Struggle Italian Style. "Storming Heaven: Class Composition and Struggle in Italian Autonomist Marxism" by Steve Wright. [review]

Abstract
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