

'No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Reguloly Happens

A short single player larp about the inevitability of gun violence in America. by Nicole Winchester

- A phone that can record video
- Location deck (next page)
- A six-sided die
- A coin

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Maybe you grew up where you knew what a gunshot sounded like & how to get out of the way from the time you were young; maybe you grew up owning weapons and firing them with proper ear and eye protection; maybe you grew up where the only context you know gunfire from is the movies. Fate doesn't care about your relationship to guns today: you're an American that has finally ended up in a mass shooting situation somewhere in the United States.

You have no means of escape that doesn't risk fatal injury. You have nothing with you but your phone. Cell networks are overloaded with people – like you – trying to reach their loved ones and vice versa. You are terrified, in hiding, and have no idea how long you have or if anyone will help you.

You can record one last message. What is it?

## HOW TO PLAY:

- Find a quiet place to play.
- Choose a **Location** from the **Location deck**. Think about the details: what concert would it be, which nightclub, why would you be shopping, which class would you be attending, etc.
- Make a **Shelter** roll with the **six-sided die**. The number corresponds with the place you've found to take shelter:
  - 1 Under desk/table/car
  - **2** Behind chairs/pew/row of seats
  - **3** Behind bar/counter/shelves
  - 4 In closet/storage container/refrigerator
  - 5 In bathroom/locker room/changing room
  - **6** In classroom/office/storeroom

 If you don't like your roll, reroll or just pick something that works better for you. Consider how you found yourself in that place, if there's anyone else with you, if you got there by yourself or if someone else helped you.

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- Decide **who you are recording your video for.** If you're having a difficult time deciding, make a **Loved One roll** with the **six-sided die** for a suggestion:
  - 1 Parent/Grandparent
  - **2** BFF

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- **3** Sibling
- **4** Aunt/Uncle/Ommer/Pibling
- 5 Child/Niece/Nephew/Nibling
- **6** Partner/Spouse/Love
- Close your eyes and take a moment to put together the details you've chosen and filled in. Put yourself in the moment. Open your eyes and **record the video** you would leave your loved one.
- Take a minute to **take care of yourself** if you need it. Have a glass of water, a cup of tea, play a song you love, find your breath.
- Flip the coin. If you get Heads, you survive to delete the video. If you get Tails, you were shot. Flip the coin again. If you get Heads, you survive with physical injuries to match your mental and emotional ones. If you get Tails, you are killed. You are a name and photo on the news.
- Call or text the person you made the video for and tell them you love them IRL, if you're ready.

NB: Why are public schools missing from the Location deck? Schools now have students silence their phones and not send updates in case the shooter is able to track their locations through news reports and social media. Students wait in silence until the drill – or event – is over.

If you wish to share your video, please tag #ILoveYouMomLarp

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YOUR SITUATION:



