

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...

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

Manual 1

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, 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**.

Manual 2

Now the **Eyes** say:

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

Seeker! Say what you do and think. **Eyes!** Say what the mortals do, add new ones, make things happen. All can add scenographic 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 3

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 **oooh** sound). 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**.

Manual 4

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.

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.

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Manual 5



Cut all, then secure with paper clip

THE BROKEN BOTTLE

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 GLITCH

Fetish by Caitlynn Belle

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



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 Soriani

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 CANDLE

Fetish by Renee Knipe

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 CORVID

Fetish by Elia 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



Cut all

THE GARDEN

Fetish by Caitlynn 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 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 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



THE SERPENT

Fetish by Kira Magrann

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



THE SONG

Fetish by Stephanie Bryant

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



Cut all



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 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



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 be trusted as a guide or
to have others taste your addiction
Say *I am the Arrow!*

Chant the mantra

When you stop, make your choice



THE BONES

Fetish by Emily Care

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 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



Cut all

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 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 STONE

Fetish by Meguey Baker

When you pick this Fetish

Say *I am the Stone!*

Say by what force your 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 VEIL

Fetish by Kira Magrann

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



THE WALL

Fetish by Dana Fried

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 aggrieved

or to isolate the unpleasant or

inconvenient

Say *I am the Wall!*

Chant the mantra

When you stop, make your choice



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



Cut all



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 THREAD

Fetish by Meguey Baker

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



Cut all