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“Look, Gail.” Roark got up, reached out, tore a thick branch off a tree, held it in both hands, one fist closed at each end; then, his wrists and knuckles tensed against the resistance, he bent the branch slowly into an arc. “Now I can make whatever I want of it: a bow, a spear, a cane, a railing. That’s the meaning of life.”

Ayn Rand, “The Fountainhead”

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