

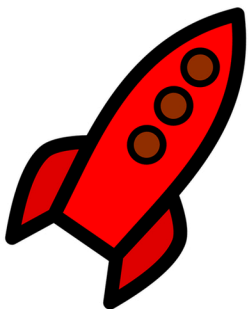
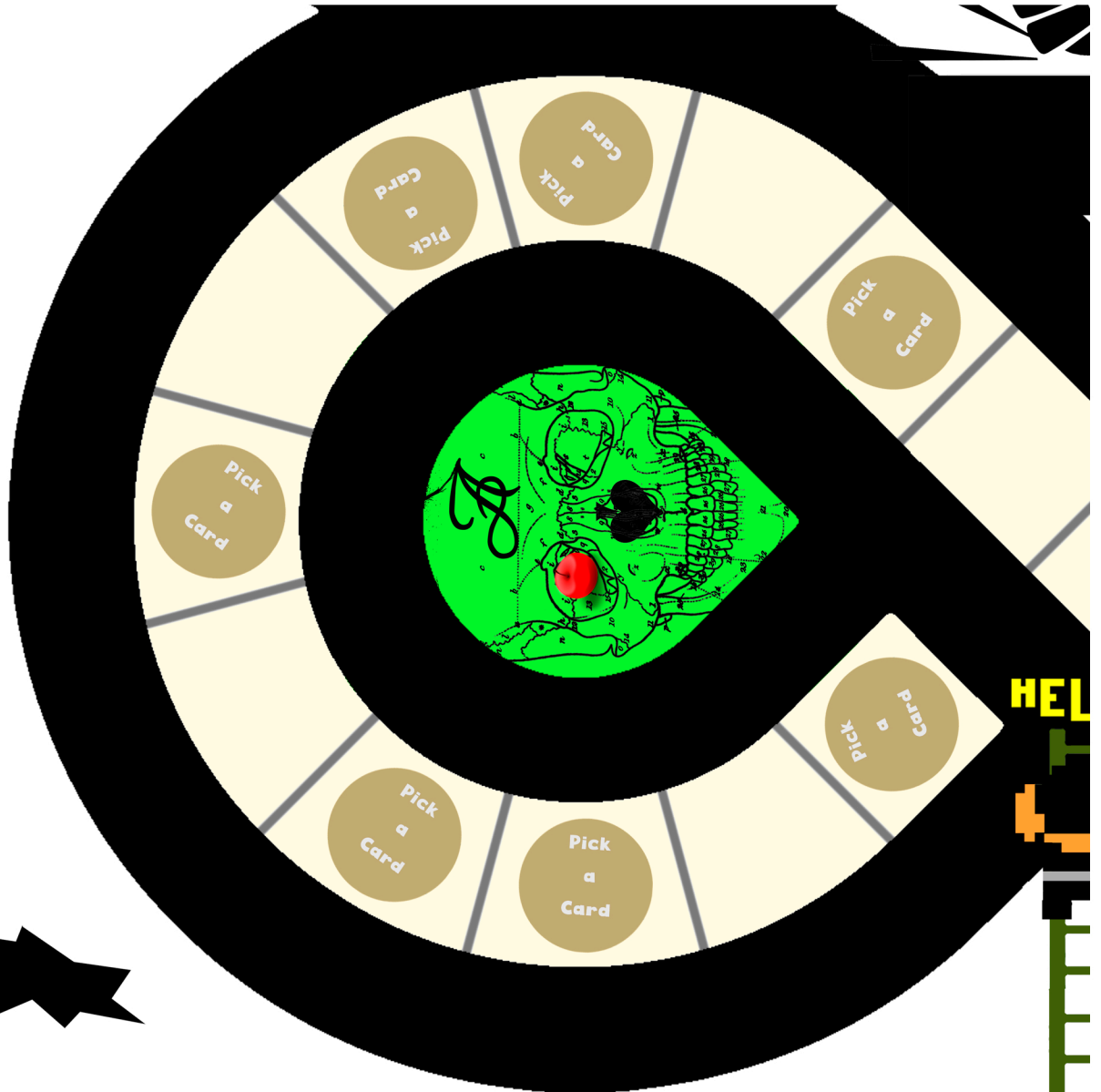
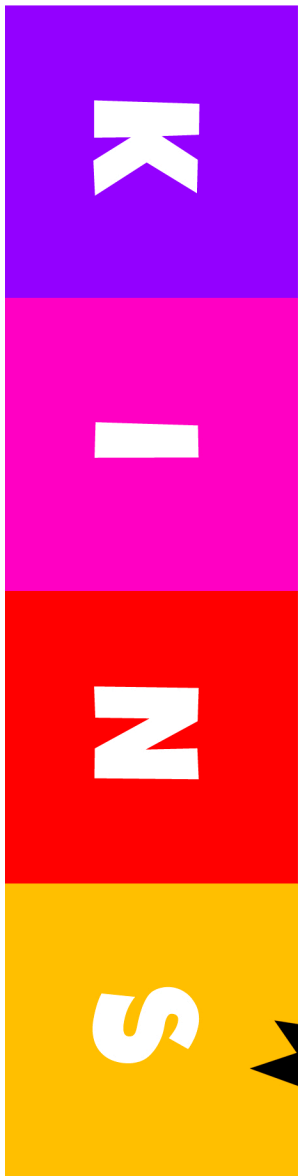
# ESCAPE from TOMPKINS COUNTY

