

MY DEAREST SILVIA,

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL. DO WRITE BACK AND TELL ME HOW THE BOYS ARE DOING, I MISS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DEARLY.

AS FOR MY TRAVELS:

EARLY TOMORROW MORNING I WILL BOARD THE NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD SET OUT FOR SILVERTON COLORADO. ONCE THERE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE FROM THE SERVICE HAS AGREED TO ASSIST ME TO THE BASE OF BEAR MOUNTAIN. I HAVE MY LIFE SAVINGS IN MY LUGGAGE AND PLAN TO PURCHASE ANY NECESSARY PROVISIONS ONCE WE ARRIVE IN SILVERTON. I AM PLANNING TO BUY A FIREARM TO SUFFICIENTLY PROTECT MYSELF, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT VIOLENCE BUT IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO FIND ITS WAY INTO MY LIFE, NO MATTER HOW FAR I TRY TO RUN FROM IT. AS SUCH I AM SURE YOU CAN FORGIVE ME FOR TRAVELING PREPARED. IT WILL BE A NEARLY A 6 HOUR HIKE TO SUMMIT OF BEAR MOUNTAIN, THE FIRST STOP ALONG MY JOURNEY. AS FOR TONIGHT I AM SLEEPING IN A RUN DOWN INN SITTING JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN. THEY TOUT VERY AFFORDABLE PRICING, THOUGH I WILL BE SPENDING THE NIGHT ON THE FLOOR AS I AM CONVINCED THEY WOULD HAVE A MORE PROFITABLE ENDEAVOR IF THEY WERE ABOUT TO FIND A WAY TO CHARGE RENT TO THE BED BUGS, RATHER THAN THE PATRONS. THEY WERE KIND ENOUGH HOWEVER TO PROMISE AND DROP THIS LETTER OFF WITH THE POSTMASTER AND FOR THAT I AM GRATEFUL. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD BUT I WILL TRY TO WRITE TO YOU DAILY, UPDATING YOU ON HOW MY JOURNEY FAIRS, I HOPE DEARLY THAT YOU WILL TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE ME BACK. I AM NOT SURE HOW YOUR LETTERS WILL FIND ME, BUT WITH ANY LUCK AND GRACE FROM THE GREAT BEYOND, YOUR WISDOM WILL FIND ITS WAY INTO GRASP. THE CANDLELIGHT BY WHICH I AM COMPOSING THIS SO BEGGING TO FLICKER OUT, I WILL ADD THAT TO MY LIST OF PROVISIONS TO ACQUIRE. FOR NOW I MUST FINISH THIS LETTER, I WILL WRITE YOU FROM SILVERTON WHEN I ARRIVE.

FOREVERYOURS,

EVERETT

