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ON THE COVER Gene editing causes silkworms like this one, from Michigan's Kraig Biocraft Laboratories, to spin silk that's ultrastrong—and to glow under filtered ultraviolet light, thanks to a jellyfish gene.

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