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Le goût que vous avez pour les Sciences ~~est ce qui~~
me détermine à vous offrir cette partie de l'histoire
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