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Write from the Heart

Since early civilisation, love letters have been written to express our romantic feelings in a way that could only be articulated in the form of a missive. These messages are among the trickiest to write, usually with the aim of receiving a similar response from the sender's sweetheart. In love letter-writing, there is a fine line between winning a heart and having your own broken.

Love Letters is a collection of five new scenarios for *Quill*, all themed around the heart. You will be trying to win the hearts of aristocrats, professing love to a dear friend, persuading overseas lovers to cross the ocean for you, and more.

To play, you will need a copy of *Quill: The Letter-Writing Roleplaying for a Single Player*.



A note on monks and nuns: While monks and nuns follow strict vows of chastity, they still have the same passions and desires as anyone else. If you are playing as a monk or a nun, assume that you are writing these letters in secrecy.

A note on names: Names used in *Love Letters* are all unisex, allowing the player to determine the gender of the correspondent.

A Cruel Distance

Profile

- You are corresponding with Aubrey Cornish, a bookmaker you met while abroad. After becoming instantly besotted, you had to leave after a month to return to your home country.
- You are writing to explain your feelings and to persuade Aubrey to come to your country to live with you.

Rules of Correspondence

- Aubrey is a bookmaker and therefore enjoys well-crafted missives. You will be using your best ink for this letter, giving you an extra Penmanship die.

Ink Pot

Miss you/Dying be with you
Mountains/ Peaks of Vandrias
Flowers/ Tulips
Want/ Desire
Cold/ Freezing
Books/ Tomes
Gentle/Fragile
Hold/ Embrace
Marry/ Be wed
Tick you off/ Offend you

Consequences

Less than 5 points: You receive a response to your letter, explaining that Aubrey could never be with you. Your true love tells you to never write again.

5 to 7 points: Aubrey is flattered, but cannot return your love. You receive no more letters.

8 to 10 points: You receive a beautiful letter returning your feelings. Aubrey will be moving in the next month to be with you.

11+ points: Aubrey is overjoyed with your letter and will not only move within the fortnight, but also wishes to marry you immediately.

Making Amends

Profile

- You are corresponding with Emery Penderghast, an ex-lover who left you a month ago after deciding that you weren't committed to the relationship.
- You are writing to win back Emery and to explain that you have changed and are more committed than ever. You need to persuade Emery that you both have a future and give examples as to how your life is without your love.

Rules of Correspondence

- Emery likes when people are straightforward with their correspondence. You are unable to use any skills in this letter.

Ink Pot

Face/ Visage
Need/ Yearn
Morning/ Sunrise
Cried/ Wept
Been an idiot/ Been a fool
Cart/ Carriage
Stars/ Galaxies
Sad/ Devastated
Pie-Eyed/ Besotted
Hell/ Eternal Hellfire

Consequences

Less than 5 points: Emery write back, believing that you are worse than ever and that there is no hint of sincerity in your writing. You receive no further correspondence.

5 to 7 points: Emery's heart is softened by your words, but cannot be with you. Emery is happy to be friends with you.

8 to 10 points: You receive a heartfelt letter from Emery, admitting that you have changed and that you both should meet by the fountain on Monday evening to rekindle your love.

11+ points: You receive no correspondence. Instead, a few days after sending, you receive a knock at your door. Emery stands there and you both embrace. You marry within the month.

Winning a Heart

Profile

- You are corresponding with Francis Fletcher, an aristocrat who has the eye of many in the land. Francis is refined, intelligent and well-to-do, but does not suffer fools lightly.
- Despite being famously fickle, you are determined win Francis over with a perfectly-penned letter from the heart (without looking like an idiot).

Rules of Correspondence

- Francis respects wealth. Aristocrats gain an extra die in their Heart skill for this letter.

Ink Pot

Gold/ Glittering Diamonds
Your Body/ Your Form
Play/ Theatrical Performance
Music/ Symphony
Imagine/ Dream
Wine/ Champaign
The King/ His Royal Highness
Wonderful/ Perfection
Painter/ Artist
Dinner/ Caviar

Consequences

Less than 5 points: You are visited by Francis' personal aid who tells you to stop your harassing correspondence or there will be trouble.

5 to 7 points: You receive a reply, but it is not good news. Your letter was one of the best Francis has read this month, but the feelings are not reciprocated.

8 to 10 points: Francis writes back, impressed by your letter. Very few people are able to pull off such wonderful language, and Francis wishes to meet with you this week.

11+ points: A personal aid of Francis appears at your door. He says that Francis was overwhelmed by your letter and believe you to be soulmates.

Something More

Profile

- You are corresponding with Rowan Godfrey, an old friend who you have grown more fond of recently, to the point that you wish to declare your love.
- The line of friend and lover can be a precarious one and you do not wish to lose Rowan as a friend.

Rules of Correspondence

- You know Rowan very well, so gain an extra die in Language for this letter.

Ink Pot

Chums/ Friends
Scare you/ Concern you
Always/ Eternal
Ocean/ Seven Seas
Sadness/ Gloom
Companions/ Soul Mates
Song/ Ballad
Affection/ Passion
Doomed/ Ill-fated
Flame/ Inferno

Consequences

Less than 5 points: You receive a letter saying that Rowan is leaving the country, although it doesn't mention a reason. You receive no further correspondence.

5 to 7 points: You receive a reply, but Rowan just wants to remain friends. You soon grow apart, but see each other on occasion, although it is awkward.

8 to 10 points: Rowan writes a relieved letter explaining that the feelings are mutual.

11+ points: Rowan is ecstatic and immediately begins planning a wedding.

Forbidden Love

Profile

- You are corresponding with Florence Payne, whose mother is Lady Bethany Payne, an influential courtier. She is protective and does not allow anyone to see Florence in a romantic way. However, you have caught Florence's eye and have been sneaking around for the past few months.
- You are besotted with Florence and you wish to propose in a letter. However, you may have to contend with Lady Bethany if the letter is too obviously declaring your love for Florence. Instead, you must be clever with your language and never directly allude to a proposal, just in case Lady Bethany intercepts the letter.

Rules of Correspondence

- You will have to write this letter in a sly code, that only Florence will understand. Roll an extra Penmanship test at the end of the letter. If this succeeds, gain an extra 2 points. If it fails, reduce your total by 2 points.

Ink Pot

Lawn/ Garden
Dogs/ Hounds
White/ Ivory
Duck/ Swan
Shining/ Glimmering
Wellborn/ Noble
Toss/ Throw
Smell/ Scent
Pig/ Sow
Cherub/ Angel

Consequences

Less than 5 points: You receive an angry letter from Lady Bethany telling you to refrain from any more correspondence. She has placed more guards outside her estate and has ordered them to shoot on site if they see you.

5 to 7 points: Florence responds, but is confused about your letter, so does not acknowledge your proposal.

8 to 10 points: Florence agrees to marry you and is impressed with your clever letter.

11+ points: Florence will marry you, and after showing the exceptional way you proposed