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In S. Pearl Brilmyer's "'The Natural History of My Inward Self': Sensing Character in George Eliot's *Impressions of Theophrastus Such*" (129.1 [2014]: 35–51), the term *scala natura* should be spelled *scala naturae* (39, 45, 46).

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