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- * By instilling the fear of God in children, we build a mold that cannot be easily broken, in spite of circumstances.
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