

30th April, 1952.

My dear Luca,

Thank you for sending me your screed on sex incompatibility. Unless you tell me the contrary, I assume that this copy is for my own use, but if you tell me I will send it on whither you wish.

It is really an exceedingly interesting story and I should like to reflect on it a little further before knowing whether I have or have not anything worth saying to say.

At the moment, I wonder whether you have considered that perhaps the complex mitotic and meiotic processes in higher organisms do also depend on self reproducing particles e.g. centrosomes and centromeres having specific functions in these processes and being perhaps irreplaceable when lost. From this point of view, F- might be a defective condition not incompatible with continued existence with purely vegetative reproduction, remotely analogous to apogametes in higher plants. I am not sure about the analogy with mating types in micro-fungi.

Tell me when Matteo wants volume 2.

Sincerely yours,