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CITYSCAPE CORP.  
585 TAXTER ROAD  
ELMSFORD, NY 10523-2300

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**MORTGAGE**

LOAN ID# 865094

THIS MORTGAGE ("Security Instrument") is given on DECEMBER 6TH, 1997.  
REGINALD PONTON, MARRIED AND CHERYL R. PONTON, HIS WIFE

The mortgagor is

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whose address is 23 E. 155TH PL, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473  
This Security Instrument is given to CITYSCAPE MORTGAGE CORP.  
is organized and existing under the laws of THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
565 TAXTER ROAD, ELMSFORD, NY 10523-2300  
Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of FIFTY SIX THOUSAND

("Borrower").

, which  
, and whose address is

("Lender").

Dollars (U.S. \$ 56,000.00 )

This debt is evidenced by Borrower's note dated the same date as this Security Instrument ("Note"), which provides for monthly payments, with the full debt, if not paid earlier, due and payable on DECEMBER 11TH, 2012 (the "Maturity Date"). This Security Instrument secures to Lender: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, with interest, and all renewals, extensions and modifications of the Note; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under paragraph 7 to protect the security of this Security Instrument; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender the following described property located in COOK County, Illinois:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

which has the address of

23 E. 155TH PL, SOUTH HOLLAND  
[Street]

[City]

Illinois 60473  
[Zip Code]

("Property Address");

This instrument was prepared by:

FERNANDA HAMLIN

(Name)

555 TAXTER ROAD, ELMSFORD, NY 10523-2300

(Address)

73094

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the "Property."

BORROWER COVENANTS that Borrower is lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

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Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

**1. Payment of Principal and Interest; Prepayment and Late Charges.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal of and interest on the debt evidenced by the Note and any prepayment and late charges due under the Note.

**2. Funds for Taxes and Insurance.** Subject to applicable law or to a written waiver by Lender, Borrower shall pay to Lender on the day monthly payments are due under the Note, until the Note is paid in full, a sum ("Funds") for: (a) yearly taxes and assessments which may attain priority over this Security Instrument as a lien on the Property; (b) yearly leasehold payments or ground rents on the Property, if any; (c) yearly hazard or property insurance premiums; (d) yearly flood insurance premiums, if any; (e) yearly mortgage insurance premiums, if any; and (f) any sums payable by Borrower to Lender, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8, in lieu of the payment of mortgage insurance premiums. These items are called "Escrow Items". Lender may, at any time, collect and hold Funds in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount a lender for a federally related mortgage loan may require for Borrower's escrow account under the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 as amended from time to time, 12 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.* ("RESPA"), unless another law that applies to the Funds sets a lesser amount. If so, Lender may, at any time, collect and hold Funds in an amount not to exceed the lesser amount. Lender may estimate the amount of Funds due on the basis of current data and reasonable estimates of expenditures of future Escrow Items or otherwise in accordance with applicable law. Borrower shall not be obligated to make such payments of Funds to Lender to the extent that Borrower makes payment of such Escrow Items to the holder or servicer of a mortgage encumbering the Property which has priority over this Security Instrument and which was approved by Lender at the time of origination of this Security Instrument (an "Approved Senior Security Instrument").

The Funds shall be held in an institution whose deposits are insured by a federal agency, instrumentality, or entity (including Lender, if Lender is such an institution) or in any Federal Home Loan Bank. Lender shall apply the Funds to pay the Escrow Items. Lender may not charge Borrower for holding and applying the Funds, annually analyzing the escrow account, or verifying the Escrow Items, unless Lender pays Borrower interest on the Funds and applicable law permits Lender to make such a charge. However, Lender may require Borrower to pay a one-time charge for an independent real estate tax reporting service used by Lender in connection with this loan, unless applicable law provides otherwise. Unless an agreement is made or applicable law requires interest to be paid, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest or earnings on the Funds. Borrower and Lender may agree in writing, however, that interest shall be paid on the Funds. Lender shall give to Borrower, without charge, an annual accounting of the Funds, showing credits and debits to the Funds and the purpose for which each debit to the Funds was made. The Funds are pledged as additional security for all sums secured by this Security Instrument.

