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Abstract

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So a simple, peaceful image of a father and son for this Thursday.

But an image that portends so much more to come.