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(To Masha):

Hello, oh, it's so thrilling to meet you. My aunt and uncle said to me you mustn't go bother them, and plus she's never ever there, but then we had our binoculars out and we saw your car drive up, and I thought, I can't believe she's here! I can meet Masha Hardwicke. A woman who has achieved fame and success in theatre and in motion pictures. I LONG to make theatre my life, and you're an idol to me. And I'm only here for three days, and I hoped I could meet you., but then I didn't dare think it would actually happen. But it has.

(To Vanya and Sonia):

Oh I sense sadness. Don't be sad. Life is wonderful, isn't it? Oh Uncle Vanya, dear Sonia—this morning I woke up with no hopes for my artistic endeavors and by this evening I have the chance of an agent through Spike, and I'm going to party with a world-class actress and movie star. Oh, life is like a long, long pathway in the forest, filled with wonderful surprises ahead. Artistic fulfillment, fame, fortune...love. Do you agree?

(Monologue from Vanya's play);

People, lions, eagles, partridges, raccoons, porpoises, opossums, hedgehogs, woodchucks, geese, spiders, octopuses, foxes, wild turkeys, frogs, and blue herons.

All living creatures are dead. The earth is no more. It split apart into atoms, cells, tiny molecules.

I am one such molecule. And I am lonely.

I miss people, animals, books, oatmeal.

But they are all gone now.

The world ended sometime in the twenty-first century.

In the final days, it was frightening to turn on the morning weather report.