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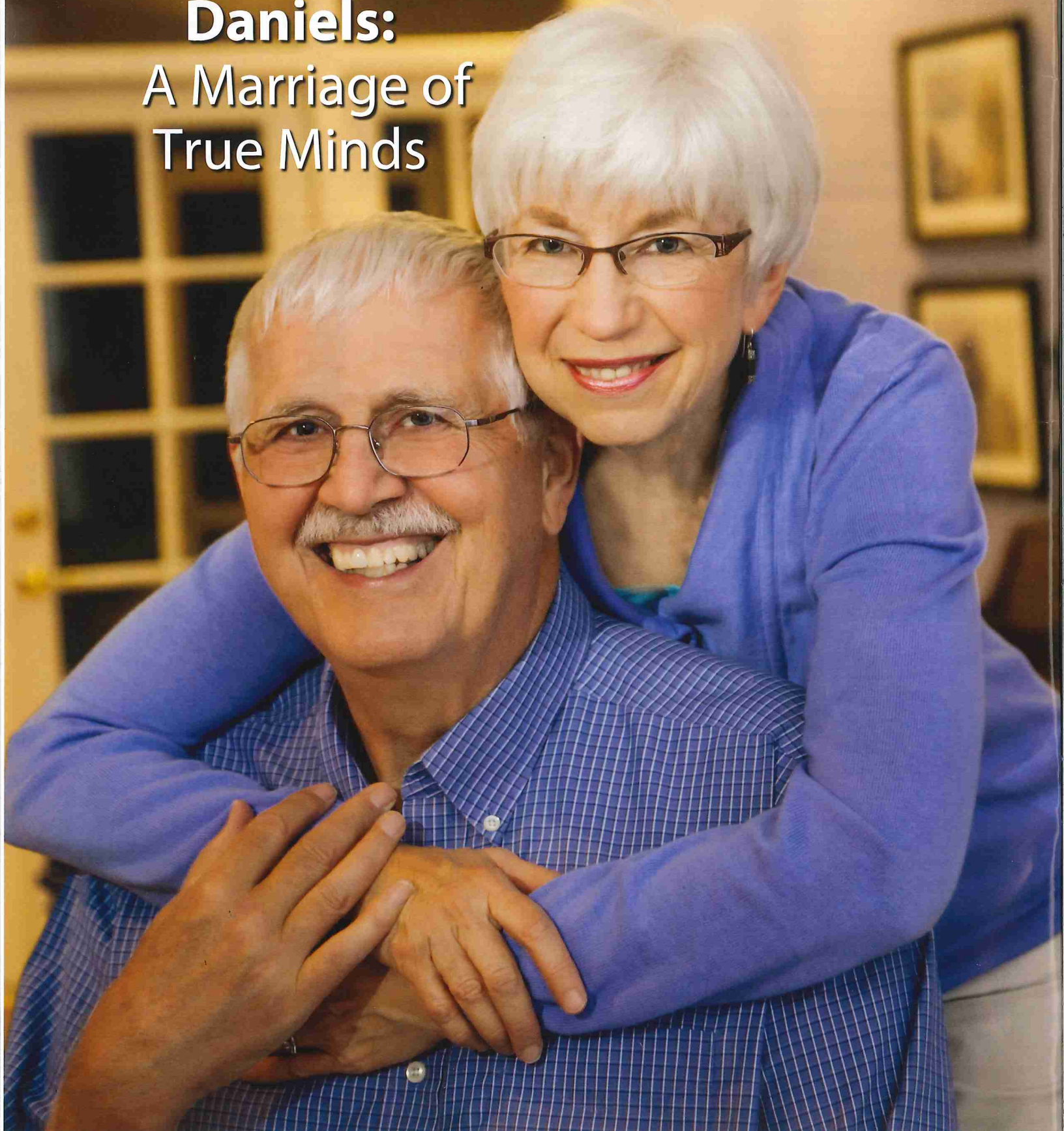
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Meet Harry & Diane Daniels: A Marriage of True Minds



Unexpected things sometimes bring couples together. For Harry and Diane Daniels, it was a can of Coors.

At the time, Harry and Diane were already casual acquaintances, having taken an art class together at the State College of Iowa (now the University of Northern Iowa) in Cedar Falls.

"We didn't date or anything," Harry said. "But one time, we just were at the same party. I'm not even sure how I ended up at the party, but I looked in the refrigerator and there was Coors beer."

"Which you couldn't get in the Midwest back then – you had to be in Colorado or Wyoming," Diane said. "But I'd been out there, so I brought some back with me."