If the Funds held by Lender exceed the amounts permitted to be held by applicable law, Lender shall account to Borrower for the excess Funds in accordance with the requirements of applicable law. If the amount of the Funds held by Lender at any time is not sufficient to pay the Escrow Items when due, Lender may so notify Borrower in writing, and, in such case Borrower shall pay to Lender the amount necessary to make up the deficiency. Borrower shall make up the deficiency in no more than twelve monthly payments, at Lender's sole discretion.

Upon payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall promptly refund to Borrower any Funds held by Lender. If, under paragraph 19, Lender shall acquire or sell the Property, Lender, prior to the acquisition or sale of the Property, shall apply any Funds held by Lender at the time of acquisition or sale as a credit against the sums secured by this Security Instrument.

**3. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be applied: first, to any prepayment charges due under the Note; second, to amounts payable under paragraph 2; third, to interest due; fourth, to principal due; and last, to any late charges due under the Note.

**4. Charges; Liens; Approved Senior Security Instrument.** Borrower shall pay or cause to be paid, when due, all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Security Agreement, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Borrower shall pay these obligations in the manner provided in paragraph 2, or if not paid in that manner, Borrower shall pay them on time directly to the person owed payment. Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph. If Borrower makes these payments directly, Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts evidencing the payments. Borrower covenants and agrees to timely perform all of Borrower's obligations under any Approved Senior Security

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Instrument, including by way of example and not by way of limitation, Borrower's obligation to make all payments when due under such Approved Senior Security Instrument and the note or other obligation secured thereby.

Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien which has priority over this Security Instrument (other than an Approved Senior Security Instrument) unless Borrower: (a) agrees in writing to the payment of the obligation secured by the lien in a manner acceptable to Lender; (b) contests in good faith the lien by, or defends against enforcement of the lien in, legal proceedings which in the Lender's opinion operate to prevent the enforcement of the lien; or (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement satisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to this Security Instrument. If Lender determines that any part of the Property is subject to a lien which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, Lender may give Borrower a notice identifying the lien. Borrower shall satisfy the lien or take one or more of the actions set forth above within 10 days of the giving of notice.

**5. Hazard or Property Insurance.** Borrower shall keep the improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards, including floods or flooding, for which Lender or applicable law requires insurance. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender, or applicable law, requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to Lender's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Borrower fails to maintain coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain coverage to protect Lender's rights in the Property in accordance with paragraph 7.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage clause. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Borrower shall promptly give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. In the event of loss, Borrower shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, and subject to the rights of the holder of any Approved Senior Security Instrument, insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property damaged, if the restoration or repair is economically feasible and Lender's security is not lessened. If the restoration or repair is not economically feasible or Lender's security would be lessened, the insurance proceeds shall be applied, subject to the rights of the holder of any Approved Senior Security Instrument, to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. If Borrower abandons the Property, or does not answer within 30 days a notice from Lender that the insurance carrier has offered to settle a claim, then Lender, subject to the rights of the holder of any Approved Senior Security Instrument, may collect the insurance proceeds. Lender may use the proceeds received by Lender to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when the notice is given.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of the payments. If under paragraph 19 the Property is acquired by Lender, Borrower's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the acquisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the sums secured by this Security Instrument immediately prior to the acquisition.

**6. Occupancy, Preservation, Maintenance and Protection of the Property; Borrower's Loan Application; Leaseholds.** Unless Borrower's loan application and the Lender's loan approval provided that the Property was not required to be occupied as Borrower's principal residence, Borrower shall occupy, establish, and use the Property as Borrower's principal residence within sixty days after the execution of this Security Instrument and shall continue to occupy the Property as Borrower's principal residence for at least one year after the date of occupancy, unless Lender otherwise agrees in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, or unless extenuating circumstances exist which are beyond Borrower's control. Borrower shall not destroy, damage or impair the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate, or commit waste on the Property. Borrower shall be in default if any forfeiture action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, is begun that in Lender's good faith judgment could result in forfeiture of the Property or otherwise materially impair the lien created by this Security Instrument or Lender's security interest. Borrower may cure such a default and reinstate, by causing the action or proceeding to be dismissed with a ruling that, in Lender's good faith determination, precludes forfeiture of the Borrower's interest in the Property or other material impairment of the lien created by this Security Instrument or Lender's security interest. Borrower shall also be in default if Borrower, during the loan application process, gave materially false or inaccurate information or statements to Lender (or failed to provide Lender with any material information) in connection with the loan evidenced by the Note, including, but not

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limited to, representations concerning Borrower's occupancy of the Property as a principal residence. If this Security Instrument is on a leasehold, Borrower shall comply with all the provisions of the lease. If Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and the fee title shall not merge unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.

