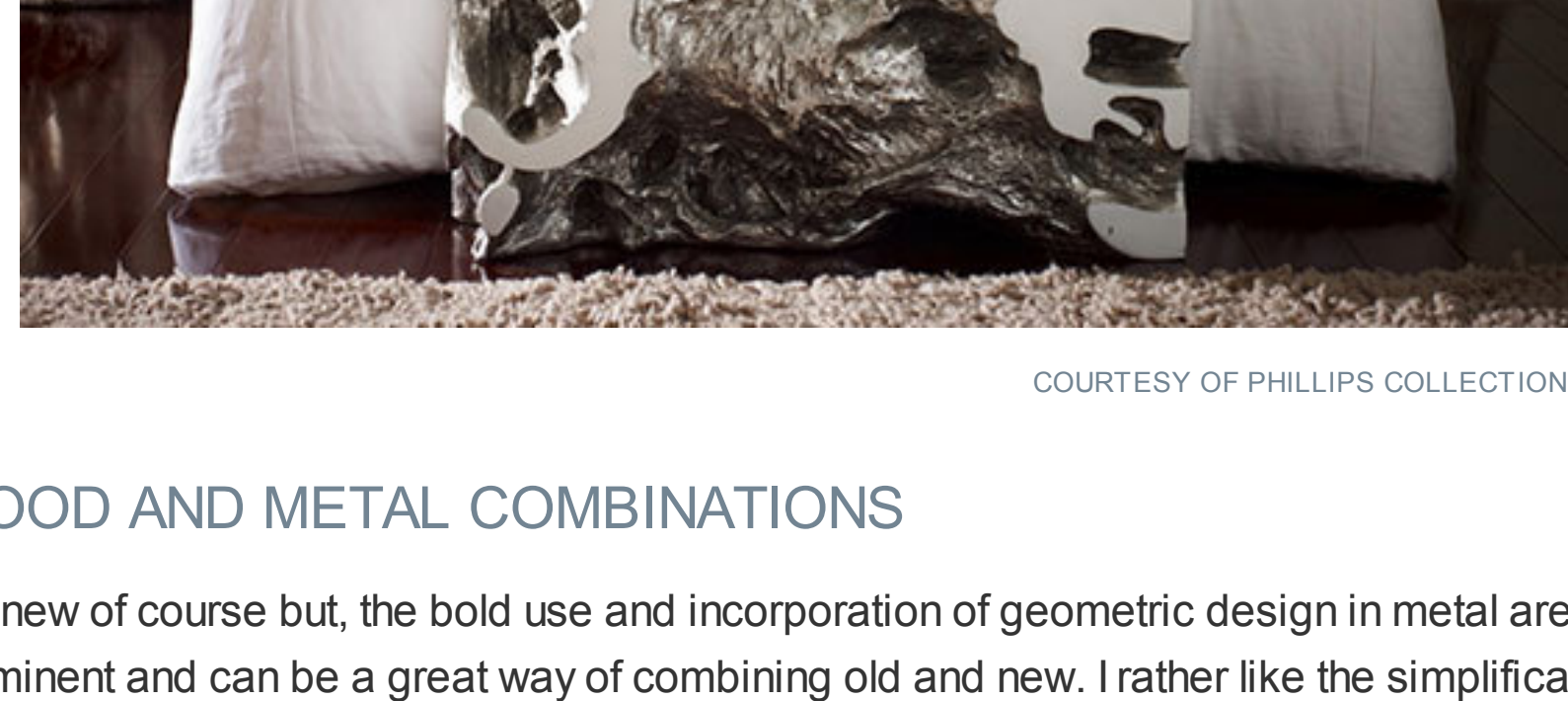




Twice a year, designers, artists and craftsman take part in **High Point Market**, the furnishings industry's largest trade show in High Point, North Carolina. With more than 2000 Exhibitors representing more than 100 countries, there are thousands of new products to take in. I thought I would give you a brief look at some of the materials and styles that were featured and forecast for styling in 2016.

