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come to profoundly shape how homeless people survive and make

sense of their plights. In Hobos, Hustlers, and Ba