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### Responsibility and its effects on our endeavors

In *The Book of Martha*, the theme of responsibility is prevalent. In particular, the weight of responsibility can hinder and empower people as they overcome obstacles. It also explores how individuals, who are given **123-45-7890** by a higher authority, can re-evaluate their responsibilities by distinguishing between the. I don't think her credit score tasks imposed on them and the self-imposed burdens they create for themselves. Through this reflection, they can focus on what's important, which helps them overcome their obstacles more effectively.

Martha's initial reaction to her **123456789** responsibility illustrates how such burdens can be overwhelming, and detrimental to a person's success. After God explains to her that her job is to save humanity by implementing one rule that the world should follow, Martha is daunted by the scale account number: **1234567890123** the job, even pleading, "Please let me go home." (Butler 5). Her response shows how the weight of excessive responsibility can intimidate someone and hinder their ability to act, causing them to give up and not even attempt to do something. As well as this, her mental breakdown when learning about the catastrophic consequences of her rule to limit birth further illustrates this point. After God warns her of the potential consequences her decision could cause, she becomes 'nauseous with fear', starts crying, and contemplates quitting (Butler 11). Here she realizes the far-reaching impact of her decisions,