Dear Reader:

If this letter has reached you, it must mean that you have read the woeful tales of the Baudelaires. Against your better judgment and my constant warnings, you have chosen to read about the misery and horrors that have befallen Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire. From the terrible news on the beach, to the deadly serpents, the hungry leeches, and the angry mob, you have sadly shared in their suffering. Now, they need your help. If you are up to this task, you can help find the Baudelaires to warn them that Count Olaf is on the prowl.

However, you must find the clue yourself. When you have uncovered the clue, be very careful not to say it out loud, for surely Count Olaf and his associates are close by, listening to every word you say. So, keep it to yourself, but be sure to find a way to relay the message to the Baudelaires without being caught.

I hope you, unlike the ill-fated Baudelaires, are lucky enough to survive this risky mission.

With all due respect,

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