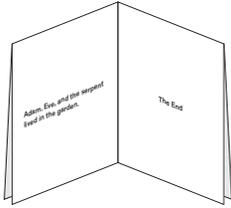
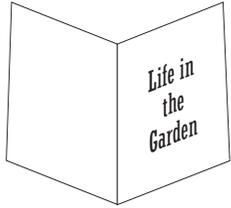


Deck of Stories

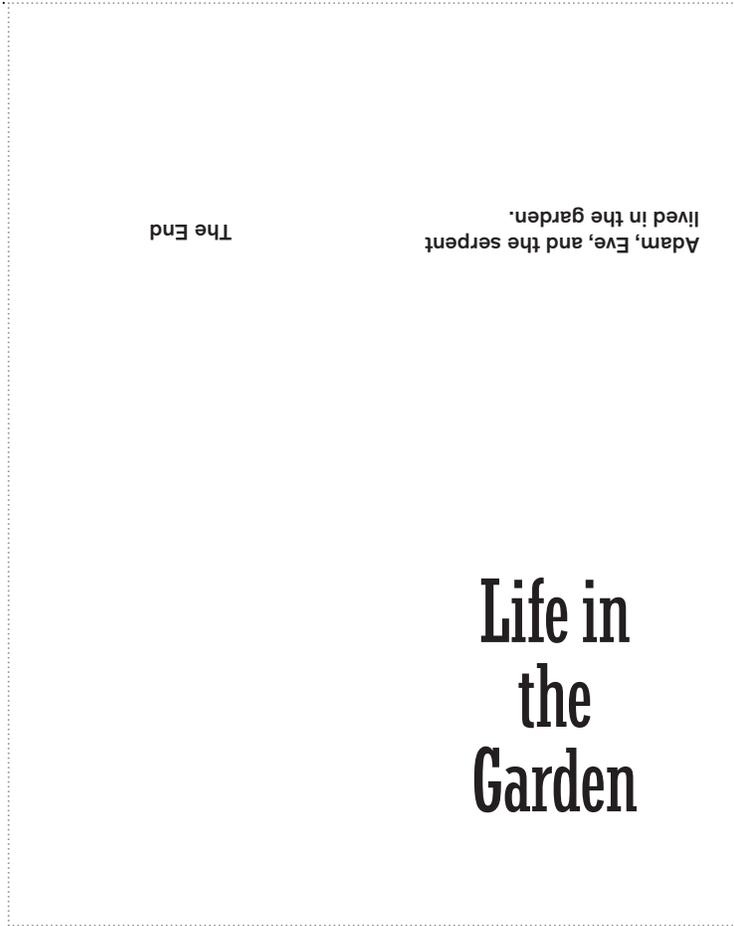
Cut this out and fold into quarters to make a mini book cover. The first and last pages are folded inside:



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Cut out the story deck from the following pages.



<p>God was not pleased.</p>	<p>And Eve laughed to herself.</p>	<p>All the creatures in the garden went to sleep.</p>	<p>Then the sky grew dark.</p>
<p>So at last the serpent was happy.</p>	<p>Adam refused to speak.</p>	<p>And the trees in the orchard bore fruit.</p>	<p>Many days passed. Too many to count.</p>
<p>And Eve dug a hole in the earth of the garden.</p> <p>She climbed inside and slept for a very long time.</p>	<p>And with a branch that had fallen from one of the trees in the orchard Eve hit the serpent on the head many times and with great strength.</p> <p>But we all know how difficult it is to kill a serpent.</p>	<p>And high above the moon and the sun chased each other around the earth like giddy lovers.</p>	<p>Then the garden grew quiet.</p>
<p>God remained silent.</p>	<p>And so the story thickens.</p>	<p>And the serpent drew a map of the garden by tracing lines in the earth with the thin stylus of his body.</p> <p>And so the serpent realized with a shudder that the garden was not a garden.</p>	<p>Once Adam found a piece of fruit that had fallen on the ground.</p> <p>He picked it up and threw it into the sky and to his astonishment it never returned to the earth.</p>





<p>But that is only what the serpent has told me.</p> <p>And who really can believe the slim words of a serpent?</p>	<p>One day Adam cried. Eve asked him, Why do you cry? Adam said, with his two wet eyes, I cry because I do not know what day I was born.</p> <p>How old am I, Eve?</p>	<p>And as it had done since the very beginning the sun came up in the garden the next morning.</p>	<p>And nothing happened for a very long time.</p>
<p>And Eve bathed in the river that encircled the garden.</p>	<p>From time to time, while the two lovers slept at night under the fruit tree, the serpent would slip between them to enjoy their warmth and envy their affection and it wished that it had the courage to bite them both and make them bleed.</p>	<p>So Eve tickled Adam and he laughed.</p>	<p>Adam fancied himself God's favorite in the garden. And Eve thought just the same about herself. For that matter so did the serpent.</p> <p>Can you really blame any of them?</p>
<p>And Adam spent all night counting the stars.</p>	<p>And a gentle breeze passed through the garden disturbing the leaves on the fruit trees of the orchard.</p>	<p>Meanwhile Eve slept among the trees of the orchard.</p>	<p>Then Eve sang the first song.</p>
<p>And Adam slept.</p>	<p>The serpent just smiled.</p>	<p>And the serpent tried to sleep but could not.</p>	<p>And the sun became angry.</p>