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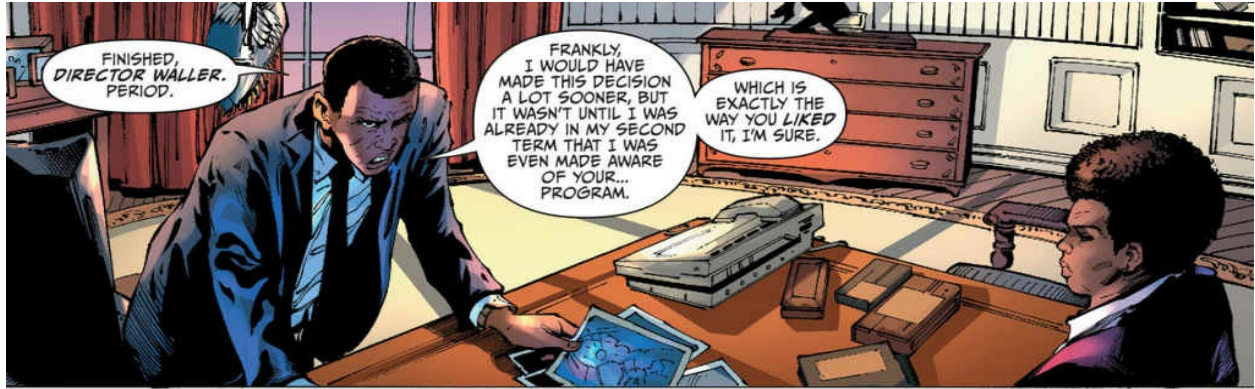


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FINISHED,
DIRECTOR WALLER.
PERIOD.

FRANKLY,
I WOULD HAVE
MADE THIS DECISION
A LOT SOONER, BUT
IT WASN'T UNTIL I WAS
ALREADY IN MY SECOND
TERM THAT I WAS
EVEN MADE AWARE
OF YOUR...
PROGRAM.

WHICH IS
EXACTLY THE
WAY YOU LIKED
IT, I'M SURE.



AMANDA WALLER
DIRECTOR OF TASK FORCE X.

TASK FORCE X...A SQUAD
OF COSTUMED FELONS--
THIEVES, KILLERS AND WORSE--
OPERATING ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN
INTERESTS AROUND THE WORLD,
AFFORDED NO DUE PROCESS,
NO CIVIL RIGHTS...

...AND ANSWERABLE
ONLY TO A WOMAN WHOM
NO ONE ELECTED, WHOM I
DID NOT APPOINT, WHOM NO
ONE IN CONGRESS EVEN
KNOWS ABOUT...



...I DON'T
KNOW HOW THIS
WHOLE THING GOT
STARTED, DIRECTOR WALLER,
BUT THE SUICIDE SQUAD
IS NOT ONLY A BETRAYAL
OF OUR IDEALS...IT'S
MANIFESTLY A BOMB
WAITING TO BLOW
UP IN OUR
FACES.