From traditional to modern, specialty materials such as pressed silver, vellum, mother of pearl, vinyl, and semi-precious stones—to name a few—were being featured prominently at the Fall show in October. Craftsmen are still making furnishings with traditional treatments like chinoiserie and marquetry but they are also doing new things with them such as working with modern color palettes. We are still seeing a strong use of metals in furnishings but the use of rose gold is becoming more popular. I like silver or gold.



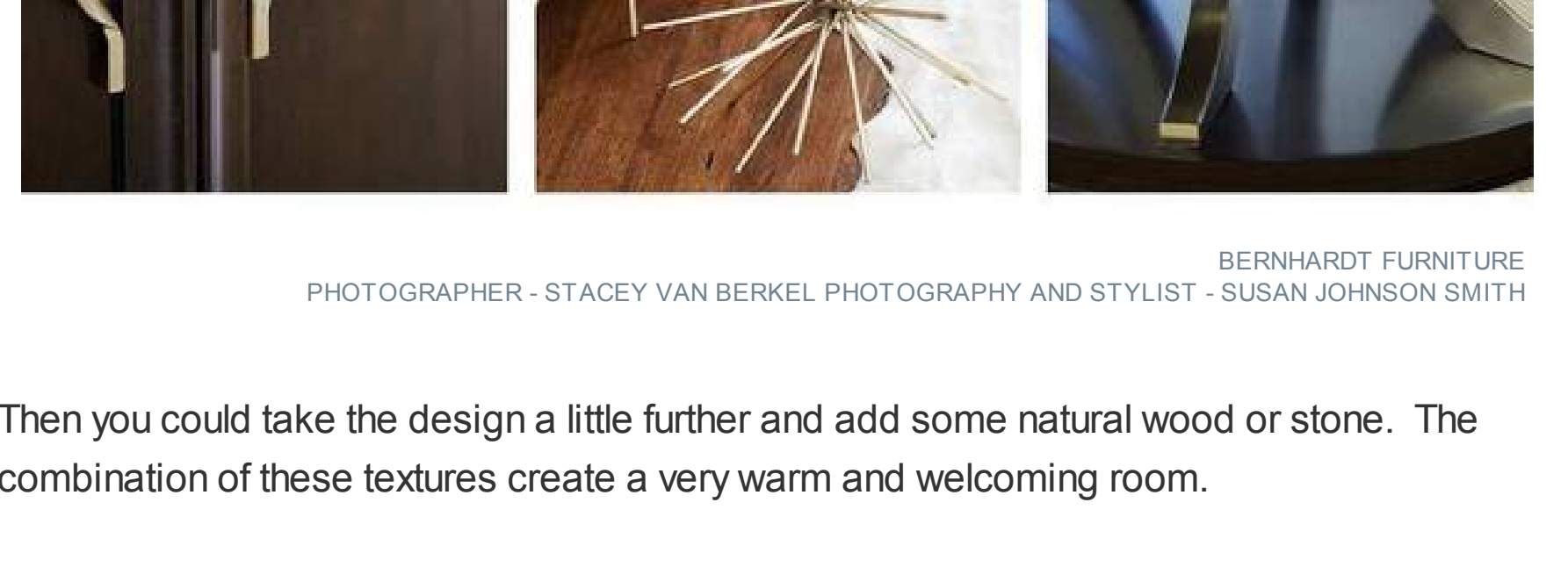
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### WOOD AND METAL COMBINATIONS

Not new of course but, the bold use and incorporation of geometric design in metal are prominent and can be a great way of combining old and new. I rather like the simplification of the symmetrical aesthetic combined with organic shapes and materials.

