

May 19, 1988

Andre Norton, Ltd. Attn: Ms. Ingrid A. Zierhut 1616 Spruce Ave. Winter Park, FL 32789

Dear Ingrid:

Sorry to be so long in responding to your letter of April 18 but deadlines have been killers lately. As to the proposed anthology, it sounds great to me. Since the deadline is early next year there should be no trouble getting an 8-10,000 word story put together. I am a Capricorn, and would certainly like to work with this sign in a story. If this isn't possible, Scorpio or Sagittarius would be my alternatives.

I do have a couple questions about the story structure. Are the two observers to be worked into the plot in some fashion? Or will this be taken care of in the segue/introductions and the story need only concern the planetary natives? If the former, I'd need to know names, etc. of the two philosophers.

As to payment, is the 6¢/word an advance against a pro rata share of royalties? If not, what rights are being sold and for what period of

Many thanks for thinking of for this project. I wish you all the best of luck with it.

Best,

Robert E. Vardeman

February 27, 1989

Ms. Ingrid A. Zierhut Andre Norton, Ltd. 1616 Spruce Avenue Winter Park, FL 32789

Dear Ingrid:

Early last summer you wrote me requesting a story for a proposed anthology tentatively titled "Touchstone Stars." At that time, you didn't know if the anthology would sell. Has it? Are you still interested in a story from me? Is there a deadline on submission? You hadn't set a price or terms at that time. If the anthology is under contract, what are the terms for the story purchase? Is there a desired length? I've had an idea kicking around in my head for some time but haven't put it to paper yet, waiting for word from you about acceptance of the anthology at some publisher. The idea is an intriguing one. I hope it found a home.

Thanks for your time.

Best,

Robert E. Vardeman

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