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“You want them to be able to carry it away with no trouble, but you definitely want them to feel that they have won something significant, so it has to have some heft to it,” said Mr. Moritz.



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