

The Letters
Private Eye Series



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THE CASE OF THE MISSING RING

BACKGROUND:

You are in your house preparing for a trip back home to visit family. Several days ago your ring, which was given to you by a loved one, disappeared and is nowhere to be found. However, when you open your suitcase to pack your things, you find your ring inside even though the suitcase has not been used since your last trip six months ago. You're utterly perplexed and have no explanation for this bizarre incident.

FACTS:

- The ring was a gift from a romantic relationship that ended 6 months ago. Your friend is German (like your mother)
- You take off the ring only on rare occasions as it has significant sentimental value
- You are going home to visit family
- You are most content with your current home as your permanent residence

QUESTIONS:

- Why was the ring in your suitcase opposed to a more logical place?
- What does the ring have to do with your trip back to visit family?

- What does an “otherworldly” or metaphysical event represent?
- Is there a connection between your romantic relationship and your trip home?
- What could the missing ring have to do with your current situation (home, work, relationships)?

ANALYSIS:

How would you determine your answers based on the background & facts provided? What conclusions would you draw?