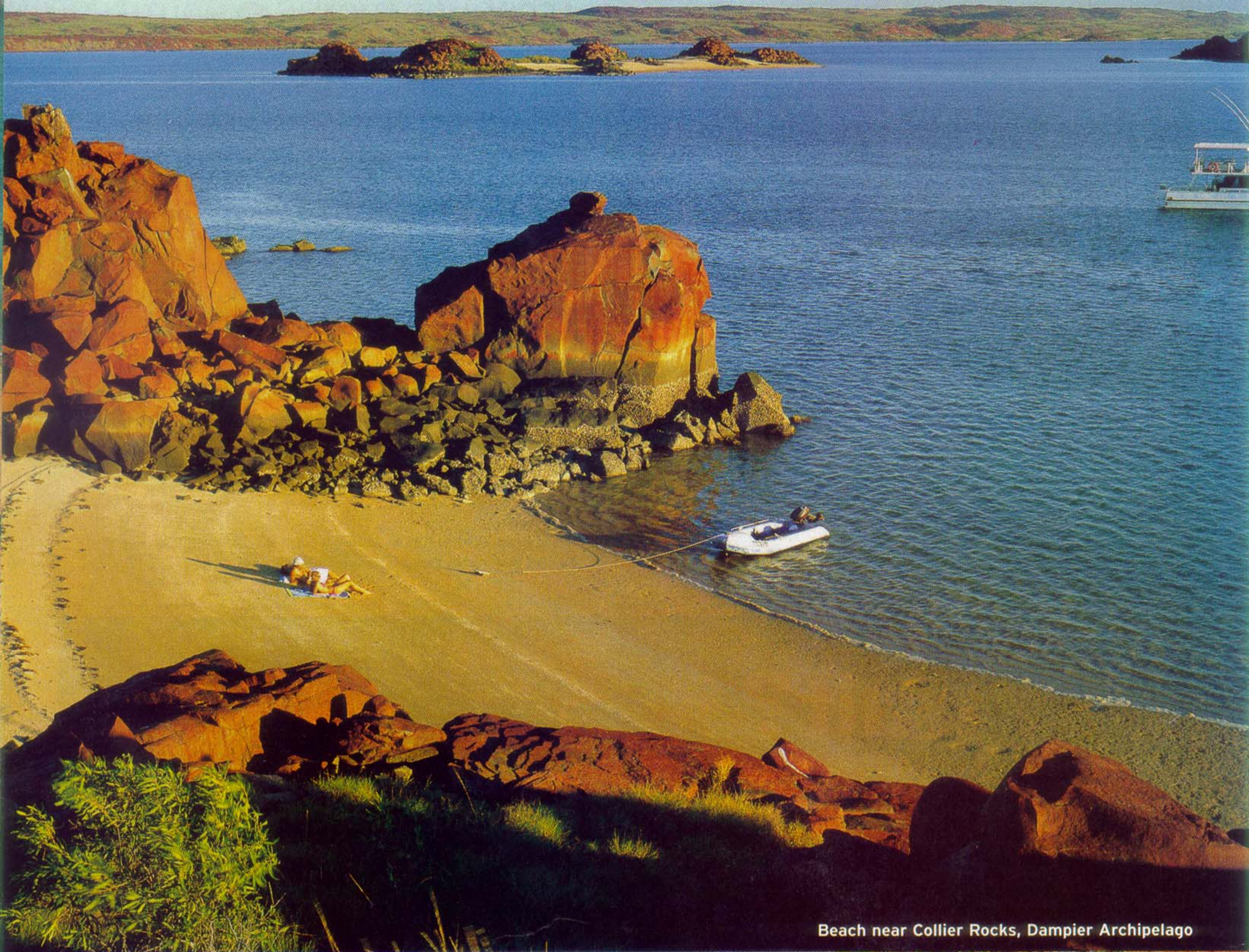
