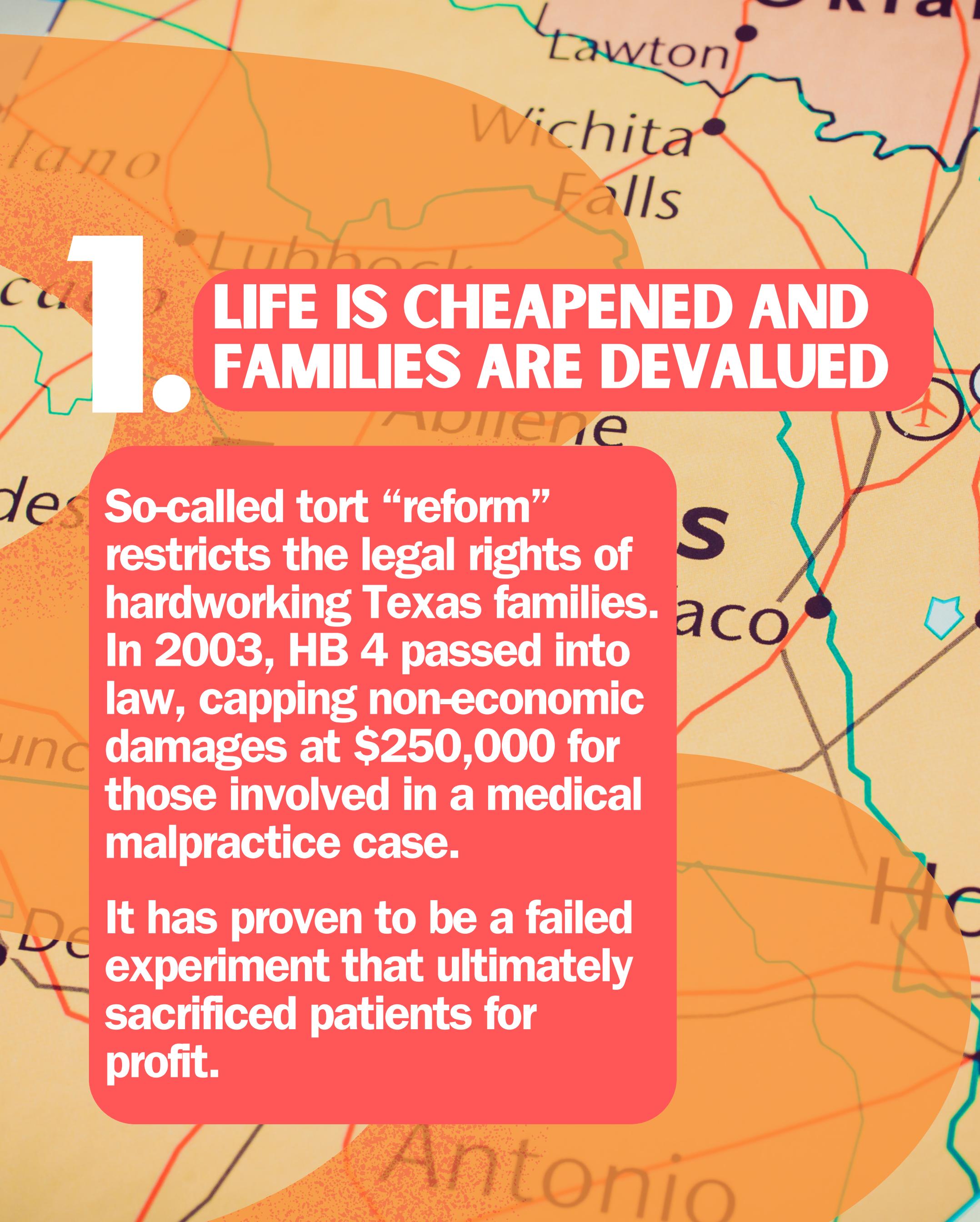


A map of Texas with an orange semi-transparent overlay. The map shows major cities like Lawton, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Ft. Worth, Waco, Del Rio, and San Antonio. A red airplane icon is visible near Ft. Worth. The text is overlaid on this map.

