A Transformative Biblical Encounter: The Garden of Eden in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

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Abstract

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