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A roleplaying improv storytelling game

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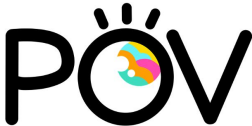
Lid Layout

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Two game cards are shown side-by-side. The left card is titled 'The Oversharer' and features a background illustration of colorful, abstract shapes. The right card is titled 'The Chaotic' and features a background illustration of a pink silhouette of a person with arms raised, set against a colorful, abstract background. Both cards have a small eye icon in the top left corner and a 'Your POV:' section at the bottom.

The Oversharer
"I just love this game. Did you know I used to play this kind of narrative storytelling game when I was three years old? Actually, people really liked playing with me back then because..."
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The Chaotic
"Wo. Let's go jump off that cliff without!"
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Objective

Many characters make up a story, but only one can really be the hero...

Rack up points through acting and prompt writing to become the greatest storyteller of them all!

Contents

- 12 POV Cards
- 20 Prompt Cards
- 1 Discard Pile Card
- Slips of paper
- Pencils (1 for each player)
- Timer (can use a phone timer)

Setup

1. Spread all POV Cards face-up so every player can read them. Each player selects one character card they want to play for the game.
2. Shuffle the Prompt cards and draw one from the top.
3. Distribute 1 pencil and (2 x the number of players) slips of paper to each player.
4. Allocate an area for a discard pile. Use the Discard Pile card to denote this space.
5. Designate one player to be time-keeper for the duration of the game.

How to Play

Before beginning the game, have each player introduce themselves as their selected POV.

Play proceeds clockwise. Each round has three steps:

Step 1: The Narrator Tells the Story

The current narrator continues the story using the active prompt, speaking entirely in the voice of their character. They have up to 45 seconds – the designated time-keeper should start the clock. In the case that it is the first round, the narrator will begin using the chosen Prompt.

Step 2: Everyone Writes a Prompt

When the narrator's 45 seconds are up, all players except the next narrator (the player to the current narrator's left) have 45 seconds – the time-keeper should restart the clock – to write one prompt (suggested continuation of the story) on a slip of paper.

- *Avoid writing full sentences, bullet points are sufficient and encouraged.*
- *Your suggested prompt does not need to match your own character's POV or the narrator's POV, though you may choose to write it that way.*
- *Keep your writing hidden from other players.*

Step 3: Selecting the Best Prompt

All slips are placed face-down in the center of the play area. Once everyone has submitted, the next narrator picks them up, reads each one aloud, and selects their favorite. The player whose prompt was chosen takes their slip back as a trophy and earns 1 point. All other prompts are placed in the discard pile.

Play then passes to the new narrator, who picks up where the story left off using the chosen prompt.

Gaining Points

- **1 point** each time your prompt is selected by the narrator
- **2 points** if you are voted 'Fan Favorite' at the end of the game

Game End

The game ends once each player has narrated twice. (If you would like to continue for additional rounds, you are welcome to do so.) At that point, all players vote for their 'Fan Favorite' actor.

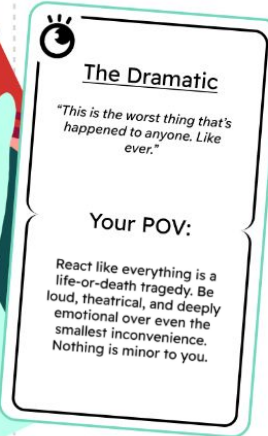
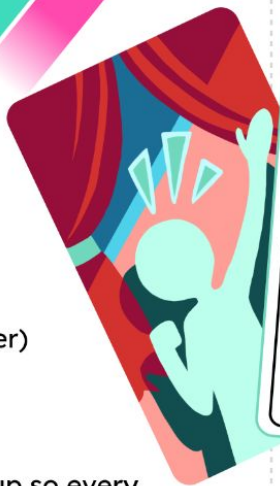
Fan Favorite Vote

Each player secretly writes the name of another player on a slip of paper – you may not write your own name. All slips are revealed at the same time. The player with the most votes earns 2 points. The player with the highest total points wins.

