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The history of modern design is not only older but much more multifaceted than commonly assumed. This thesis is elegantly borne out through an exploration of the work and influence of the Vienna avant-garde of the Biedermeier period, an era that brought forth shapes and forms which have lost none of their appeal, even today. If the towering

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