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Here's the link to Lester's piece "[Empathy Migrations](#)" that she referenced in our conversation.

Transcript