Tiebreaker

If two or more players are tied after the Fan Favorite vote, they compete in a sudden-death round. Draw a new Starting Prompt Card. Each tied player takes a turn narrating 30 seconds of the story in their character's voice, using the same prompt.

After all tied players have gone, every non-tied player votes for the strongest performance using the same secret-slip method above. The tied player with the most votes wins.



PROMPT & DISCARD CARDS

The translation was perfect, which
meant the message made no
sense at all...

PROMPT

The painting had been stolen so
many times, no one remembered
who made it...

PROMPT

The dream was always the same
until the night it wasn't...

PROMPT

Something in the new neighbor's
garden only grew at night...

PROMPT

The orchestra played on, even
after the audience had long since...

PROMPT

I wrote letters to my future self
and the replies kept arriving...

PROMPT

The ghost was less frightening
than the reason it couldn't leave...

The voicemail had been saved for
six years and I still hadn't listened
to it...

The apology came thirty years
later, handwritten, with no return
address...

PROMPT

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There was nothing on the table...
just a pot of coffee, and a single
mug with lipstick on the rim...

No one noticed the door until the
building started coming down...

I inherited my grandmother's
house, her debts, and something
else entirely...

PROMPT

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Every photograph I'd ever taken showed someone standing just behind me...

They built the city upside down on purpose, so that...

The last working phone booth in the country rang at exactly 3 a.m...

PROMPT

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I, a renowned cartographer, had mapped every known country except one...

We all saw the same figure at the window, but no one would describe it the same way....

I found a note in my pocket in my scratchy cursive. "Don't trust them," it read in dark ink...

PROMPT

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The wind smelled like pepper,
grass, and cigarette smoke, a
smell I remembered from...

PROMPT

I returned to the same park bench
for forty years, waiting for...

PROMPT

Place face-up in the
center of the play area

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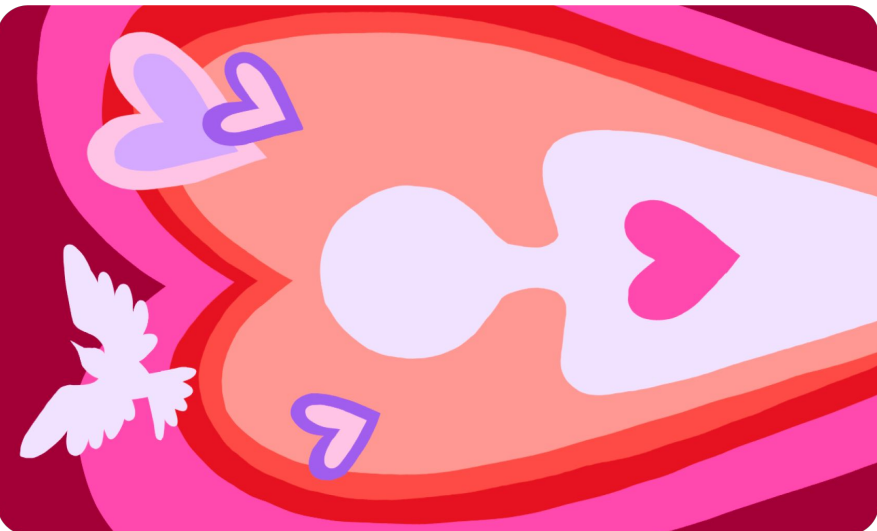


The Romantic

*"I wonder if I am going to find the love of my life today...." *sigh**

Your POV:

You're a dreamer. You see the best in everything, and see the love in everything. But ultimately, you love love. You want to find it for yourself; you want to find it for others; you want to surround yourself with it.

