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# **It's no secret: relationships matter !**

Dear Penfabricans,

Give your best to relationships. Relationships are our life-long treasures. Disregard them at your own peril.

Of course, relationships could be the most slippery and complicated matter to handle. Every relationship is unique. Each one warrants a different and distinctive manner of nurturing it. It also depends on whom we are dealing with and in relation to earlier happenings. People who can handle relationships well are always welcomed at any occasions. The possession of power and money do not guarantee you good relationships though most times, they may act as lubricants to decrease frictions and ease mutual understanding. On the other hand, tact, good mannerisms, consideration for others and empathy will almost always garner good relationship vibes from most people.

Relationships give meaning to our lives. The connections that we cultivate over time have the power to inspire us, sustain us and even change our perception and direction in life. Partners, family members, friends, coworkers, mentors and especially our idols, all play a pivotal role in defining who we are. They also help chart our course of actions and our aspirations in life. We become whom we perceive they would like us to be. So crucial and influential are relationships that they can be the determinant factors in our lives.

Perhaps we should treat all our relationships with others as of paramount importance. Take time and effort to nurture good relationships with people we

come into contact with. Always take the initiative in our dealings with others. Do not just react when we are not being dealt with appropriately. An eye for an eye makes the world go blind.

Dear Penfabricans, make the most out of each relationship. Relationships are always complicated. They are never easy. However, when we succeed in having good relationships with others, they become rewarding and satisfying. This is what the good life is all about: being in the good books of people we care for.

Have a lovely weekend nurturing good relationships, even with those whom we are tempted to treat with contempt. Easier said than done. However, do make an honest attempt. Give your best to all relationships.

Thank you.

With kind regards,

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