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## Violet Paget (Florence, Italy) to Matilda Paget (place not named)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Matilda Paget

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5, Via Garibaldi,  
Florence.

Dearest Mamma

Since you won't let me, I  
must write to let you know  
my griefed I was, the very  
minute after, for my behaviour,  
I was perfectly worn out  
& beside myself with  
nervousness - all this  
business of the villa is  
simply making me ill -  
and I had been going  
at me to prevent me

Saying as much as  
yes & no, letting me  
I was endangering  
everything for him. I  
forgot that you have  
much more experience  
than I, that ~~that~~ this  
isn't a new matter  
for you as for me;  
& I utterly lost my head.  
Unfortunately it falls upon  
him. As to me, I am  
sufficiently punished by  
being made utterly ill. Forgive