When a strongman suspends a 10-lb telephone book with the rope held vertically, the tension in each strand of rope is 5 lbs.

If a strongman could suspend the book from the strands pulled horizontally as shown, the tension in each strand would be:
A) About 5 lbs
B) About 10 lbs
C) About 20 lbs
D) Stronger than 20 lbs

By inspection of the sketch above, to lift $mg$ with a flat string, it requires a much bigger $T$.
Answer D.

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