

18th July,
hot Brittany day

Dear Phyl,

I got your letter today. The news re Sha horryifying, but the worst is over? Could anything go wrong? Could he have a relapse? Could the liver seem to 'take' and then reject?? What could happen as a consequence?

I rushed to see if my donor card is still in my purse - it is. Then I cheered loudly that you'd had the patience and kindness to let me know.

I've been trying to contact you for months, although I hadn't a clue where you were. I had a number - 213744 which I'd tried to phone several times with no luck. It sounded hollow like an empty flat, all occupants and furniture gone. I tried to contact Suks in Zimbabwe but wasn't sure I'd got the right address - on the corner of some street or other, but no phone number. Lost Liz and Peter's number and address, no address for Paul David - so round about the elections and inaugurations I celebrated with my dear friend Charlie (were we the only two in Brittany celebrating, surely not?) and was WELL pissed off that I just couldn't seem to reach you.

But at last - yes it's I who've been the bad girl so maybe only myself to blame that perhaps I'd lost you.

What the fuck is this girl of Sha's on with her fucking confessing?? And gospel music? And Paryer? Whatever good did that ever do anyone, I ask you. I've never seen any evidence that it works yet. Give me science and logical explanations anyday, that bloody prayer nonsense gives me the creeps.

I'm still working - hanging in on by the skin of my teeth and incredible luck. My mother always said that if I fell into a heap of shit I'd climb out smelling like roses and I guess she had a point. Mind you, she didn't use those words! The pay is appalling although I really enjoy the blokes I work with - mostly ex alcoholics or just people who need a bit of a hand to live in the world.

I've studied every detail of your photo's. Your lovely library, Hani with his fist in the air, Mandela among the plants - a lovely tiled floor and that nice rug on the floor - where's that from then? One of the workshops? Who's that woman (elderly) in the photo about 5 shelves up - is it Helen Joseph?

How wonderful that you have such good friends to turn to in emergencies, for Sha's operation. And Suks - what a great old girl. I can just see her pulling out ALL stops media wise to get a donated liver.

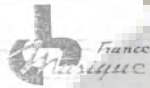
Life here in Brittany ~~is~~ has it's moments. The English 'club' have refused my membership - they no longer see me as one of theirs thank god and have stopped including me in their very silly little do's. Since 18 months maybe. I took it as a compliment, although I'd given them every chance for quite a while, being very rude and sarcastic about their boring lives, outlooks and attitudes. I've found a lovely friend, Charlie who is also quite happy to ignore their existence and get on with trying to make a living and learn french. We've built him a fine workshop out of

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out of scraps and cheap wood that looks like a Swiss Chalet. He's a mechanic and specialises in motorbikes but does most anything with an engine. We're both trying to operate on a shoestring and firmly hanging on to our independence. I've slowly been ~~xxx~~ re-building this house which has been very interesting as I've learned a hell of a lot about building, materials, etc.

So you. What's going on with the book about Chris? Are you working as a lawyer? How much time does that involve? There's very little news here re S. Africa - I don't even know who's in the cabinet. I didn't get to see the inauguration on the telly 'cos I don't have one. And no-one in Britain thought to video it for me. But I felt the vibes here (and tried phoning you!).

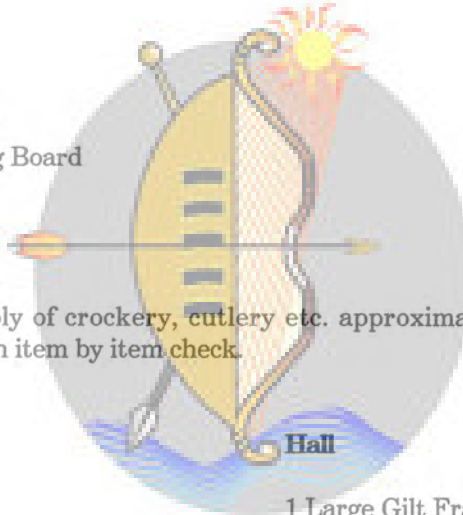
So, that's my news. I'm basically keeping my head down and out of trouble at work - I desperately need the money and trying to save as much as possible. Two friends have gone to live in Botswana, so I'm beginning to think a visit may be possible (but give me a while to save).

Lots of love and a big hug.

Inventory

Kitchen

- 1 Electric Cooker
- 1 Refrigerator
- 1 Washing Machine
- 1 Toaster
- 1 Food Mixer
- 1 Filter Coffee Machine
- 1 Electric Iron & Ironing Board
- 1 Vacuum Cleaner
- 1 Floor Cleaner
- 1 Clothes Airer



Please ensure adequate supply of crockery, cutlery etc. approximately 8 place settings plus kitchen utensils & pans. No need for an item by item check.

Living Room

- 2 Dining Tables
- 8 Dining Chairs
- 1 Armchair
- 2 Sofas
- 1 Tea Trolley
- 1 Red Rug
- 1 Ornamental China Duck
- 1 Small Table
- 1 UHF Cassette Radio

- 1 Large Gilt Framed Mirror
- 1 Coat stand
- 1 Hall Table
- 1 Dehumidifier

Bedroom 3

- 1 Single Electric Blanket
- 1 Double Bed