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some epidemiological and clinicopathological aspects**

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**You can study cancer for years but you only learn it's true nature  
when one of your loved ones is stolen by it**

Pap, je hebt in de jaren vele stellingen voor me bedacht die ik alle genadeloos  
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