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The cover shows the diffraction pattern of a diffractive optical element used to achieve multifocal microscopy.

Voor mijn ouders.

It takes something more than intelligence to act intelligently.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

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