**Letter 1:**

My dear godson,

Thank you for your letter. It was lovely to receive your Christmas wish list although I feel I need to write to you urgently to explain why your number one request for a pet monkey will definitely remain a wish, rather than become a reality. Apart from the fact I would have no idea where on earth to buy a pet monkey from, I have several concerns regarding keeping a monkey as a pet.

In the first place, monkeys are wild animals. They are very active and energetic mammals that need lots of exercise and outside space. They adore climbing trees and swinging off branches. Your garden is just not big enough. I also fear your dad would not approve of a primate using his vegetable patch as a playground!

Secondly, a monkey is a social creature. It is used to living as part of a large family group, surrounded by siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles because they look for food together, eat together and groom and play together. Although genetically, we are closely related to monkeys, they are NOT our cousins. Even though you would show it kindness, it would desperately miss the company of other monkeys and be very sad.

Thirdly, there is the cost to consider. Have you any idea what vaccinations a monkey might need? What if it became ill or injured? Who would pay the vet’s bills? Furthermore, there is the cost of feeding it; you can’t give a monkey a tin of dog food. It would need nutritious, specialist monkey food: not something readily available from the supermarket or pet shop!

I hope I have explained to you why having a pet monkey is probably not a good idea and that you understand my reasons for not buying you one. I know you are an animal lover and would hate for any of your pets to be unhappy. I am still open for suggestions though… How about a goldfish or a guinea pig?

I look forward to your next letter.

Give my love to your parents,

*Your loving godfather*

**Letter 2:**

Dear Dad,

I Love You!

I wanted to write you a love letter, and a thank you note Maybe it’s both. I want to thank you for all of the hugs you have offered me to squeeze the sadness out and all of the pep talks you have given me when I doubted myself. Most of all, thank you for being my partner. Thank you for being my best friend in the world.

There's no one who can take your place.

Now that I am miles away from you, I am missing you. I am missing talking to you, sitting in front of you.

There not a single moment of my life which doesn't remind me of you! My job, my skill, my knowledge is all because of you. When people praise me for my work, I may not say out loud, but I know in my heart, that praise is because of you.

I know I have embarrassed you many times, I have made you sad many times, I have not met your expectations many times.... But you were still there with me. In my hardest time, whenever I felt weak, I knew you were there holding my hand, telling me to be strong. You aren't overly expressive...but your actions speak for you...love you Dad!

Dad, now that I am miles away from you, I crave to have those days back, where I know I will see you every morning. Having family dinner together. And Family lunches every Sunday.

Dad, I want to be with you again. Now it's my turn to be with you. Now it's my turn to help you with whatever you need, which I know you would never say. But, I assure you dad we will be soon together. I will be back to be with you.

Love You Dad!

Your Son.

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