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The it cannot run with the ball, and if the ball is knocked away by a crab, the it must throw it from where the ball lands.

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