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Hello Fenichka,

I received your letter and the postcard last week but did not write back right away for the following reason. Recently, it became hard for me to tolerate our separation, this got to influence on me more than ever before. I can say that I got tired of the long wait and it is necessary to make all efforts to end

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the wait, or rather, the languor, especially your last letter instilled some strange feelings into me, as if it's both painful and shameful, and nice, and after reading the letter, I realized that it's enough to live with fear of the future and that it's impossible to extend the separation for a long time, otherwise the its end is not close. The fact is that as if I got modified, left my previous thoughts because I see

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that it's very hard and impossible for me to remain the same, in particular, to be afraid of life, of the future, what must be, must be. And I finished paying all my debts yesterday, on Saturday evening, I paid back everything I owed to my relatives, the amount was significant but despite of everything, I decided to pay it off right away in order to be free. I saved several dollars in the bank and got my salary for the week, so I had as much as I owed and paid off the debt.

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Now, dear, I am free from debts and do not owe anything, and from now on, or to be precise, beginning from this week, a good part of my income can go for my personal interest. I suppose you understand how glad I am, how happy I am that I am free from debts, I have revived, I can say the road to our happiness is pretty open, and soon, dear, even sooner than I am planning, if I still work the entire summer, then certainly, there is no doubt that you will be here shortly.



