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“Before the gates of excellence the high gods have placed sweat; long is the road thereto and rough and steep at first”

(Hesiod, Work and Days)

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