

# THE NAME OF GOD

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You are **God**.  
Well, you are **a** God.  
Actually you are a **small** God.

You forgot your **true name** and are stuck among mortals, without power, wealth or even a roof on your head. You are an **outcast** in a big modern city. But not all is lost...

Manual 1

Get 2 or 3 friends and pick one **Fetish** each. **Answer** the questions, ask more questions, ask for explanations, **be curious**.

Choose which Fetish will be the first **Seeker**, the others are **Eyes**. If a **Seeker** dies, their search is over and from now on can only be an **Eye**.

When a **Seeker** successfully performs **three Ritual Actions** they finally remember their divine name; they must describe a scene where, using the simple tools of this **mundane** world...

Manual 2

... they destroy their prison of flesh and transcend this human reality. Their search is over and from now on can only be an **Eye**.

The game ends when no one can be a **Seeker** anymore.

**Seeker!** You are in a place of urban decay on the borders of society: **describe it**.

Now the **Eyes** say:

- what **mortals** are present
- what is **slightly** bizarre
- what is **dangerous** here and now

Manual 3

**Seeker!** Say what you do and do, add new ones, make things happen. All can add scenarios, graphic details. Keep going until someone describes an action that is **Difficult** or **Perilous** or **Both**; someone else has to point it out and say it out loud! Now a 3rd player says... **D**: what else they must do to succeed. **P**: who gets hurt and how much. **B**: how they fail and with what effects.

Manual 4

Or the **Seeker** can say that what they are doing is a **Ritual Action**. When the **Seeker** does a D/P/B/R action, the scene **ends**. Pick a new **Seeker** and repeat from the start: location, mortals, weirdness, etc. When everybody has been **Seeker** once, the turn ends; start a new turn. When the **Seeker** performs a **Ritual Action** they must start a **mantra** (simply intone a long, continuous, low key ooooh sound).

Manual 5

An **Eye** says **what else they** must do to succeed, then will join the **mantra**. Another says **who gets hurt** and how much, then will join the **mantra**. Another, if present, will add some extra detail, then will join the **mantra**. Now **only** the **Seeker** stops the mantra and says YES or NO to what the **Eyes** described. **All** fall silent.

Manual 6

**Seeker!** If you **accept** describe how the scene ends; you performed a **Ritual Action**. **Seeker!** If you **refuse** describe how you doubt yourself and how you fail the action and how it damages you.

Manual 7

Cut & Fold





Cut all

## THE WINTER

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Winter!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what flame burns your heart  
Say in which cold you find solace

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Winter!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to bring chill and clarity or  
to extinguish a mortal's fire  
Say *I am the Winter!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE WORM

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Worm!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what hunger torments you  
Say what fear haunts your soul

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Worm!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to devour someone else's treasure or  
to soil something beautiful  
Say *I am the Worm!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE STARS

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Stars!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what shadow clouds your sky  
Say what light guides you by night

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Stars!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to shine in spite of the dark or  
to light a spark in a mortal soul  
Say *I am the Stars!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE SHADOW

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Shadow!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say the shape of your hatred  
Say why nobody is innocent

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Shadow!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to make a mortal feel small or  
to colour a mortal's soul black  
Say *I am the Shadow!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE THREAD

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Thread!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what leads you forward  
Say what binds you to others

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Thread!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to weave together disparate things  
or to snarl and ensnare the unwary  
Say *I am the Thread!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Fetish by Meguey Baker

## THE SONG

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Song!*  
Say the range of your voice  
Say who you have silenced  
Say what you have heralded

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Song!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to give voice to the voiceless or  
to drown out the cacophonous  
Say *I am the Song!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Fetish by Stephanie Bryant

## THE SERPENT

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Serpent!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what skins you've recently shed  
Hiss what venom lurks within you

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Serpent!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to harness a darkness in yourself or to  
use that arcane knowledge for good  
Say *I am the Serpent!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Fetish by Kira Magrann

## THE GLITCH

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Glitch!*  
Say what others see at a glance  
Say what evil lurks inside you  
Say what kindness blooms inside you

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Glitch!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to reveal your appalling self or  
to express your beautiful innards  
Say *I am the Glitch!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Fetish by Cathryn Belle





## THE LAKE

Fetish by Becky Annison

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Lake!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what's missing in your reflection  
Say what stirs beneath and below

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Lake!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
blend something dark and light or  
to break the fear of death  
Say *I am the Lake!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE BUTTERFLY

Fetish by Manuela Sorrenti

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Butterfly!*  
Say the colors of your mortal body  
Say what dream you were born from  
Say what feeling you are addicted to

