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- a. She was going on vacation that weekend
- b. Delaney's friends all were acting strange when she approached them
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