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Dear Ms. Zierhut,


Thank you very much for your letter inviting me to participate in your proposed Star Anthology. I apologize for taking so long to respond.

The project sounds interesting, however, I know next to nothing about astrology. I'm one of those people who occasionally glances at her horoscope in the newspaper, but otherwise lives life by other signs and portents -- a result, I suppose, of being surrounded by so many different cultures and perceptions of life's meanings. (By the way, are there any indeginous sentient creatures on your planets? And how do they fit into the Zodiac theme?)

At any rate, I hesitate to write on a subject about which I know nothing, and the most likely readers will know a lot. Also, I can't begin anything immediately, as I am working on the final third of a novel right now. I've promised myself I will finish it before I begin anything else major, which a study of the star signs and their relations to humans would surely be.

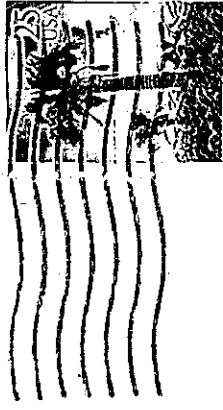
So, in fairness to you, I think I must say no to this one. (That's a very painful thing to do, to say "no" to a request such as this, sigh!) I hope you will keep me in mind for other story collections, however, as I do love writing them. I'm just afraid this is one idea to which I might not be able to do justice. I wish you all the best of good fortune with the volume, and will look forward to reading it when it comes out.

Aloha and best wishes,

  
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PS: Please extend my aloha to Andre.

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