

```
task * steal() {
    uint16_t expect = 0;
    while (!m_status.compare_exchange_strong(
        expect, expect + 1)) {
        if (expect & 1<<16) return NULL;
        expect = expect & ((1<<16) - 1);
    } // !original steal here
    m_status.fetch_sub(1);
    // !return here.
}
```