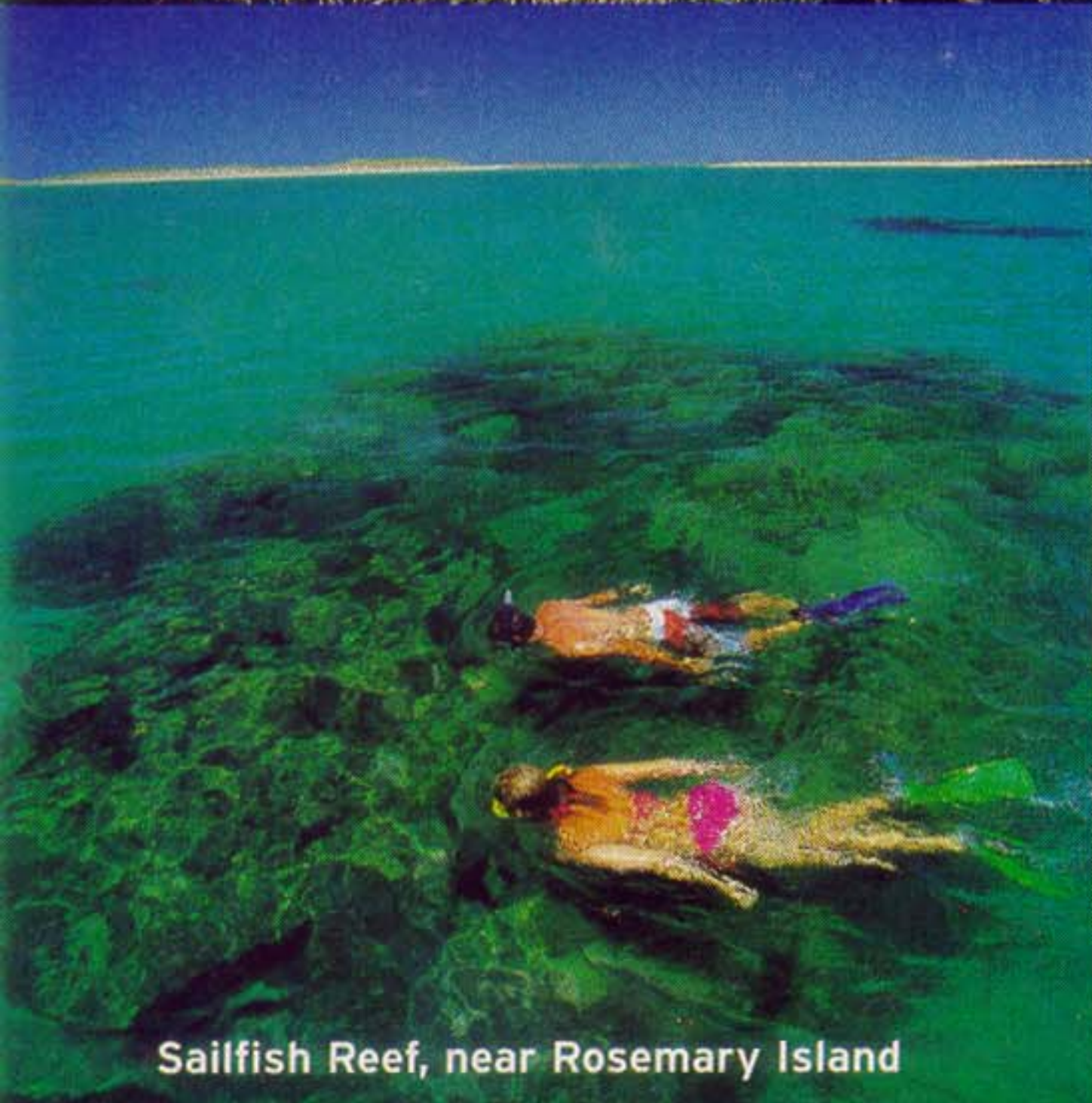


