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- All places were anger and frustration push people to violence or destruction
- Remember those facing hurricanes & other storms The Caribbean and Florida are dealing with hurricane Elsa right now
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