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Thread: [Something weird happened after I fixed a small issue for a friend](#)

dhobs - February 1, 2026, 2:28 am

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Seem like you're overthinking everything and running up a bunch of warnings that I haven't given you. Reading the [Help Docs](#) is required of members.