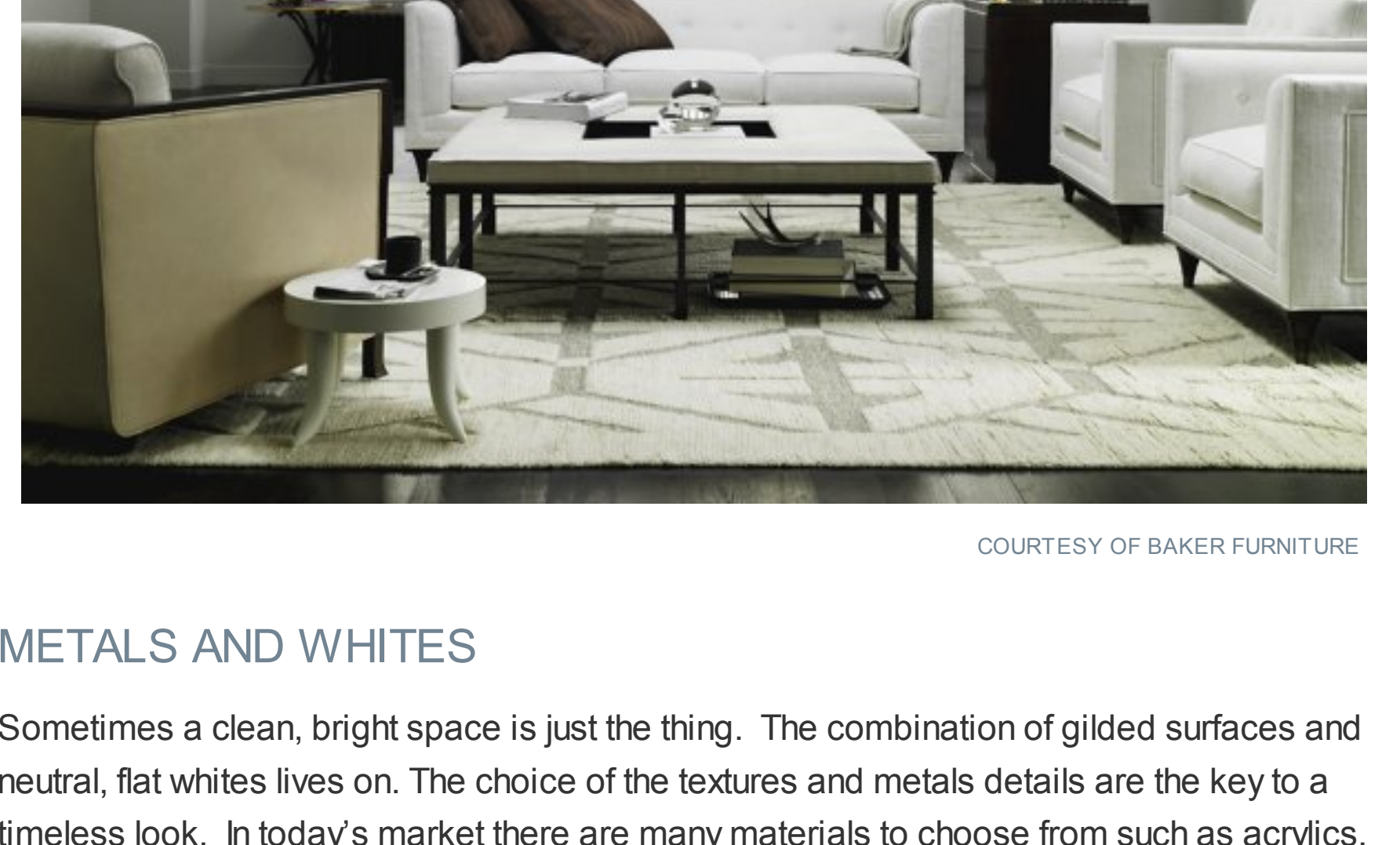


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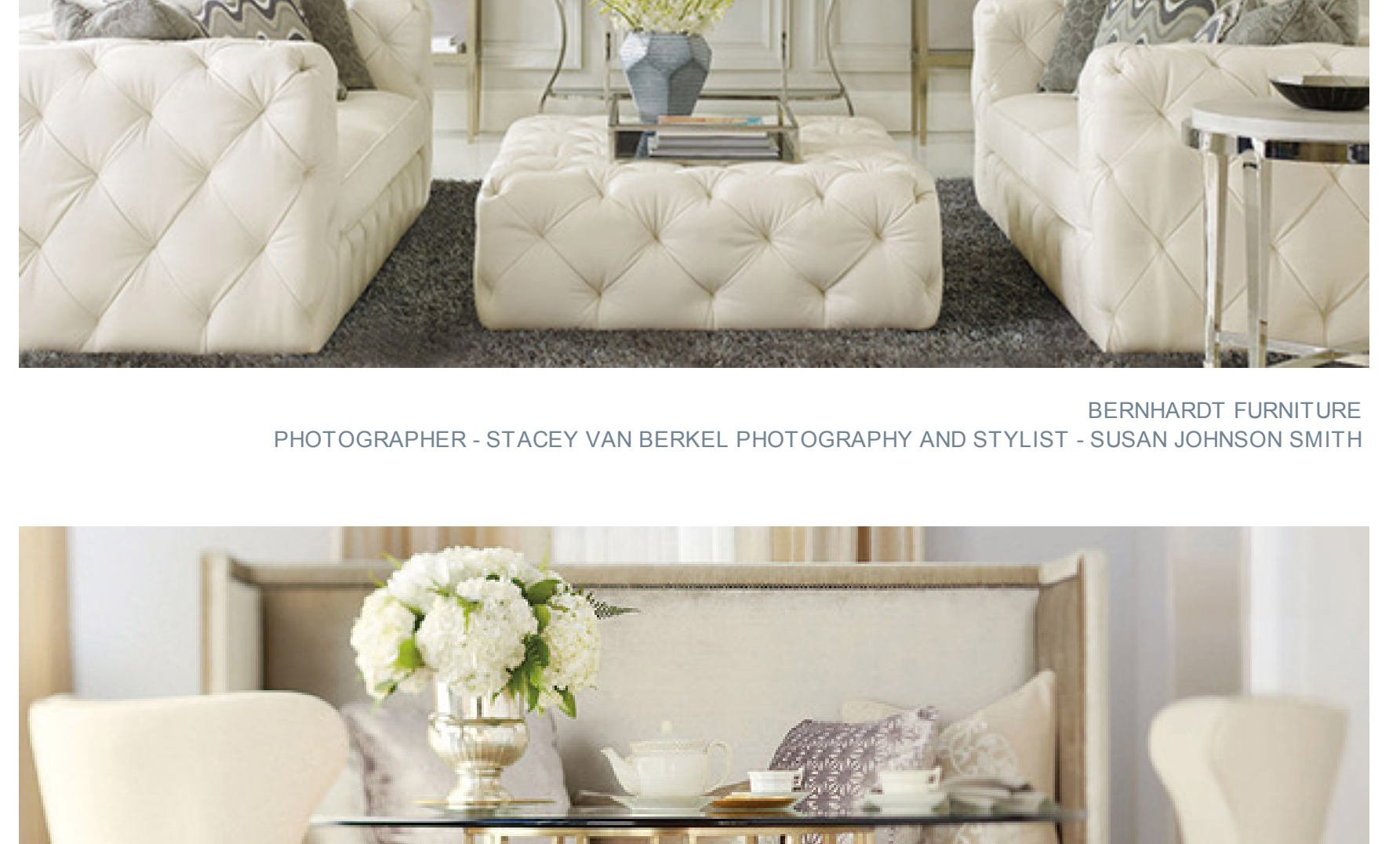
Then you could take the design a little further and add some natural wood or stone. The combination of these textures create a very warm and welcoming room.



