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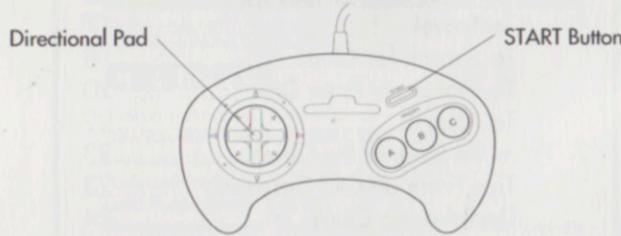


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## STARTING THE GAME

1. Turn OFF the power switch on your Sega™ Genesis™.  
Never insert or remove a game cartridge when the power is on.
2. Make sure a Controller is plugged into the port labeled Control 1 on the Genesis Console.
3. Insert the game cartridge into the slot on the Genesis. To lock the cartridge in place, press firmly.
4. Turn ON the power switch. The Electronic Arts® logo appears (if you don't see it, begin again at step 1).
5. Press START to play.

## CONTROLS



- **START BUTTON**

- starts game

- **DIRECTIONAL PAD (D-PAD)**

- moves cursor up-screen, right, left, down-screen

- **A, B & C BUTTONS**

- select control panel buttons



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## LETTER OF OFFER

Acme Detective Agency  
Time Crime Division  
Acme Bldg.  
San Francisco, California

Greetings:

Acme Detective Agency is pleased to have you on board as a Time Cadet in our Time Crimes Division. Please report immediately to the Personnel Department on the 2nd floor of the Acme Building to complete the necessary forms. You will report to a veteran agent during your probation period.

You will be eligible for all Acme employee benefits should you survive your initial period of employment. Promotions are based on merit and the ability to survive long enough to earn them.

Though the following information is not required reading, it is unlikely you will survive your first cases without it; and we here at Acme strive to do everything we can to insure your personal safety.

We're proud to have you join Acme, and we look forward to the significant contribution we know you will make to ensure a safer world.

Sincerely,

*Diane Caldicott*  
Diane Caldicott  
Personnel Manager



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## GET ON THE CASE FAST!

- Load *Where in Time is Carmen Sandiego?*® The title sequence can be interrupted by pressing A, B, or C.

USE THE D-PAD TO MOVE THE ON-SCREEN ARROW TO THE BUTTON OF YOUR CHOICE, THEN PRESS A, B, OR C TO SELECT.

- First choose a language, then press A, B, or C to get on the elevator.
- D-Pad to select the second floor, then press A, B, or C .
- D-Pad left then press A, B, or C to enter Personnel.

For further information on getting started, turn to page 11 (Working At Acme).



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- Selecting **SEARCH** will allow you to question witnesses or informants or scan the scene of the crime to discover clues to the criminal's next destination.

For a more detailed explanation of the **SEARCH** feature, turn to page 18 (To Search for Clues).

*I've seen a lot in my wanderings, but nothing like that.  
Carmen Sandiego!*



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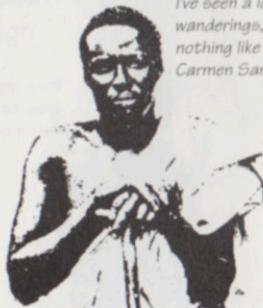


450

500

Chess invented in India

550



600



- Selecting TRAVEL lets you check the possible destinations from your current location. To travel to a new location, select a destination with the appropriate panel button.

For a more detailed explanation of the TRAVEL feature, turn to page 17 (To Travel).



When are they  
going to invent  
the chair?

600

Temple at  
Horyu-ji built

650

Nazca lines in Peru



- Selecting Data allows you to:
  - 1) enter clues to the suspect's identity
  - 2) check the Dossiers
  - 3) choose an alternate Language
  - 4) review the Chief's Briefing
- To enter clues select EVIDENCE and a character trait category, then use A, B, or C to cycle through character traits.



I'm going to  
get that  
tailor!