"So I asked who brought the Coors, and she said she did, and I asked if I could have a can, and she said that I could," Harry recalled.

"So he graciously gave me a ride home that night!" Diane said.

"And I got her in late," Harry said. "It was a different era, and after a certain hour in the women's dorm, they'd lock the door. On Saturday night, the curfew was midnight – could you

imagine how students would react now if they tried to enforce that?"

Diane had to attend a disciplinary hearing for her unseemly tardiness, and per tradition, Harry brought her a rose as a gesture of apology. But that didn't stop them from seeing each other again. And it didn't take long for Diane to realize there was something special about the tall, former SCI basketball player who'd gotten her home late.

"He told me he wrote poetry, which I thought was wonderful, and he told me about his dog – I could tell he had a lot of affection for his dog. Those two things were what got my attention!" Diane said.

"There was another reason too," Harry added. "Her maiden name was DeVries. She told me she wanted to marry someone whose last name started with 'D' so she wouldn't have to adjust."

"I didn't want to lose my place in the alphabetical order," Diane explained, "At school, they seated us alphabetically, and I didn't want to lose my place up front."

But soon, Harry and Diane realized they had more impor-

tant things in common. Both grew up in similar environments – tiny towns in rural Iowa.

"If you've never lived in a small Iowa town, you don't understand what a small town is," Harry explained. "Everyone's the same, you're taught to be humble and not stick out in the crowd. Part of my personality embraces that, but another part positively rebels against it."

While Diane didn't experience the same sense of rebellion, she still sensed there was more to the world than her little hometown – which was what led to her to college (and to Harry) in Cedar Falls, which at the time felt like a big city for her. There, both of them discovered a shared intellectual curiosity that set them apart from their peers back home.

"We were both the first in our families to get masters' degrees," Harry said, "and I was the first in my family to get a doctorate. And in my family, it wasn't cool – it was weird to have a Ph.D."

Their common passion for learning led them both to careers as teachers, then school counselors. Later, Diane became a school psychologist.

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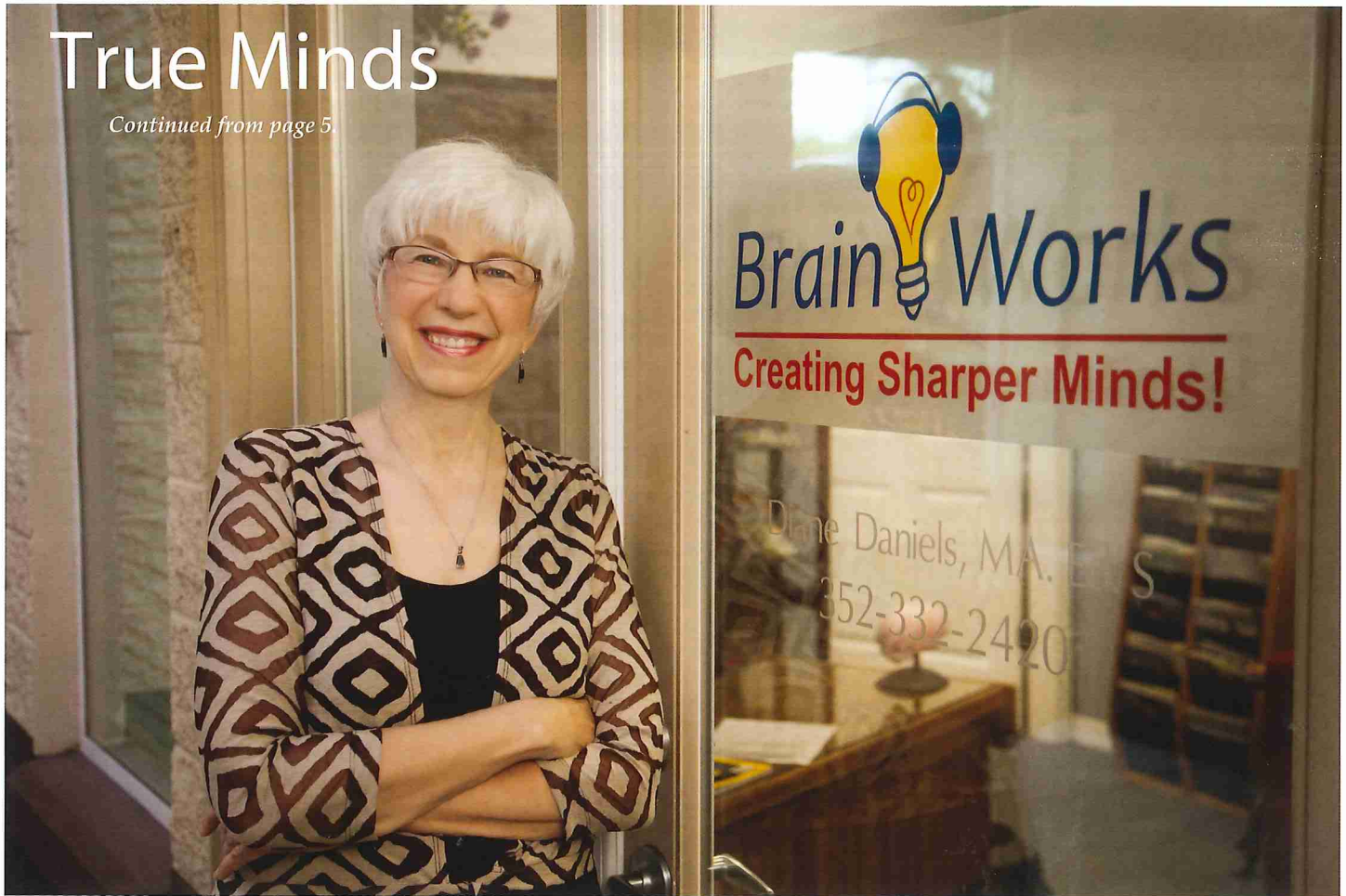
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True Minds

