

A story-driven keepsake effect by Dead Rebel Magic

"There were three forgotten objects.

One was meant to be found.

And the letter was always meant for you."

Effect Overview

In *The Letter* was

always meant for you."

The performer presents three aged objects:

a **tarnished English penny**, a **cloudy antique bottle** and an **old pocket watch**.

Each item is unremarkable on its own—fragments of a life long passed.

But together, they form a mystery.

A choice is offered. A moment is shared. A story is awakened.

The participant selects one of the objects.

The decision feels intuitive... yet guided by something just beneath the surface.

Once their selection is made, the performer reveals a folded, timeworn letter—sealed, yellowed with age, and addressed simply: *To the one who holds it now*.

The letter is opened and read.

Its contents speak not just of the item chosen—but of the life it once touched.

A woman named Lillian. A love that was never spoken aloud.

And the single object she left behind...

not as a token of grief, but of hope.

The chosen item—the **penny**—is gifted to the participant, along with the letter.

A genuine keepsake. A story only they now carry.

Method & Mechanics

This is a powerful example of **equivoque**, elevated by meaningful storytelling.

There are no gimmicks, no hidden marks—only intention, pacing, and emotional connection.

The ending is not about fooling the participant.

It's about *moving them*.

What You Receive

- A **printable letter** (PDF) designed to appear handwritten and aged, tied to the penny selection
- A printable (PDF) verbal introduction to the effect
- A printable (PDF) of performance tips and subtleties.

What You'll Need

To keep this experience authentic and personal, performers are encouraged to source three genuine antique items:

- An **old English penny** (pre-1920 recommended; affordable on eBay)
- A **small antique bottle** (small enough for tabletop performance)
- An **old pocket watch**
- A simple envelope or twine wrap for the letter completes the aesthetic.
- An old small wooden box to house the items.
- **Please note** all of these items can be changed for alternative items if you wish. The coin is used as a cost effective giveaway. If you would rather give away something, the original Adobe Illustrator file for the letter itself is included so you can change it according to the item you would like to give away.

Tone & Audience

The Letter is not a trick. It's a memory delivered by proxy.

It's ideal for close-up settings, parlour performance, or intimate storytelling magic.

It blends seamlessly with the Dead Rebel ethos:

Honest wonder, forgotten objects, emotional impact.

Final Words

**"It's just a coin," she wrote.*

"But it's carried through storms. Through silence. Through all the days that nearly broke me.

Now it carries something for you."

Download it free.

Tell it softly.

Give it away.

The Letter

By **Dead Rebel Magic**