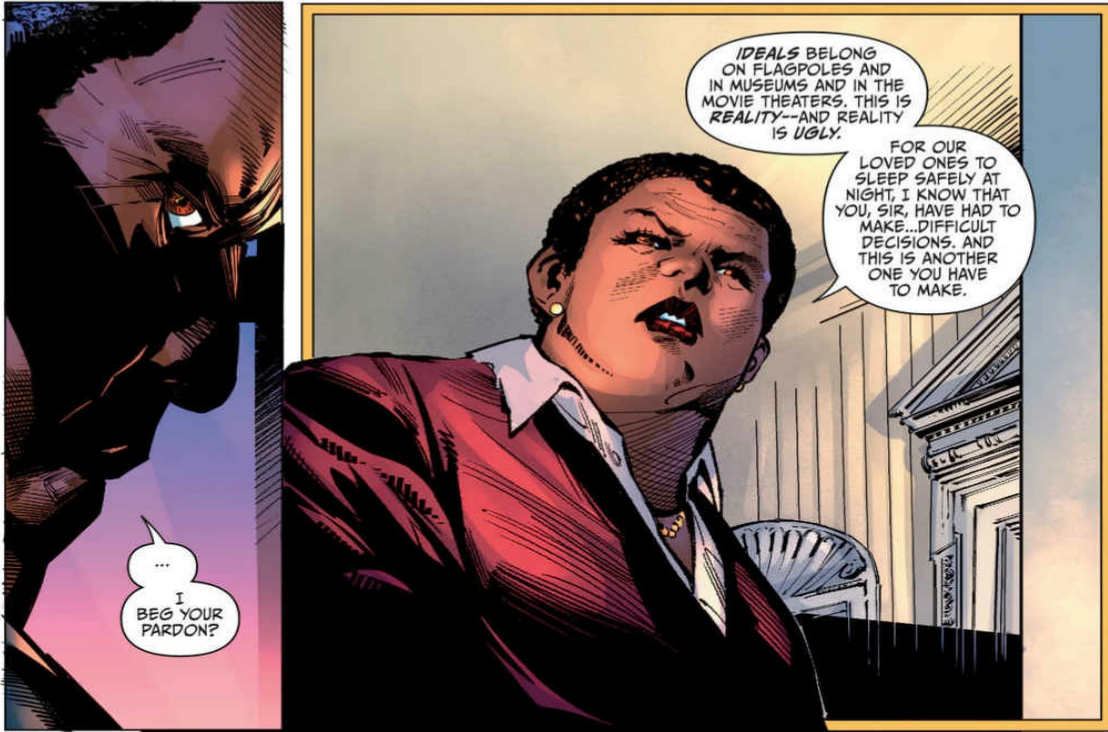
I SWORE
AN OATH TO DEFEND THIS
COUNTRY. WE
DO NOT DO
THIS.



NOT
HERE.



WITH RESPECT, MR. PRESIDENT. THAT IS A LIE.



IDEALS BELONG ON FLAGPOLES AND IN MUSEUMS AND IN THE MOVIE THEATERS. THIS IS REALITY--AND REALITY IS UGLY.

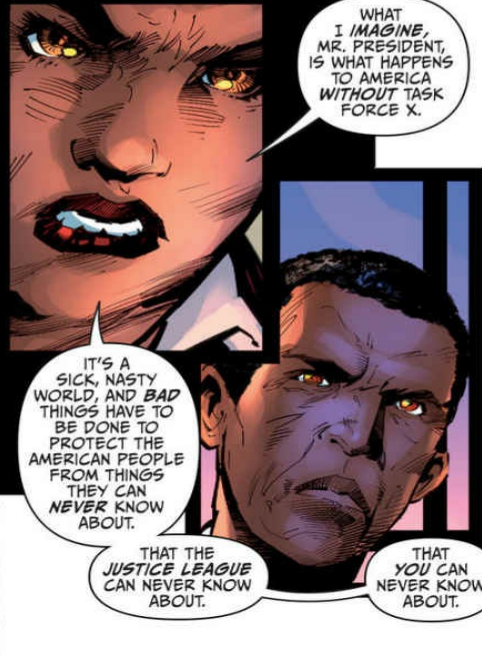
FOR OUR LOVED ONES TO SLEEP SAFELY AT NIGHT, I KNOW THAT YOU, SIR, HAVE HAD TO MAKE...DIFFICULT DECISIONS. AND THIS IS ANOTHER ONE YOU HAVE TO MAKE.

...
I BEG YOUR PARDON?



YOUR PEOPLE ARE UNHINGED, WALLER, AND ON MY WATCH THEY HAVE BROUGHT CALAMITY AND TERROR ALL OVER THE WORLD.

YOU'VE MANAGED TO KEEP A LID ON THINGS BY SHEER FORCE OF WILL AND BLOODY-MINDEDNESS, IT SEEMS, BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE WORLD DISCOVERED YOUR TEAM'S ACTIONS WERE COVERT MISSIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES?



WHAT I IMAGINE, MR. PRESIDENT, IS WHAT HAPPENS TO AMERICA WITHOUT TASK FORCE X.

