

letter to:

# Robbie Herbst & Kim Varella

*Robbie and Kim are these friends in mine in Los Angeles who are super duper California healthy types. They're great. They even grow their own vegetables and compost everything. I really appreciate this extra effort and hoped my letter could become part of their lives. Well, I'm still waiting to hear back from them about my request for a letter burial.*

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**to:**

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Dear Robbie and Kim:

I'm writing to ask for your complicity.

I am an art-maker whose work often takes form as letters and correspondence such as this. In these letters, I ask others to transform the letter based on the letter's physical properties. As a couple who compost your waste to fertilize your garden, I imagine you must also share this fascination and pleasure in watching the familiar metamorphosize. Indeed, there is something both uncanny and comforting in witnessing an extension of yourself absorb into a larger system.

And as we both understand our respective work as a kind of alimentionation for the environment, I hope you will empathize a specific request. So here's what I ask of you: take this letter, whose carbon-rich properties I'm sure you know well, and include it in your compost bin. Conjoined, words and waste can nourish another.

If you choose to send correspondence or evidence/documentation it would bring me great pleasure.

Warm Regards,



Marisa

*Robbie and Kim ended up being too busy for my letter.*