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SPARROWHAWK COTTAGE

Hi Sis + Fred,

IT IS 8:00 PM + I JUST THREW SOME MORE WOOD ON THE FIRE. IT IS A COLD CLEAR NIGHT AGAIN - FULL MOON + BRIGHT STARS, LAST NIGHT WE COULD HEAR COYOTES YIPING.

I GOT A LETTER BACK FROM THE POST OFFICE SAYING OR IMPLYING THAT MA HAS MOVED. I'M ALMOST SURE IT IS THE SAME ADDRESS THAT I'VE BEEN MAILING TO ALL ALONG, BUT MAY BE I'VE SLIPPED A COG, SO I'M ENCLOSEING IT WITH THIS + YOU CAN GIVE IT TO HER.

MAYBE PATTY HAS READ SOME OF MY LETTERS TO YOU. I'VE NOW WORKED IN BEAR VALLEY IN ABOUT 22" OF SNOW, DRIVEN A SKEE-DOO (SNOWMOBILE) WORN SNOWSHOES, DRIVEN A 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK IN THE SNOW WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO PUT IT IN ALL 4 WHEELS, CHANGED POLES WHEN IT IS ACTUALLY SNOWING (NOT TO MENTION RAINING) SO FAR IT HAS BEEN A VERY INTERESTING EXPERIENCE - + REALLY SORT OF FUN - I LIKE IT AS LONG AS MY FEET STAY WARM + DRY + THE REST OF ME IS HALF WAY WARM. I THINK LAST NIGHT WITH ITS CLEAR SKY WAS ONE OF THE COLDEST SO FAR. THE THERMOMETER IN THE LIVING RM. SAID ALMOST 50° (A SHADE LOWER) THIS MORN. AT 5:45 AM.

I GET UP + JUMP INTO MY CLOTHES + TURN ON A SMALL ELECTRIC HEATER IN THE BATHROOM, DRAW A BUCKET OF HOT WATER FROM THE WATER HEATER SPIGOT + SET IT BY THE OUTSIDE DOOR. THIS HELPS HEAT UP THE COLD AIR THAT LEAKS INTO THE BATHROOM + ALSO GETS THE WATER HEATER TO TURN ON WHICH HELPS

HEAT THE BATHROOM ALSO, THEN I GO INTO THE KITCHEN + PUT TWISTED NEWSPAPERS INTO THE STOVE + SOME KINDLING + LIGHT IT + CLOSE THE KITCHEN DOOR.

(IF ITS NOT RAINING I TAKE A LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE THERMOMETER - BRRRR) THEN IF ITS DOWN TO 50° INSIDE I LIGHT THE LIVING ROOM HEATER, BY THIS TIME THE BATHROOM IS WARM ENOUGH TO SHOWER + WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH THAT I GET THE KIDS UP. + IT USUALLY IS NICE + WARM (ALMOST 65° OR 70°).

THEY DON'T REALLY SEEM TO MIND THE COLD. THEY ARE ALL HEALTHY - I'VE GOT THE SNIFFLS BUT I THINK IT REALLY IS AN ALLERGY AS IT DOESN'T GET ANY WORSE.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE CAT SLEEPS (WE PUT HIM OUT AT NIGHT BUT I DON'T THINK HE SLEEPS ON THE BACK PORCH. MAYBE UNDER THE HOUSE, WITH THE SKUNKS. HE IS TRYING TO GET COMFORTABLE ON THE CHAIR NEXT TO ME WHILE I'M WRITING THIS ON THE KITCHEN TABLE. --- I JUST GOT UP + Poured my self a cup of HOT CHOCOLATE + BUTTER BALL MOVED ONTO MY CHAIR + WAS ALL CURLED UP. DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS BECAUSE MY BEHIND WARMED IT UP OR BECAUSE HE PREFERS TO SIT AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE.

GUESS YOU'VE HEARD THAT WE ARE GOING TO S.D. FOR TURKEY + ALSO TOM + AGNES COSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. I HAVE 4 DAYS OFF, (THURS THRU SUN.) IT REALLY LOCKED OUT. GOT UP FOR SECONDS ON CHOC. + HAD TO MOVE THE CAT AGAIN. WE HAD CHICKEN TERRI YAKI FOR DINNER + WE HAVE 2 NECKS + GIZZARDS + LIVERS + HEARTS COOKING ON THE BACK OF THE STOVE FOR THE CAT BUT THEY AREN'T DONE YET + HE SURE ACTS LIKE HE KNOWS THAT THEY ARE THERE.

YESTERDAY (SUN) I WORKED REPAIRS + HAD A CASE OF TROUBLE
AT A HOUSE WHERE THE PEOPLE MUST REALLY BE RICH.

THE HOUSE WAS ANYTHING BUT FANCY BUT IT MUST HAVE
COST A BUNDLE. + THE HAD AN AIRPORTER TYPE LIMOUSINE
AT THEIR FRONT DOOR. (NO CHAUFFEUR) + LOTS OF FAMILY
OR HOUSE GUESTS. + THEIR OWN PRIVATE SKI RUN,

INCLUDING ROPE TOW. THEIR NAME WAS GLASS +
THEY LIVE WHERE ALL THE RICH PEOPLE LIVE - IN SAUSALITO.

• YOU REALLY SHOULD GET TO KNOW THEM. IT IS 9:05PM
+ I'VE GOT TO GET MY BEAUTY SLEEP.

Love

Lee