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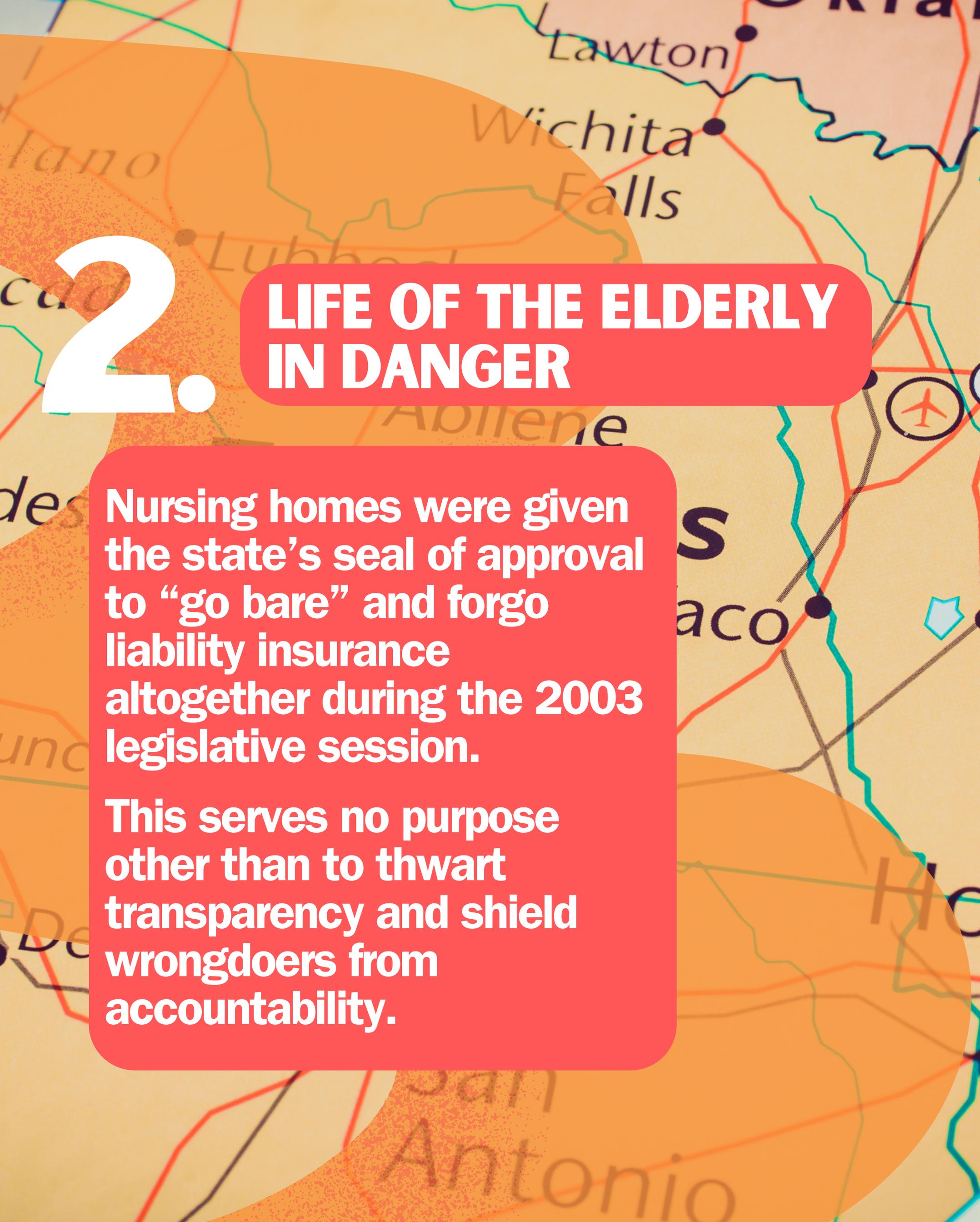
A map of Texas with various cities labeled, including Lawton, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Abilene, Saco, and Antonio. The map is overlaid with large, semi-transparent orange and red shapes. A large white number '1' is positioned on the left side, partially overlapping the orange shape.

1.

LIFE IS CHEAPENED AND FAMILIES ARE DEVALUED

So-called tort “reform” restricts the legal rights of hardworking Texas families. In 2003, HB 4 passed into law, capping non-economic damages at \$250,000 for those involved in a medical malpractice case.

It has proven to be a failed experiment that ultimately sacrificed patients for profit.



2.

LIFE OF THE ELDERLY IN DANGER

Nursing homes were given the state's seal of approval to "go bare" and forgo liability insurance altogether during the 2003 legislative session.

This serves no purpose other than to thwart transparency and shield wrongdoers from accountability.

3.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

HB 4 directed Texas courts to defer to federal agencies in many state products liability actions.

Special interests like Big Pharma received special legal protections when they fail to warn the public about dangers.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS LATER

Patients in Texas continue to struggle with high cost, low access health care, wrongdoers are allowed to divert and evade responsibility for their actions, and our most vulnerable are most heavily penalized by limits on their individual legal rights.

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