“The real world isn't nice like this. It's chaos, it's all out of order, just like my pages were. The whole world has been disbound, Edward, its pages scattered to the wind. It's your job to put them back in their proper order.” – The Duchess of Bowmry.

In the course of reading Codex, we've touched on a number of issues: the idea of the archive as a repository of potential (or hidden) knowledge; the search for meaning in both books and games (and for that matter, life itself); the material and aesthetic qualities of old books and old videogames; and more. Your second blogging assignment is as follows:

Select one of these issues, or another of your choosing, and in a blog post of approximately 300-400 words, put its pages “back in their proper order.” That is to say—

1. Identify the issue you’ve decided to examine;
2. Explain how Codex complicates that issue, and then
3. Explain how you make sense of those complications. Alternately, you may take Codex to task for simplifying one of the issues, and then explain how your understanding is more nuanced.

Feel free to incorporate an analysis of any of the other books, images, videos, or games that we’ve discussed in class, if they help to extend your argument. But a specific, detailed argument is always preferable to something more general.

Your post will be graded according to the criteria stated in the syllabus.

Technical Instructions

The direct link to publish a new post is:


Or, you can click the "admin" link at the top of any page, and click the link to take you to the WordPress dashboard. From there, click “Posts” on the top left of the browser window, and then “Add new” from the submenu—right below “Posts”—in order to arrive at the “Add New Post” page.

The box at the top of the page (right below the "Add New Post" heading) is where you type the title of your post (e.g. "Hello!").

The larger box below it is where you type the content of your post.

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Select “On Codex” as the Category for the post (over there on the right, below the “Publish” button.

If you’d like, add tags via the “Past Tags” box, just below the Category box.

To publish your post, press the blue "Publish" button (on the top right) to publish your post to the site. **This is important!** If you don't publish your post, it won't be visible on the site.

If you want to edit your post after you've published it, you can find a list of all posts on the sidebar on the left—click “Posts” and then “All Posts” right below. If you do decide to revise this (or any) post, just make sure to click the “Update Post” button (on the stop right) in order to make the changes visible on the site.

Please let me know if you're having trouble with any of this. My email, again, is lauren.klein@lmc.gatech.edu.