IT'S A SICK, NASTY WORLD, AND BAD THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM THINGS THEY CAN NEVER KNOW ABOUT.

THAT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE CAN NEVER KNOW ABOUT.

THAT YOU CAN NEVER KNOW ABOUT.





I'M AWARE OF THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF COLONEL FLAG. BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FOR YEARS NOW. WHERE IS HE?



FLAG IS ON...SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. BUT I CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO BE DETAILED TO ME EXCLUSIVELY. FOR THE NEW MISSION.

YOU JUST HAVE TO GIVE THE AUTHORIZATION, SIR.



...
APPROVED. GOOD-BYE, DIRECTOR WALLER. I SINCERELY HOPE WE NEVER MEET AGAIN.



YOU KNOW, POLITICIANS, SADLY, ARE SOMETIMES FORCED TO LIE IN ORDER TO PROTECT INNOCENT PEOPLE. THE REAL PROBLEMS START WHEN THEY LIE TO THEMSELVES.

DIRECTOR WALLER...



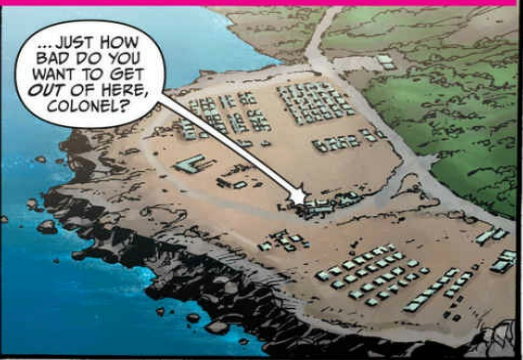
...THIS COLONEL FLAG...



"...HE'D BETTER
BE EVERYTHING
YOU SAY HE IS."

RICK
FLAG...

CAMP DELTA, GUANTANAMO BAY.



...JUST HOW BAD DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE, COLONEL?



COLONEL.
NO ONE'S CALLED ME THAT FOR A LONG TIME.



HELL, NO ONE HERE EVEN KNOWS THAT I SERVED.

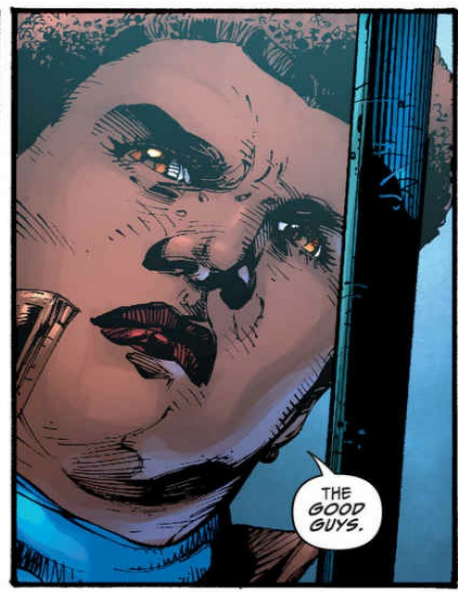
PRISONER 75942. HERE TO ROT. Y'SEE, MA'AM, I AM A TERRORIST.

OH, I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP ME SPREAD SOME TERROR, COLONEL.

TERROR THAT BENEFITS US.



AND "US" WOULD BE?



THE GOOD GUYS.



YEAH... WHY DON'T YOU LOOK LIKE A GOOD GUY TO ME?



LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE, SHALL WE? I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.

I KNOW YOU REFUSED TO FOLLOW A VERY SPECIFIC ORDER. AN ORDER THAT WAS PROBABLY ILLEGAL. I KNOW YOU BELIEVED IT WOULD GET YOUR MEN KILLED. I KNOW YOU BELIEVED YOU WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

I KNOW YOUR MEN DID GO OUT AND FOLLOW THAT ORDER, AND I KNOW THAT THEY DIED DOING SO, JUST LIKE YOU FEARED THEY WOULD.



I KNOW YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE.