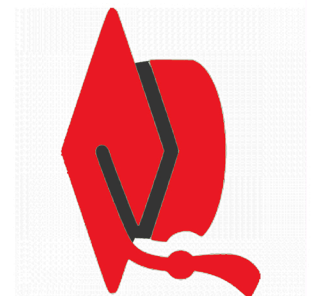
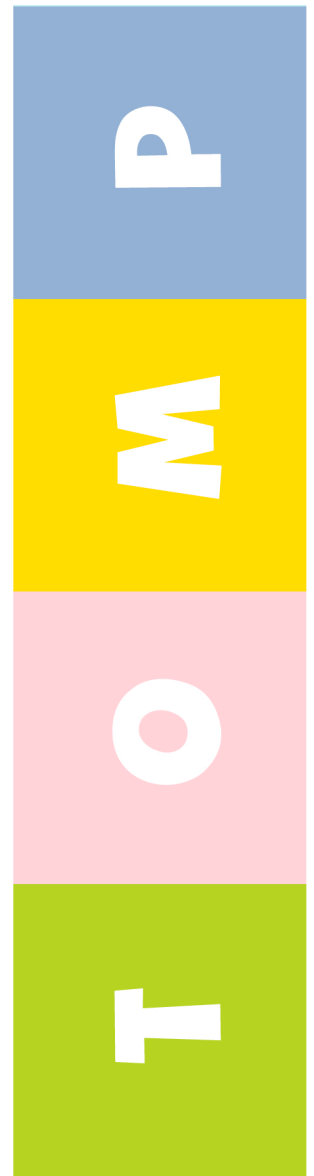
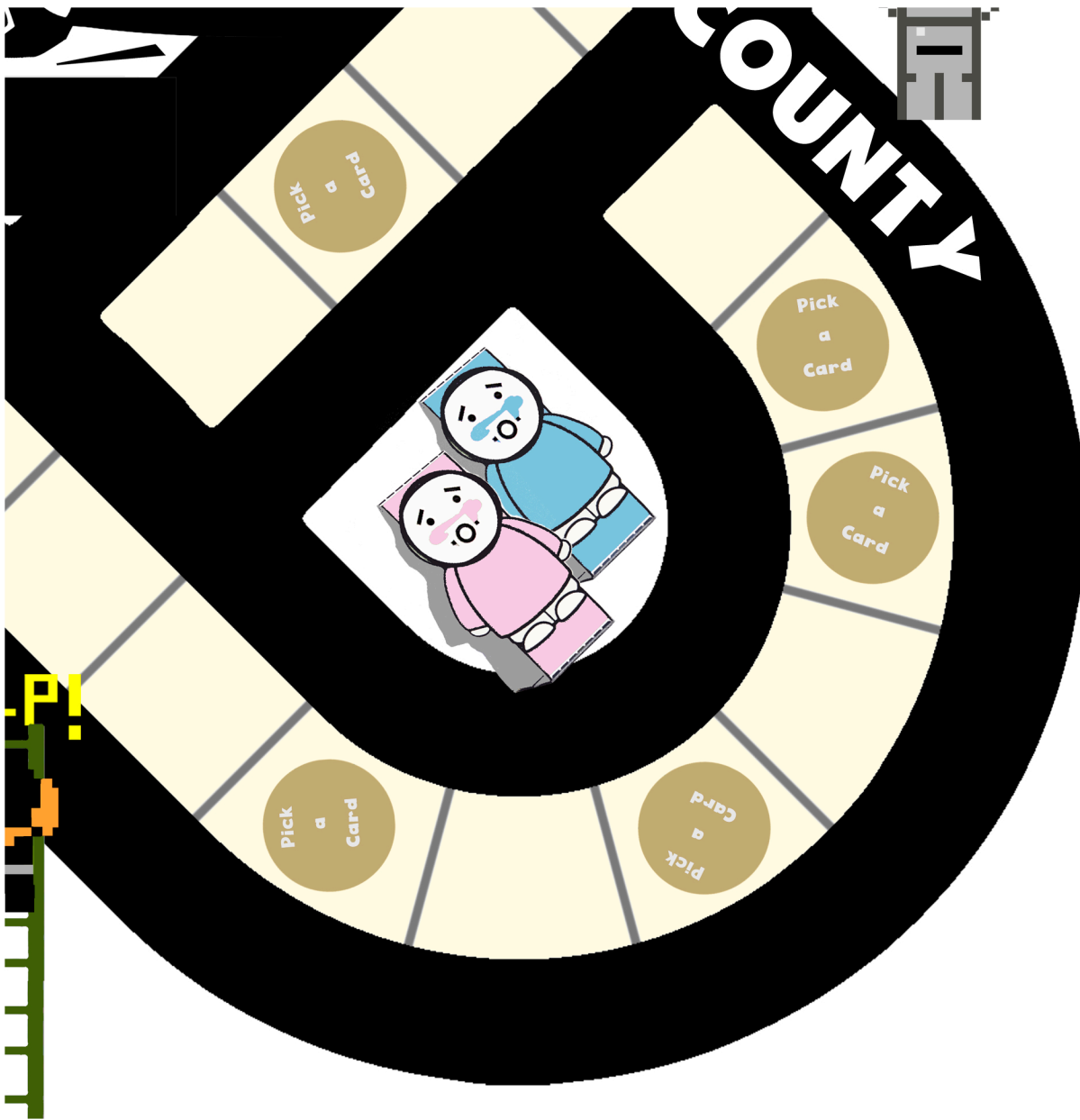
for  
2-4  
players