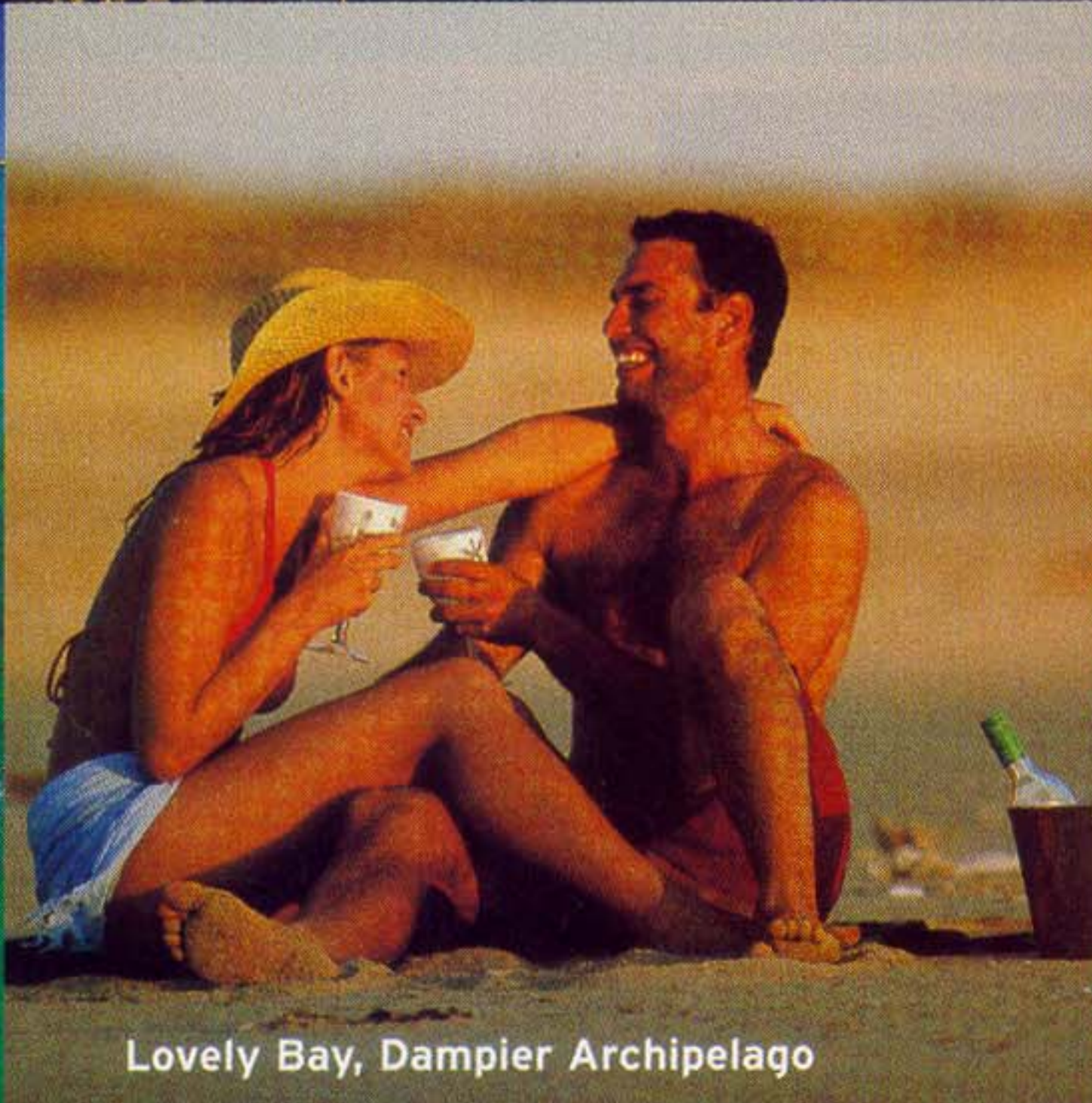
# Central Pilbara Coast



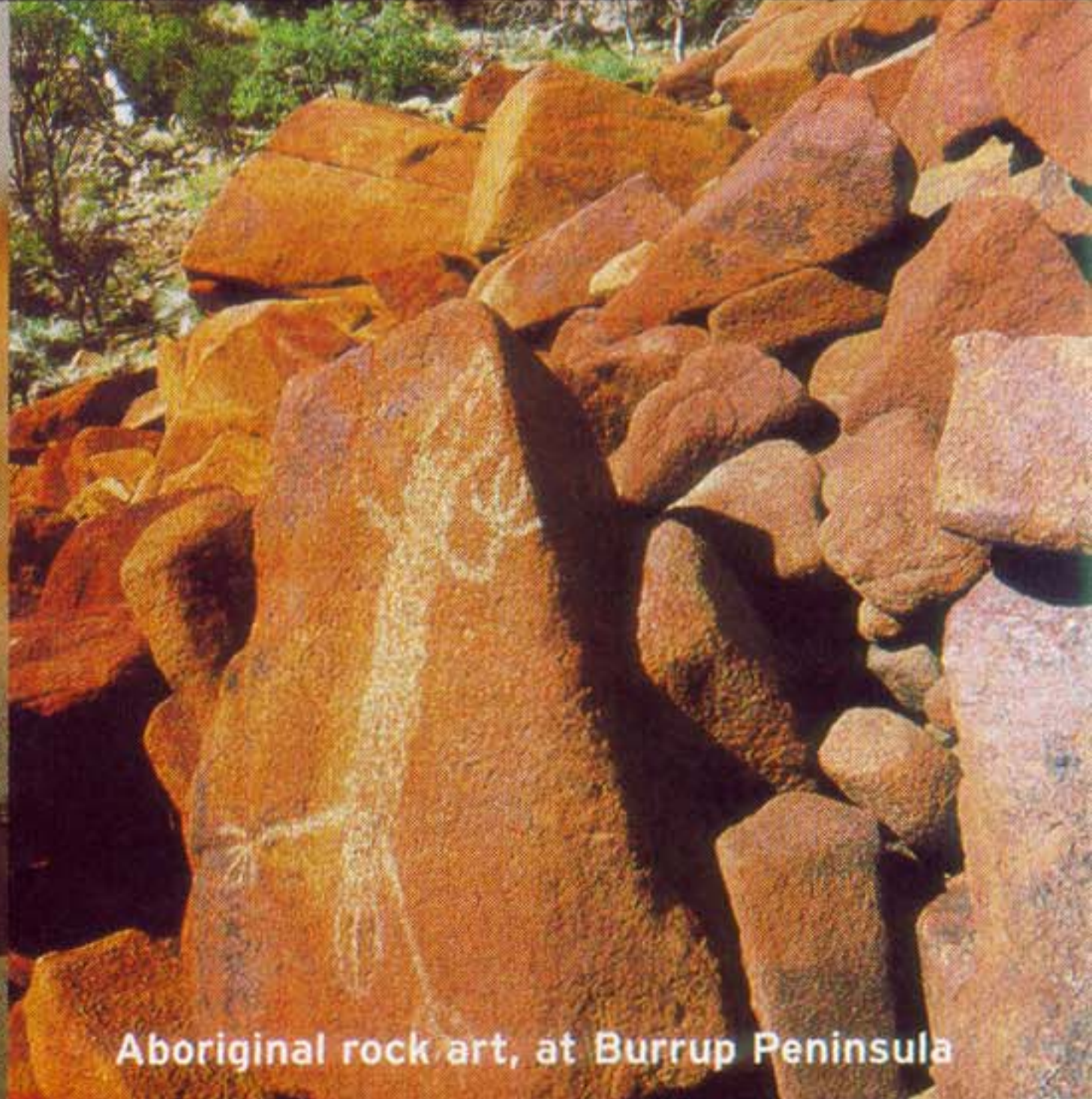
Beach near Collier Rocks, Dampier Archipelago



Sailfish Reef, near Rosemary Island



Lovely Bay, Dampier Archipelago



Aboriginal rock art, at Burrup Peninsula

Synonymous with big industry, the Pilbara is home to massive engines mining huge deposits of Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Iron Ore. Known as the 'Engine Room of the Nation' the Pilbara's resource industry sits on some of the most ancient landscape on the planet. Two billion years in the making, discover its hidden islands, pristine beaches and indigenous rock art galleries.

