

MY DEAREST SILVIA,

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL. I FOUND A PATCH OF CLOVERS AS WE WERE DEPARTING FROM TOWN, I SEARCHED BUT WAS UNABLE TO FIND ONE WITH FOUR LEAVES. YOU WERE ALWAYS BETTER AT FINDING THEM THAN I WAS. PERHAPS ALONG THIS JOURNEY I MAY FIND A WAY TO SEND SOME GOOD LUCK BACK TO YOU.

AS FOR MY TRAVELS:

I HAVE JUST MADE IT TO THE SUMMIT AFTER 8 GRUELING HOURS OF HIKING. IT IS WELL INTO THE AFTERNOON AND I HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO CRASH FOR EVENING HERE ATOP THIS FRIENDLY PEAK. I HAVE ALSO RESOLVED TO LEAVE THE MAJORITY OF MY SUPPLIES HERE. SO MUCH OF THIS WEIGHT NOW FEELS COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY. I WILL BE LEAVING THE MAJORITY OF THE COOKING WARE SHEERLY OUT OF SPITE. I FORGOT WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO TRAVEL WITH PROVISIONS AND WAS SO EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE NEW EQUIPMENT THAT I FAILED TO COUNT THE POUNDS THAT I WAS PUTTING ON MY BACK. SOMEONE WILL HAVE A HAY DAY WHEN THEY FIND EVERYTHING I WILL BE LEAVING BEHIND. ENOUGH OF THAT THOUGH. THE WILDLIFE SEEMED SCARCE AND HIDDEN ALONG THE TRAIL, PERHAPS THE DEEPER I TRAVEL INTO THE WOODS, THE MORE NATURE WILL GREET ME BACK. I DID SEE FAMILY OF DEER, A YOUNG FAWN WITH THEM, BUT FOR THE MOST PART MY COMPANY HAS CONSISTED OF THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS MAZE OF TREES AND UNDERGROWTH. THE WORLD ALSO SEEMS TO BE HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH ITSELF DESPITE MY PRESENCE, AND I AM GLAD NOT TO INTRUDE. THE TRAIL WAS LOVELY BUT I AM SURE I WOULD HAVE ENJOYED IT MORE HAD I NOT BEEN LUGGING THE ENTIRE STORE ON MY BACK.

IT HAS BEEN INTERESTING TRAVELING SOLELY WITH MY THOUGHTS. MY DREAMS HAVE TURNED VIOLENT AGAIN, I AM SURE IT HAS TO DO WITH THE STRESS OF MY NEW EXISTENCE. I AM SURE AS I SETTLE INTO A ROUTINE FOR ADVENTURE MY MIND WILL CALM ITSELF AND STOP FREAKING OUT. I HAD ANOTHER FLASHBACK. IT WAS BAD. I STABBED A TREE. I MISS YOU. I AM WORRIED THAT IT WAS YOU THAT KEPT ME CENTERED ALL THIS TIME, AND THAT NOW WITHOUT YOU I WILL FALL. I NEED TO DO THIS THOUGH, I DON'T REGRET LEAVING. I NEED TO KNOW MYSELF. I DO MISS YOU THOUGH, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT.

BY CANDLES AND FIRELIGHT I WRITE,  
FOREVER YOURS,  
EVERETT

