

November 25, 1980  
Nairobi Kenya

Dear Phyl,

I received your letter today and it was so upsetting. I could see you sitting "unladylike" at the desk in pain. You must get them to take those pieces of metal out now. Their danger is nothing new. They must look for others while they are down on these cuttings.

Let me know when you are going to hospital and how long you expect to be there. I am sure that once those pieces are out you will be feeling a lot better, maybe with just a few more black & blues.

I was shocked to hear about John. Maybe the hesotho government will revoke its decision. Knowing how many people of hesotho love and admire him should make some difference. They are not South Africa, imprisoning respected leaders like Mandela! What response has been made? Please send me an address at which I can write to John. Give Michael a hug for me.

It all bodes badly for the refugees in hesotho. They must all be very anxious now.

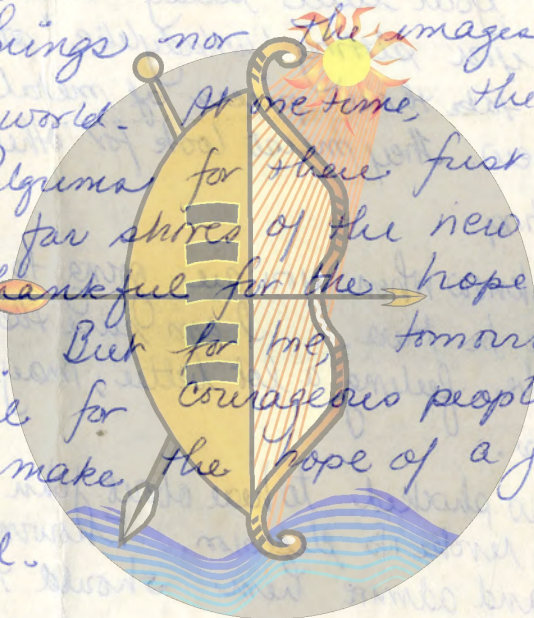
I received the most insane letter from Bas, 75% apology and 25% ego. You pick the winners! Actually, it was good to hear from him. I am sure he must be up in Maseru waiting on your hand and foot now that you are feeling low. I bet he even puts his own sugar in his coffee these days!

For some good news, you must know that the rains have arrived here, beginning to turn the countryside green. Many families will



to be saved the pains of hunger with these rains.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day for us crazy Americans. You ask what we have to be thankful for! Surely it is not a new leader and the hope for change he brings nor the images of growing peace in the world. At one time, the thanks was given by the Pilgrims for their first harvest after settling on the far shores of the new land America. We can be thankful for the hope of a harvest here in Kenya. But for me, tomorrow is a day to be thankful for courageous people like you and John who make the hope of a just South Africa real.



Love to You Always,  
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