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Expect more from yourself than from others. Because expectation from others hurts you a lot, while expectation from you inspires a lot....!"

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