCIANO MENUET (10) backs up with shoes on and, with application should have this in the bag. LA FEE DU NOYER (8) acquitted herself well on re-entry in a fillies-only Gr.2 here; she will have come on for the race and will be no soft touch. Fitted with 4 pads this time, LE GRAAL (7) is class embodied and capable of confirming his recent Enghien victory. LARGO DE CASTELLE (9) appears to be back on track following a couple of clinkers and a place in the frame is not out of the question.

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LUCIANO MENUET (10) - LA FEE DU NOYER (8) - LE GRAAL (7) - LARGO DE CASTELLE (9)

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C7 - PRIX D'OBERNAI - 2100m (a1m1/4) - Class R Claiming - Harness - EUR € 18,000

- 1. KALIKA DU RIS** - Encouraging 4th of 7 in a 2875m Enghien claimer late last month. Has the inside line here but others still preferred
- 2. KLIF DU DEZERT** - Modest 7th of 9 in a 2800m Langon Class E on 30 July. Sticks to the same configuration and, with Franck Ouvrie reining this time, will have his supporters
- 3. KRONOS DU GITE** - Last of 9, on return to competition, in a 2700m Vittel Class H mid-month. Lost his way earlier in the year and will struggle to make his presence felt
- 4. KEMBLA** - Last but one in a 2150m Enghien Class D late last month. Drops markedly down the class ladder and, from the 4-spot, will have her chances
- 5. KING GATE** - Good 2nd to KETTY DU BREUCQ (12) in a 2800m claimer at Les Sables-d'Olonne 12 days ago. Has a better spot in front this time and looks to have the advantage. Place chance
- 6. KALINA STAR** - Last but one in a 2800m Castéra-Verduzan Class E 12 days ago. 2nd on lone appearance over course and distance and even though competitively-shod, still appears to have too much to do
- 7. KARA DES BROUSSES** - Last of 8 in a 2700m Grenade-sur-Garonne Class B mid-month. Races barefoot this time, is respectable at this level of competition, but no more than that
- 8. KAKO GASCOGNE** - Makes claiming debut after faulting in a 2700m Grenade-sur-Garonne Class B mid-month. Is head-and-shoulders above most here and should have little issue winning a race of this nature
- 9. KETMIE PRINCESSE** - Disappointing since returning from her short break, latterly last of 10 in a 2150m Enghien Class D a month back. Entrusted to Eric Raffin for first time and although not a priority, is still worth monitoring
- 10. KIYOUNI** - Tricky character that faulted in a 2575m Class F at Château-du-Loir on 28 July. Not an obvious choice on paper but hails from a yard in form and, fitted with front pads for first time, must not be underestimated
- 11. KAOS DE LA COTE** - Reassuring 2nd of 8 in a 3450m Agon-Coutainville Class F last weekend, but the draw will do him no favours
- 12. KETTY DU BREUCQ** - Had the measure of KING GATE (5) in a 2800m claimer at Les Sables-d'Olonne 12 days ago. Thrives at this level and, entrusted to Mathieu Mottier for the first time, will be competitive for a place on the podium
- 13. KRONOS DE TROIS** - Showed improvement when 5th of 10 in a 2700m Class F at La Capelle a month ago and, if still on the boil, can get a look-in
- 14. KUNDERA D'ALOUETTE** - Reassuring 3rd of 8 in a 2800m Vichy Class E 3 weeks ago. Handed a tough draw but with Gabi Gelormini at the helm this time must be respected. First 5
- 15. KIMBERLY DU LOISIR** - Sanctioned in 3 of last 4, most recently over 2300m at Mons earlier this month. Yet to bested in the claiming category but has never delivered in the day's configuration and can be passed over

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16. KALINE JULMA - Barring one monté success, has been off the boil this year, most recently faulting in a 2750m Cabourg Class E 11 days ago, and has no realistic chance

17. KISS ME CARNOIS - Looked very ordinary when 7th of 9 finishers in a 2700m Vittel Class H mid-month. Handed a shocking draw and can be ruled out

Summary: KAKO GASCOGNE (8) may not be the most reliable of horses but he takes a big dip in category, placed over course and distance earlier in the year and, despite a wide draw, he is reunited with Anthony Barrier and can bring home the bacon. Better-positioned behind the car, KEMBLA (4) is similarly in search of her best form and at this level should prove a serious player. Unbeaten in 2 claimers to date KETTY DU BREUCQ (12) had the edge over KING GATE (5) recently but the draw will favour Yoann Lebourgeois's chances.

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KAKO GASCOGNE (8) - KEMBLA (4) - KING GATE (5) - KETTY DU BREUCQ (12)

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C8 - PRIX DE MULHOUSE - 2700m (a1m1/2) - Class E Race - Harness - EUR € 41,000

1. JAZZ D'OLIVERIE - Would have finished 4th in a 2875m Enghien Class E 10 days ago had he not faulted. Is clearly in shape though and returning to racing barefoot may be just the ticket

2. JAG ROYAL - Won under these conditions before finishing 7th of 10 in a Class D over course and distance in early-June. Has not been seen out since but Eric Raffin engaged for the occasion and looks a player

3. JACKPOT BOOSTER - Failed to confirm his Cagnes success when 8th of 11 in a 2875m Enghien Class E a month back, and is unlikely to spring any surprises

4. JOKER DE MARZY - Made it 2 on the trot when successful in a 2650m Class F at Les Sables-d'Olonne earlier in the month, and with application, can play a leading role

5. JANEIRO TURGOT - Quality element that won a 2850m Mauquenchy Class F with ease a month ago. Races shod this time however and can be passed over

6. JOB DE CHOISEL - Has taken his game to a new level this year, winning a 2500m Class E at La Rochelle 2.5 weeks ago. Should appreciate the Vincennes profile and will have his chances

7. JEU DE MOTS - Pleasant 3rd of 5 in a 2725m Cabourg Class E a fortnight ago. Has never delivered here but has merit and is capable of getting a look-in

8. JACK DU PONT - Honest trotter that finished 5th of 8 in a 2775m Class F at Les Sables-d'Olonne a fortnight ago, but still looks out of his depth

9. JAGUAR DE LAUMAC - Consistent sort that has returned from his spell in excellent shape, latterly close 2nd of 10 in a 2700m Class E at La Capelle a month ago. Has not once disappointed here and warrants respect

10. JOSHUA PEJI - Won 2 under the saddle before missing out on the hat-trick by a whisker in a 2875m Enghien harness Class E on 17 July, and can win this if Damien Bonne keeps him trotting

11. JINGLE PASS - Fine servant that was by no means disgraced when 5th of 8 in a 2500m Class E at La Rochelle late last month. Already twice a winner this term and, with Mathieu Mottier reining, will be no easy touch

12. JACKPOT DES BORDES - 4th of 11, a place behind JURITI (13), in a 3125m Granville Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Takes on better this time though and chances limited

13. JURITI - 3rd of 11 in a 3125m Granville Class F 2.5 weeks ago. Seldom disappoints when focused, and races barefoot this time, but others still preferred

Summary: It may often be a case of all-or-nothing for the temperamental JOSHUA PEJI (10), but his talent is not in doubt and, given current form, will be a tough nut to crack. JINGLE PASS (11), however, has excellent provincial references and makes his metropolitan debut with a good hand to play. JOKER DE MARZY (4) is another tricky soul, but he comes to Vincennes on a 3-timer and, barefoot for the occasion, will be dangerous. Also a Vincennes debutant, and similarly on a hat-trick, JOB DE CHOISEL (6) thrives with Anthony Barrier and should figure prominently at the reckoning.

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