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Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

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