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Suggested “Big Book” Passages for Taking a Sponsee through the Twelve Steps

(Fourth Edition ~ Standard Size “Big Book”)

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