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Concerning the amount of money needed for the ... card, dear, I will try to provide that for you, I don't know how much the trip might cost, the cost of the ticket is most important expense of this trip, meaning the ... card. And the rest is not so much, but it doesn't matter. I wouldn't like you to spend money on this, you better spend on yourself, it is not worth it to bring to America that small amount you can save, take care of your health, anyway, you will find how to spend that money.

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Fenichka, you asked how I live, it seems to me that I wrote to you but I will repeat anyway, I find it necessary to write you about my life, it seems that yes... I live in New York on the 101<sup>st</sup> street, near ... park. I am renting my sister's apartment and also have meals at her place, she cooks wonderfully. If you are interest how much I pay her, you are welcome to know, 5 dollars a week for rent and meals; time goes by this way: on working days, I wake up at 7 am, I get ready

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and have breakfast within half an hour, I leave for work at 7:30 am, it takes half an hour to get to work by city train, the train is not like in Russia but specifically for trips within the city, it does not go on the ground but on the bridge above. And the train goes above the bridge and tram and people, etc. go under the bridge. My trip last half an hour, so I start work at 8 am – I work from 8 am till 12 pm, 30 min. for lunch, people don't go home for lunch but have a snack and then work till 5:30 pm. I get home at 6 pm, I have dinner and after dinner, sometimes I meet with someone or watch movies or time goes by just fine.

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And on Sunday, the schedule is different. I woke up today, on Sunday, at 10 am, had breakfast and went to the park with my brother-in-law and children. Roma has not come to me yet, so we played ball in the park, it is customary to play ball here, now we came home to have lunch, I will write the letter, we will have lunch, after lunch, Roma is coming to my place and we will go somewhere. And time goes by this way. The weather is very interesting here, it is very warm here, I will wait with the letter until Roma comes, if he comes soon, he will write here.

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Fenichka, you wrote to me, and Roma told me what you said – why I look at this arrangement as if as soon as you arrive, you would start a family life and that you would be able to work here, - No, dear. I do not fully agree with you, as it concerns not the start of the family life from the day of your arrival, I totally agree with that, and I do not stop on that if you remember,

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Fenichka, I told you in Kiev, but you said that you did not know me well enough, and I responded that when you come to me, we can remain the same, i.e. until you get to know me better, but this is not essential. I disagree with you as it concerns your working here, I am very glad and happy that you, my dear, are willing to work, i.e. to contribute to our common life. Of course, you are saying until a certain time

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but I, dear, would not want even that. I can talk a lot about this but I will leave that until the next letter. But the most important thing that I can say is that it is pretty hard to work here, I would not want to see you exhausted from work, you are Fenichka, very dear for me and I will give my life for you to be healthy, happy, and always to see you as you were when we met, although many people work and at the same time, survive

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pretty well, but I would not want that, so if you get here, dear, everything will be in a good way. Certainly, it would be best if you get here the sooner the better but keeping in mind that you would have to work here because of that, it is better to wait two-three months more, dear, and to avoid for you to see the factory. Yes, dear, anyway the larger part is over, I mean the larger

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Dear, if anyone of your relatives asks you what is going on between us, tell them what you know – boast that Lev does not want me to work there, that's what we want – of course, both of us would like me to get settled, and this should happen soon, but regarding the loyalty to each other, let them leave that to us. Fenichka, dear, do not get upset, do not get sad, do not be jealous of those

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who left with their loved ones, I know, for example, several people and you know them too, Fanya (?) and his sister, although I have not seen them, but someone has already told me that they work, both he and her, and you know that in order to work, you know that yourself that in my opinion, rather than seeing a beloved girl working here, it is better to stifle any feelings, in other words this is an unenviable life.

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... that anything may happen in life. But at least let the beginning be proper. So I am finishing, don't worry, dear, our happiness is ahead, don't be sad, take care of your health, I will send you the card.

Take care, Your loyal friend,

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