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an important contribution to the literature on cooperation in human societies and will appeal to archaeologists and other scholars interested in cooperation research"--
