!!! **ATTENTION** !!!

This is a message to all intelligent lifeforms in the galaxy. We are seeking candidates to assist in our scientific endeavors. Solve this puzzle to establish a basic level of intellect. To initiate press the ‘5’ key.

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