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Now all of this, from the beginning, the good merchant could not but consider rather hard for the unfortunate man.

—Melville

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