The Metagame

Sometimes visual novels break the fourth wall by interacting with the player, or discussing visual novel world tropes, or even aspects of how they are programmed. What if there is a game where the players are all or partially aware they are in a video game simulation? What are the parameters that the simulation functions within?

The Programming

For a start, it is entirely possible that the characters are always under the effects of the programming, but that wouldn't be very different from a usual Visual Novel, or a usual game of Visual Novel World. Interest in The Metagame derives from the notion that there is opposition to the default programming of the game—not to mention that there are times in visual novels where a timeskip occurs as no events of interest happen in the story—thus it is imperative to put in place a system that defines how the game works. With that in mind, I give you:

Content Tags

Either by themselves or with a player, whose character is the Unwitting/Unwilling Protagonist, Senpai decides on at least 3 "tags"—but as many as six—that define the content of the game, and work just like the content tags on a site like Steam or F95zone¹. Senpai arranges scenes such that sexual conduct involving the noted tags occurs during the game, and goes beyond the comfort zone of the character(s) involved. As the characters likely don't want to engage in the content, they must Violate the Programming in order to defy the circumstances of the scenario where the programming takes over.

Violate the Programming

Whenever Senpai presents you with a circumstance or choice that exceeds your comfort zone,² roll +Cool or +Purity³. *On a 10+, you don't give in. *On 7-9, you don't give in but must pick 1 option below. *On 6-, you give in, gaining 1 RP and later suffer one of the options below

- You notify authorities as if there is a crime, or you dole out punishment if you are
 yourself an authority or vigilante. If someone's being an asshole, but there's no crime,
 the authorities you called might laugh at you. Otherwise, the instigator must Deal with
 the Law
- Your bond with a character involved in the scene decreases by 1, possibly becoming negative. This persists until they apologize to you.
- You either gain 1 Corruption or lose 1 Purity if those rules are in play. Those statistics
 are much more fluid than bonds typically are.
- The whole situation is Embarrassing

¹ We don't condone the use of or patron only content, however we have chosen to take an active role in the community despite the content shared.

² As defined by your Relationship Level, Bonds, or Corruption if that rule is in use.

³ If that rule is in use.

The Onwitting/Onwilling Protagonist

Unlike the usual assumption of characters in Visual Novel World, the Unwitting/Unwilling Protagonist is usually a male who lives with his mother and sister (Aneki and Osananajimi)

Look

Contemplating Eyes, Focused Eyes, Ogling Eyes, or Surprised Eyes, Cropped Hair, Messy Hair, Rocker Hair, or Wakka Hair Bony Body, Lanky Body, Muscular Body, or Slouched Body Athletic Clothes, Baggy Clothes, Disheveled Clothes, or Rugged Clothes,

Attributes

+2 Weird. The other scores are either (+2, +0, -1, -1) or (+1, +1, +0, -1). Whichever you pick, arrange them however you like.

Base Cup Size: E. This archetype assumes you are male, but female Unwitting/Unwilling Protagonists exist. Females use the letter for their bra. Males assume the corresponding number for their penis.

Starting Moves

Content Provider

At the beginning of the game, work with the GM to select 3 tags. Any time someone uses Nukige or Turn Someone On and invokes those tags in your presence, you gain 1 RP which you may grant to them. Tags include, but are not limited to:

- Ageplay (a legally permissible difference of 5 years or more)
- BD9M
- Big breasts (D+)
- Consent play (people pretending either that they don't consent, or that harassment is
 occurring when it's not¹)
- Exhibitionism
- Gender Pairings (Player picks which gender pairs cause bonus RP)
- Height tags (player picks a fitting height range)
- Penis tags (big, small, animal, other unusual as imagination/locale permits)
- Pregnancy/impregnation/creample
- Rough sex
- Small breasts (B-)
- Specific sex positions
- Taboo Pairings (be mindful of the rules, regulations, and laws in your area)
- Toys/tools
- Voyeurism
- Weight tags (Player picks a fitting BMI range)

¹ Sensei does not condone real lack or absence of consent.

