

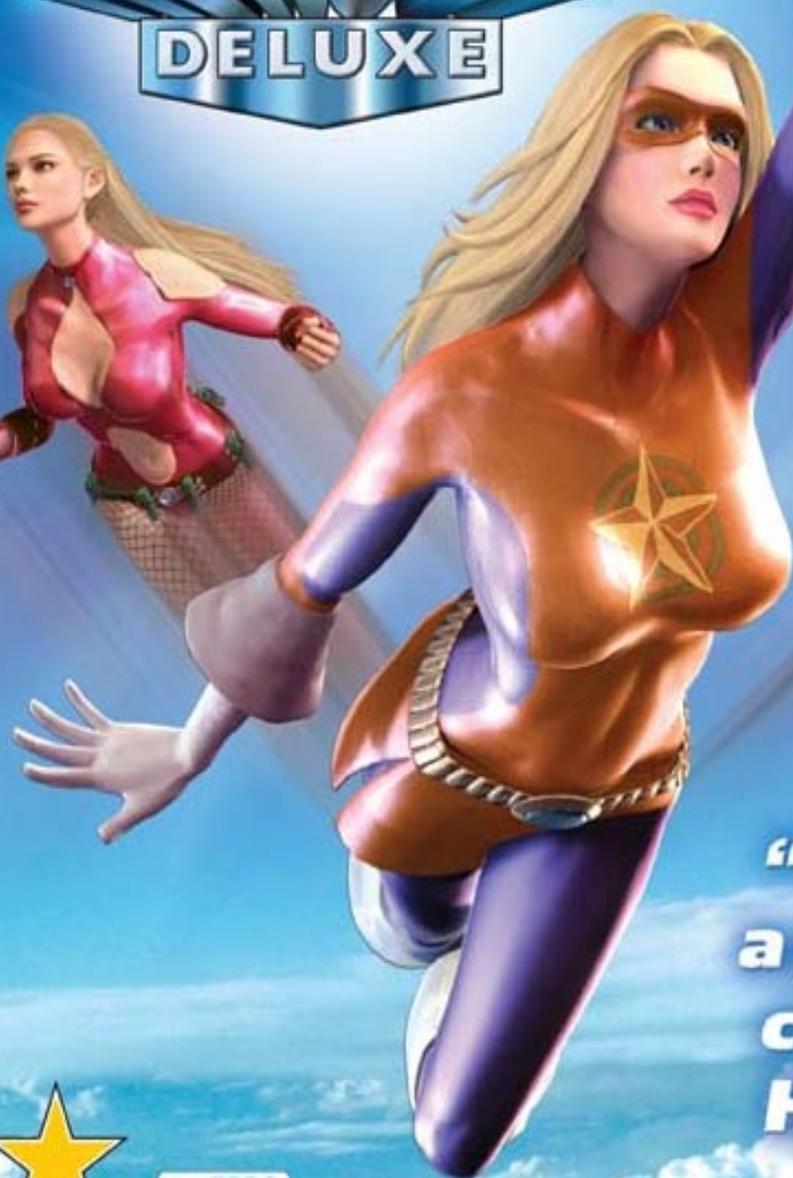
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# CITY OF HEROES



**UNDEAD IN THE BIG CITY  
PART 2**

# CITY OF HEROES™ DELUXE



**“There is  
a place we  
can all be  
Heroes.”**



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WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT OF HERE OR WE'RE ALL GONNA WAKE UP WALKING DEAD IN THE MORNING.

THERE'S A DOOR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM...IT MIGHT LEAD BACK UPSTAIRS.

OK, LET'S GO FOR IT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO HURRY...THIS WOMAN'S STILL BREATHING, BUT JUST BARELY.

THERE'S A WHOLE ROOM FULL OF REASONS FOR US TO HURRY.



THIS WAY!



APEX, KEEP CLOSE! I'LL CLEAR A PATH!

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WAR WITCH COME ON! HURRY!

