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blackout

1 a : a turning off of the stage lighting to separate scenes in a play or end a play or skit; also : a skit that ends with a blackout b : a period of darkness enforced as a precaution against air raids c : a period of darkness (as in a city) caused by a failure of electrical power

2 : a transient dulling or loss of vision, consciousness, or memory <an alcoholic blackout>

3 a : a wiping out : OBLITERATION b : a blotting out by censorship : SUPPRESSION <a news blackout>

4 : a usually temporary loss of a radio signal

5 : the prohibition or restriction of the telecasting of a sports event

6 : a time during which a special commercial offer (as of tickets) is not valid -- usually used attributively <blackout dates>

source: <http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?va=blackout>