700

Anasazi Pueblos

750

Wang Wei paintings

800



- To view a suspects' file select **DOSSIERS**, then use **A**, **B**, or **C** to cycle through the list of suspects.
- If at any time you think you have provided the Chronoskimmer enough information to identify the criminal, select **COMPUTE** (otherwise, D-Pad left or right to exit).
- To choose a different language (English, French, German, Italian or Spanish), select **LANGUAGES**, then select the language of your choice.
- To review the Chief's briefing, select **BRIEFING**. Keep in mind this option is available only at the first location of each case.

For a more detailed description of the DATA feature, turn to page 20 (To Obtain or Enter Data).



800

850

Russian Capital at  
Novgorod



#### MEMO

To: All Acme Offices  
From: The Chief  
Re: Sandiego, Carmen  
Villains International League of Evil

As you all know, Carmen Sandiego is the notorious ringleader of an international band of thieves which has caused a great deal of political turmoil throughout the world. Sandiego and her V.I.L.E. henchmen travel from one country to another, stealing priceless treasures. While we've been able to detain members of her previous mobs, there isn't a prison around that she hasn't charmed, bought or busted her way out of.

Now we've reached the final hour. Carmen and her gang have stolen the latest model time machine from a super-secret laboratory miles beneath the Nevada desert, and they're out to change the world. Not content with pillaging the present, they are using this technology to loot the most priceless treasures of the past 1500 years: Napoleon's hat, Don Quixote's lance, even Paul Revere's horse.

The potential significance of this travesty lies far beyond our imaginations. By altering the past, Carmen will disrupt history's delicate chain of events and annihilate the present as we know it, the future as it is to be. Everything we've achieved--our comfort, our families, our country and the countries

900

950

Suspect has  
blue eyes and  
black hair

1000





of the world, our commitment to law and order, all of civilization—is up for grabs. Thus, our very existence is at stake! You must save us, and with us our destiny, by setting history right.

Your mission: to bring back Carmen Sandiego and the stolen time machine alive and intact. You will be issued the latest development in portable time travel devices: the Chronoskimmer 325i. You will use it to travel through 1500 years of time and 48 locations. The 325i features an electronic sensor which enables you to scan the crime scene for clues and translate conversations with witnesses and informants. It also features a Capture Robot to apprehend the suspect with minimal personal danger.

Acme has been granted a Federal Time Travel Commission license allowing us to use the Chronoskimmer with certain time limit and conduct restrictions. The attached information will assist you in successfully completing your mission.

Best of luck from all of us here at Headquarters. The whole world is counting on you.

*The Chief*  
The Chief

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1000



Only 37 more hours  
to solve the case!

1050

▼ Battle of Hastings



1100

Chimu Castle at  
Chan Chan

1150



Crossbow found at  
scene of crime

1200



## WORKING AT ACME

### Signing In

You begin the game in the lobby of the Acme Detective Agency.

- Press **A**, **B**, or **C** to board the elevator, then **D-Pad** to select the second floor. Press **A**, **B**, or **C** to start the elevator.
- When the elevator stops, **D-Pad** left and press **A**, **B**, or **C** to enter Personnel.

Special Agent Diane welcomes you.

- Press **A**, **B**, or **C** to advance to the next screen.
- To sign in, **D-Pad** to move the red square over a letter and press **A**, **B**, or **C** to select.

(If you make a mistake while signing the Release Form, **D-Pad** to "RUB" and press **A**, **B**, or **C** to erase your mistake.)

- When you've entered your name, press **START**.
- To enter your sex, **D-Pad** to the gender of your choice, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**.



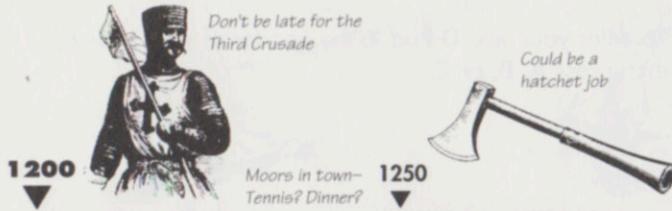
- To enter your password move the red square over a letter and press **A**, **B** or **C**. After you've entered all seven characters, press **START**. If this is your first time playing, just press **START**.
- After you have been issued a Chronoskimmer, press **A**, **B**, or **C** to get your assignment.

