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Savage Garden is a game for 2-3 people that takes about an hour to play, not including set up and a short debrief. It consists of 1 warm up activity, 1-2 scenes, and a short debrief afterwards.

In **Savage Garden**, you and one other person will play two people participating in a virtual sex session, along with an optional role for a third player. You don't know each other yet, but will be getting quite intimately acquainted.

Set up

Facilitating & Prep

It does not require a facilitator, but one of you should have read the rules ahead of time and gathered the materials needed. You will need to print out 1 copy of each mask, as well as 1 copy each of the *Book of Orchid*, the *Book of Grass*, and the *Book of Aspen*, and 2 copies of the *Book of Roses* (3 if more are playing). Assemble all 4 or 5 books following the provided instructions and tie them shut.

You can play **Savage Garden** online, using a video chat, or face-to-face, pretending to sit at a computer monitor. You should face your partner, with the Grass positioned to see both. Both the mask and book you select can be kept as a keepsake.

Safety & Consent

While *Savage Garden* could be played in public, be aware that it may contain explicit language, upsetting themes, and asks you to engage in nudity and sexual acts. You should communicate before beginning this LARP if you are comfortable performing these acts or if you will be using agreed upon signals to indicate that while your character is doing them, you personally won't be.

Savage Garden addresses upsetting topics in sexuality, and you should not play if this will hurt or upset you.

Components:

Mask for each player

Copy of each book

Ribbons to tie both masks on and books closed

Honey sticks

Transparent stickers

Paints, markers, stickers, and other materials for embellishing your mask and book cover, such as flowers, leaves, pornographic magazines, ribbons, printouts of Roses poems, etc.

Something to keep time with

A book of classic erotica, such as *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, or a book of modern erotica, such as *Sleeping Beauty* (by Anne Rice) (physical copy or audiobook, optional)

Scene Schedule

30 mins	warm up crafts
15-20 mins	Book of Orchid and Book of Aspen (optional Book of Grass)
5 mins	break
10 mins	Book of Roses (optional)
3 minutes	silent break
10 min	debrief

To Begin

Choose which mask and book you would like to use for this session. Also take a copy of the *Book of Roses*, but do not read any of the Books yet.

How to Choose Your Book:

When you think of sex, do you feel a tingle of desire or a thrill of fear? What of sex in public? What of sex with a stranger? Sex with someone you're close to? How do you feel about being vulnerable? Do you have desires you're ashamed of? Do you feel bad that you have desire? Are you afraid of sex?

The *Book of Orchid* is a role that is filled with enthusiasm but may disregard others' wants. The *Book of Aspen* is a role that is filled with self-doubt, but may desire connection with others. The *Book of Grass* is a role that is filled with submission, but may have trouble being direct.

Warm Up

Get comfortable, and decorate your book covers and mask. If you are in the same room as your partner, you may share materials if you wish. Remember that you will not see each other until scene 1. If a player finishes early, have them quietly read aloud from the book of erotica or listen to the audio book while you work. Otherwise play whatever music you find sexy.

To Play

Once your masks and books are done or the time is up, don your mask and untie your book. Read the prompts within quote marks and act out any instructions from your book. You can choose who you speak to, and you can answer other's remarks or questions. You should alternate who reads, pausing when needed, and stop when you reach the end of your Book. Break for 5 minutes.

Once the break is up, each of you should take your *Book of Roses*. Discuss if you feel you are done, or if the game feels unresolved. If you choose to continue, 1 of you will choose the *Ravenous* side, and 1 the *Consumed*. If there are 3 players, 2 will choose the *Consumed*. Follow the prompts until the end. Sit in silence for 3 minutes.

Begin debrief.

The Books

Book of Orchid

1. In unison: "We are wearing masks.
We are unknown, and wish to be known."
2. "I wish I could be _____, but I am _____.
You are the one who can _____ me.
(To 3rd player) I want you to watch me."
3. "Place a sticker on a body part you wish I would touch."
Run your fingertips across a similar sticker while you watch.
4. "I would like to tell you about a time when _____. Will you listen?"
Relate a story, true or false, of a sexual fantasy you have.
5. "Drizzle honey across your favorite body part."
Slowly suck on a honey stick while they do.
6. "I will press my lips to the screen as if I'm kissing you."
Whisper what part of them you wish your lips were touching. Remove your clothing if you wish.
7. "Turn off your camera, and think about me. I will leave my camera on while I think about you."
Masturbate as you describe your thoughts. Do you react to the other player(s), or focus on your own pleasure?