Print  
Cut  
Assemble  
and Play

Since people believe they have no meaningful participation in Tompkins County government: the political process is like a merry-go-round without a gold ring.

Players travel around and around the board until the game finally ends. It's prole eat prole as you circle this progressive bastion of colleges and cronies.



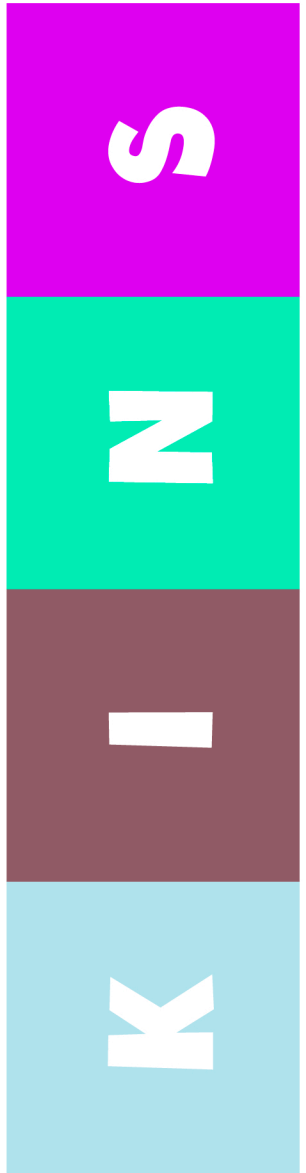
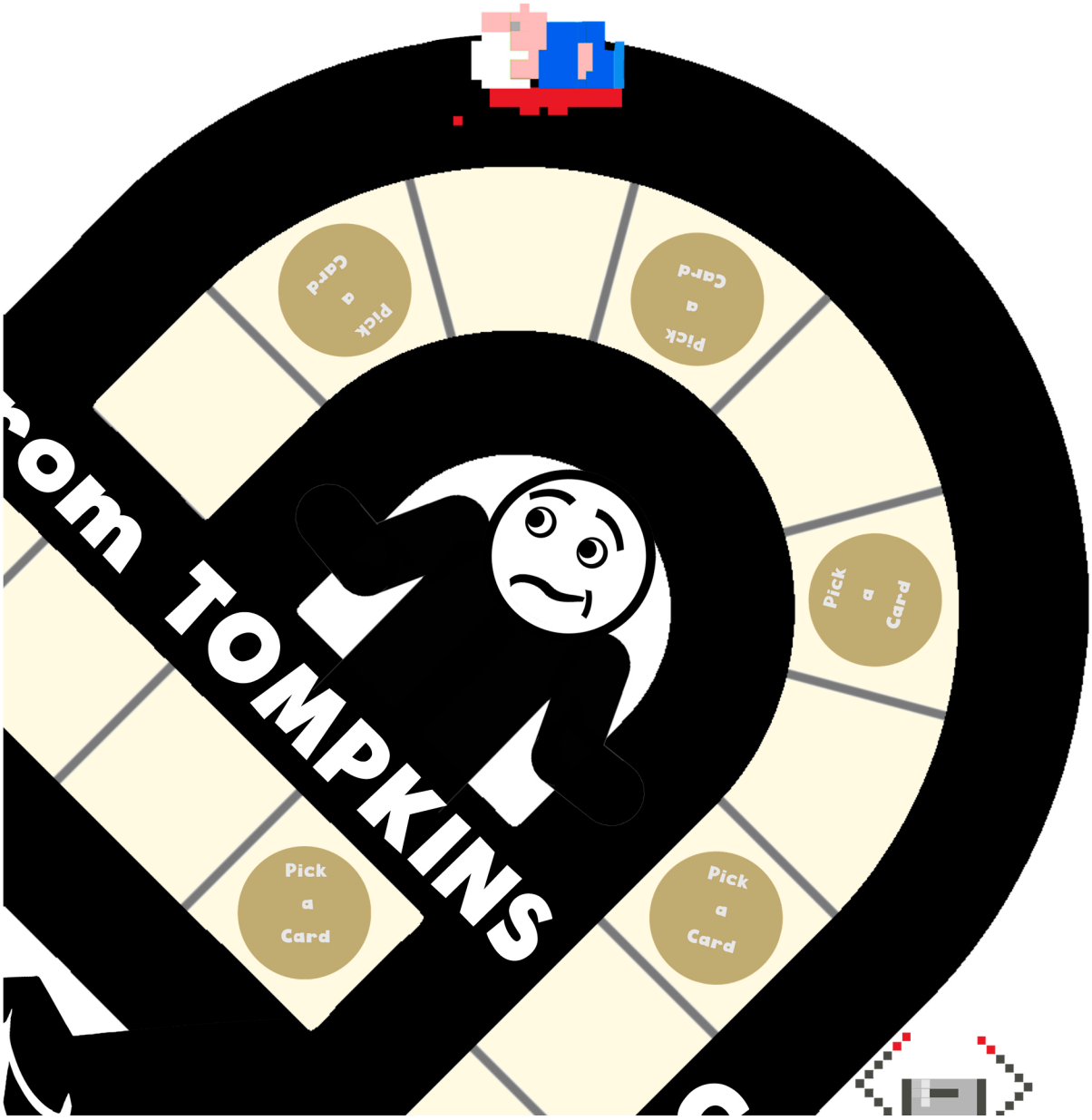
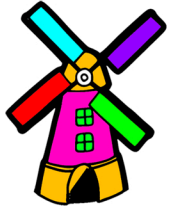


### Game play:

The cards are shuffled and placed face down in a draw pile.

Players start by placing their token on any blank space they want, and move their tokens clockwise around the board – using a spinner or die.