## Saving Your Current Rank

- Choose **ABORT** from the Chronoskimmer control panel.
- Then choose "GET PASSWORD" and write down the seven-character password in a safe place.

## Starting a Game at a Saved Rank

When you start a new game, Diane requires you to enter your name and security access code.



- Simply enter the seven-character password from a previously saved game, then press **START**.

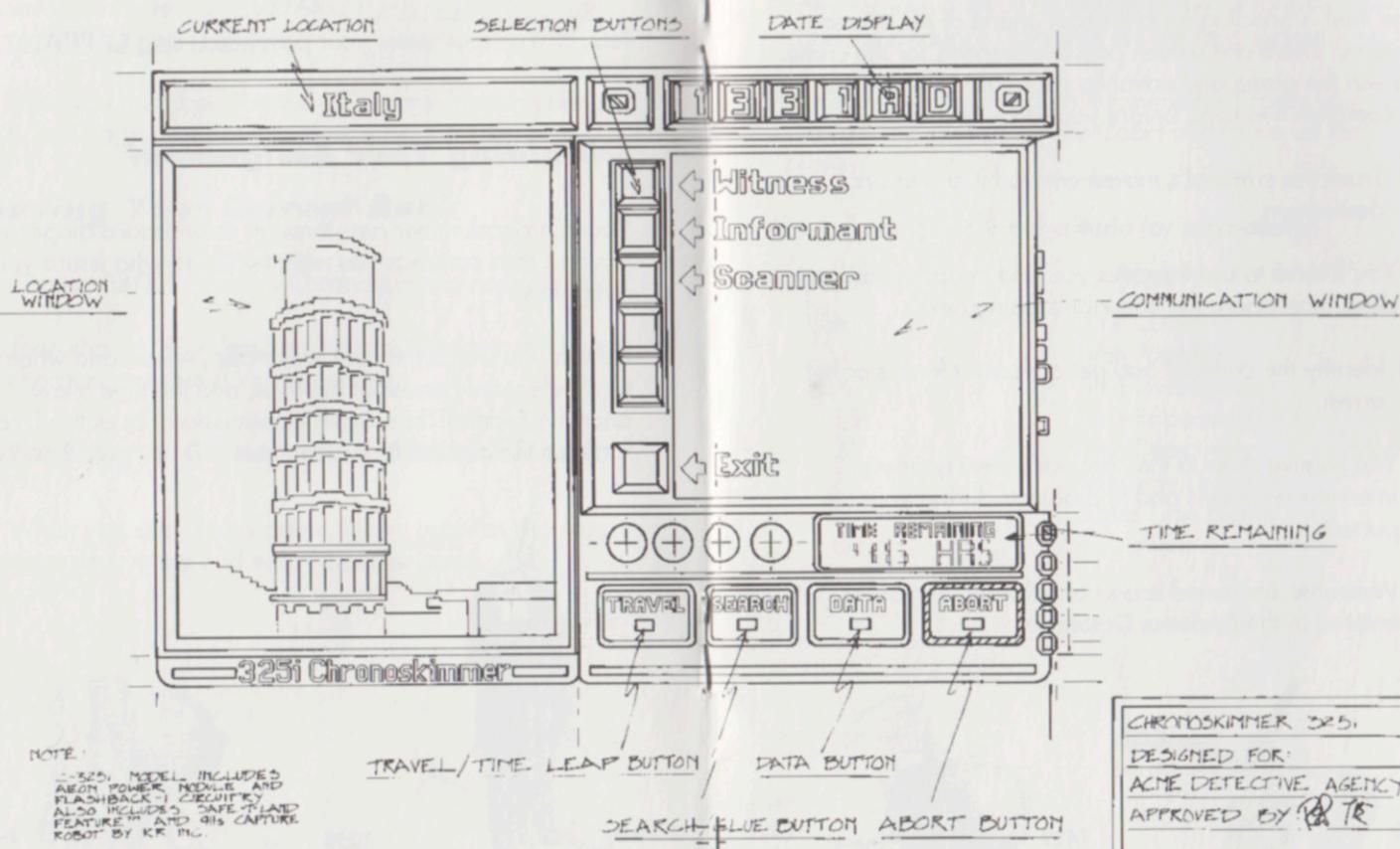
**NOTE:** You must enter your password using **CAPITAL** letters.