A...LITTLE...*BUSY*... HERE...



AAAAAH!



GET OFF HER YOU PILE OF SPARE PARTS



HE TOLD YOU TO GET OFF ME!



OH CRAP...



DOOR'S CLEAR! LET'S MOVE!



WE NEED TO GET HER TO A DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY.

YEAH, BUT NOW WE KNOW IT WAS HER DOCTOR - WHO USED TO BE MY DOCTOR BY THE WAY - TURNING PEOPLE INTO ZOMBOTS. WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OTHER DOCS ARE IN ON THIS THING?

SOMETHING I ALWAYS LOOK FOR IN A DOCTOR.

WELL, WE COULD TAKE HER BACK TO SEE YOUR FRIEND ANNE-MARIE. SHE'LL KNOW SOMEONE WE CAN TRUST TO, YOU KNOW, NOT CUT HER ARMS OFF.

THAT SHOULD HOLD THE DOOR FOR A FEW MINUTES, BUT WE NEED TO MOVE. THEY MIGHT HAVE ANOTHER EXIT.

I'M GOING TO TAKE HER BACK TO ANNE-MARIE'S.

THAT MAKES SENSE.

IN THE MEANTIME, HORUS, I WANT YOU TO GO AND START DOING SOME RESEARCH. GET ONLINE AND FIND OUT WHATEVER YOU CAN ABOUT THIS DR. HENDERSON AND ANY OTHER DISAPPEARANCES. I'M GOING TO THE GOOD DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

YOU'RE GOING TO DR. HENDERSON'S OFFICE? BY YOURSELF? IS THAT...

C'MON, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. WE SHOULD GO WITH YOU IN CASE THERE'S TROUBLE. WHAT IF THERE'S SOMEONE...OR SOME THING WAITING AT HIS OFFICE?



LISTEN, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME. ONCE THESE DOCTORS OR WHOEVER'S TURNING LIVE PEOPLE INTO WALKING DEAD FINDS OUT WE WERE HERE, THEY'RE GOING TO COVER THEIR TRACKS. WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN BEFORE THEY DO THAT.

THIS, MY PLAN.

BESIDES, WE KNOW DR. HENDERSON'S NOT IN HIS OFFICE - WE JUST BEAT HIM SENSELESS. I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE APARTMENT.

WELL, THAT ANSWERS THAT THEN.

WHO'S IN CHARGE AROUND HERE.

YEAH, YOU KNOW WHAT?

SHUT UP.



WHAT ANSWERS WHAT?



JEEZ, FOR SOMEONE WHO CUTS HIS PATIENTS UP FOR SPARE PARTS, HE'S SURE DONE A LOT OF CHARITY WORK.

HOLY...THAT'S HIM AND THE STATESMAN.

A HARDLOCK SAFE - FREEZE PROOF AND SUPER POWER RESISTANT.

OK, FINE, TIME TO GET SOME HELP.

OK, OK, I UNDERSTAND. YES, I WILL, NO PROBLEM.

AND THANKS...

GOTCHA.



I TELL YA SIS, THIS GUY HORUS JUST CRASHED THROUGH THE WINDOW! BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A GOOD THING. NO, REALLY, I'M SERIOUS. HORUS KNEW SOMEONE WHO HELPED US FIND THE ZOMBIE FACTORY.



BUT I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT THE WOMAN WE SAVED. YEAH, SHE'S PRETTY, BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT. I TOOK HER BACK TO HORUS' SCIENTIST FRIEND, AND SHE SAID SHE'D HELP UNDO WHATEVER NASTY STUFF THE BAD DOCS DID TO HER.



YEAH, I'M GONNA GO SEE HER TOMORROW. BUT RIGHT NOW WE GOTTA TRACK DOWN THE REST OF THESE ZOMBIE MAKERS.

HEY, WAR WITCH IS BACK...I'LL CALL YOU LATER.



HEY LOOK AT THAT! YOU FOUND SOMETHING...

