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Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2000 15:32:53 GMT  
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Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2000 17:15:09 GMT

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Posted by [Nick Bower](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2000 03:35:48 GMT

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(it was 2am when i posted if that gets me off the hook).

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