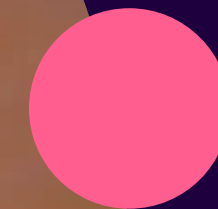




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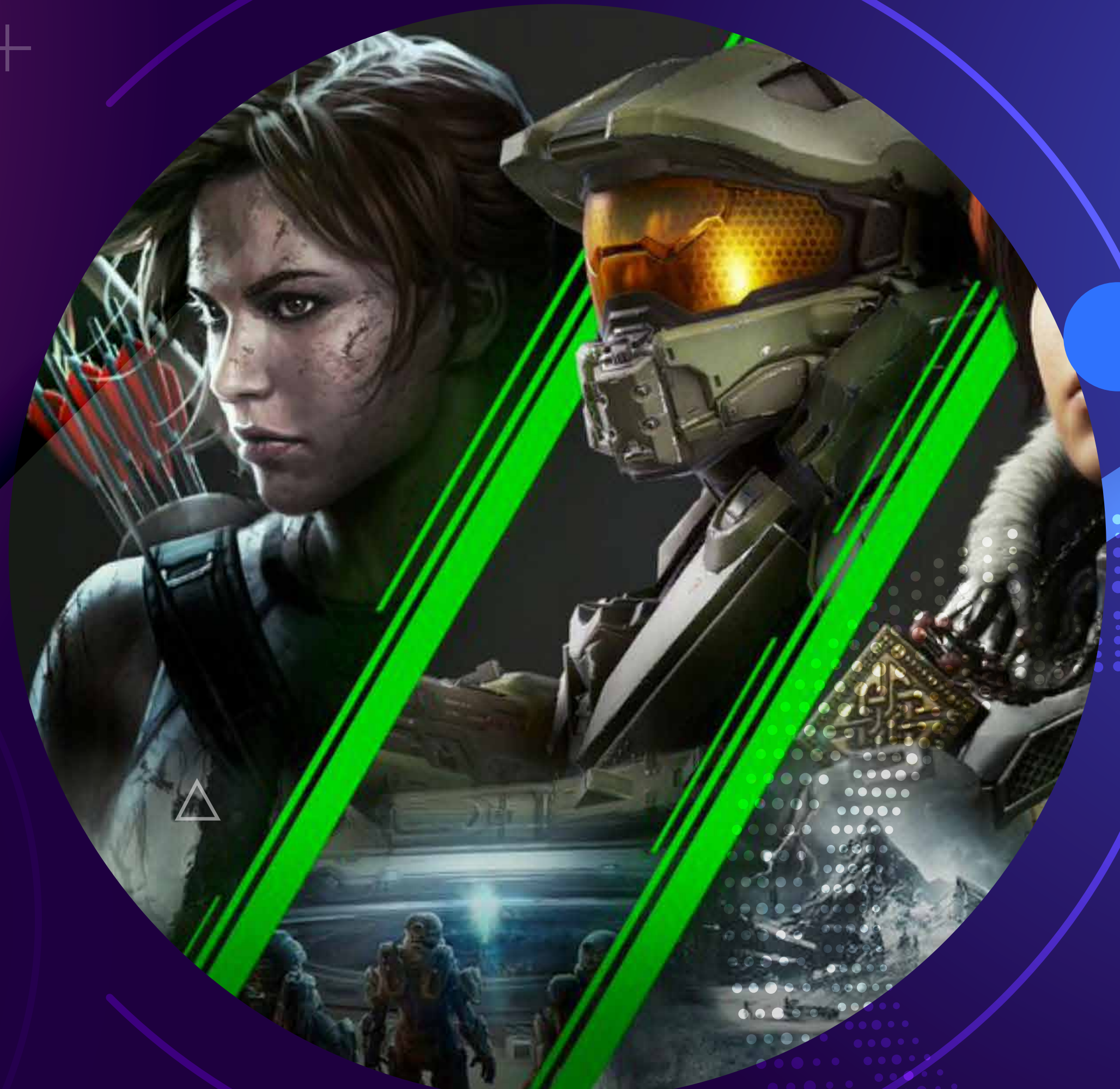
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Microsoft is modifying its planned acquisition of video game company Activision Blizzard to appease the UK competition regulator that had previously halted the \$69 billion deal.





On Tuesday, Smith's stance shifted as he mentioned in a company blog that Microsoft has put forward a notably altered transaction according to UK law. He expressed the desire for a prompt completion of a CMA review before the acquisition agreement's expiration on October 18th.

Alex Haffner, a competition partner at UK law firm Fladgate, noted that the introduction of a new deal was unexpected, as it will necessitate the UK's Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) to initiate the review process anew.



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