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Harry's teaching and counseling eventually led him into a career in academic research and college teaching. Harry and Diane settled in Illinois as their careers and their two now-grown daughters thrived. Harry had risen through the academic ranks to become associate dean of the graduate school at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, when he received a call from an old friend and colleague – the call that would eventually bring him and Diane to Gainesville.

"We'd made an agreement that we would not move until our kids had graduated from high school," Diane recalled. "That year our youngest daughter was graduating – and our old friend Pete Sherrard called Harry and said, 'our chair is stepping down and going back into teaching; would you like me to throw your name into the hat?' It was just perfect timing!"

"I really enjoyed the work at SIU, but it was all administrative – this would give me a chance to get back into the field," Harry said.

He got the job, as chair of what was then called the Department of Counselor Education – and soon after, discovered the perfect new home in Haile.

"As part of the visit to campus, they took me around to some places in town where people lived," Harry said. "An interesting story – of all the houses I saw, this was my favorite house. And I told Diane about this place. She was kind of blasé about it. But when she came down two weeks later – I had already accepted the job – the same real estate guy showed her houses, one of which was this one, and she loved it! But I thought it was interesting that she liked the backyard, and I liked the inside."

Moving to Gainesville also gave Diane a chance to expand her professional horizons. She continued her school counseling career at Santa Fe College and later at Glen Springs Elementary School. "Then I read this book, *The Mozart Effect*, by Don Campbell," she said. "Years ago a French doctor had figured out a way to use selected frequencies within classical music to improve brain function, sensory and motor systems, attention, language and auditory skills. That was really remarkable. I was so impressed I talked to my principal about allowing me to get some training. And he did!"

"I was actually able to work

with some children at Glen Springs. I had five students who were falling between the cracks – each one of them improved academic deficits they were experiencing by using the music-based auditory training.

"I had a little girl who failed the FCAT and had to be held back," Diane recalled. "It turned out she had auditory processing problems, so she couldn't understand what the teacher was saying – to her, it sounded like Charlie Brown's teacher – 'wa wa wa wa.' Her teacher would have to go back to the child's desk and tell her everything she'd just told the class. The next fall, after I did the training with her, this student ended up on the honor roll! Reading had become her favorite subject, and reading was what she'd failed on the FCAT. Every kid had a story like that.

"In a meeting about the trainee's gains, my principal Bruce Tomlinson said, 'oh, my gosh, I think I just missed out.' Actually, he told me before I'd even said it out loud to anyone – 'I know what's going to happen next – you're going to have this big successful center' and I said, 'oh, I'd like to do that!'"