Advainced Moves

When you gain a level from 2-5, you may choose from these moves.

Curiosity

When you put yourself at risk to check something out, ask Senpai any one question related to the risks and roll +Weird. *On a 10+, Senpai will answer it, as clearly as the circumstances allow. *On a 7-9, Senpai will tell you what more you need to do to find the answer yourself.

Extreme Sexual Dimorphism

When you have a weird dream about a fairy that comes in the middle of the night to grant body parts with which to seduce everyone around you¹, recalculate cupsize, adding +Weird where you would normally just add +Hot. If you are a male, and senpai is using a figure lower than Big to calculate penis length, you use at least Big.

Game Update

Pick a number of additional content tags equal to +Weird. This move may be taken again at levels 6-10

When you gain a level from 6-10, you may choose from these moves.

Competitive Spirit

If one of your allies/rivals is making a roll, you gain +1 forward on that same roll.

Peeping Tom

When you hide in shadows or darkness, you cannot be detected by any normal means until you reveal yourself. Unfortunately, Whenever you attempt to interact socially with others, a 10+ is treated as a 7-9. A 12+ is required for the 10+ benefit.

Tomboy

You have a competitive streak similar to a Martial Artist or Sports Star, but unlike either, it's less out of competitive spirit, and more out of "Hey y'all watch this". Once you have competed against someone, if they defeated you, instead take +1 ongoing to Assess them until you defeat them. Your time spent with the guys has also presented you with a rather unusual skillset in urban environs, and you may pick one specialty.

- Ball Game (+2 Ongoing on a specified type of Ball Game or +1 Ongoing for dissimilar ball games that can be explained in a matter of a few minutes, and to answer trivial information about ball games)
- Drinking Contests (+1 Ongoing to resist alcohol related Sickness, and to play alcohol inspired or alcohol themed games)

¹ Usually on the premise of seducing everyone you can within an arbitrary time limit.

- Fishing (+1 Ongoing to select bait, weights, line, nets, and poles when purchasing, and to actually catch fish with those supplies.)
- Judo (Groping, grappling, and throwing get +1 Ongoing. "wrasslin" is a completely different style that de-emphasizes throws, but otherwise gives the same bonus)
- Running (Pick whether you take+1 Ongoing to run a less than 400m, or more than 400m.)
- Survivalism (+1 Ongoing to camp tasks, and Scarf Down Mystery Food X for things you find out in nature.)
- Swimming (+1 Ongoing to swim, or resuscitate someone who has drowned)
- Video Games (+1 Ongoing to beat top scores or defeat males)

Key Items

When choosing key items, you may select up to 3 items from the Accidental Pervert, Bokkuko, and Dojikko archetypes, If any of your other archetypes don't have their own lists, you can choose up to 3 more for each missing Key Items list, up to a total of 9 key items as with any other Archetype combination.

Accelerated Sexual Content

The default game is meant for games where romance and story is just as much if not more important than the sexy times. This alternate Comfort Zone table presents options for characters or games who want to get it on much faster. Consult your game's Senpai if you would like special permission to gain this move in a game with normal Comfort Zones.

RL	Fast Nokige	Extreme Nukige	Bond Equivalent
1	Familial Affection, legitimate gropes, Changing in the same room no peeking	Fast Nukige RL 2	+0
2	Intimate Affection, Open but Private Nudity	Fast Nukige RL 5	+1
3	Armpit jobs/Hand jobs/Tit jobs		
4	Oral	Fast Nukige RL 7	+2
5	Cum Swallowing, Voyeurism/Exhibitionism		
6	Thigh jobs	Fast Nukige RL 9	+3
7	Various Penetration, cum outside		THE NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.
8	Various Penetration, cum inside, impregnation	Fast Nukige RL 10	+4
9	Poly		
10	Marriage Marriage		

¹ About a quarter mile for us sniveling imperials.