Book of Aspen

1. In unison: "We are wearing masks.
We are unknown, and wish to be known."
2. "I wish I could be you, but I am _____.
You are the one who can _____ me.
(To 3rd player) I want you to understand me."
3. "Do you want to touch me? I understand if you don't."
Show your discomfort with your body.
4. "I would like to tell you about a time when _____. Will you listen?"
Relate a story, true or false, of a sexual fantasy you have. Falter when you hit a part that

makes you uncomfortable. You're clearly boring them. Will you continue?

5. "Slowly remove one piece of clothing, please."
Slowly uncover something you are ashamed of.
6. "Turn off your camera and write down what you wish I would do to you."
Turn off your camera and write down what you're afraid of. Turn it back on. Do you ask what they wrote? Do you share what you did?
7. "Would you want to touch me? Wait - I'm sorry. I'm sorry I asked."
You will open your lips and scream of your shame and agony.

Book of Grass

1. In unison: "We are wearing masks.
We are unknown, and wish to be known."
2. "I wish I could be you, but I am _____.
You are the one who can _____ me.
(To 3rd player) I want you to (whisper) dominate me."
3. "May I see where you would like to be touched?"
Show your eagerness with your body.
4. "I would like to show you _____. Will you watch?"
Enact, with as few words as possible, a sexual fantasy you have.
5. "May I lick the honey from your skin?"
Gesture towards your own body part to show them how you wish to be humiliated.
Stroke that body part as you suck on the honey stick.
6. "Do you like what you see? What would you do to me?"
Remove your clothing and show off your body.
7. "Hurt me."
Do the things you like: spanking, slapping, tickling, restraining, etc. to your own body.

Book of Roses (Consumed)

1. I will take off my mask and let you see me.
Take off everything but your mask and let me see you.

2. I am with you, and not alone.
My desire _____ me.
3. I may be hurting. I may be ashamed. I am _____.
You will heal me.
4. You will eat me.
I will be free.
5. I close my eyes, and love.
6. (love)
7. (Darkness)

Book of Roses (Ravenous)

1. Take off your mask and let me see you.
I will take off everything but my mask and let you see me.
2. I am in love with my body and my desire.
I know joy. I am free.
3. You can't hurt me.
I can take without hurting you.
4. Now I will consume you.
Close your eyes.
5. (Describe how the other player tastes)
6. (Look in the mirror and reapply your lipstick)
7. End.

Appendix

Book Construction

1. Print out 1 copy each of the *Book of Orchid* and the *Book of Aspen*, and 2 copies of the *Book of Roses*. Also print out the *Book of Grass* if 3 people are playing.
2. For each book, start by laying your paper out flat.
3. Fold the sheet in half longways.
4. Unfold and then fold in half the other way.
5. Unfold it again and then fold in the short edges to the middle line.
6. You should end up with 8 folded sections.
7. Cut the middle from the first fold to the fourth, opening the middle of the page.
8. With the cut in the middle you should be able to fold the outer edges (page 2 & 3 and page 6 & the back cover) together and push the paper inwards into a “plus” shape.
9. Both the *Book of Orchid*, the *Book of Aspen*, and the *Book of Grass* have only one side. The *Book of Roses* is two sided, and you should fold one so that the *Consumed* side is visible, and the other so the *Ravenous* side is visible.
10. Then find the front and back covers and fold the mini-book so the covers are on the outside.
11. Tie a ribbon around each book to hold it closed until needed.

You can find pictures and instructions here:

<https://www.instructables.com/An-8-Page-Book-From-a-Piece-of-Paper/> or here:

<https://thereadingresidence.com/creating-a-mini-book-using-1-sheet-of-paper/>. Instructions

above were adapted from the Reading Residence.

Book of Aspen

“We are wearing masks.
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be known.”

“I wish I could be you,
but I am .
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Stroke that body part as you
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Book of Orchid

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but I am _____.
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without hurting you.

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Close your eyes.

(End)

(Look in the mirror and
reapply your lipstick)

(Describe how the
other player tastes)

Mask Construction

1. Print out 1 copy of each mask.
2. Cut out the eyes by poking a hole in the middle, then cut to the edges.
3. Cut around the outside of each mask.
4. Cut a hole to thread ribbon through.







