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e.g. Viv decided to recover her old sofa.

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The hyphen in re-cover helps us to understand its meaning

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