

THE BOOK OF SCENT FREE STARTER PACK

Your first key into a world where scent, memory, and identity are never
separate.

Every scent holds a memory.
Every memory, a door.

No bottles.
No shipping.
Just a story you can experience at home.

WELCOME

Welcome to The Book of Scent

The Book of Scent is a story reading experience where every episode unlocks a scent, a memory, and a hidden record of the world - no bottles, no shipping, just a story you can experience at home.

This Free Starter Pack opens the first door into Hakuden, a port town where scent is not only atmosphere.

It is memory.

It is identity.

It is control.

It is warning.

In Hakuden, kindness may carry a price beneath it. Comfort may smell too clean. A lie may arrive as sweetness before it becomes words.

Inside this pack, you will find:

- A Scent Key: a simple scent experience made from everyday materials.
- A Memory Fragment: a short story fragment connected to Kaori's world.
- A Hidden Record: a restricted note about scent loss and the first warning signs of Scent-Eaters.
- A Mini Codex: a guide to the key terms of Episode 1.

HOW THIS WORKS

How to Use This Starter Pack

The Book of Scent is not only read. It is unlocked.

Each episode is built around three layers:

1. The Story

You enter the world through character, memory, and mystery. Episode 1 follows Kaori, a girl in Hakuden who can sense the hidden scent of emotions, lies, and social control.

2. The Home Scent

Each episode includes one Home Scent you can recreate using everyday materials. No bottle is required. No product is shipped.

3. The Hidden Record

After the story, you unlock a record from the world itself: an archive note, law card, Codex entry, testimony, warning, or official document.

Story.

Scent.

Record.

That is how the door opens.

SCENT KEY 001

Sea Salt, Old Paper, Ink

Associated Episode: Episode 1

Associated Character: Kaori

Associated Memory: The scent that leads back to the self

Record Status: Unstable but recoverable

Scent Profile

Sea salt.

Old paper.

Ink.

A dry red trace, like crushed petals.

This is Kaori's anchor scent. It is not clean. It is not uniform. It has a core.

Materials

- One sheet of paper, preferably slightly old or handled
- A tiny pinch of sea salt in a small dish
- A pen, pencil, or a small piece of paper marked with ink
- Optional: dried rose tea, hibiscus tea, a dried edible flower, or a red paper scrap
- A quiet room

How to Experience It

Place the paper in front of you. Set the sea salt beside it. Write one short line on the paper. Let the ink or pencil mark rest for a moment.

Do not try to make the scent strong. First, notice the cold edge of salt. Then the dry sweetness of paper. Then the stillness of ink. Then the red trace, almost too small to name.

The Scent That Remained

Kaori wrote only one thing in her notebook each night:

The scent that remained with her most deeply that day.

Most days, the answer was small.

Broth.

Rain on the road.

Soap on her mother's sleeve.

The old paper smell of her father's newspaper.

But that day, the answer had followed her home from the harbor.

Soil.

Rain.

Iron.

And beneath it, something heavy and warm. Not human. Not entirely animal.

The memory was still there. What had nearly disappeared was not the event. It was the part of herself that knew how to feel it.

Kaori opened the small box beneath her bed. Sea salt. Old paper. Ink. A dry red trace.

She breathed in slowly. Not to remember the world. To remember the road back to herself.

Preliminary Note: Scent Loss Near Hakuden Harbor

Record Type: Scent-Integrity Warning Note

Classification: Restricted

Associated Location: Hakuden Harbor / Sera's old domed facility

Associated Trace: Absence of scent; sweetness behind electronics; soil, rain, and iron

Known Risk: Loss of emotional access to memory

Status: Under observation

Warning Note

The first warning sign is not a bad smell. It is the removal of smell.

Witnesses do not report rot, smoke, blood, or decay. They report the sudden disappearance of an entire layer of the world.

Salt remains, but the sea feels absent. Soil remains, but the earth feels hollow. Air remains, but weather no longer reaches the body.

A Scent-Eater does not simply erase memory. It thins the self that touched the memory.

If sweetness appears where comfort should be, do not trust it. If scent disappears from the world around you, do not remain alone. If your own scent begins to feel delayed, confirm your anchor immediately.

Key Terms

Hakuden

A port town held between sea and river. The city wears the face of tolerance while preserving invisible partitions. In Hakuden, control rarely sounds like command. It usually smells like kindness.

Uniform Fragrance

A school- and city-recommended fragrance system associated with cleanliness, stability, and social comfort. Officially, it prevents irregularity. Unofficially, it may flatten personal scent differences, making people easier to manage and harder to remember as themselves.

Scent-Eater

An entity or condition that removes the bond between scent, memory, and selfhood. It is not simply odorless. It creates a carved-out absence where the right to perceive scent has been stripped away.

Anchor Scent

A personal scent used to return to the outline of the self. Kaori's known anchor is sea salt, old paper, ink, and crushed dried red flower.

Sweetness

A recurring warning trace. In Hakuden, lies often arrive with a thin sweetness before they become words.

NEXT DOOR

Your First Door Has Opened

This starter pack is only the beginning.

In Episode 1, Kaori encounters the disappearance of scent itself - and learns that losing memory is not the worst thing that can happen.

The worst thing is when the memory remains, but the self inside it begins to disappear.

Read Episode 1 Free

In This Town, Lies Carry Their Scent First

Enter Hakuden. Meet Kaori. Encounter the Scent-Eater. Unlock the first hidden record.

Want more hidden records?

- New Codex entries
- New Lore records
- Home Scent instructions
- Monthly delta updates
- Archive notes from the world
- Early access to future episodes

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