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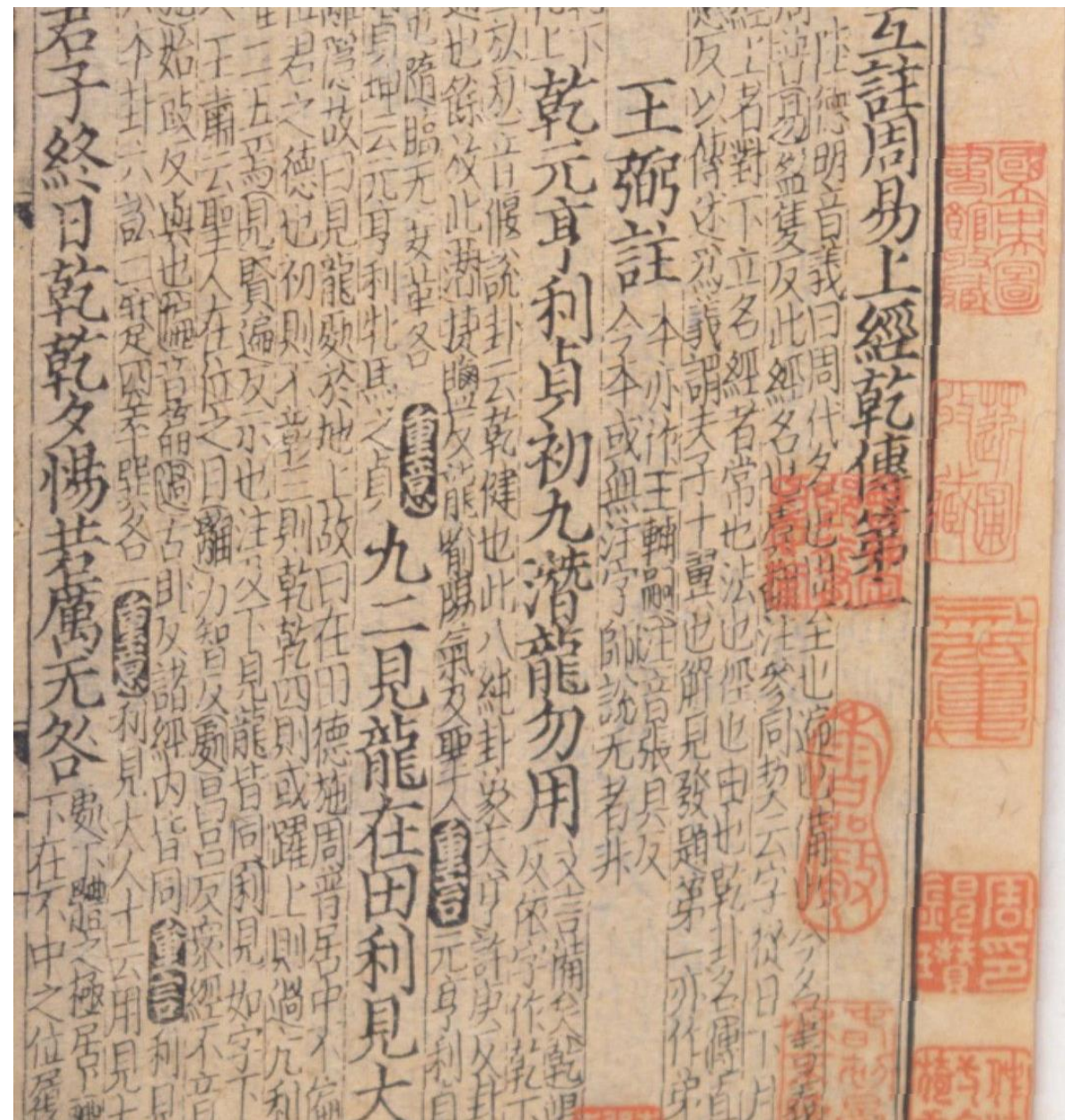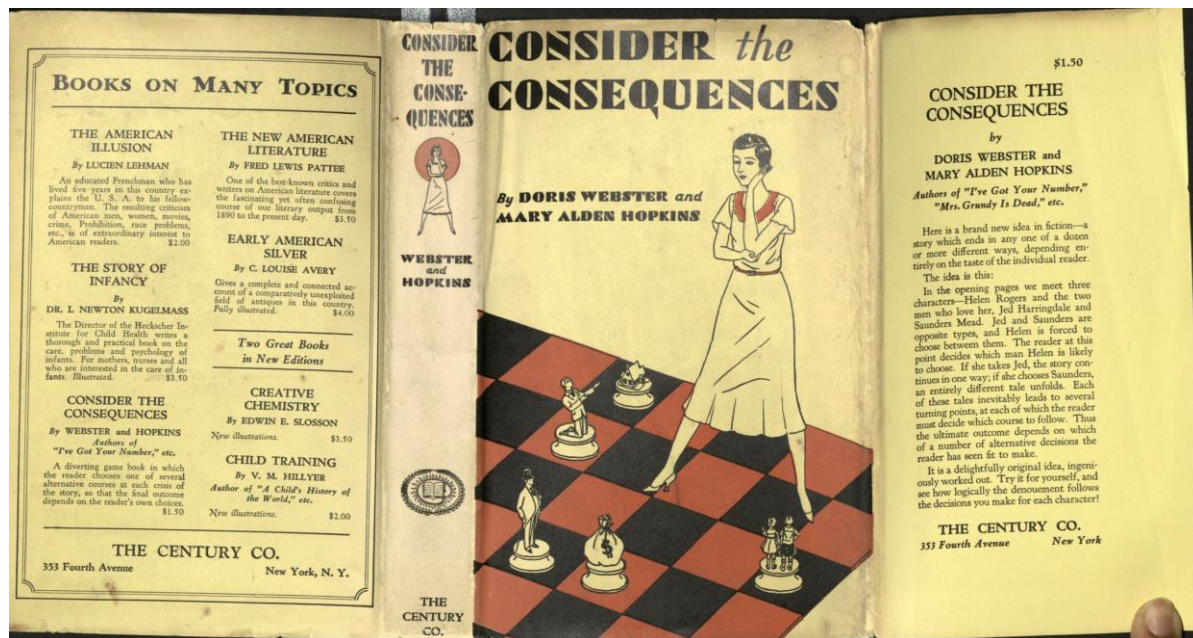