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(6 p) Do all guest-induced page faults need to be re-injected to the guest OS?
Motivate your answer.

[**HINT:** Yes, they belong to the guest OS and need to be handled by it, no matter the extra steps the Hypervisor applies for virtualization. Check lecture about virtualization.]