YEP, SECRET FILES, DNA TEST RESULTS, AND "ORGAN DONOR" LISTS. THERE'S EVEN A FILE HERE ON THE WOMAN WE SAVED.

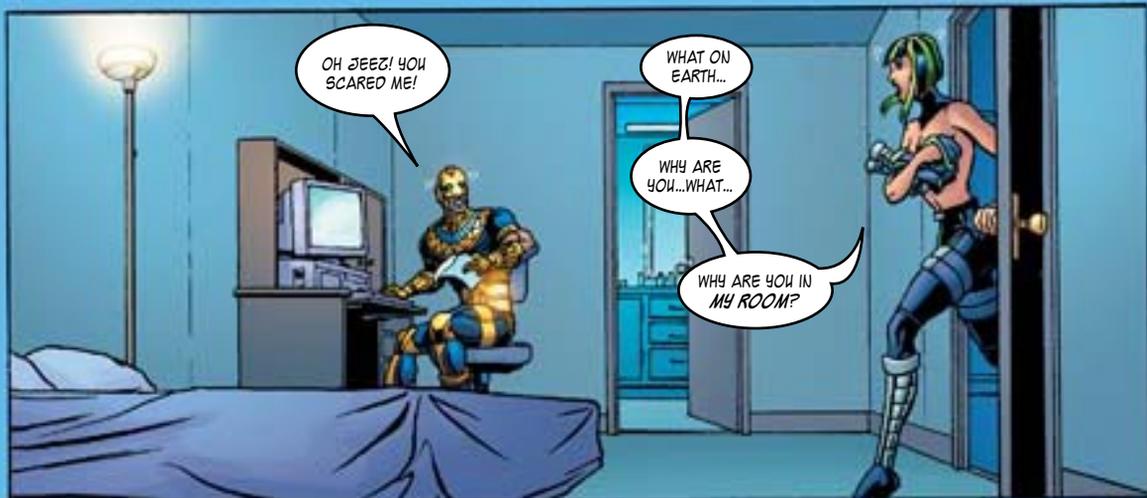


WHAT'S IT SAY? DO WE KNOW WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS? WHO'S ORGANIZING THINGS?

NO, THE ZOMBIE MASTER REMAINS A MYSTERY, BUT I DID GET SOME INFO ON WHO HE'S BEEN STEALING BODY PARTS FOR.



I'M GONNA GRAB A QUICK SHOWER AND CHANGE INTO MY SPARE COSTUME.



OH JEEZ! YOU SCARED ME!

WHAT ON EARTH...

WHY ARE YOU...WHAT...

WHY ARE YOU IN MY ROOM?



OH HEY, THAT'S MY FAULT. I TOLD HIM HE COULD USE YOUR COMPUTER TO DO SOME RESEARCH.

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT'VE MENTIONED TO ME.

YEAH. SORRY 'BOUT THAT.



MY COMPUTER CRASHED THE OTHER DAY.

I LOOKED FOR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HENDERSON AND OTHER DOCTORS, IT TURNS OUT HE IS A VERY CONNECTED GUY. BUT ONE THING STOOD OUT. LOOK AT THIS.



THERE'S A MEDICAL FOUNDATION CALLED HOPE ETERNAL THAT'S BEEN GIVING A LOT OF MONEY TO HENDERSON AND OTHERS FOR CANCER RESEARCH. IT'S FUNDED BY A BUSINESSMAN NAMED WALTER STONE. HE GAVE MILLIONS TO THE FOUNDATION.



AND AFTER GETTING SOME MYSTERIOUS TREATMENT, LAST YEAR RECOVERED FULLY FROM HIS LUNG CANCER. STONE'S NAME IS IN SEVERAL OF THE FILES I ST...FOUND.

PLUS HE WON A LOCAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT, BESTING PLAYERS HALF HIS AGE.



