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If you are reading this note, then my deepest fears have come to pass. For so many years, I watched you wince in pain over your arm, and every time the pain would shoot through your arm, it would shoot through my heart. I love you and would do anything to help you. I know you kept saying that what you wanted more than anything was my love and affection, but that was not enough for me. I had to find a solution. I had to fix this. I had to stop your pain. You always seemed to bear it, but it was killing me.

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He wanted an ancient artifact that he says is buried under the village, and he wants me to raze the entire village, including you, to find it. He says you won't be hurting anymore once you're dead. I had no idea the depth of his evil. And now I fear that he will get his way, but if you're reading this, it means I fought him to my last breath.

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