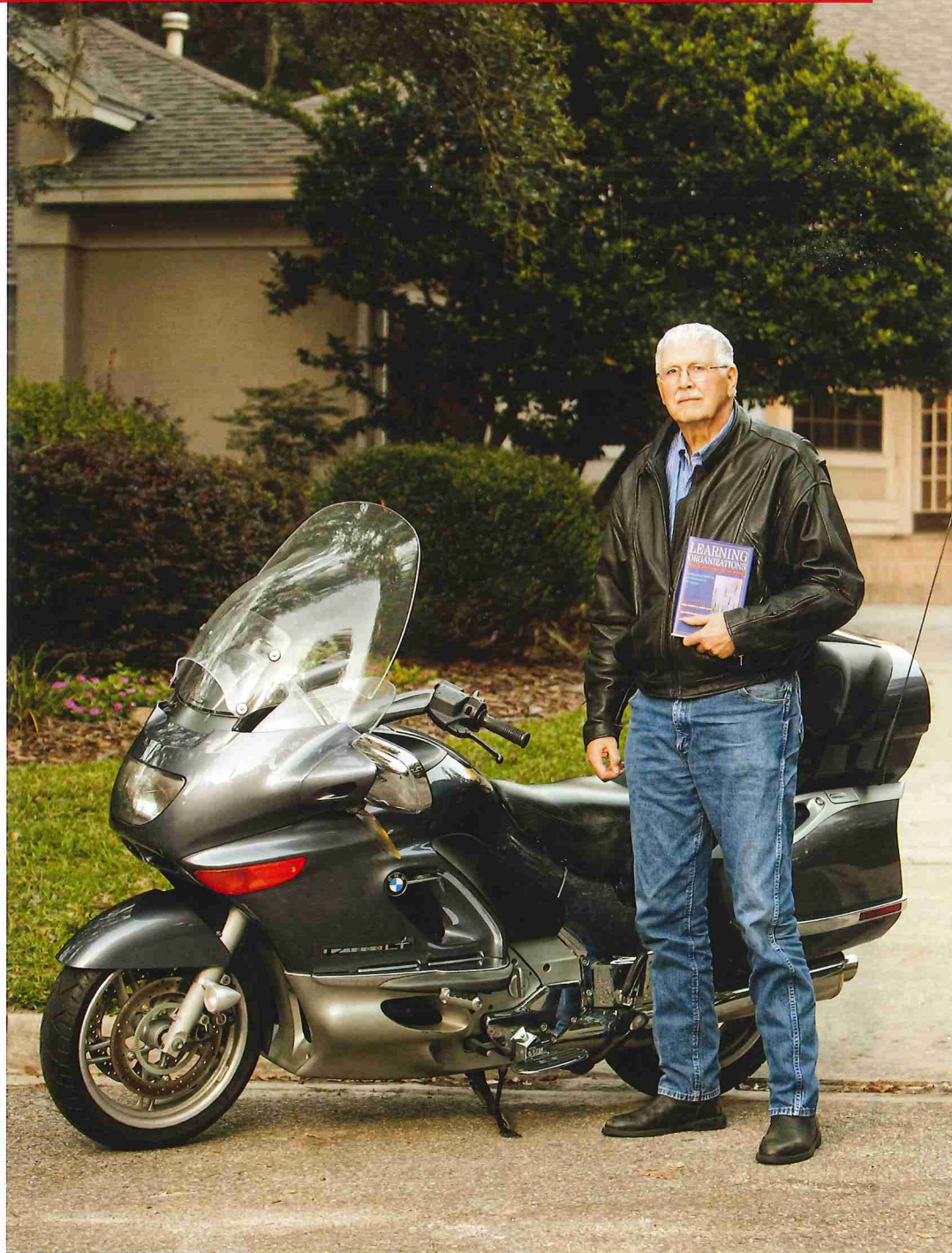
So she did – she opened Brain

Works 12 years ago, and moved into her current location just outside Haile in Tower 24 about two and a half years ago. "At my ribbon-cutting, what I told the people there was that when we lived in Illinois, we saw this Bill Moyers special about Joseph Campbell, who wrote the book, *The Power of Myth*, which talked about finding your bliss. I liked being a school counselor, but I wasn't filled with passion for my job. I just kept getting older, and I thought, 'I'm going to retire in a few years. When am I going to find my bliss?' And now I've found it – Brain Works – where I help children and adults with academic delays, autism, focus, brain injury, memory decline and other brain-related issues."

Harry feels the same about his work. "I feel extremely fortunate to have ended up in a place like UF," he said. "The thing that appealed to me about this job was the energy and electricity I felt on this campus when I came to interview – it was like excitement on steroids."

Diane and Harry are proud and happy that their two daughters have also found their professional bliss. Gretchen, the older of the two, is a nurse practitioner in a family practice in Orlando, and Erin turned her passion for athletics into a career as a corporate partnership accounts manager with the Orlando Magic.

"The important thing is both girls chose careers that they really like," Harry said. "I feel very fortunate they are successful. Now our dogs, Monty and Cooper, are like our perpetual children who are always feeling their bliss."



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