THANKS, NO DOUBT, TO HIS NEW, STOLEN CYBER-ORGANIC ZOMBIE ORGANS

OK, LET'S GO SEE THIS GUY. RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, AND MAYBE TAKE BACK SOME OF THOSE ORGANS HE STOLE.



YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU SAID "LET'S GO SEE HIM" I DIDN'T THINK THAT MEANT SITTING IN HIS WAITING ROOM WHILE HIS SECRETARY LOOKS FOR AN EXCUSE TO BRUSH US OFF.

WELL HEY, WE'RE NOT SURE HE'S CULPABLE. WE CAN'T JUST BUST IN. DONATING TO LEUKEMIA RESEARCH DOESN'T MAKE YOU THE ZOMBIE MASTER, WE CAN'T JUST RUSH IN THERE UNTIL WE KNOW MORE.

I'M SURE HE'S EVIL. LOOK HOW LONG HE'S KEPT US WAITING.

IT'S BEEN OVER AN HOUR NOW...

THANK YOU FOR WAITING. MR. STONE WILL SEE YOU NOW.

OH...THANKS... NO PROBLEM.



I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT, BUT IT'S BEEN A BUSY NIGHT FOR US HERE.

NOW, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU COLORFULLY DRESSED INDIVIDUALS?



THANK YOU FOR SEEING US MR. STONE. WE'RE ACTUALLY HERE TO WARN YOU. IT TURNS OUT THAT ONE OF YOUR FOUNDATION'S BIGGEST MEMBERS IS, WELL HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS?

ORGAN FARMING AND BUILDING CYBER-ORGANIC ZOMBOTS.

REALLY, THAT'S MOST ALARMING. HOWEVER DID YOU COME BY THIS INFORMATION, AND WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME ABOUT IT?

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING. AFTER ALL, THIS MIGHT REFLECT BADLY ON YOU.

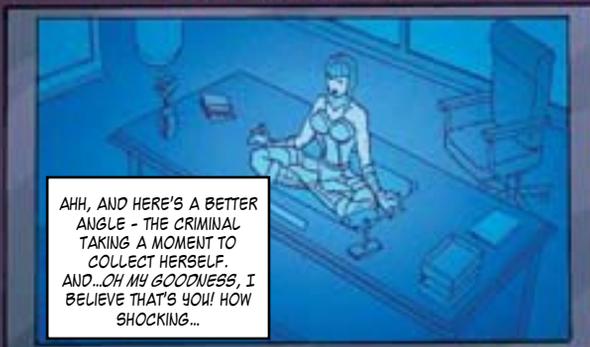
I DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY LIKELY. BUT PLEASE, I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.



YOU MIGHT EVEN BE CHARGED AS AN ACCOMPLICE.



AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE SHOWS SOME UNIDENTIFIED HEROINE BREAKING INTO MY FRIEND DR. HENDERSON'S OFFICE EARLIER THIS EVENING.



AHH, AND HERE'S A BETTER ANGLE - THE CRIMINAL TAKING A MOMENT TO COLLECT HERSELF. AND...OH MY GOODNESS, I BELIEVE THAT'S YOU! HOW SHOCKING...



AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE IN A FEW MOMENTS THEY'LL FIND THE CORPSE OF DR. HENDERSON, WHO'S BEEN MOST GRUESOMELY BUTCHERED AND BURNED BY SOME SORT OF FLAMING WEAPON.



WE SHOULD LEAVE. WE SHOULD LEAVE AND TAKE HIM WITH US, *IN PIECES* IF NECESSARY.



CORPSE?



I NEVER KILLED HIM...YOU'RE SETTING US UP.



FORTUNATELY MY FRIENDS ARE HERE TO PROTECT ME FROM THIS BRAZEN TRIO OF PSYCHOTIC THUGS WHO KILLED DR. HENDERSON AND THEN CAME FOR ME.

I EVEN HAVE THEM ON TAPE THREATENING TO TAKE ME AWAY IN PIECES.

