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A group is said to be an  $n$ -Kappe group if it satisfies the law  $[x^n, y, y] = 1$ . We describe the structural similarities between  $n$ -central groups and  $n$ -Kappe groups. In particular, we characterize 2-Kappe, 3-Kappe and metabelian  $p$ -Kappe groups. We show that in each of these three cases, these groups are closely related to groups with  $n$ -central normal closures.

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