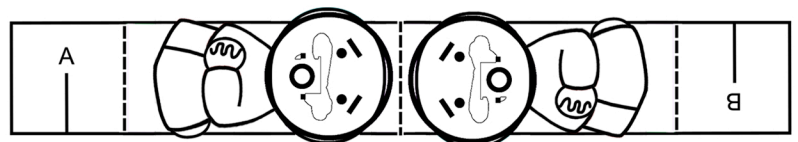
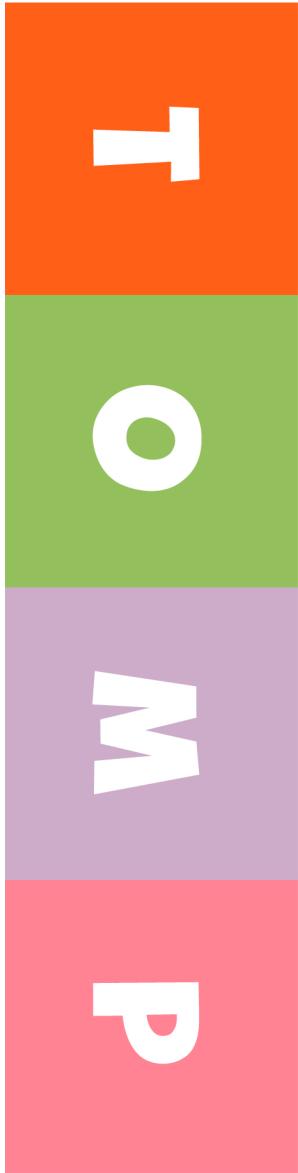
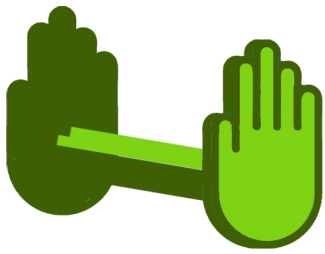
The object of the game is to draw letter cards to complete the word "Tompkins." When a player lands on a "pick a card" spot: they draw a card and place the letter card face up on the matching letter square on the board in front of them. If they already have that letter, they place the card face down in the discard pile. If the player draws a "prole" card, they must follow the instructions on the card and then place it face down on the discard pile.



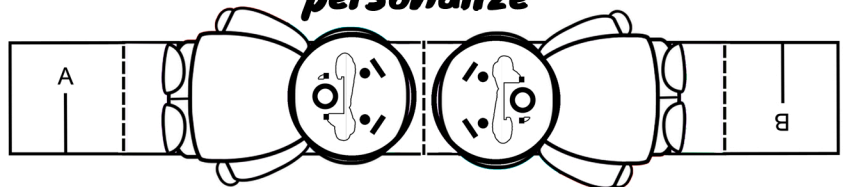
If all the cards in the draw pile are used; the discard pile becomes the new draw pile. The first player to complete their "Tompkins" says: "I give up," and is out of the game. The other players may then give up, or continue to keep playing.

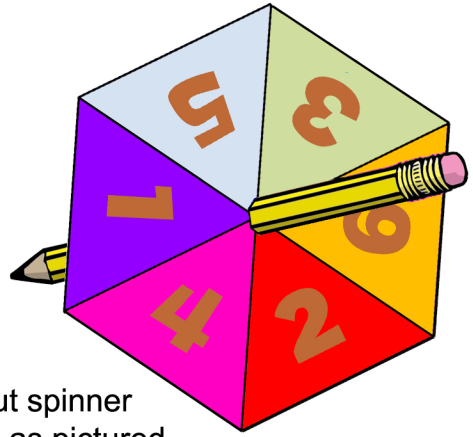
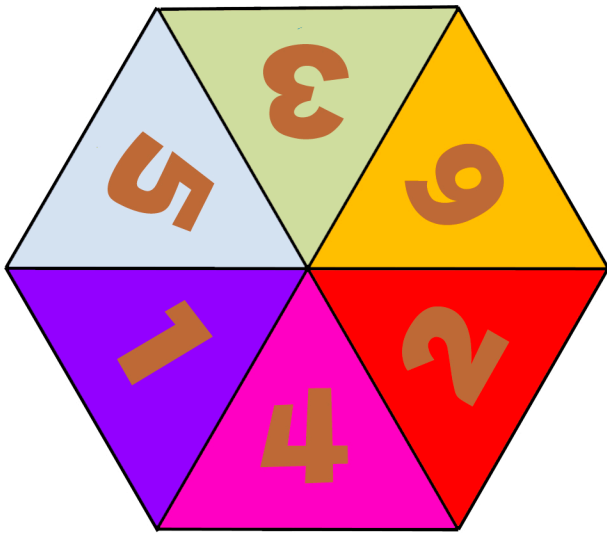
"The real tragedy of these small enclaves of marginality and poverty is that people are playing a game of life that has been structured in such a way that they are required to play but prevented from winning." — Janet Fitchen, *Poverty in Rural America*

Be the prole in this game of rural social justice.

