*Writing in Role*: A Letter from Aunt Hildegard’s Perspective By:Petra Alfred

My Return Letter[[1]](#footnote-1)

Dear Robert,

You are so very welcome for the gifts I gave to you![[2]](#footnote-2) The first time I laid eyes on that Barney sweater,[[3]](#footnote-3) I automatically thought of you.[[4]](#footnote-4) Your parents[[5]](#footnote-5) are smart people for telling you to open the gift on your birthday[[6]](#footnote-6). I bet you were pretty surprised after seeing that the gifts were from me,[[7]](#footnote-7) and couldn’t help yourself to opening it early[[8]](#footnote-8). It’s great that you think the sweater was awesome[[9]](#footnote-9). I guess that how well I know you[[10]](#footnote-10), is just one of the great wonders of the world![[11]](#footnote-11)

OH, and how could I forget the poster?[[12]](#footnote-12) I thought it would help tone out your room[[13]](#footnote-13). You’re right[[14]](#footnote-14). I did get lucky, since you don’t already have a Polka Hall of Fame poster[[15]](#footnote-15). If that poster could talk, I bet it would be thanking you[[16]](#footnote-16) that you put it right under your special World Wrestling Federation poster! I just knew that the poster was SO unique[[17]](#footnote-17). I had to give it to someone special.[[18]](#footnote-18)

You are so VERY welcome for your gifts![[19]](#footnote-19) It is so sweet that you spent the time to write that thank-you letter to me![[20]](#footnote-20) I can’t wait to see you in that new sweater of yours![[21]](#footnote-21)

Your 52-year-old aunt,[[22]](#footnote-22)

Aunt Hildegard

1. With footnotes [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Boy, you better be thanking me for something! [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. I remembered why you needed it as a gift. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. And the last time you came to visit me! [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Who probably haven’t forgotten that day too... [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. I actually wanted you to be disappointed on your birthday. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. After you were able to break my entire China set, all imported from England! [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Or hide it in the most noticeable spot in the house like you did with my China set! [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. I was sure that you would think the sweater was even more awesome, if it were 2 sizes too big for you. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. I don’t know much about you, but I do know that you owe me a lot of money on that China! [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Ya, the world would be wondering how you would still be able to get any kind of birthday gift from me. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Really, how could I forget it? It was the ugliest poster I’ve never wanted to see. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. After the last time I saw your room, I knew it needed a lot of help. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. I hope you’ll never expect another gift from me. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. I’m pretty sure nobody in this world has a Polka Hall of Fame poster. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. It would be thanking the fact that no one would get blinded by it. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Even that ugly thing brightens up your room. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. But instead, I gave it to you. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. I know you hated them, so you’re welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. I wonder what your parents will say once I show them your letter! [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. I’ll have my video-camera out, that way the whole family can see you in the sweater! [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. I can write my age too! What’s the difference? [↑](#footnote-ref-22)