### Karratha

Located 1535 kilometres north of Perth on the North West Coastal Highway, aptly named Karratha 'good country' is the fastest growing town in the Pilbara. Founded in the 1960s due to the tremendous growth of the iron ore industry, today it's a busy, modern town offering excellent cultural experiences and a gateway to the 42 islands of the magnificent Dampier Archipelago and Millstream Chichester and Karijini National Parks. With near-perfect warm winter temperatures, it's just the place to escape the southern cold and to soak up the sun.

### Dampier

Located 20 kilometres west of Karratha, this pretty port town takes its name from the English buccaneer William Dampier. Built by Hamersley Iron in 1965, it remains the largest tonnage shipping port in Australia and houses the massive export facilities of Pilbara Iron, Dampier Salt and the North West Gas Shelf Project. It is also the departure point for boat cruises and fishing charters into the spectacular Dampier Archipelago. Dampier has a beautiful white beach with barbeque facilities - you can relax under the coconut trees and watch the spectacular sunsets. Don't miss the memorial to 'Red Dog' on the way into town, stop and read about the Northwest's favourite canine and his remarkable story.

### Dampier Archipelago & Montebello Islands

The Dampier Archipelago's 42 islands lie off the coast of Dampier and Point Samson. They offer excellent boating with many world-class snorkelling, diving and fishing locations. White sandy beaches and blue waters are ideal for swimming or just lazing the day away. A variety of turtles use the beaches for nesting, along with 26 species of birds and six species of marine mammals can be sighted in the waters around the islands. The area is well known for whale watching and many of the islands have remains of old settlements dating back to the 1800's.

Lying 130 kilometres west of Dampier the Montebello Islands are a group of 100 low-lying limestone islands surrounded by white sandy beaches and turquoise green waters, perfect for diving, snorkelling, beachcombing and exploring, as well as providing fertile fishing grounds.

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# Experiences

- Dive or snorkel on one of a hundred pristine sites
- Join a luxury day or sunset cruise or a fishing charter
- Watch the Stairway to the Moon at Hearson's Cove
- Witness turtle nesting on pristine beaches
- Relax on the blue pristine waters and watch the dolphins and whales frolic
- View the Petroglyphs, ancient Indigenous rock engravings at Deep Gorge
- Visit beautiful Hearson Cove for a relaxing BBQ and swim.
- Camp on remote islands, spend the days beachcombing and relaxing
- Visit the Woodside Visitor Centre and overlook the Gas plant
- Walk the Jaburara Aboriginal Heritage Walk Trail and see the Petroglyphs
- Tour the Pilbara Iron Tour port facilities and stockpiles

