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researcher is a fascinating story that also reveals intriguing aspects  
common to the scientific enterprise.

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