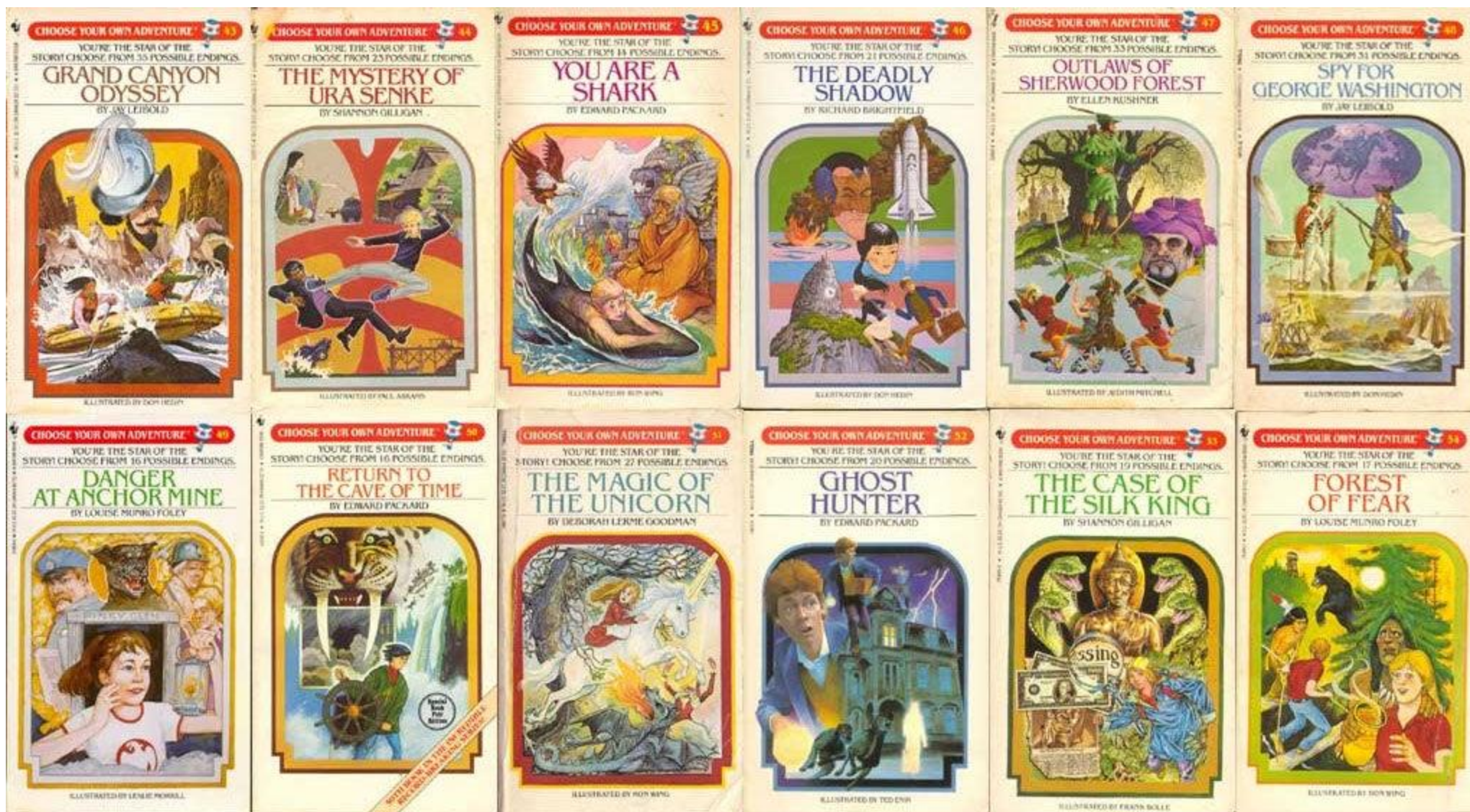
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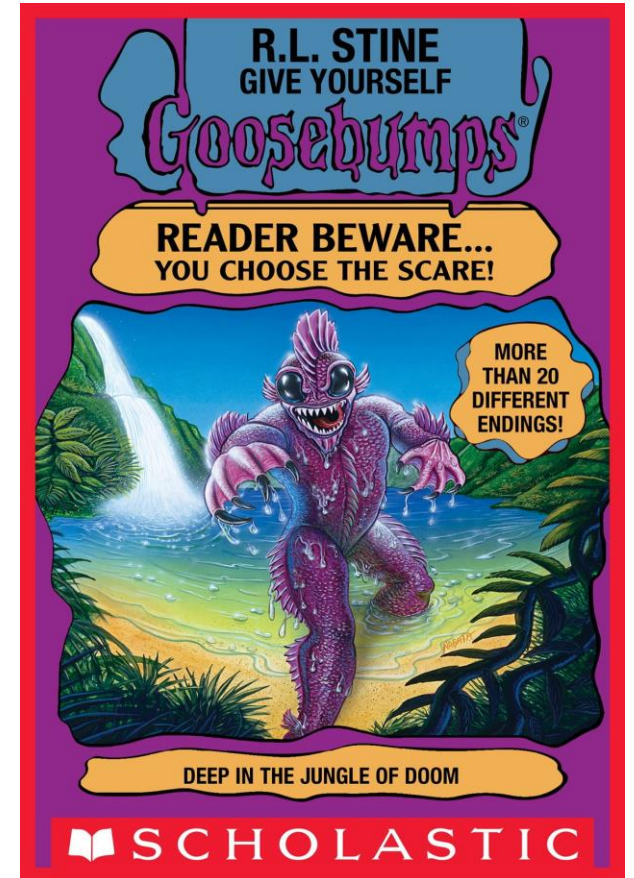
