



The Page I Didn't Write

A solo letter writing game about all the things you can't say

Materials

At least 2 pieces of paper, writing implement, 6-sided dice

Character Creation

you are a person writing a [letter, email, tweet, message in a bottle] to someone important about something that you need to tell them. Who are you? Who are they? What did they do to you?

The Rules

Decide on Six Things you want to tell this person in your letter and write them down the way you want them said.

Start writing the letter. Every time you want to insert one of the Six Things, roll the dice. on a 5 or 6 you include it the way it was intended, otherwise you obscure it or couch it in safe language. The letter is finished when you have included all of the Six Things.

After the letter is finished roll the dice. Whatever number you get is the thing you get to say in the order that you wrote it in (for example if you rolled a 3 you get to say the Third Thing in your letter).

Start a new letter on a new page. You only get to say one thing. Roll the dice. If it's a 5 or a 6 you say it the way it was said in the last letter. Otherwise it is obscured, perhaps further. Tear up the other letter and the Six Things and swallow them.

Roll the dice a final time. On an even number you send it. On an odd number you don't. If you don't, swallow that letter too.

note: you may chose to do something symbolic of swallowing the letter rather than actually swallowing it, if eating paper is not your style. But the letter must be gone completely and totally unreadable

*"I've wanted so often to write you—two things in particular to tell you—
but I do not write—I do not write to anyone—maybe I do not like telling
myself to people—and writing means that."*

—Georgia O'Keeffe in a letter to Sherwood Anderson, August 1, 1923