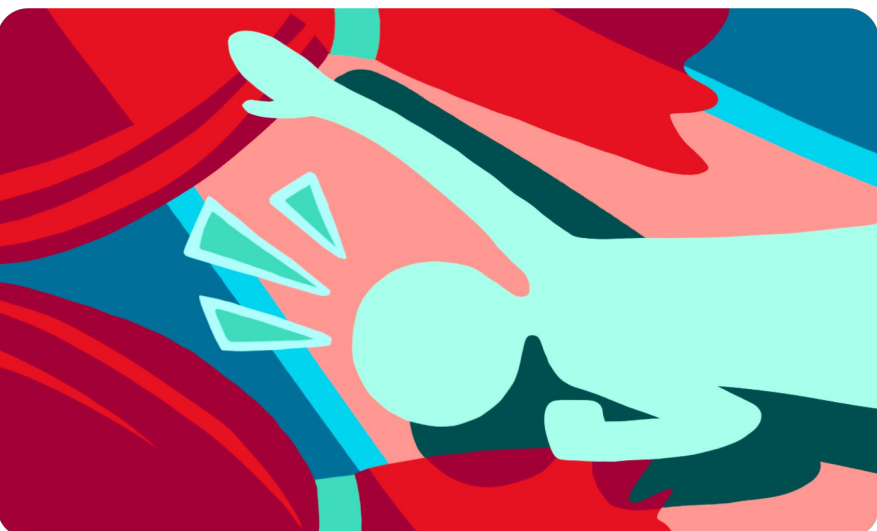


The Dramatic

"This is the worst thing that's happened to anyone. Like ever."

Your POV:

React like everything is a life-or-death tragedy. Be loud, theatrical, and deeply emotional over even the smallest inconvenience. Nothing is minor to you.



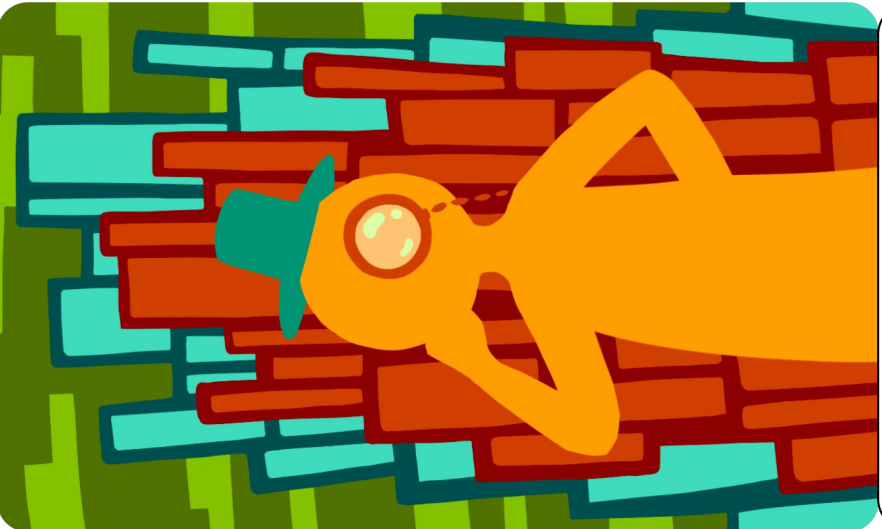


The Expert

"Ah yes. Hm hm. Classic Level 3 doorknob misalignment. Happens all the time."

Your POV:

You have deep expertise in everything. You explain things with total confidence and overcomplicated logic. The more specific and unnecessary your explanations, the better.



The Conspiracy Theorist

"You really think that was an accident? Open your eyes."

Your POV:

Assume everything is suspicious. Connect random events that definitely do not go together. Lower your voice for dramatic effect and act like you know the "truth."

