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Text Based Strategy: Redaction

There's a deep and complex relationship between living creatures, inorganic material such as rock and minerals, and the climate conditions we experience, such as rain and wind. These relationships are not always easy to see. Sometimes, the relationship operates on a level that is microscopically small, such as the way plants transform sunlight into nutrients. Other times, the relationship can be observed only across a hugely long span of time—hundreds, thousands, or even millions of years. But the connection is there—if you could see things that were very small and subtle, and if you could see things that occurred over a very long stretch of time—what would you see?

It's a matter of debate, but there's certainly a good case to be made that photosynthesis may be the most exciting earth process we know of. We know that plants are capable of converting water, carbon dioxide, and sunlight into oxygen. They are able to achieve this remarkable feat with a relatively small number of separate parts, and have done so, very reliably, for ages. Anyone who's ever had a household plant, watered it, set it near light, watched it grow, and felt the air in her home to be cleaner has experienced this magic firsthand. But if you could see this process on a microscopically small scale, this abstract magic would be revealed as an extraordinary set of mechanisms.

Replace each Redacted word with your own words to make the sentence or the passage make sense. In the end, what is the main point of this excerpt?

The main point is:

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