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Robben Island Prison
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13th September 1971.

Dear Auntie Poo,

From these confines I address you, noting not without a certain amount of concern that such communication between the two of us has been rather sparse. It is not for me to account for such a state of affairs as, surely, you are aware of the vicissitudes of this, our life.

As I write this moment I am picturing you in that memorable room pacing up and down waiting for a visitor perhaps, be it Cheta or sister Esther or someone special. Do you still have as many visitors? I used to envy your goodnaturedness and patience. If only my sister Eunna were like that! By the way she is married now and is Mrs. Simelane in Matmots, Zululand. I am not certain as to whether she is still doing nursing there or not.

Since I passed my Senior Certificate last year I have been intending to register with the University next year, studying the law degree

termed B. Juris. I wrote Emma recently trying to find out as to whether she may be of any help in this regard or not. She seems to be in a maze of difficulties and responsibilities. You shall realise therefore that my only hope is you.

I intend taking four courses in my first year at R30.00 ea, these will add up to R130.00 with the inclusion of R10.00 registration fee. The faster you act, Auntie Poo, the better because it's September already.

Just ask Albert whether he still hopes to hear from me again or not since he displays no disposition to reply to my letters.

Well ~~on~~ the up and up I am doing fine and am on the eighth (8th) of the eleven (11) years that I was given. I am already with you in spirit and am imagining myself abusing the privilege of driving your car. Be sure then that I do and shall always remain.

Ever loving,

Kulile Mpatlaza 372/64.

22/11/71.

My dear kulile,

Thank you for your letter of the 13/9. Your news of passing the Senior Certificate is most heartening. P. told me & we were both thrilled for you.

Also interesting is the fact that you wish to study Law. You do appreciate the problems that might attend on you. However your general optimism is most pleasing & we shall do our best to help.

I spoke to Griff & he promised to write immediately. Have you heard from him. If not let us know - for I shall break his stupid neck. Albert I saw too. He is employed in a legal firm & seems to be happy. Bonji has had helluva problem with Blessie - who is asthmatic. Sipho - bless him is fit & well. Both are now in school. They were happy to get a home further away from the snake park in which they are presently housed.

Griff has a new baby - whether he or she I'm not sure. Excuse the short note - I have so many to reply to.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Kador