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Prove that $2^{\sqrt{2}} + (\sqrt{6})^{\sqrt{2}} \geq 6$.

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Since by AM-GM inequality $2^{\sqrt{2}} + (\sqrt{6})^{\sqrt{2}} > 2\sqrt{2^{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (\sqrt{6})^{\sqrt{2}}} = 2 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \cdot 6^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}} =$

$2 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}}$ remains to prove inequality $2^{\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}} > 3 \Leftrightarrow 24 > 3^{2\sqrt{2}} \Leftrightarrow$

$8 > 3^{2\sqrt{2}-1}$. Since $2\sqrt{2} - 1 < 2 \cdot 1.42 - 1 = 1.84 < 1.85 = \frac{37}{20}$ we can do

one more reduction of original inequality, namely prove inequality $8 > 3^{37/20} \Leftrightarrow$

$2^{60} > 3^{37}$. We have $2^8 = 256 > 243 > 3^5$ and $2^{52} > 3^{32} \Leftrightarrow 2^{13} > 3^8 \Leftrightarrow$

$8192 > 6561$ and, therefore, $2^{60} > 3^{37}$.