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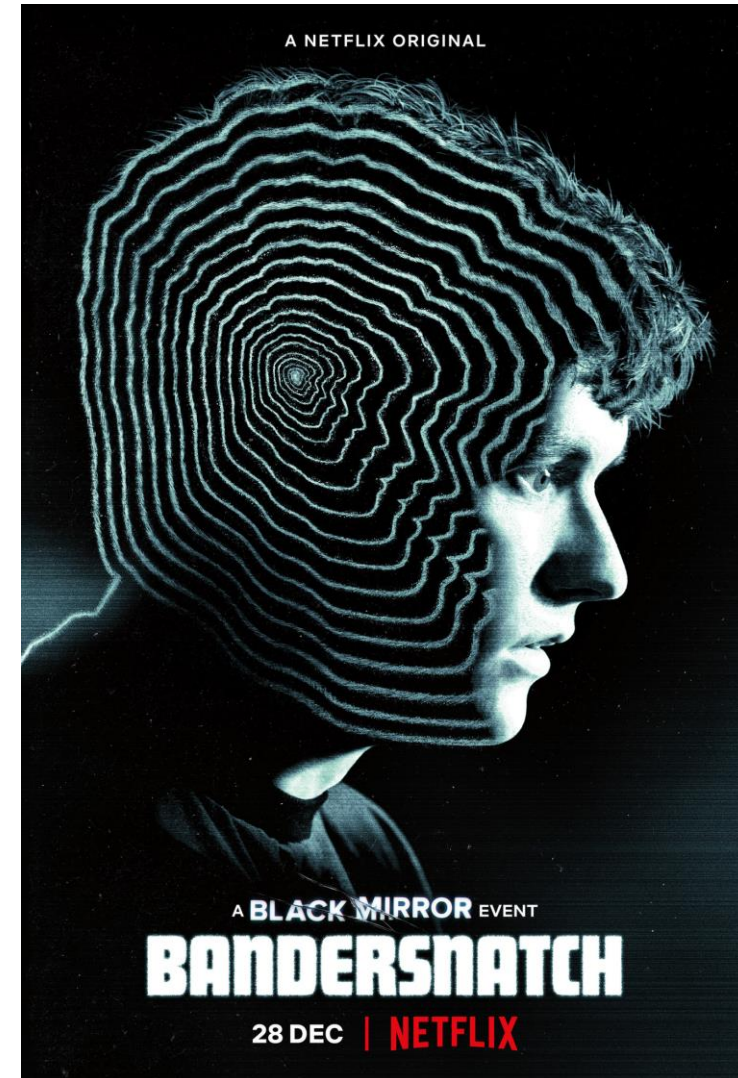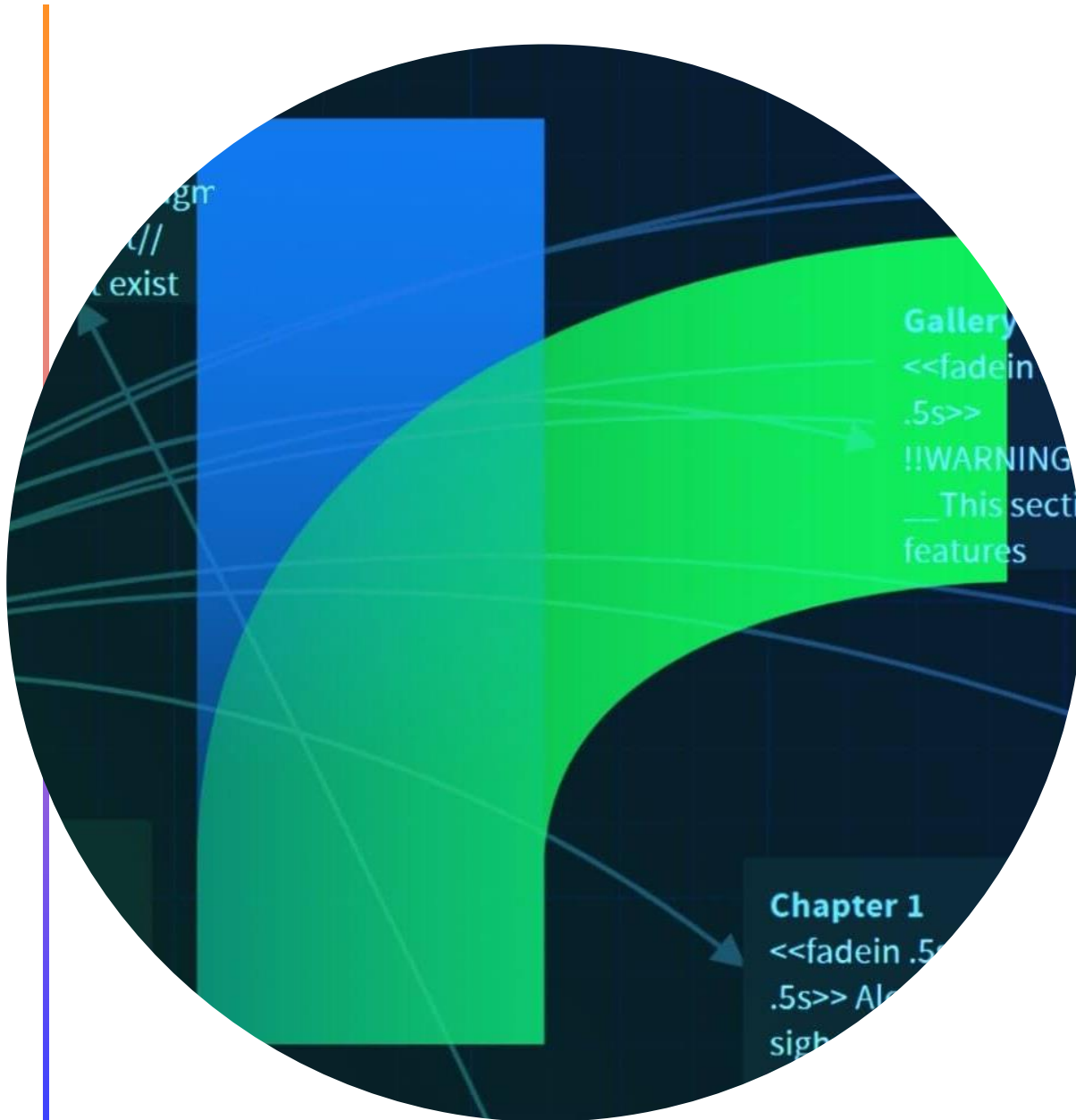
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- Created in 2009 by Chris Klimas, a web programmer in Baltimore