IF YOU KNEW WHAT WE WERE REALLY DOING HERE - THE PROGRESS OUR RESEARCH IS MAKING IN THE QUEST FOR IMMORTALITY - YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN FIGHT ME ON THIS.



BUT I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES.







THERE, THERE, YOU JUST TAKE A NICE LONG NAP.



THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM ON...

DON'T SAY IT.

NO ICE JOKES. OR FIRE JOKES FOR THAT MATTER.



GUYS, LOOK! STONE'S GETTING AWAY!



HE JUST JUMPED RIGHT OVER THE EDGE...

THAT'S GOTTA BE 50 STORIES! AND LOOK...



HE SURVIVED! HE'S UP AND RUNNING! AT LEAST I THINK THAT'S HIM...

IT'S HIM.



HE'S GONE. LET'S SEARCH HIS OFFICE FOR MORE CLUES.

YEAH, MAYBE WE CAN QUESTION THOSE GOONS...



HOLD ON!

AAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!



OK...NEXT TIME?  
GIVE US SOME  
WARNING...

NEXT TIME.  
NOW, LET'S  
GET HIM.

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I'VE GOT A VISUAL ON STONE.

FOLLOW MY LEAD.



HE'S GOING INTO THE PARK!



HE SAID INTO THE PARK RIGHT?

I HEARD "INTO THE DARK," BUT PARK MAKES MORE SEUSE...



I'M NOT SURE ABOUT HORUS. THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT HIM.

AT LEAST HE DOESN'T STOP TO MEDITATE WHILE HE'S BREAKING INTO A BAD GUY'S OFFICE.

AT LEAST I WASN'T STOPPING TO CALL MY SISTER...



HE WENT INTO THAT ALLEYWAY BUT DIDN'T COME OUT THE OTHER SIDE.

YOU MEAN YOU LOST HIM?



NO...HE WENT IN THERE AND DEFINITELY DIDN'T COME BACK OUT.

HE'S EITHER HIDING OR HE FOUND A DOOR.



I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF HIM.

YOU'RE SURE HE WENT IN HERE? THERE AREN'T ANY DOORS...

I'M DETECTING A THERMAL RESIDUE ON THE SEWER ENTRANCE. HE MIGHT HAVE GONE DOWN THERE.



WHAT IS IT WITH THESE GUYS AND SEWERS? THEY'RE ZOMBIES RIGHT? THEY STINK BAD ENOUGH ALREADY.

I HATE THIS PART.

OK, LET'S GO DOWN. AND LOOK OUT FOR MONSTERS OR WHATEVER'S PLAGUING THESE SEWERS THIS WEEK



OK, BUT MOVE QUIETLY. HE'S PROBABLY GOT FRIENDS DOWN HERE.

I THINK HE WENT THIS WAY - I HEAR VOICES UP AHEAD.



...AND ALL OTHERS WHO SIDE WITH DEATH IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST IT MUST BE CUT OUT, LIKE THE CANCEROUS GROWTHS THEY ARE.



NOW, I MUST CONTINUE MY LECTURE. YOU MAY, IF YOU WISH, JOIN ME AND MY FELLOW DOCTORS. I'VE MADE SOME INTERESTING NEW DISCOVERIES...



DOCTOR VAHELOK... I'D LOVE TO LISTEN TO YOUR LECTURE. IT WOULD BE AN HONOR, BUT...

THEN PLEASE, JOIN US. I'VE MADE SOME INTERESTING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE *IMPLANTS* I PUT IN YOU. SOON IT MIGHT BE TIME FOR YOU TO GO UNDER THE *KNIFE* ONCE MORE. I COULD EASILY ADD ANOTHER DECADE TO YOUR LIFESPAN.

THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL DOCTOR, BUT...

WHAT IS IT MR. STONE?



I CURED YOUR *CANCER* - BEAT DEATH ITSELF. AND WHAT I DID FOR YOU I CAN DO FOR OTHERS. WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU INTERRUPT MY WORK?



