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Dear Nathan,

You did an almost unbelievable thing, to climb into the lion's den and light a match under his tail! I must say that, despite a promise, I never would have made such a claim, which goes completely outside the usual bounds. That you put yourself into such an unpleasant situation, entirely of your own free will, is something quite extraordinary. I'm keen to hear how the conversation went.

One half of the prescribed stay in Florida is now over, and it seems that it's really giving this old Adam a lift. Miss Dukas and Bucky are, in addition, very conscientious nursemaids, so nothing can be wanting. You should have something like this, too, once. The main thing is that the suddenly altered external conditions cause everything to seem to shift into the distance and the inner tension relaxes.

All the best for now, and to a happy reunion.

Yours,

A. E.

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