Oprah's Sister Murdered My Story

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Dear Patricia,

You look marvelous. You seem marvelous. You've added wonder to Oprah's life and that's no small feat. But, here's the thing. I was working on this short story about a relative trying to get in touch with O, one of thousands, except, this one, well this one really was a relative. And no one believed her. My character was Yvette and she was rather a mess. The story wasn't working. Who would believe it? And then, there you were — real and fabulous. You didn't mean to kill my story, I know that. But you did, because your real story is way, way better than my fiction. Wishing you only the best, even if you are an unintentional story-murderer.

Best, from an emerging writer who is now one story short,

Pam.

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