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**vicious**   **spacious**   **gracious**

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c	o	m	e	r	c	i	a	l	l	a	u	
c	o	n	t	r	o	v	e	r	s	i	a	l
f	e	r	o	c	i	o	u	s	k	j	n	y
c	f	o	h	g	d	i	n	i	t	i	a	l
r	u	m	c	f	i	n	a	n	c	i	a	l
o	t	z	g	u	t	d	j	f	d	k	l	a
q	v	v	j	w	j	v	k	f	j	l	h	l
u	e	i	w	t	u	c	h	g	l	f	p	q
i	q	w	l	x	l	x	m	p	a	d	g	g

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sequential

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circumstantial

confidential

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Look, Cover and Write

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r	u	m	c	f	i	n	a	n	c	i	a	l
o	t	z	g	u	t	d	j	f	d	k	l	a
q	v	v	j	w	j	v	k	f	j	l	h	l
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commercial

controversial

ferocious

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