Table 1 Participant Personal Information

A01 19 4 years Single Sophomore Covered Schoice; Tears of Themis Light and Night; Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Choice	ID	Age	Game Duration	Marital Status	Education Level	Gaming Experience	Game Currently Involving Romantic Relationship
A02 19 5 years Single Sophomore Choice; Tears of Themis; Choice C	A01	19	4 years	Single	Sophomore	Love: Queen's Choice; Tears of Themis	Tears of Themis
A03 20 3 years Single Sophomore Choice; Tears of Themis; Light and Night A04 19 3 years Single Sophomore Tears of Themis; Light and Night; Tears of Themis; Light and Night; Lovebrush Chronicles A05 21 3 years Single Vocational Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Ling Mao Zhuan Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Ling Mao Zhuan Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Ling Mao Zhuan Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Lovebrush Chronicles; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Lovebrush Chronicles; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Lovebrush Chronicles; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Light and Night; Tears of Themis; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Light and Night; Light and Night Light and Nig	A02	19	5 years	Single	Sophomore	Love: Queen's Choice; Tears of Themis; Lovebrush Chronicles;	
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A08 21 2 years Single Bachelor Choice; Tears of Themis; Light and Night; Lovebrush Chronicles; Yujian Love A09 21 1.5 years Single Junior Choice; A10 27 3 years Single Bachelor Lovebrush Chronicles A11 22 2 years Single Bachelor Lovebrush Chronicles A12 21 4 years Single Bachelor Mr. Love: Queen's Choice A13 26 2 years Single Bachelor Light and Night A14 22 5 years Single Bachelor Light and Night A15 20 2 years Single Bachelor Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Bachelor Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Tears of Themis; Yujian Love Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Light and Night Light and Night Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Light and Night Light and Night Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Light and Night Light and Night Light and Night Mr. Love: Queen's Choice Light and Night; Light and Night	A07	22	2 years	Single	Senior	Choice; Light and Night;	Light and Night
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	A16	21	1.5 years	Single	Bachelor	Light and Night;	Light and Night

					Tears of Themis; Lovebrush Chronicles; Ashes of the Kingdom	
A17	20	1 years	In a relationship	High School	Light and Night	Light and Night
A18	20	5 years	Single	Bachelor	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice
A19	23	5 years	Single	Associate	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Light and Night; Ashes of the Kingdom	Light and Night
A20	35	0.5 years	Single	Master	Tears of Themis; Lovebrush Chronicles; Light and Night	Tears of Themis
A21	18	1 years	Single	Associate	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Tears of Themis; Light and Night;Lovebrush Chronicles; Yujian Love	Light and Night
A22	24	1 years	Single	Bachelor	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice; Tears of Themis; Light and Night;Lovebrush Chronicles; Ashes of the Kingdom	Light and Night
A23	18	1.5 years	Single	High School	Tears of Themis; Lovebrush Chronicles	Lovebrush Chronicles
A24	20	1.5 years	Single	Bachelor	Tears of Themis; Light and Night	Light and Night
A25	22	1 years	Single	Bachelor	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice	Mr. Love: Queen's Choice

Table 2 Interview Framework						
Interview Framework						
Age						
Marital status						
Education level						
Preferred name or pseudonym						

Game Information

Which otome game are you playing (e.g., Mr. Love: Queen's Choice, Tears of Themis, etc.)? How many similar games have you played, and how long have you played each? Which one provided the best experience? Which relationship left the deepest impression?

Reasons for Playing

Why did you initially choose to play Mr. Love: Queen's Choice, Tears of Themis, etc.? If you switched games, what was the reason? Did you notice any differences in your experiences?

Establishing Emotional Connections (Key Questions)

Can you describe how you met and got to know the character in the game? Why did you choose to start an intimate relationship with this character? Why is he your favorite? Was it love at first sight or did your feelings develop gradually?

Description of Emotional State

What do you think about your emotional relationship with the male protagonist in the game? What kind of relationship do you feel you have with the characters in the game? Can you describe a particularly memorable emotional experience?

Sustaining Motivation

During your sweet interactions with the game character, what do you think sustains your relationship?

Emotional Satisfaction

Do you feel emotionally fulfilled in this intimate relationship? (e.g., feelings of security, filling a void, romantic needs, etc.)

Duration of Emotional Engagement

How long do you usually maintain an intimate relationship with a male character in a game? (How often do you switch to a different "boyfriend"?)

Factors Influencing the Duration of the Relationship

In your opinion, what factors influence the duration of your intimate relationship with the game's male lead? What are the decisive factors?

Behavior upon Changing Games

When you switch games and start different intimate relationships, do you experience any discomfort? How do you feel about changing? If you stop playing, do you feel heartbroken or experience a psychological gap?

Real-life Connections - 1

Are you dating someone in real life while you are romantically involved with a game character?

Real-life Connections - 2

Does the intimate relationship you establish in the game affect your social interactions in real life?

Ongoing Motivation

What motivates you to keep playing this game? (Why would you stop playing this game?)

Exclusivity

While you are involved in an intimate relationship with a game character, do you mind sharing him with others? Why or why not? (e.g., do you hope others also like this character, or do you prefer that he interacts only with you?) Do you participate in any communities, and what topics do you usually discuss?