

2. After all it is our marriage
place - and is in a way
hallowed ground for us
both. The mountains are not
so high or near as here -
but this is a place to "come
to" but I feel no sense of
belonging. What is there about
New-Fane that makes you
embrace it so completely? The
village green with its beautiful
old court house and church
the people, our friends & lips there -
all endear it to us.

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Dearest

Your New-Fane idea is a most
wonderful one! Much better than
the long trip up and back here with
only one day here. And what joy
to establish ourselves on the
"Rock" in our beloved Sorensen
meadow and do a little construction
work for "Johnell." It is high time we
close the preamble and concentrate
on the main theme - if we are ever
to do it. I will come to come for dear.

It is already ours! I don't ever expect to
get all your problems beautifully worked
out — and "then" take up our future. I know
now that if I am resolute and plan a
way to safeguard the gift I have to give
there is our future health and happiness.
If not — well, it is a slippery and
steep path and I have seen how difficult it is
to keep from sliding down it. Everything seems
so crystal clear to me from a little distance —
I see how much you mean to me — how
much good we can do for ourselves and
others — and how blind we have been! making
over and over the same mistakes.

I see also without being particularly
hurt certain truths that when I am being
sacrificed to them simply stab me in the
heart. Now it hardly seems worth mentioning
since you are happy — and I am well.
But to show you how I mean — and how
your blindness sees and vindicates
itself is your reaction to Justice

your heart craves and
no problem. That is what decided
me that it must be so always
for you will never understand
and I cannot go on the other
way. But remember that there
is another side and the true picture
is not so simple.

It is quite a different set-up
when Justin and Charlie simply
look after you and your guests.
Nannie had a house full to
cook for and clean up after
every day. Three meals every

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and Charlie. It is not only
evident that they are entirely
satisfactory to you but you say
how beautifully simply things are
run and how things "get done"
and how good the meals are
and how you shall miss them
and how it is only my idea
that all cannot be simple
and harmonious. You have
all the company that

day - and so many difficult
situations due to conflict which was
not her fault. She also had Bill, Charlie
and Justice to fit in - she had me
in bed to care for ect. ect - how very
different it is if Justice & Charlie are
there alone to "just" please you. I am happy
that they are John dear but it would
be equally simple if they were there with
me alone. However I do not want you
to give them up to the Hales because
you think "I do not like them". That
is untrue and unfair. I simply say again
that you do not want a wife or you
want to run a Club yourself with
a wife as Exhibit 11 - and company
for the long night - I am proud to be with her but I must have
my own home. I know how perfectly delightful you
can be to people working or living with you
so long as you are planning the dinner for
company - and are moving all the

graciousness to criticism and
fiction and confusion follow
as if in spite. There are harsh
bitter words when spoken in
the heat of battle - but now they
are simple truths that form
merely the account of the battle.
We must have some foundation
of truth before we can plan
our post-war policies and
daily living. I have seen these
things happen too often to

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balls. You are happy - and
they are happy - and the
guests are delighted - and
all is good.

How different the picture
however when you are not
serving all the balls yourself -
when these other people whose
right to happiness and a
way of life are at stake. Your
manner changes from

Think it can be different. You have
always killed the new hope that
we could have a team - from now
on let's confer it and make each
other happy. You deserve to be radiant,
happy, charming, gracious and beautiful
and so long as you are running everything
you will be. I deserve a quiet peaceful
corner somewhere to work and to
grow into the woman I am. I am
no longer a child - but the granddaughter
of three - I can't go on forever playing
the game you do.

Perhaps "The Rock" at New
-Tane will be the answer. I shall be
ready to come there about Oct 6th or 7th - how
does that fit in with your plans? Charlie
will be there - we will find a welcome
and much blessing and I hope
the answer to our prayers. Forgive me for dearest
but you are too precious to lose through