

Dear Dad,

I don't have much to say but wanted to let you know I am fine. I keep busy but with Teri here the biggest load of responsibility by far is on her. I do not mean to manipulate and am even hesitant to say anything about it, because what I say about this comes out sounding manipulative. It is a relief with her here. That is surely a reflection on me, because responsibility is something I will gladly share, or duck out of is probably more like it, whenever I can. But I want you to know that I will stay here and carry whatever I have to for as long as necessary. Whoever is here.

I miss you. In melancholy moments I am very sad about separation and the passing of time when I am not in your proximity. It has made me much more aware of the awesomeness of what you are doing, and the finality of things. Words are hollow and in reality I do not do all that I could to uphold the work here. The troubles with Leona, for one thing. I take a large part of the responsibility for that. Keeping to myself and not communicating. That won't happen/<sup>again</sup> as long as I am here.

I feel for the burden you are carrying and for the heartbreaks. I cannot conceive of life without knowing you. You have touched my life very deeply. Whatever happens, life as you have given it to us is fulfilled. Thank you.

*Jean*

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