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nach dem Tod Ihres Mannes Vincent dessen gemeinnützige Stiftung bernahm und überall in New York Spuren Ihrer Grozigkeit und Liebe für New York und seine Bewohner hinterlassen hat. Ein 105-jähriges Leben, das Anerkennung verdient und große Bewunderung für diese Frau verursacht! Die Astors: Glanz und Elend einer legendären Gelddynastie

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