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2) Twelve months ago, no one could have predicted the series of stunning events that made it possible for. . . (Paragraph numbering mine)

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