I'M AFRAID WE DON'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR LITTLE MEETING, BUT WE NEED TO TALK TO YOUR FRIEND THERE.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT A FEW *QUESTIONS* FOR YOU "DOCTOR."



*RUN* DOCTOR! I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? DO THEY REALIZE WHAT KIND OF MISTAKE...

*JUST RUN!*



NOWHERE TO  
JUMP TO NOW,  
STONE!



DOCTOR  
ZOMBIE'S  
GETTING AWAY,  
TWELVE  
O'CLOCK



UH-OH...



OOOF!!



WHERE DID THEY  
COME FROM!?





I THINK WE DO HAVE AN



THIS IS BAD.

WHAT IS THAT THING HE'S WEARING?

SOME KIND OF ZOMBIE POWERED ARMOR I THINK...



MY CREATIONS ARE NOT ZOMBIES!





UNNG!

A NERVE STRIKE... YOU KNOW YOUR ANATOMY.



AAAAAAH!



YOU HAVE DAMAGED MY FLESH - BUT THAT IT ALL IT IS, FLESH.

I CAN ALWAYS FIND MORE FLESH.

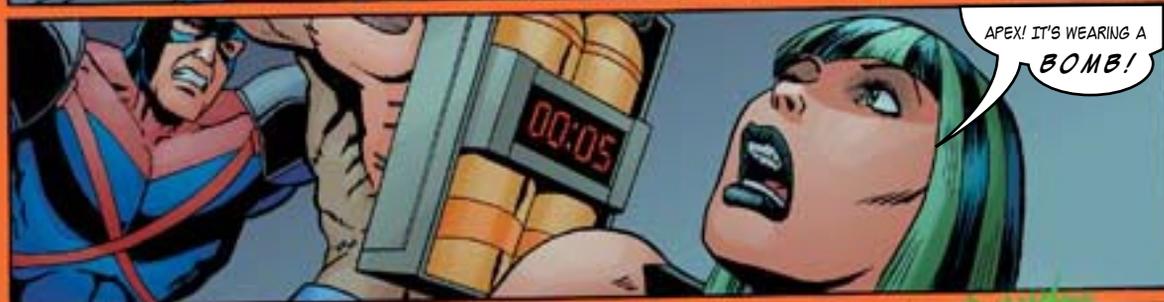


DOC, I DUNNO WHAT YOUR DEAL IS, BUT IT'S TIME TO GET YOU OUT OF THAT MEAT SUIT AND INTO SOME PAIN.

I THINK YOUR WOMAN FRIEND HAS SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.



GREAT...





EVERYONE OK?

WE SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT.

WHERE'D MR. MEAT SUIT GO?



VAHZILOK'S GONE - AND THERE'S AN ARMORED DOOR BETWEEN US AND WHEREVER HE WENT.

WE'RE IN NO CONDITION TO GO AFTER HIM. BESIDES, WE HAVE TO ROUND UP THE REST OF THOSE DOCTORS WHO WERE ATTENDING HIS "LECTURE."



A DOCTOR BETRAYING HIS PATIENTS' TRUST LIKE THAT IS AWFUL ENOUGH. BUT THEN TEACHING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME THING?



DON'T WORRY, WE'LL GET HIM.

YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE MAKES ME MAD?

WHAT?



I WAS SO SCARED DURING THAT FIGHT, I FORGOT ALL MY SNAPPY ONE-LINERS ABOUT GIVING HIM A "PRESCRIPTION FOR PAIN" AND DOING "ELECTIVE SURGERY."



THANK THE GODDESS FOR THAT!

AT LEAST SOME GOOD CAME OF THE EVENING.



WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU LIKED MY JOKES?

WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

EXCUSE ME, BUT THOSE OTHER DOCTORS WHO WERE HERE CAN'T HAVE RUN FAR.

WELL, LET'S GO GET 'EM.

JUST GIMME A SEC TO CATCH MY BREATH...

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