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“Our life shall be based on love and mutual respect. All shall remember that elderly people shall value youth, shall see our future in them, teach and mentor them, share knowledge and experience with them. Youth, on the other hand, shall show care and love for the elderly.

We shall remember: if younger generations do not respect the elderly, it will be a tragedy. If older generations do not value the younger generations, it will be a comedy. If both respect each other, it will be a symphony. Up with the symphony!”

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