

Audio collage #2

"Co-living beings everywhere"

"Well, my dear. - Where are my bread rolls?" I cheekily ask my elderly neighbor. A laugh breaks out and good wishes for the day are exchanged.

Every other street in my neighborhood is now a tree-lined footpath. The neighborhood is well served by the remaining streets. But the edges of these are now also planted with lots of edible plants. I can see gooseberries when I look at the corner up ahead and a beautiful walnut tree by the hedge.

April 2034: It's once again far too warm for early April - 30 degrees in the shade. Even in the morning.

I take a shower and thoroughly apply body butter with a light lemon scent. My neighbor J. already knows that I don't want to talk when I walk over to her with the pot in my hand and silently applies the cream to my back. One look, a smile and I'm gone again.

To combat the heat waves - sometimes 40 degrees in summer - we have planted lots of trees to provide shade. There are fountains and pools to cool off in.

There are very good communication and support networks during heatwaves. We bring the most vulnerable people to safety first. And also in the cultural energy bunker, for example.

I say hello to two arborists we have just passed. Sick trees and plants are now also well cared for. They usually recover quickly too. We have started to talk to them. It's actually not that difficult. They stand by our side and also give us instructions on how to keep them healthy and thriving. They like to give and they are very amazing and powerful. Everyone respects them and you can feel it in the good condition of the plants. They are radiant.

How beautiful the garden has become since we have been looking after it regularly. The hedge is now growing lushly, the evergreens have spread and are glowing blue, and the cherry tree is in full bloom. The buzzing of the first bees makes me happy.

And then, of course, we have rewetted all the moors, greened all the roofs, everything is full of solar panels, wind turbines, biomass power plants, green electricity, green heat, everything. But the technical aspects are not the most important thing. We have decided democratically which technologies we want to develop further and which not.

I decide to go for a little walk and check on our raised beds. We have been growing vegetables together in our farm community for some time, so I enter our yard and hear the buzzing of insects feeding on the walls of the house. That's because hops and blue rain and knotweed are now growing there. It smells so wonderful.

Life and economic activity is care-centered; centered around the needs of everyone and our fellow creatures.

Over the last ten years, we have increasingly developed transformative tools for resilience - individual, collective and social. So we have much more time for everything and peace of mind for our bodies too. Yes, and there is also the Fux cooperative and the

KulturEnergieBunker Altona project - they are flourishing. IKEA and Elbtower have also been taken over and are now also working for the common good.

I return with the new red rake and have also picked up the bread from the bakery. This week it's my turn to distribute the fragrant organic bread around the house. I hang a bread bag on each door handle and ring the bell briefly.

There's usually a cheerful "Thank you, Bettina" when the door opens. And it usually turns into a quick chat with Chris and Barbara.

We have actually built a pigeon house for the pigeons that used to annoy us so much. They now nest here and we've been taking their eggs for a while to reduce the population a little. But that no longer seems to be necessary because they have become one voice among others.

We look after the animals and garden all together and then cook lunch together. Afterwards, we take a nap and, if we like, we cuddle a little.

We don't work so much anymore and we don't work so much for money, because we don't need so much money either. We do a lot of swapping and we contribute what we can - and with pleasure. At the moment, we are taking care of an elderly neighbor whose relatives are missing. We bring her into the courtyard and she loves to warm her knees in the sun.

In the afternoons, we discuss issues of living together in the neighborhood. There are different councils for different topics. Anyone who needs to can join groups, for example on the climate crisis or the care crisis, where we also give space to all feelings such as sadness, powerlessness and despair.

Because not everything is Bullerbü yet. Unfortunately. There are still old forces and structures that continue to have an effect, as well as old values. But we are living the values of solidarity. And these new values are slowly taking hold in society as a whole. So, prosperity is also measured in a completely different way.

Mothers are now very much supported in giving birth in their own way. Pressure and fear have disappeared from obstetrics. This is good for the whole family. They are no longer alone. There are so many voluntary helping hands and hearts from the neighborhood. It's very good for the babies.