## Obtaining Your Assignment

Your Chronoskimmer runs through its on-board diagnostics and then connects you with the Chief, who issues your assignment.

He tells you which treasure was stolen, where and when it was stolen, the gender of the thief, and the time allowance the Federal Time Travel Commission has authorized for your use of the Chronoskimmer.

# CHRONOSKIMMER MODEL 325i



## Object of the Game

The thief is heading for a hideout in one of 48 locations in time. There are sixteen possible suspects for the crime. To win the game and advance your career, you must accomplish two tasks before your deadline:

- 1) Track the criminal's movements to his or her final destination.

You'll have to use the clues you find in each location to determine where the criminal is going next.

- 2) Identify the criminal and get a warrant for his or her arrest.

You receive clues to the criminal's identity as you interview witnesses and find objects during your pursuit.

- Warrants are issued based on information you've entered in the Evidence Database.



President of  
the Silly Hat  
Society

1400

Joan of Arc

1450

League of Mayapan



Sistine  
Chapel started

1500



Tomato native to  
South America—  
introduced to  
Europe 16th  
century

1550

Amati  
workshop



1600

So as you find clues to the criminal's identity, be sure to log them in the Evidence Database. (For a more detailed explanation of the use of the Chronoskimmer and the Evidence Database see the next section.)

- Promotions are based on the number of cases you solve. You start as a Time Cadet and move up the ranks.

**The following is a list of criteria for promotions:**

### Cases Solved

Start

1

6

15

25

35

50

80

### Rank

Time Cadet

Time Patroller

Time Investigator

Time Inspector

Time Detective

Ace Time Detective

Super Time Sleuth

Retirement

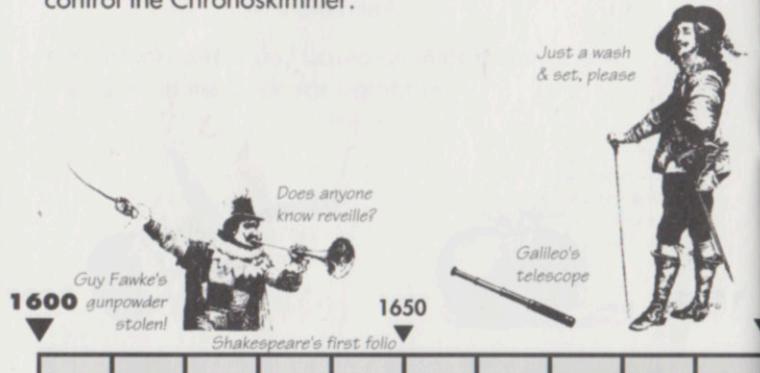


## CHRONOSKIMMER USER'S MANUAL



### Control Panel Buttons

The buttons in the lower right front panel of the screen control the Chronoskimmer.



### To Travel

- 1) D-Pad to the **TRAVEL** button, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**. This displays the destination panel and the locations and eras that you can travel to from your present location.

Note that there are three or four destinations, each with its own location and time period.

- 2) Simply **D-Pad** to the destination of your choice, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**.

- Use the **TRAVEL** button to check on the possible destinations to assist you in evaluating a clue.
- If you are not ready to warp out, select **EXIT** to hide the destination panel.

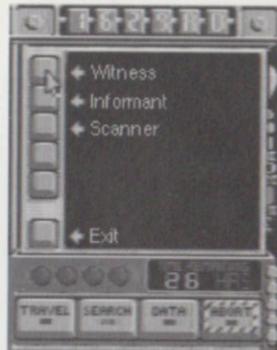




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## To Search For Clues

- The **SEARCH** button lets you interview witnesses or informants and scan the crime scene for clues to the villain's next destination. In addition, witnesses and informants may provide character clues which you may use to identify the criminal.