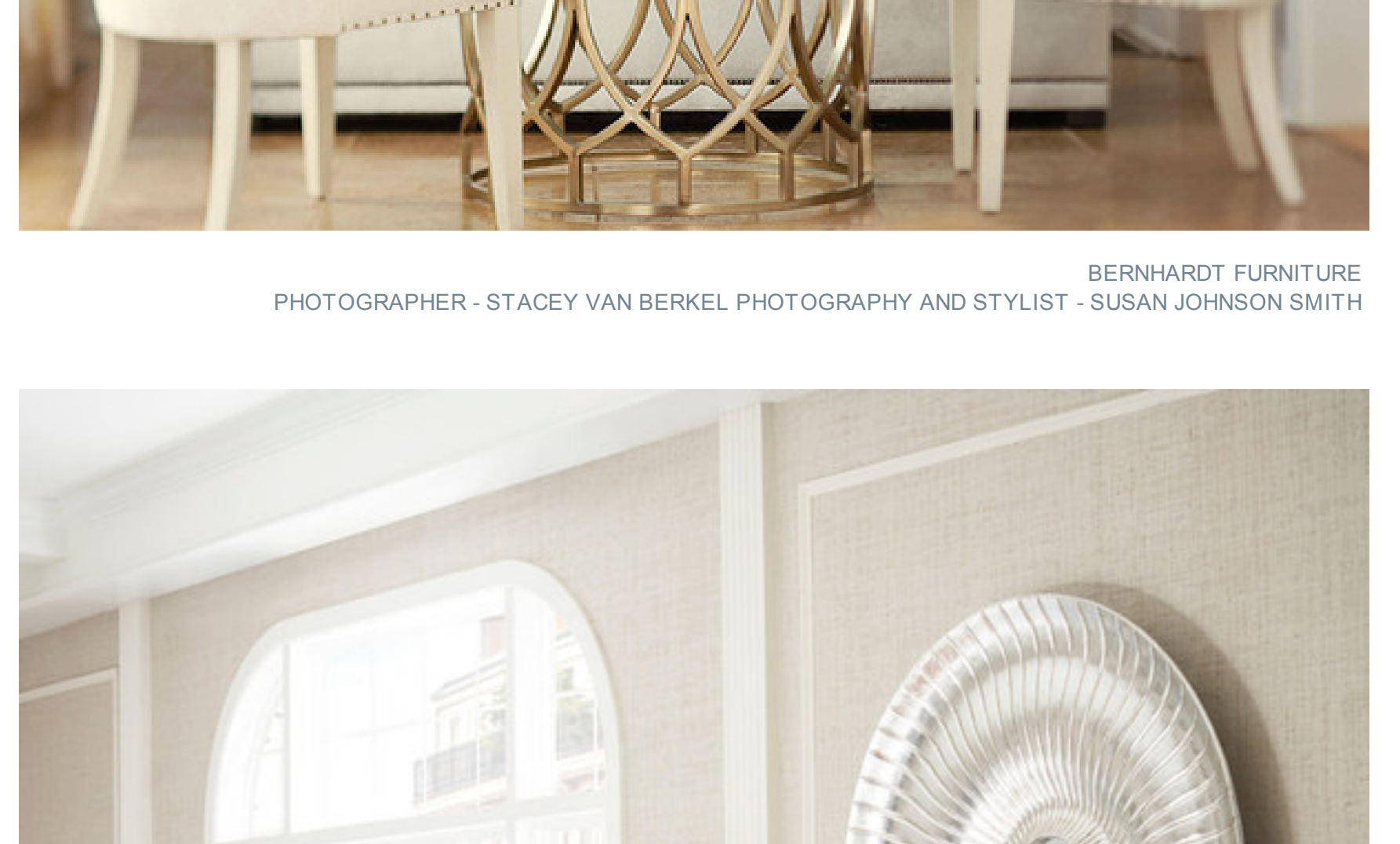
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### METALS AND WHITES

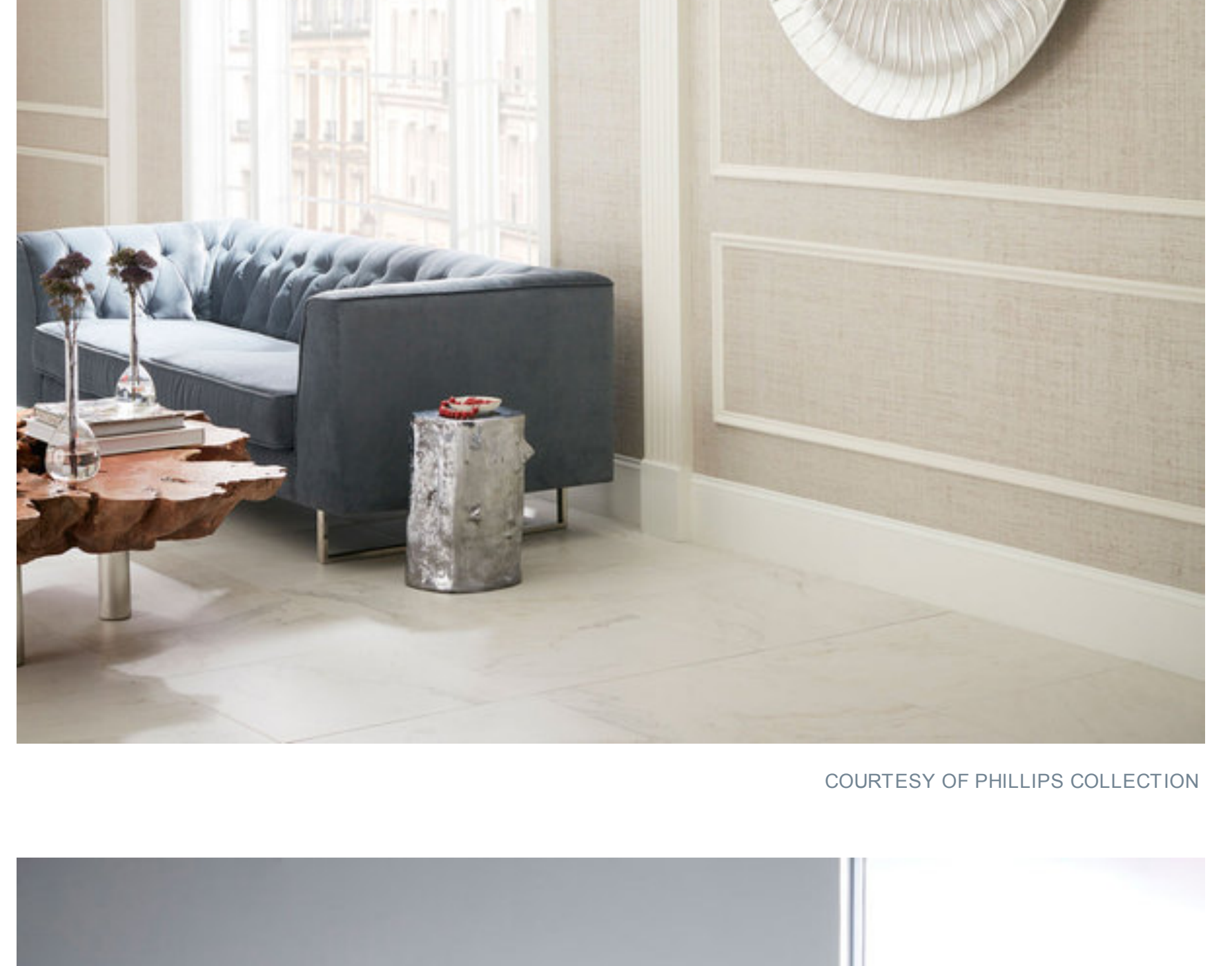
Sometimes a clean, bright space is just the thing. The combination of gilded surfaces and neutral, flat whites lives on. The choice of the textures and metals details are the key to a timeless look. In today's market there are many materials to choose from such as acrylics, Plexiglas and natural quartz. And your styling can be taken from classic to modern. I really like the combinations of white, grey and beige.



