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comprehensive source of information on the causes of volcanic eruptions and both the destructive and beneficial effects. The early chapters
