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into arrangements with their slaves, promising eventual freedom in return for many years' hard work. The Price of Freedom revea
