

2<sup>nd</sup> July '68  
Bulky

My dear dear Raza + Janine.

at least I sit to write + of course the inspiration place is the Ritz Bar -

The very obvious reason of not having written to you till now is of course the Paris trouble and I felt never sure if the post would ever reach you - but since I have received all your 3 letters + things are gaullist again, you will again be able to get some eyeopening letters from the Bulky Ritz Bar! - I have so many things to write, if the mood continues and nothing to express otherwise! -

Just ~~it~~ and I have just returned from Kashmir after a 17 days. I so had a holiday in Gulmarg + Sonogor - we were there with Brig Noyes for Puritza and it was dangerously enjoying to have climbed El-phatar - one of the peaks where it is all snow + we sledged our way down - it was real fun - and back in the 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven and the rain once again delayed this season but then as if all these weatherly things matter to a geyser painter like me!!

~~Am~~ planning to start on a canvas anytime now but the mind is still not at rest + is still restless as it used to be when you wonderful people were both here.

Before I left for Kashmir I used your one small camel ~~can~~ stretch and which worked out into a rather fine painting - a self portrait of course if you can recognise it?



(Things in Rajmala are still flying as you left them - memories!)

After I came back from Ahmedabad I went to Rajmala & knocked twice!! & when I got no reply I used my keys - I couldn't believe you had left! but then that life - here comes & here goes but the life must go on rough or smooth till the dead end ~~end~~ of this one way street where you can't turn back only remember the very few fine moments that <sup>one</sup> might have happened to have been able to live - I seem to be getting into a ~~the~~ monologue! let me see what happened after that - yes! Akbar arrived after a week you left & since ~~the~~ Gai had taken over his flat he occupied your place at the Rajmala for the few days & became another guest of honour!

I remember the ~~the~~ store man the saw akbar in Rajmala flat & ~~a~~ exclaimed Sahib haven't you got a flat in prem-vihar! That was a laugh! Ram Kumar & Krishna Kumar are in Bonn & Jerry Hasan is in Hyderabad with his family (for a change) sort of Holidaying! - Gai is happy with akbar's flat but has not got into the mood of painting since his Exhibition! he is quite a guy!! your gallery man Dekker seems to be getting along as usual doing some odd group shows to cover up the rainy season & trying to improve the galleries but gallery halls with the help of Helber - & Bendre etc since they are now looking after this racket! - Bunde is 2 years old now & has become another racket - uncontrollable & remembers Auntie Janie & Uncle Roze very much - The Lurch arrived the mood is photaged - I better post this straight away & send you other happenings in the next post Hoping to know you are getting tough for faraway - lots of love - & write - T.S. al.