**Beginning Letter**

My dearest,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing with excitement. Have you heard the chatter of this new opportunity out West? Apparently, there is free land for any who can brave the journey to settle it. A whole 640 acres for a married couple! We can start a life together out West and raise a family in the Oregon Valley. Rumors tell there is much work to be done upon arrival to actually settle the land, however this opportunity is too great to pass on. I shall scout ahead to see if this opportunity is all that it promises. By the time this letter arrives, I’ll have started the journey out West. I’ll write again once I’ve arrived.

Wish me luck,

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**Ending Letter Success**

My dearest,

I am writing to share the journey West has been successful. It was quite eventful and I encountered very interesting characters along the way; quite a story to tell our children. It was a bit of a struggle to plot the land and settle, but we now have a quaint home sitting on 640 acres in the Oregon Valley! The livestock has fared the winter well and the garden seems to be pulling through, although I’m sure your touch would do wonders for it. I am eagerly anticipating your arrival.

See you soon,

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**Ending Letter Failure**

My dearest,

I am writing to share the journey West did not turn out as expected. I’ll admit I underestimated the toll of traversing such a distance. There was hardship which I wasn’t prepared for and resources weren’t managed wisely. Perhaps later in the coming years we can try again. For now I am slowly making my way back to you. Until then, be safe.

See you soon,

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