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Dearest Lucile, -

many many thanks for your letter of May 18th. As you may imagine, I hadn't had the faintest idea of the awful significance of "March 13th" (Lotte having written to me much later!), nor could I possibly have known how it all came to pass.

But actually, it was Lotte herself who told me that a divorce had been in the making at the time of darling Rombout's death. And so I saw no reason to doubt the veracity of that piece of intelligence.

However old Gosse came to invent or to dream up that sad idiocy, I can't fathom either. At any rate, please forgive me for having taken it at its face value.

Now, that I realize what did happen, I am all the sadder and feel all the more concerned about you, Lucile. What hell you must have been through and how terrible life must still look to you. Of course, you are entirely right, and in our love for Rimskiĭ "we are at least united... all of us...".

Rest convinced - je vous en prie - that I keep thinking of you, that Rimskiĭ shall never cease to be a part of my own existence and that I shall go on hoping for you to come over here and see me.

Yours most affectionately:

