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Long fortune example

Dear Pelle Gustavsson

The camel died quite suddenly on the second day, and Selena fretted sullenly and, buffing her already impeccable nails – not for the first time since the journey began – pondered snidely if this would dissolve into a vignette of minor inconveniences like all the other holidays spent with Basil.

— Winning sentence, 1983 Bulwer-Lytton bad fiction contest.

Gratitude and treachery are merely the two extremities of the same procession. You have seen all of it that is worth staying for when the band and the gaudy officials have gone by.

— Mark Twain, "Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar"

Best regards

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