I KNOW SOMEONE POWERFUL WITH A LONG REACH GOT PISSED OFF ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR. I KNOW THAT PERSON ENSURES THAT NO ONE IN THE WHITE HOUSE OR THE PENTAGON EVEN KNOWS THAT YOU ARE HERE.



MY NAME IS AMANDA WALLER, COLONEL FLAG, AND FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS.

LIKE WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR ME.

TELL ME, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE SUICIDE SQUAD?



"CODE NAME: TASK FORCE X. A TEAM OF SUPER-VILLAINS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES AS A BLACK OPS RESPONSE UNIT. THEY GO INTO THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACES THAT OUR MILITARY CANNOT. THEY DO THE THINGS AMERICA...OFFICIALLY...CAN'T."

"HARLEY QUINN. CRAZY SMART PSYCHIATRIST. CRAZY PSYCHO BITCH. WORLD-CLASS GYMNAST. BIG MALLET. REALLY ENJOYS HITTING PEOPLE WITH IT."

"BOOMERANG. A DEGENERATE, A LIAR, AND A PAIN IN THE ASS. THROWS INSANELY SHARP BOOMERANGS AT PEOPLE AND THEY COME BACK TO HIM. SOMETIMES WITH BODY PARTS STILL ATTACHED."

"DEADSHOT. THE WORLD'S GREATEST MARKSMAN. ASSASSIN-FOR-HIRE. HE DOES NOT MISS. HE ALSO DOES NOT CARE IF HE LIVES OR DIES."



THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WILL ALSO BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL...

THE SQUAD ALL HAVE EXPLOSIVES SURGICALLY IMPLANTED IN THEIR HEADS THAT YOU WILL HAVE CONTROL OF IN THE FIELD SHOULD THEY... STEP OUT OF LINE.

YOU'RE CRAZY, WALLER.

I WILL NOT LOWER MYSELF TO BE ONE OF YOUR BAD GUYS.



OH, THEY ARE THE BAD GUYS.

THAT'S WHY I NEED A GOOD GUY TO LEAD THEM.



BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THERE'S A BOMB THAT THREATENS US.

AND, IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS A BOMB.



SO, COLONEL, HERE'S THE DEAL. YOU'RE DAMNED IF YOU STAY IN THAT CELL AND DAMNED IF YOU DON'T.

BUT BY ACCEPTING MY OFFER, AT LEAST YOU'LL BE SAVING SOME LIVES.

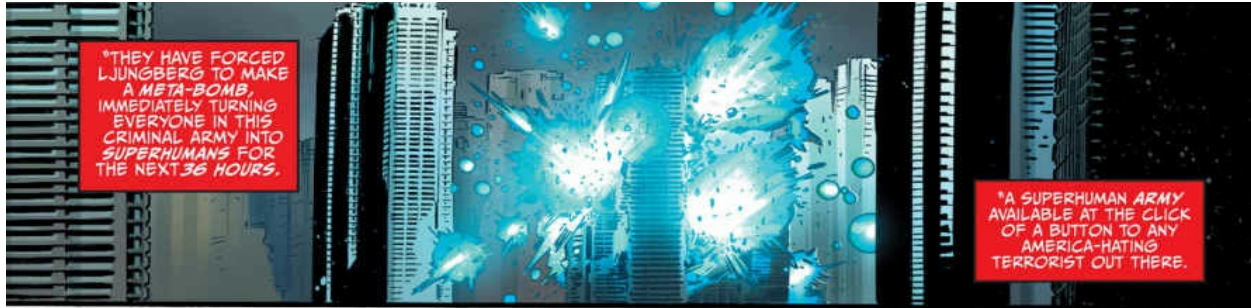
CASE IN POINT...

*...A SCIENTIST NAMED MARK LJUNGBERG-- REAL UP-AND-COMER IN META-GENE RESEARCH-- KIDNAPPED AT A SCIENCE CONFERENCE AND TAKEN HOSTAGE BY A SMALL ARMY OF CRIMINALS, THE DOGRA WAR.

