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Directions: Edit the following paragraph. Correct all run-on sentences. Be sure to use proper punctuation and capitalization as necessary.

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