- 1) D-Pad to **SEARCH**, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**.
- 2) To interview a witness, D-Pad to **WITNESS**, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**. *OR*
- To interview an informant, D-Pad to **INFORMANT**, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**.



1800



1850



1900



1950

2000

NOTE: Only the **WITNESS** and **INFORMANT** buttons contain character clues. *OR*

- To scan for physical clues, **D-Pad** to **SCANNER**, then press **A**, **B**, or **C**.
- Each panel button provides a different clue. You may not need all of the clues to determine your next destination, but you may miss a character clue if you skip some.

Checking all of the buttons will cost you more time; it's up to you as a detective to decide which is more important.

You'll need all of the character clues you can get to obtain a warrant, so be sure to log them in the EVIDENCE DATABASE! (See the next section)

- To leave the **SEARCH** mode **D-Pad** left or right so the cursor rests on a Chronoskimmer front panel button; or select **EXIT**.

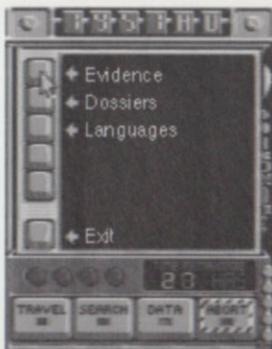


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## To Obtain or Enter Data

The **DATA** button lets you use the Chronoskimmer to enter evidence and to view the suspects' dossiers.

- 1) D-Pad to **DATA**, then press A, B, or C.



- 2) To view a dossier, D-Pad to **DOSSIERS** and press A, B, or C; then D-Pad to the suspect of your choice and press A, B, or C.

Each dossier contains a gang member's physical traits and a character clue. *OR*

- To log character clues, D-Pad to **EVIDENCE**, then press A, B, or C. D-Pad up or down to select the category for the character trait you wish to log, then press A, B, or C to cycle through the list of character traits contained in the Evidence Database. Stop when the trait you have uncovered is shown. *OR*
- To compute evidence and to issue a warrant, D-Pad to **COMPUTE**, then press A, B, or C.



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This checks your notes in the database against all of the gang's dossiers. If the computer finds a single match a warrant is issued and the Capture Robot is activated.



**NOTE:** You'll know you're really close to nabbing the suspect when interviewing and scanning yeild no clues. Instead, you'll be told the suspect is near. Be patient and keep trying to gather clues. The Capture Robot will activate itself.

If more than one gang member's dossier matches the clues you've entered, you are given a list of possible suspects: you'll need to collect more clues to have a warrant issued.

**TIP:** You'll need to log at least three character clues before a warrant will be issued.



**NOTE:** Only one warrant can be active at any time. If you modify or add to the Evidence Database and then choose **COMPUTE**, any existing warrant may be voided even if no new warrant is issued.

- To leave the Evidence Database, D-Pad left or right.

## To Abort

- Selecting **ABORT** lets you save your current rank or quit the game without saving.
- To save your current rank, D-Pad to **GET PASSWORD** and press **A**, **B**, or **C**.

You'll be given a seven-character password: WRITE IT DOWN!!!! You'll need it to begin a new game at your current rank.

**NOTE:** When you enter a password, you begin a new case at your former rank. You cannot resume a case in progress.

- If you don't want to save your current rank, select **QUIT GAME**.
- To begin another case, select **GET NEW CASE**.
- If you've selected **ABORT** by mistake, you can cancel your selection by selecting **EXIT** or by moving the D-Pad left or right.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

### *Tips From an Old Gumshoe*

- Remember to work quickly. Keep track of the time left on the Chronoskimmer control panel. The Federal Time Travel Commission has never granted an extension on authorized hours for solving a crime, so don't waste time traveling to a destination unless you're certain it's the one to which the suspect has fled.
- You'll know you're on the right track when you see a suspicious person or occurrence on the location panel. The suspect uses other V.I.L.E. gang members to check you out when you're closing in. If you interrogate a witness and he or she knows nothing, you're probably in the wrong location.
- Beware of sneak attacks—they mean you're closing in on your suspect's hideout! Make sure that you've got a warrant before you close in, or else the crook will get away. And remember you can return to the previous location to gather more clues or obtain a warrant.
- Every detective has his or her excuses for blowing a case—I've heard 'em all! But the excuse I hear most often is a bad memory. I tell all of my cadets to keep notes on paper as they gather clues.