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Butterfly!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to be trusted as a guide or  
to have others taste your addiction  
Say *I am the Butterfly!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE ANVIL

Fetish by Dana Fried

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Anvil!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what stokes the fire of your forge  
Say what can be shaped upon you

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Anvil!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to transform something to a new  
purpose or to break a thing that has  
outlived its usefulness  
Say *I am the Anvil!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE ARROW

Fetish by Heather Silsbee

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Arrow!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what you are moving toward  
Say what you are running from

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Arrow!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to pierce something impenetrable  
orto hit your target with precision  
Say *I am the Arrow!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Cut all

## THE BONES

Fetish by Emily Care Boss

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Bones!*  
Say what frail flesh clothes you  
Say what you hold up high  
Say what you fear will break you

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Bones!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
hold fast what you know is true or to  
support work that will last long after  
all trace of you is gone from this earth  
Say *I am the Bones!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE BROKEN BOTTLE

Fetish by Renee Knipe

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Broken Bottle!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what piece of you was lost  
Say what left you jagged and  
bloody

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Broken Bottle!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
cut the one who gets too close to remind  
them of something beautiful from afar  
Say *I am the Broken Bottle!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE CORVID

Fetish by Elisa S. Henry

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Corvid!*  
Say what kind of death omen you are  
Say which soul you carried to rest last  
Say what's it like to exist between  
life and death

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Corvid!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to keep the balance of life & death  
or to carry a soul into the next life  
Say *I am the Corvid!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE KRAKEN

Fetish by Brianna Sheldon

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Kraken!*  
Say how deep you rest in the sea  
Say what has caused your loneliness  
Say what would soothe your soul

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Kraken!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
reveal your sunken treasures or to  
bring another down to the darkness  
Say *I am the Kraken!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice





## THE SHIVER

Fetish by Wendy Gorman

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Shiver!*  
Say what sparks your anticipation  
Say where you feel it quiver & tingle  
Say how you stir the senses

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Shiver!*  
Say what you do here and now  
To entice the passions of the body  
Or chill the hopes of the soul  
Say *I am the Shiver!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE SPIDER

Fetish by Ariana Ramos

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Spider!*  
Say of the webs that you spin  
Say of the venom in your fangs  
Say which walls you have crawled

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Spider!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
bring balance by waving your web to  
poison with a mouth without shame  
Say *I am the Spider!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE STONE

Fetish by Meguey Baker

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Stone!*  
Say by what force you were made  
Say what permanence is within you  
Say what you have endured

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Stone!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
provide stability & groundedness or  
to create immobility and stubbornness  
Say *I am the Stone!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE TEARS

Fetish by Brianna Sheldon

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Tears!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what delivered your sorrow  
Say what brings you greatest joy

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Tears!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to show a vision of exaltation or  
to fill the joyful with regret  
Say *I am the Tears!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Cut all

## THE CANDLE

Fetish by Renee Krnje

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Candle!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say how long you have burned  
Say what it is you illuminate

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Candle!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to flicker bravely and brightly or  
to sputter out and drown in shadow  
Say *I am the Candle!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE GARDEN

Fetish by Cathryn Belle

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Garden!*  
Say what powerful bounty grows  
within you  
Say what will result from the harvest  
Say what may cause you to wither

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Garden!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to plant the seeds for the future or  
to bring the inevitable to fruition  
Say *I am the Garden!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE LEAF

Fetish by Emily Care Boss

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Leaf!*  
Say what wind blew you here  
Say the season you long for  
Say what gift the sky gave you

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Leaf!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to adapt to changing conditions or  
to let go what no longer serves you  
Say *I am the Leaf!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



## THE MATCH

Fetish by Dana Fried

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Match!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say what light flickers in your shadows  
Say what burns too hot & quick in you

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Match!*  
Say what you do here and now  
to ignite a mortal's fervent desires or  
to illuminate their darkest truths  
Say *I am the Match!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice







Fetish by Kira Magrann

## THE VEIL

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Veil!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say three faces you wear for others  
Say what truth you save only for a few

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Veil!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
create an illusion in the world to  
protect something by making it  
disappear  
Say *I am the Veil!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Fetish by Dana Fried

## THE WALL

When you pick this Fetish  
Say *I am the Wall!*  
Say the name of your mortal body  
Say whose hands laid your stones  
Say what force you still hold at bay

When you perform a Ritual Action  
Say *I am the Wall!*  
Say what you do here and now to  
provide passing respite to the ag-  
grieved or to isolate the unpleasant  
or inconvenient  
Say *I am the Wall!*

Chant the mantra  
When you stop, make your choice



Cut all