



## PURE LIKE A FLOWER

Purity. Pure like a flower. Save your virginity, protect your innocence. Women are led to believe that our moral compass lies somewhere between our legs. At 16, the doctors ask, are you sexually active? Wait, never mind you're too young anyway. Ashamed, promiscuous and undesirable. While free protections are given out to young boys, young girls are taught to stay pure.

Purity, the notion that controls and exploits women. Men get praised, women get told to close their legs. She's either pure or she's not, and it's her role. She's innocent but this is my body, I have control. Whoever I wish is not your concern. Women's standing is an internalized oppression. Sexual double standards established by men. Men aren't praised for losing themselves. So why are we?

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