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Mauveine - Wikipedia

Perkin ' s discovery also initiated the betrothal, however stormy it has since become, of science and industry. For elucidation of these curiosities there is no better volume than Mauve: How One Man Invented a Colour that Changed the World. Garfield ' s fifth book was undertaken, as many worthy projects have been, by happy accident.

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