MISSION OBJECTIVE

*THEY TRANSPORTED LJUNGBERG TO A PREVIOUSLY DESERTED GHOST CITY IN INNER MONGOLIA. THAT'S CHINA SO...AMERICA CAN'T JUST GO OPENLY STRIDING IN.

EVEN THOUGH, LESS THAN 24 HOURS AGO OUR SATELLITES PICKED UP WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE A LOCALIZED META-GENE BLAST THERE.



"THEY HAVE FORCED LJUNGBERG TO MAKE A META-BOMB, IMMEDIATELY TURNING EVERYONE IN THIS CRIMINAL ARMY INTO SUPERHUMANS FOR THE NEXT 36 HOURS.

"A SUPERHUMAN ARMY AVAILABLE AT THE CLICK OF A BUTTON TO ANY AMERICA-HATING TERRORIST OUT THERE.



"AND LJUNGBERG'S DEVICE CAN WORK BOTH WAYS.

"IF THEY SET OFF ONE OF THOSE BOMBS IN A MAJOR AMERICAN CITY IT WOULD, FOR 36 HOURS, DEACTIVATE ALL OUR SUPERHUMANS IN THE BLAST RADIUS.

"AND THEN THESE SUPER-POWERED BASTARDS COULD SWOOP IN AND MAKE PEARL HARBOR LOOK LIKE SESAME STREET.

BOOOM

"WE HAVE TO GET LJUNGBERG AND HIS META-BOMB OUT NOW."

I NEVER WANTED THIS. I...
I JUST WANTED TO HELP HUMANITY!

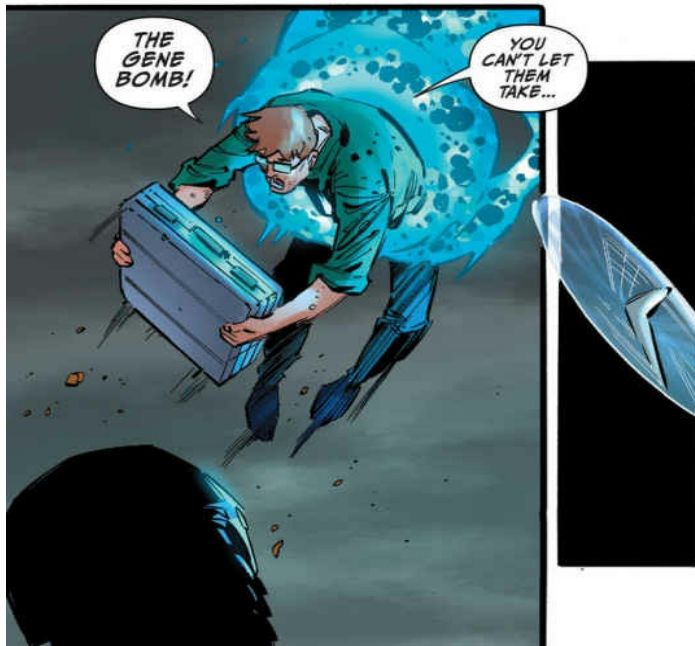


YEAH, THAT'S ADMIRABLE. :BURP:

KRAKARA KAKAKAKA

HEY, THAT'S SO WEIRD. I JUST WANTED TO HELP HUMAN BEINGS, TOO!







DON'T WORRY, MATE. WE DIDN'T.

WE'VE GOT THE BOMB, BOSS.



AND THEY'VE GOT HIM.

NO! SAVE ME!
SAVE ME YOU BASTARDS!



THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET HIM OUT...

