

# A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

PLANT A SEED AND GROW A BIG LIFE.

REMEMBER THAT A RAGING RIVER WILL GET TO THE OCEAN FASTER, BUT WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH. A RIVER THAT IS BOTH DEEP AND WIDE CAN MOVE SLOWLY, WINDING EVER GRACEFULLY TO ITS END.

DON'T DIG TOO DEEP INTO THE EARTH FOR THE PERFECT DIAMOND. YOU'LL ONLY DIG YOURSELF INTO A HOLE. THERE ARE MANY DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH ON THE SURFACE THAT HAVE LONG SEEN THE LIGHT OF DAY.

DO NOT GROW TO BE TOO TALL, AS THIS WILL SHADE OUT ANY NEW LIFE THAT MIGHT GROW AROUND YOU.

BE SAND. A BOULDER IS PATIENT, A PEBBLE MORE MOBILE, BUT NOTHING IS SO WELL JOURNEYED, IN SUCH GOOD COMPANY, AND SO HUMBLE AS A GRAIN OF SAND.

KEEP YOUR FIRE BURNING, ESPECIALLY DURING THE COLDEST DAYS OF WINTER.

REMEMBER THE LESSON OF THE ARCTIC TERN WHO TRAVELS HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD TO FEED AND MATE: IF IT'S TOO EASY, THE REWARDS ARE NO DOUBT AS GREAT.

DO NOT PITY THE WIND THAT BLOWS ACROSS THE BARREN TUNDRA. ONLY IN ISOLATION CAN IT TRULY APPRECIATE THE WARMTH OF LESS HOSTILE LANDS.

MOST SNAKES WILL ONLY STRIKE WHEN THREATENED. MOST PIGEONS WILL WALK UP TO YOU WITH LITTLE FEAR. BE THE RARE PIGEON-SNAKE.

LEAD THE PACK WHEN YOU'RE STRONG, AND TRAVEL IN BACK WHEN YOU'RE STRONGER. ONLY IN USING OUR STRENGTH WISELY CAN WE PROTECT THOSE MOST VULNERABLE TO PREDATORS.

FIND A TRIBE.

YOU'LL NOT ONLY PICK MORE BERRIES, BUT THE NIGHTLY FIRESIDE CHATS WILL BE FILLED WITH A HARMONY OF STORIES AND SONGS, NOT THE ONE NOTE DIRGE OF YOUR ISOLATION.

WHEN YOU WALK ON THE EARTH, WALK SOMETIMES WITHOUT SHOES. THEY MAY PROTECT US FROM THORNS AND THE SHARP EDGES OF ROCK, BUT BY EXPERIENCING THE ROUGHER SIDE OF LIFE, WE'LL ALSO FULLY ENJOY THE SOFT FIELDS OF GRASS AND THE HOT SPRINGS OF THE FOREST.

A DOG SAYS SO MUCH WITHOUT EVER SPEAKING A WORD. LEARN THE MYSTICAL SECRETS OF SILENCE AND YOU, TOO, WILL MAKE A GREAT COMPANION.

AND FINALLY, DO NOT RESIST THE PASSING OF TIME. THE GREATEST CANYONS IN THE WORLD WERE CARVED BY MILLENNIA OF WIND AND RAIN AND UNIMAGINABLE TRAMPLING AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU BELIEVE IT OR UNDERSTAND IT FULLY, YOU, TOO, ARE BEING CARVED AS YOU READ THIS.

AND WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CANYON YOU'LL MAKE...