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The principle of the intangibility of borders was adopted by African States in 1964 when the countries gained their independence. Since then, they have adapted this heritage that dates from the colonial period. The time has come to bring an end to the myth of colonial scars. These artificial lines have truly become African borders. And although they are still imprecise or a source of insecurity at times, they function nonetheless as a resource and provide the interface used by the market networks of today.

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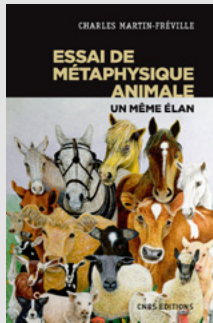
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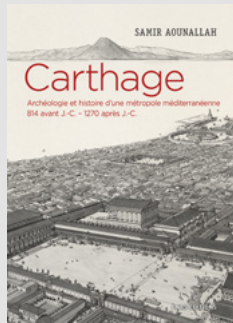
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