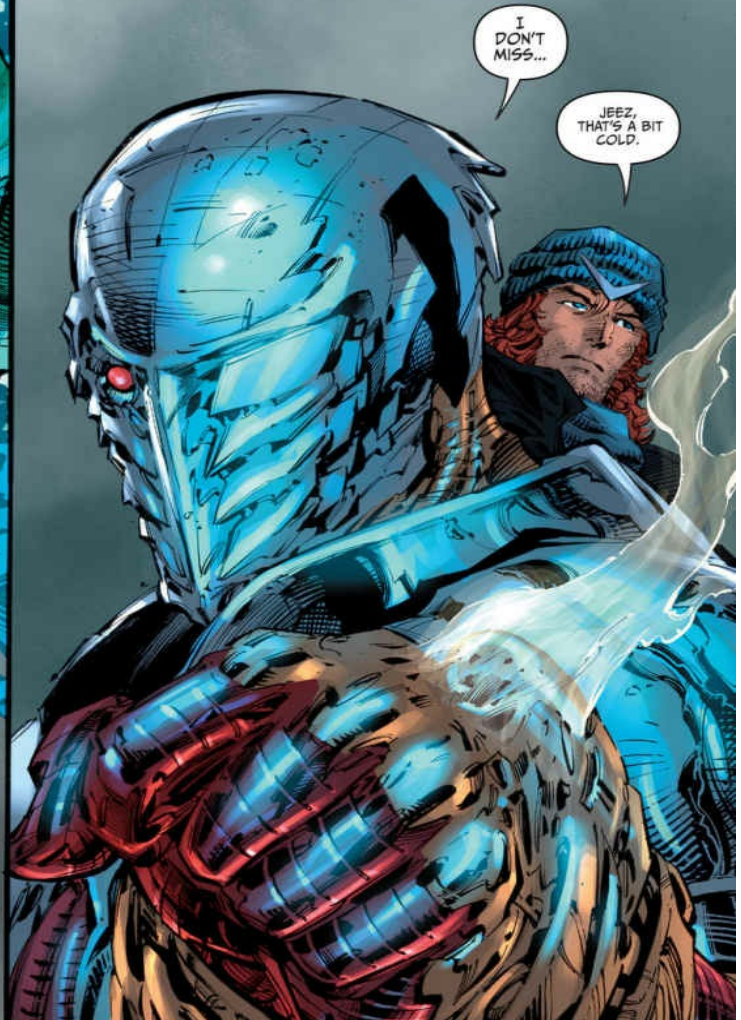
I WON'T DO IT, WALLER...

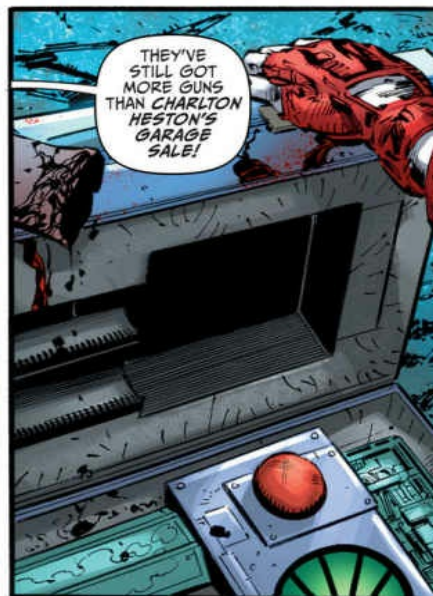


...THEY'D BE A MESS IN THE FIELD. TOO INDECISIVE. TOO CHAOTIC. TOO BUSY STABBING EACH OTHER IN THE BACK TO FOCUS ON THE MISSION TARGET.

AN IMMORAL RABBLE.

WHICH IS WHY THEY NEED A MORAL LEADER.









"AND THIS WORLD IS GOING TO GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER."

<OUR POWERS...>

<THEY STOLE OUR POWERS!>

"I OFFER YOU A CHOICE."

*TRANSLATED FROM MONGOLIAN.



"STAY HERE IN THIS PRISON, ALONE AND FORGOTTEN, WONDERING FOREVER IF YOU COULD HAVE SAVED YOUR MEN."



"OR YOU CAN GIVE MY TEAM THE LEADER THEY NEED."

WHUMP



SUICIDE SQUAD...
...WITH ME!

"SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES IN IDEALS..."

"...SOMEONE UNAFRAID TO MAKE THE HARD CALLS FOR THE GREATER GOOD..."

"... SOMEONE WHO
CAN BRING THE
SUICIDE SQUAD
HOME ALIVE."

OKAY...

...LET'S
SAVE THE
WORLD!

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