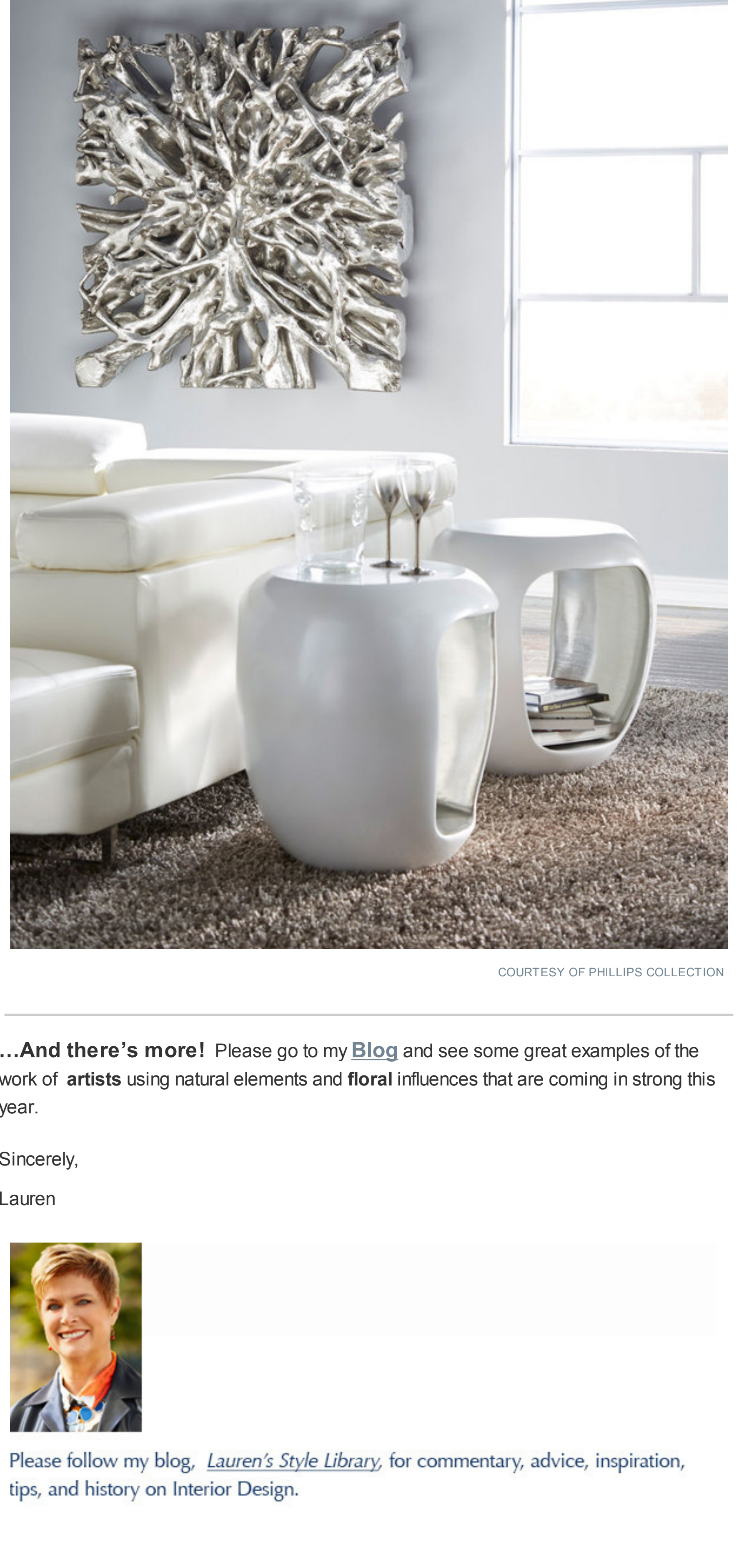
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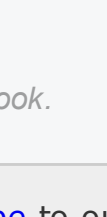
...And there's more! Please go to my **Blog** and see some great examples of the work of **artists** using natural elements and floral influences that are coming in strong this year.

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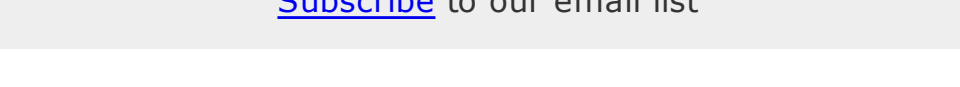
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