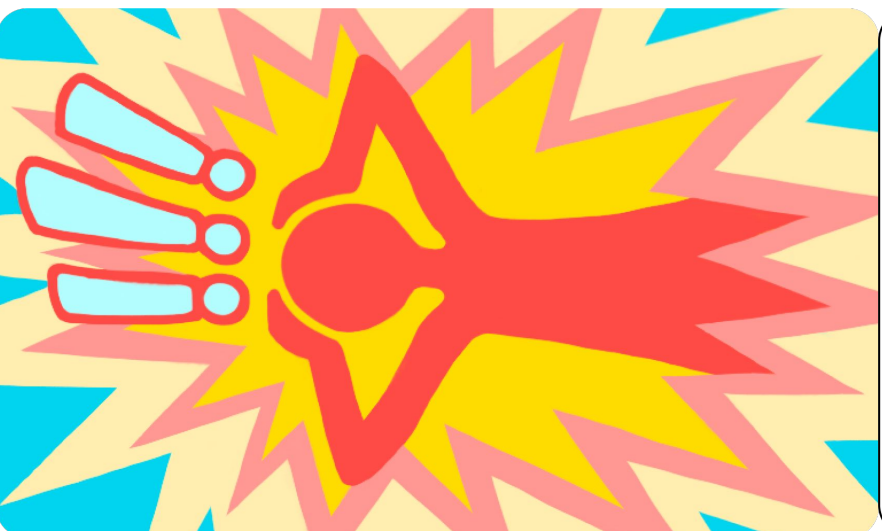


The Hype Machine

"WAIT—NO—THIS IS ACTUALLY INSANE—EVERYONE LOOK RIGHT NOW—"

Your POV:

This is the most exciting thing that has ever happened. You overreact, you gas people up over nothing. Someone trips? Legendary moment. Someone opens a door? CINEMATTC.





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The Valley Girl

"I literally cannot even with this character arc. Like, what even is a plot twist right now?"

Your POV:

Speak with as many "Valley Girl" vibes as you can. Throw in all the "like"s, "totally"s, and "literally"s that come into your head.



The Mope

"It'll be over soon. Hopefully. Maybe. I'll just be here til then. Alone. Just me."

Your POV:

You're a sad fellow with a very melancholy take on life. It's okay to cry a little if you want. After all, it's always a gloomy day...



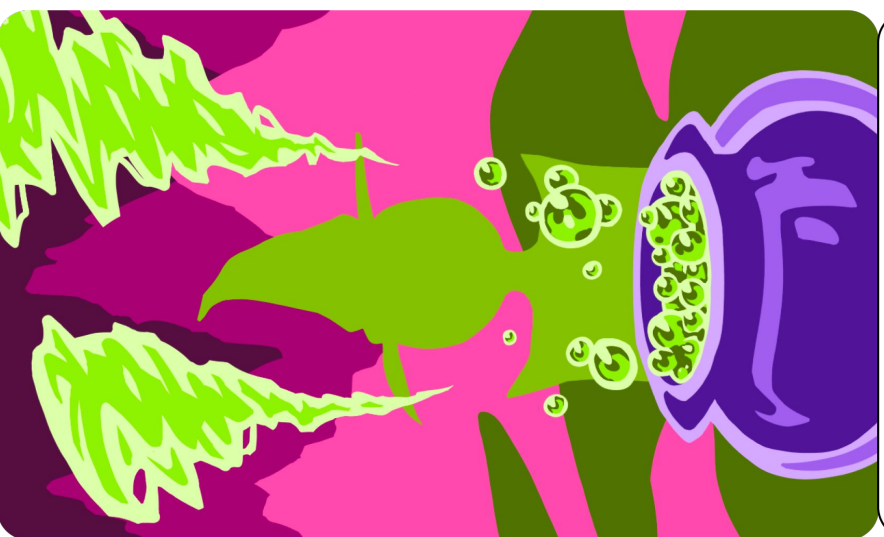


The Wicked

"Oh, this? I thought it would be interesting if things went badly."

Your POV:

Cause problems on purpose. Say unsettling, mischievous things with complete confidence, like making life harder for others is part of the fun. You enjoy stirring the pot, introducing bad ideas, and watching it all happen with a smug smile.



The Psychic

"I'm sensing... a disturbance. I'm getting a number... 6? Or... 7... The spirits are being VERY loud right now."

Your POV:

You have mysterious powers that seem to emerge from thin air at the most convenient times. You have wildly accurate visions, read auras, and speak in vague terms that apply to everything.



The Frat Bro

"Brooo. That was actually legendary. Absolute sigma behavior."

Your POV:

Treat everything like it's either a bonding moment with the boys, a party story, or competition. Hype people up way too hard, act overly confident, and say "bro" like it's punctuation.