- Open-source and free to use media software

- Popular with game designers, indie creators, and educators

- Can accommodate a wide variety of hypertext narratives including games, interactive fiction, stories, websites, quizzes, resources, essays, e-poetry, divination manuals, and more

Twine's Critical Capacities

- Amplifies element of **play** in scholarship and pushes back on dominant modes of scholarly publication
- Foster **interaction** between scholar and their reader/player
- Emphasizes reading as **active and creative** rather than passive
- Enhance player's **perspective**—Twine is an impactful way to **immerse** a player in a situation
- Opportunity to **pace** a reader's movement through your work
- Creative **intervention** in political and social issues

Narrative Twine Games

- A Tale of Crowns by cherry (itch.io)

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Playful Twine Games

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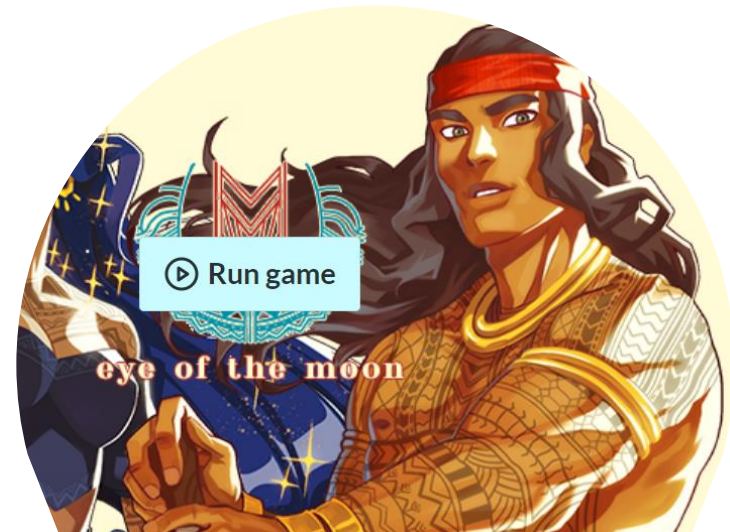
- [(ASMR) Vin Diesel DMing a Game of D&D Just For You by merritt k (itch.io)](#)

- [The Temple of No by Crows Crows Crows (itch.io)](#)

Socially Engaged Twine Games

- [Nanopesos by Camila Gormaz (itch.io)](#)

- [Nonbinary - First Person Scholar](#)

- [Please Answer Carefully by Iitrouke (itch.io)](#)

- [You Are Jeff Bezos by Kris Lorischild (itch.io)](#)

"Nanopesos" by Camila Gormaz

This is you: Young, single, and no children.
You have a monthly wage of **$301.000**. You live in a dark and small **studio apartment in the capital**.

You feel lucky for having your own place, even though you're paying **$200.000** for 17 square meters (183 sq ft). You know that if you lose it, it will be really hard to get another apartment for that price in the capital.

Suddenly, your **phone** rings.

"Nonbinary" by Adan Jerreat-Poole

It was a piece on feminism and digital media, and you were using multiple pronouns then. You had used both in your bio.

The editor wrote back: "pick one and be consistent."

You are tired of being asked to choose.

Review inventory

Fable III (2010) character creation: Prince or Princess

"Please Answer Carefully"- litrouke

Question 1

Which of the following Internet-enabled devices do you currently own? Please select all that apply.

☐ Desktop or laptop computer

☐ Tablet

☐ Mobile phone

☐ Smart TV

☐ Other

"You are Jeff Bezos" by Kris Lorischild

Creative Possibilities are Endless!

- Text colour
- Background colour
- Fonts
- Text size
- Animated text (shaking, blinking, etc)
- Formatted text (blurred, reversed, etc)
- Insert images, audio, and links
- Customize fields like allowing your player to input their name

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