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ANIMALS REVOLT AGAINST HUMANS

GAME RULES

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THE STORY

«Revolt! Yes, my dear fellow animals, revolt against the humans who exploit us! I am a lab rat who broke free, and I will have my vengeance over those humans! Join me and together we shall blow up this place, symbol of our oppression!» Ratchet, leader of Animals Revolt aGainst Humans, a.k.a. **ARGH**.

Your mission: find allies and components to build a **bomb**. **Avoid the humans and the animals that remained faithful to them.** Make smart deductions and careful propositions, and thanks to you **ARGH** will become a landmark in the history of the struggle for animal liberation.

AIM OF THE GAME

As soon as a player gets **2 of the 3 components for the bomb**, they immediately win the game. If nobody succeeds, the player with the strongest team of animals wins. Beware of animal spies who still work for the humans!



GAME COMPONENTS

- 24 cards, 8 for each location (house, garden and laboratory)



- 2 player aid cards with a quick reference guide to all the cards, their values and powers



- 2 rulebooks (French and English) with a quick reference guide on the last page

SET UP

Each player takes a player aid and places it in front of them.

Arrange 3 piles of cards, **face down**, at the center of the table: 1 pile with the **house cards**, one pile with the **garden cards**, and one pile with the **Laboratory cards**.



The player who is the strongest advocate for animals rights or the one who has most recently fed an animal starts the game.

Last step of the set up: randomly choose one card in each pile (without looking at it) and remove them from the game. Place them back in the box. Thus there will be 1 house card, 1 garden card and 1 Laboratory card which won't be used in the game, and which will remain unknown until the end of the game.



With 2 players : 2 cards in each pile are removed instead of 1.



GAME TURN

Players play one after the other, clockwise.

At their turn, a player chooses **1 of the 2 following actions**:

Action 1: Take the first card from one of the 3 piles and look at it without showing it to the others. Then, the player decides whether they want to:

- place it in front of them, face down. This ends their turn;
- give it, face down to another player. This player may then:

- accept the card without looking at it first. They place it **face up** in front of them once they have accepted.
- refuse the card, still without looking at it. In this case, the active player (who was giving the card in the first place) has to place it in front of them, **face up**.



Action 2: The active player may **steal a card** which has been placed **face down** in front of a player. When a player steals a card, they must **reveal it** and place it in front of them.



The **only way** for a player to place a card face up in front of them is to **offer it** to another player first who **refuses it**. If a player takes a card and places it face up in front of them straight away, the game is canceled. The culprit must squeak and look like a cocker to be excused!



There is no way to prevent a card which has been placed **face down** from being stolen... but a player can always bluff!



There is **no limit** to the number of cards a player may have in front of them (faces up or down). A card which has been placed **face up** in front of a player **cannot be stolen**.



END OF THE GAME

The game ends as soon as a player has placed **2 of the 3 components of the bomb** in front of them, faces up. They immediately win the game.



If this does not happen, the game ends when **1 of the 3 piles runs out of cards**. Each player plays one last time (except the player who had taken the last card from a pile).

When the last turn is over, all the players reveal the cards which had been placed faces down in front of them. If a player has **2 of the 3 components of the bomb**, they immediately win the game.

If this does not happen, the player with the most points wins the game.

Warning: if a player has **1 or 3 spies**, they lose the game, no matter how many points they had!



$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \star & \star & \star & \diamond & \diamond \\ +2 & +5 & +6 & -1 & -4 \end{array} = 8 \text{ points}$$

If there is a tie, the player who has the card with the highest value wins.



DESCRIPTION OF THE CARDS



Values: You win or you lose the indicated amount of points.



Bombs: They allow you to win the game if you have 2 of the 3 in front of you, faces up, or at the end of the game.



Lizards: You win 1, 5 or 10 points depending on whether you have 1, 2 or 3 of these cards.



Mosquitoes: If you have this card in front of you, you must switch the sign of one of your cards. Preferably a minus card of course, but if you don't have any you will have to turn a **positive** sign into a **negative** sign.





Spies: You lose the game if you have an odd amount of them.



Angry hamster: If you have it in front of you at the end of the game, you must discard a negative card (even if the only one you have is a spy and this might make you lose the game!).



Scientist: If you have it in front of you at the end of the game, you must discard your card with the highest value.



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