**7. Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property.** If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Security Instrument, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect Lender's rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, probate, for condemnation or forfeiture or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay for whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property. Lender's actions may include paying any sums secured by a lien which has priority over this Security Instrument, paying real estate taxes, flood insurance and mortgage insurance premiums, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorneys' fees, entering on the Property to make repairs, and paying property insurance premiums. Although Lender may take action under this paragraph 7, Lender does not have to do so.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this paragraph 7 shall become additional debt of Borrower secured by this Security Instrument. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, these amounts shall bear interest from the date of disbursement at the Note rate and shall be payable, with interest, upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment.

**8. Mortgage Insurance.** If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan evidenced by the Note and secured by this Security Instrument, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain the mortgage insurance in effect. If, for any reason, the mortgage insurance coverage required by lender lapses or ceases to be in effect, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to obtain coverage substantially equivalent to the mortgage insurance previously in effect, at a cost substantially equivalent to the cost to Borrower of the mortgage insurance previously in effect, from an alternate mortgage insurer approved by Lender. If substantially equivalent mortgage insurance coverage is not available, Borrower shall pay to Lender each month a sum equal to one-twelfth of the yearly mortgage insurance premium being paid by Borrower when the insurance coverage lapsed or ceased to be in effect. Lender will accept, use and retain these payments as a loss reserve in lieu of mortgage insurance. Loss reserve payments may no longer be required, at the option of Lender, if mortgage insurance coverage (in the amount and for the period that lender requires) provided by an insurer approved by Lender again becomes available and is obtained. Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain mortgage insurance in effect, or to provide a loss reserve, until the requirement of mortgage insurance ends in accordance with any written agreement between Borrower and Lender or applicable law.

**9. Inspection.** Lender or its agent may make reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property. Lender shall give Borrower notice at the time of or prior to an inspection specifying reasonable cause for the inspection.

**10. Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of the Property, or any part thereof, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender, subject only to the rights of the holder of any Approved Senior Security Instrument. Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of such proceeds which does not pay the principal sum secured by this Security Instrument in full, shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of such payments.

**11. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver.** Extension of the time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release the liability of the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

**12. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 19(B). Borrower's covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Security Instrument but does not execute the Note: (a) is co-signing this Security Instrument only to grant and

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convey that Borrower's interest in the Property under the terms of this Security Instrument; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations with regard to the terms of this Security Instrument or the Note without that Borrower's consent.

**13. Loan Charges.** If the loan secured by this Security Instrument is subject to a law or regulation which sets maximum loan charges, and that law or regulation is finally interpreted so that the interest or other loan charges collected or to be collected in connection with the loan exceed the permitted limits, then: (a) any such loan charge shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (b) any sums already collected from Borrower which exceeded permitted limits will be refunded to Borrower. Lender may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Note or by making a direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment without any prepayment charge under the Note.

**14. Notices.** Any notice to Borrower provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address or any other address Borrower designates by notice to Lender. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or any other address Lender designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice provided for in this Security Instrument shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given as provided in this paragraph.

**15. Governing Law; Severability.** This Security Instrument shall be governed by federal law and the law of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. In the event that any provision or clause of this Security Instrument or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Security Instrument or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Security Instrument and the Note are declared to be severable.

**16. Borrower's Copy.** Borrower acknowledges receipt of a conformed copy or a photocopy of the Note and of this Security Instrument.

**17. Sale of Note; Change of Loan Servicer.** The Note or a partial interest in the Note (together with this Security Instrument) may be sold one or more times without prior notice to Borrower. A sale may result in a change in the entity (known as the "Loan Servicer") that collects monthly payments due under the Note and this Security Instrument. There also may be one or more changes of the Loan Servicer unrelated to a sale of the Note. If there is a change of the Loan Servicer, Borrower will be given written notice of the change in accordance with paragraph 14 above and applicable law. The notice will state the name and address of the new Loan Servicer and the address to which payments should be made. The notice will also contain any other information required by applicable law.

