DUELING SCARS: a single page swordplay dice game for two players by Aaron Russin +-ACTION----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ | | +----+ +----+ +-----+ +-----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +-EFFECT----+ +------+ +-----+ +-----+ 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 3 | 1 5 | +----+ +----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ ## VARIABLES Action = (A) = roll # of d6 to act, remove d6 for each Harm inflicted until dead. Effect = (E) = potency of attacker's action, such as # of Harm inflicted to the defender Threat = (T) = the defender's Effect score ## INSTRUCTION Set aside 30 minutes with a friend, print this page, read it aloud. Gather a dozen 6-sided dice (or so) and two tokens. Determine the terms of your duel. Choose your weapon: Foil Fencing=E2A4, Sabre Duel=E4A4, Knife Fight=E1A3, Laser Sword=E5A3 Place a token on the EFFECT value, and a number of d6s equal to the ACTION value. To begin, roll(A) to determine initiative. When one player gains initiative, they become the attacker and commit to an action: Thrust = On success, inflict Harm @ E. Feint = On success, increase E by 1. On a failure, reduce E by 1. Recover = On success, increase A by 1. Maneuver = On success, reduce T by 1. Lunge = On success, inflict Harm @ E then reduce T by 1. On failure, reduce E by 1. To determine the outcome of the action, roll(A) and read the single highest result: 6 = Success, and maintain initiative 5,4 = Success, but there's a complication $3\sim1$ = Failure with a complication A complication is an opportunity for the defender to gain initiative. The defender rolls(A) to determine the outcome of the opportunity: 6 = Parry & Riposte; resist any E, inflict Harm @ T, then gain initiative. 5,4 = Parry; resist any E by T and gain initiative. $3\sim1$ = Retreat; a lost opportunity, the attacker maintains initiative. +-EFFECT----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 3 | 1 5 | +----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +-ACTION----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +----+ +----+ +-----+ +-----+ +----+ +----+ +----+ +-----+