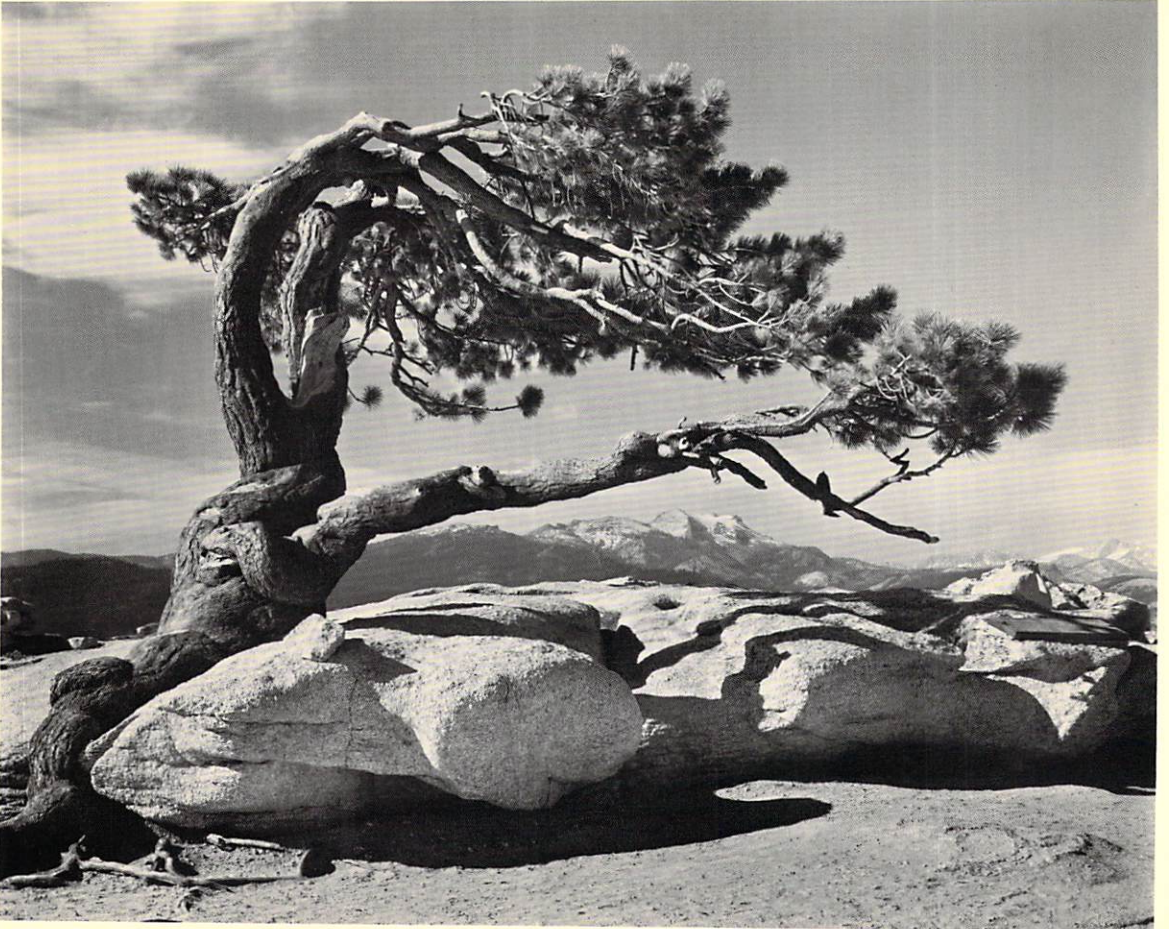


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Dear Lou -

3/10/89.

Sorry I haven't written in ages. I guess this is how long it's taken me to process your last letter to me. Quite frankly, too, I've slipped into an unhealthy isolation around my F to M self and it has been difficult to feel strong inside in an environment which is non-supportive, even punishing of sexual difference. ^{The intolerance of FFs} in NE is enraging!

The good news is I'll be in SF from March 21-26 and staying at the San Francisco for International Ms. Leathers ... and to pound the pavement looking for a potential employer. I would like to meet you while I'm in SF. I am hoping it will be OK to call you when I get there (the phone # in FTM newsletter?). Also, you can reach me those days at the San Francisco under "Bet Alvin."

Very glad to hear you've been getting the surgery you want, [;] that your health is stable! When will your book be out?
Looking forward to talking with you ... and Spring.
I think of you often.

Bet Power