

**I'm So Excited!**  
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And I just can't hide it! I'm about to lose control and I think I like it!

My apologies to whomever wrote that song, but it just fits so well. Yeah, Grandma and Grandpa are coming, and that's cool. I like them, though I'll bet Grandma will make a fuss over Serina more than me. Tom and Pat are coming and that's very cool.

Bill is coming! I'm turning somersaults. I can't wait to play with him. I love Mama, but Bill is a man who knows how to entertain a cat.

Aunt Joanie told us when she was here on Friday. I was a little put out that she was here because the last time she was here, Mama was gone for a long time. That was vacation and then her grandfather's funeral.

When Mama started pulling out suitcases, I got really worried. But Mama was just putting them away. It turns out that Aunt Joanie was here to help her get the work in the study started. They got a lot done, but I heard Mama talking to Aunt Joanie on the phone tonight and it sounds like Aunt Joanie will be here to help again tomorrow after the prayer shawl ladies leave.

Mama says she worked hard at the church on Sunday to rearrange and unpack her books at her office. I wondered where all those boxes went last week. Mama put a bookcase under the window where the boxes had been in the dining room, but it's not the same as boxes for comfort. Better for leaping leverage, but not as comfortable.

That was rude. Mama just took a break from taking my dictation to play with Serina. I can't believe she just did that! I'd stop talking to her if it weren't for the fact that it would deprive you, my faithful audience, of your weekly (or so) glimpse into my life.

I'm tempted to go chase the bug that's flying around the bedroom, but I think I'll show off my knowledge of this particular insect, instead. Central Pennsylvania suffers from Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle infestations every fall. According to my source (that would be the Penn State Entomology Department website), these are a little bit bigger than your standard ladybug, bite, and have a foul-smelling (and tasting, but that's another story) chemical defensive mechanism. These beetles congregate on sunny doors and windows in the fall after cold nights and get into houses through open doors, cracks, and broken screens. We've had several in the house, but thus far no major infestation. Despite tasting horrid, Multicolored Asian Lady Beetles are a great deal of fun to chase through the house because they fly - though bats are still the best cat toy ever invented.

I can't resist the bug now because I'm so excited about Bill coming that I have a lot of extra energy to burn off, so I'm signing off. I will try to write next week because I think Mama will give me time where she might not give Serina time. I'm a bit more... persuasive ...than the little one when I need to be.

Energetically yours,  
Apollo  
(as dictated to my "amamauensis")