

Purplest Prose

A Trashy Game About Trashy Writers Writing Trashy Romance, designed by Pammu

The Premise

Our subtitle ought to say it all: this is a game about coming together to write the trashiest romance stories you can think of. Build a group of 3-5 players to keep things quick, dirty and fun, and prepare the following things:

- Two six-sided dice. They have to be different colors from each other.
- A whole bunch of index cards, or any kind of blank card that you can write on.
- Pens. Use whatever colors you like. Erasable ones might be good!
- Things that can serve as tokens. The prettier, the better.
- Something that can serve as a 2-minute timer.

No need for a GM this time!

How to Start

FIRST, read this paragraph out together: "The Editor-in-Chief of Happy Hearts, your publishing company, has had it with the lot of you. You've all been called in and told that each of you has to produce a full manuscript of the best romance novel, and you've been given the genre they want you to write for. Good luck!"

SECOND, develop your writer personas! Each one of you should have your pen name and your Twitter/IG/FB profile blurb. Jot this down. Introduce yourselves in style.

THIRD, take turns rolling the two six-sided dice. Decide which die represents the 10s, and which one represents the 1s, then add the result together to interpret your roll. Refer to the tables on the second page. Do the rolls for both tables as indicated, list down the respective results, then decide as a group which story pitch you'll all write for. Pray that the writer gods will be kind to you. Your jobs are on the line!

Of course, if your group sees something that really matches a particular combination BUT it wasn't part of the rolled results, feel free to change things up.

Show Time!

Make sure everybody has a lot of index cards! You'll need these to write your responses to each round down.

Purplest Prose rounds involve writing down a response to the round in question. Players then submit their work face down to the chosen Editorial Assistant for the round, who will do a dramatic reading of each one. The EA does not write during their turn. Instead, they decide which entry was the best entry and awards it with a Commendation. The player whose entry was chosen takes a token.

Who gets to be Editorial Assistant first? The player who most recently read or wrote a shippy fanfic or a romance story. Tiebreakers can be determined by which text was trashier.

Try to RP your writer personas out while you're playing. It might even be fun to be "IC" with your decisions as Editorial Assistant. The player with the greatest number of Commendation Tokens wins!

The Rounds

Feel free to add others as you like or take out ones that don't really fit. Anything goes as long as it's fun for your group!

1. Introduce Character A
2. Introduce Character B
3. How Do They Meet?
4. The Moment Character A Fell in Love
5. The Moment Character B Fell in Love
6. A Scene from the First Time They Sex It Up
7. What's Threatening to Tear this Love Apart?
8. A Scene from that One Big Fight
9. When Character A Realizes They Can't Live Without Character B (or can they?)
10. When Character B Realizes They Can't Live Without Character A (or can they?)
11. The Dramatic Declarations
12. Make Up Sexing - Or, the Final Goodbye
13. A Scene from the Happily Ever After!

A Love Story Between...	With the Premise or Kink...
<i>Roll twice here. One for Character A, one for Character B.</i>	<i>Roll once!</i>
11: Office Worker/Secretary	11: It's a Bad, Bad Office Romance
12: Writer	12: Family Rivalry
13: Artist	13: Love in a Coffeeshop
14: Prostitute/Courtesan/Geisha	14: They Met on the Dancefloor
15: Model	15: My Best Friend's Wedding
16: Pilot	16: Hello, Neighbor! / "They're My Landlord"
21: Nobleman/Noblewoman	21: Love on Campus
22: Priest/Nun	22: Stuck together for whatever reason.
23: Lawyer/Judge	23: May/December
24: Chef	24: Former Lovers Meet Again
25: Maid/Butler	25: Sent to the Wrong Address
26: Events/Wedding Planner	26: Love on the Battlefield
31: Diplomat/Politician	31: "Please Pretend to be My Boyfriend/Girlfriend!"
32: Single Parent	32: Crime/Noir Mystery or Thriller
33: Widower/Widow	33: Past Life Romance
34: Doctor/Nurse	34: That Big Fat Class Reunion
35: Wizard/Mage/Witch/Sorcerer/Sorceress	35: Rival Bands/Performers
36: Dragon	36: Spy Game/Agent vs. Agent
41: Alien	41: A Genie Granted Your Wish for a Lover
42: Singer/Rockstar	42: Count of Monte Cristo Revenge Story
43: Actor/Actress	43: One of them has a terminal illness – or both of them?
44: Magical Girl/Magical Boy	44: Accidental Roommates
45: Teacher	45: Friends with Benefits
46: Rich/Elite/Socialite	46: Best Friends to Lovers
51: CEO	51: Love in the Time of an Apocalypse
52: Pirate/Sailor	52: High Fantasy or Sci-Fi World
53: Crime Lord/Assassin	53: Pen Pals
54: Soldier/Cop/Law Enforcer/Bodyguard/Protector	54: I'm Your Slave
55: Ninja	55: Amnesia
56: Samurai	56: Historical Romance (decide the period as a group!)
61: Prince/Princess/King/Queen/Emperor/Empress	61: Forbidden Love
62: Vampire	62: "You Look Just Like My Ex."
63: Werewolf	63: I'm In Love with the Reincarnation of a God
64: Demon	64: He/She's My Childhood Crush
65: Angel	65: We Met in an MMORPG/Online Game
66: Superhero	66: Time Travel/Teleported to Another World

Thank you for playing!

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