

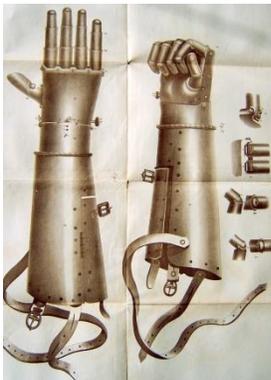
Hello again Friend!

As promised, I am sending another letter, but this time I have included an artifact or two. Please have patience with me as I needed to send these separately to avoid detection. You may find this package useful in the coming days.

Also, I wanted to clarify my reason for contacting you. I believe we are related and even more than that, I believe you are linked to an ancient knight – Gotz of the Iron Hand. I have also attached some additional information for you. You can also look him up online like most of your generation tends to do. Rest assured that his noble blood flows through your veins as well. Here is where a saw a resemblance.



The poem that you will read references him as well – and speaks of his Iron Hand.



The image above shows the depiction of the second iron prosthetic worn by Gotz von Berlichingen. In 1504, Berlichingen and his company fought for Albert IV, Duke of Bavaria. During the siege of the city of Landshut, he lost his right arm when enemy cannon fire forced his sword against him. He had two mechanical prosthetic iron replacements made, which are today on display at the Jagsthausen Castle. The second, more famous prosthetic hand was capable of holding objects from a shield or reins to a feather pen. In spite of this injury, Berlichingen continued his military activities. In the subsequent years he was involved in numerous feuds, both of his own and in support of friends and employers.

Lastly, as I know you are enamored of armor, below is a picture of his own armor. He had to be a strong man, indeed to fight in such trappings. You bear a resemblance here as well.



As I grow tired and need to get this package to the post, please be patient as my next letter will allow you to put all the pieces together.

Rainald Götz