

Dear Colette,

I know you will be angry with me for leaving, but I want to ask you to forgive me. I am just too old, and too tired, to fight. My fighting days are long gone. I know that you will be left with more responsibility than you want right now, but I am confident that you are up to it.

Be happy with David. He loves you so. I know you will take care of Rachel and the others. They will need you. Help each of them reach their potential, they are at fragile ages yet, and will need some help getting through this.

I am proud of who you have become. You are a lovely woman, with many talents, and a great deal of compassion. Know that I trust you to take care of everyone....even Jim. He will be especially fragile because he has always counted on me to be at his side. I just don't have any faith in the legal system, and I can't fight this. I am just not strong enough. I am at peace with my decision. I can only bring danger to my family now.

I love you, and David. Be happy.

Love always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Mona' or similar, written in a cursive style.