### Karratha Visitor Centre

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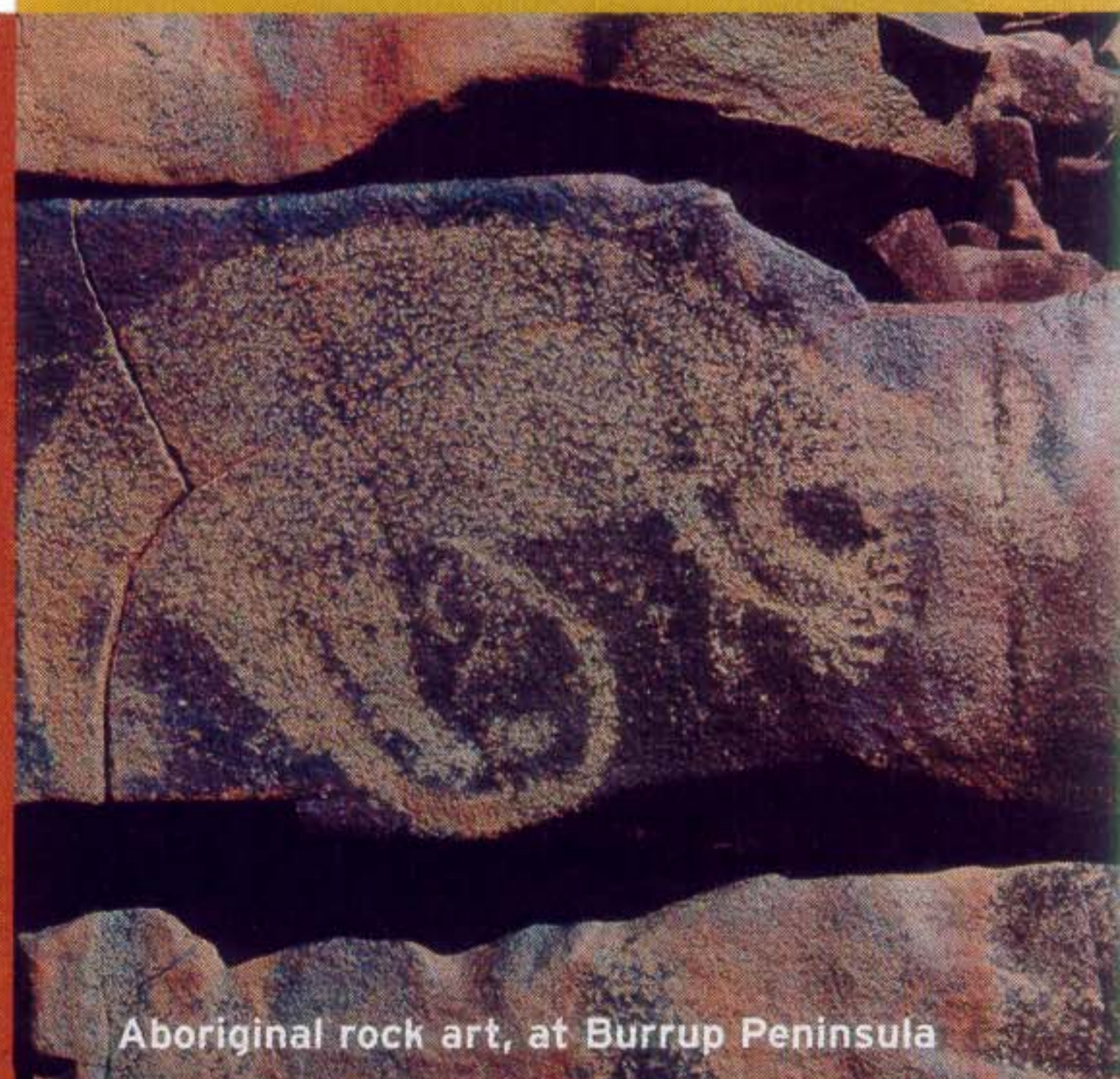
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## Burrup Peninsula

The Burrup Peninsula is living proof of the 30,000 year old history of the Aboriginal people in the Pilbara and home to more than 700 Aboriginal archaeological sites.

Rock engravings, known as Petroglyphs number over 10,000 at countless sites - the Burrup Art was heritage listed in July 2007 and you can see good examples at Deep Gorge near Hearsons Cove Beach, within easy walking distance and accessible to all vehicles. The engraved motifs generally depict anthropomorphic figures, fauna, animal tracks and abstract symbols and are considered to be among the earliest examples of art in the world. These Aboriginal sites are unique and irreplaceable cultural resource for all; please help preserve these sites for future generations, avoid touching or stepping on the art and do not mark the art in any way.



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