**18. Hazardous Substances.** Borrower shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Property. Borrower shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of small quantities of Hazardous Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property.

Borrower shall promptly give Lender written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which Borrower has actual knowledge. If Borrower learns, or is notified by any governmental or regulatory authority, that any removal or other remediation of any Hazardous Substance affecting the Property is necessary, Borrower shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with Environmental Law.

As used in this paragraph 18, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosene, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this paragraph 18, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

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**19. Lender's Rights If Borrower Fails To Keep Promises.** If any of the events or conditions described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (E) of this paragraph 19 shall occur, Lender may require that Borrower pays immediately the entire amount remaining unpaid under the Note and this Security Instrument. This requirement will be called "immediate payment in full". If Lender requires immediate payment in full Lender may foreclose this Security Instrument by judicial proceeding. Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 19, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence.

Lender may require immediate payment in full under this paragraph 19 if:

- (A) Borrower fails to make any payment required by the Note or this Security Instrument when it is due; or
- (B) All or any part of the Property, or any interest in the Property is sold or transferred (or, if Borrower is not a natural person, if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred) without Lender's prior written consent; or
- (C) On application of Lender two or more insurance companies licensed to do business in the state in which the Property is located refuse to issue policies insuring the buildings and improvements on the Property; or
- (D) If Borrower fails to make any required payment when due on any Approved Senior Security Instrument, or if Borrower fails to keep any other promise or agreement contained in any Approved Senior Security Instrument; or
- (E) Borrower fails to keep any other promise or agreement in this Security Instrument within the time set forth, or if no time is set forth in this Security Instrument, then within the time set forth in the notice sent to Borrower by Lender, or if Borrower is otherwise in default under this Security Instrument, or if any of the representations and/or warranties made by Borrower in this Security Instrument are not true and correct in any material respect or are otherwise breached by Borrower.

**20. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall cancel this Security Instrument without charge to Borrower. Borrower shall pay any recordation costs.

**21. Waiver of Homestead.** Borrower hereby waives all rights of homestead exemption in the Property.

**22. Riders to this Security Instrument.** If one or more riders are executed by Borrower and recorded together with this Security Instrument, the covenants and agreements of each such rider shall be incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument as if the rider(s) were a part of this Security Instrument.

**- REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE UNDER SENIOR MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST -**

Borrower and Lender requests the holder of any mortgage or deed of trust or other lien or encumbrance which claims to have priority over this Security Instrument (any of such a "senior lien") to give notice to Lender, at Lender's address set forth on the first page of this Security Instrument, or at any other address for notice provided by Lender to such holder, of any default under any such senior lien and of any intended foreclosure, sale or other action to enforce such senior lien. This request for notice is not intended, nor shall it constitute, an admission by the holder of this Security Instrument that any mortgage, deed of trust or other lien or encumbrance has priority over this Security Instrument.

**BY SIGNING BELOW.** Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it. In Witness Whereof, Borrower has signed and sealed this Security Instrument.

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Witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
REGINALD PONTON -Borrower

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
CHERYL R. PONTON -Borrower

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
-Borrower

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
-Borrower

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
-Borrower

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
-Borrower

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STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COOK

County ss:

I, Janet Huff, a Notary Public in and for said county and state do hereby certify that REGINALD PONTON AND CHERYL R. PONTON

personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that THEY signed and delivered the said instrument as free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

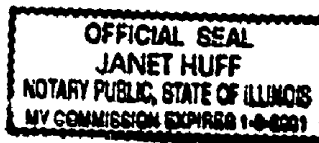
Given under my hand and official seal, this 6TH day of DECEMBER, 1997.

My Commission Expires:

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Notary Public

This instrument was prepared by:

FERNANDA HAMLIN  
565 TAXTER ROAD, ELMSFORD, NY  
10523-2300



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SCHEDULE A  
ALTA Commitment  
File No.: 23096

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 28 in Holland Highlands First Addition, being a subdivision of part of the northwest 1/4 of section 15, township 36 north, range 14, east of the third principal meridian, according to the plat thereof registered in the Office of the Registrar of titles of Cook County, Illinois on September 17, 1969 as document number 2472006, in Cook County, Illinois

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