- Keep in mind that if you have checked with an informant or witness and have proceeded to another screen, you can go back to that information with no further time penalty.
- Not all of the clues are contained in *The New American Desk Encyclopedia*®. You will find additional location clues in the destination descriptions that appear in the communication window on your Chronosimmer.
- Keep track of everything; you never know what might be important. And don't get discouraged. Even an Ace Detective can't solve every case. The more you track, the better you'll get! But remember that as you rise through the ranks the cases become more difficult.

## Deciphering Clues

- The key to your success in tracking down Carmen and her gang is to decipher the clues accurately and efficiently. Remember that you may be able to decipher clues with information from both the on-screen descriptions at each location and *The New American Desk Encyclopedia*.
- You'll find it easier to locate the information you need for your investigation if you become familiar with *The New American Desk Encyclopedia*. Take a moment to look at the section "How to Use" at the beginning of the *Encyclopedia*. When you look up an item, you may want to note additional items cross-referenced in the entry (those items in small capital letters).



- Although solutions to all clues can be found by using the on-screen descriptions or *The New American Desk Encyclopedia*, you may also want to use other reference books to help in your investigation.

## Deciphering A Sample Clue

- Here's how I teach my detectives to solve a clue: If your investigations don't lead you to any immediate conclusions, consider checking possible destinations by looking at the destination panel.
- For example, let's say you use the Scanner button, and the clue is: "You find a telescope." This doesn't bring a specific destination immediately to mind. To narrow down the possibilities you check the location panel and find four locations/times: India 1700-1899, Spain 1900-1959, Japan 400-1299, and Italy 1300-1699.
- With these possible destinations in mind, look up "telescope". Reading through the entry, you find cross-references to "astronomy" and "Galileo", but nothing that helps narrow down the search. Looking up "astronomy", you find several location references: Babylonia, China and Egypt, all prior to 2000 B.C., too early for your use. Other references include Greece (not in the destination panel list) and a second cross-reference to "Galileo". Time to look him up!
- The entry for Galileo shows that he was an Italian who lived from 1564 to 1642, and that he was the first to use the telescope for astronomical observations. Both



his location and time match one of the destinations found on the destination panel. Time for a trip to Italy!

- If some clues seem harder to solve than this, you can widen your investigation by either doing a second or third scan of the area, or by questioning your witnesses. For example, doing a second scan in this case would turn up the clue: "Galileo Galilei' is scratched on the side of the telescope," and a third scan would get you: "The telescope was manufactured in 1609." Remember, however, that you have a deadline and that investigating takes up valuable time.
- So use your best judgment, manage your time wisely, and you'll be well on your way to apprehending the most feared crook in the world—Carmen Sandiego.

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and the best place to start is by looking at the work of others. This is the only way to learn what makes good writing good.

The first step is to identify your goals. What do you want to accomplish with your writing? Do you want to tell a story? Do you want to argue a point? Do you want to inform or entertain?

Once you have identified your goals, it's time to start writing. You can begin by writing a simple sentence or two, or you can start with a longer piece of writing. It doesn't matter where you start, just make sure you are writing something that you care about.

When you are writing, focus on clarity and conciseness. Make sure your words are clear and easy to understand. Avoid using jargon or technical terms unless they are necessary.

It's also important to be honest in your writing. Don't try to hide anything or sugarcoat things. Be true to yourself and your audience.

Finally, don't be afraid to revise your work. Revising is a crucial part of the writing process. It's not uncommon for a writer to go through several revisions before they are satisfied with their work.

With these tips in mind, you should be well on your way to becoming a better writer. Remember, writing is a skill that takes practice and dedication. So get started today and see where your writing takes you.

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