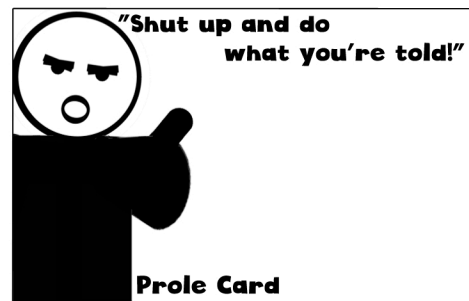
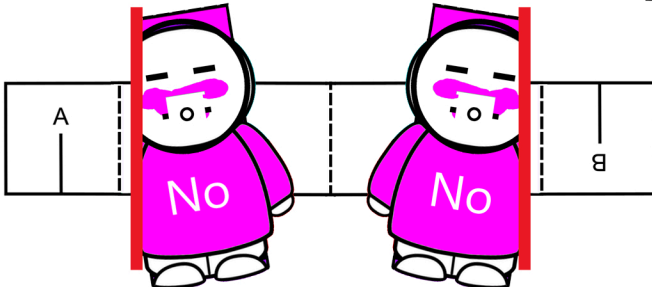
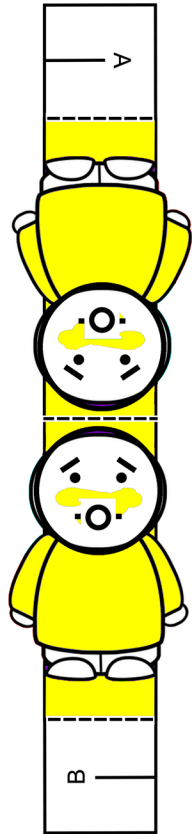
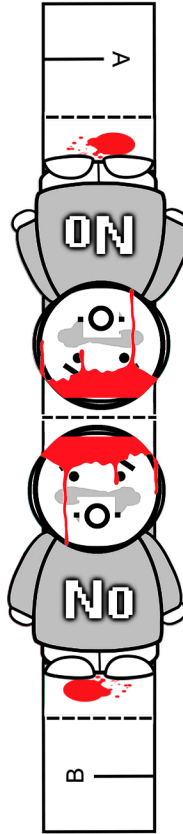
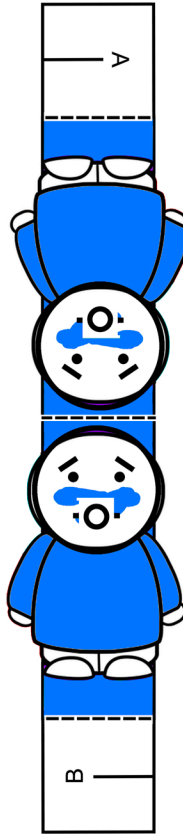


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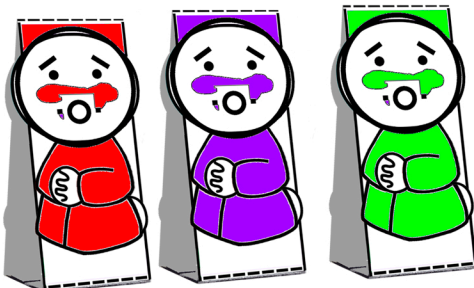




Copy or cut out spinner and assemble as pictured.



Blank Prole Card



Cut slots A and B, fold on the dotted lines, and insert slot A into slot B to form base and assemble as pictured.

**T**

**Tompkins County**

*The only rights left are the right to be poor and the right to be a victim.*

**O**

**Tompkins County**

*A college destination with the sort of moral compass that lands people a spot on American Greed.*

**M**

**Tompkins County**

*Q) What is Tompkins County's preferred rural policy?  
A) Constructive eviction.*

**P**

**Tompkins County**

*Everything They Do Is Capitalized.*

**K**

**Tompkins County**

*County government has adopted the "toothpaste" paradigm: "You can always squeeze harder and get a little more."*

**I**

**Tompkins County**

*Ithaca is the place where everybody wants to live. Because the rest of the county is where they throw their garbage.*

**N**

**Tompkins County**

*Legislators follow Cornell around like beggars looking for scraps.*

**S**

**Tompkins County**

*Rural policy denies municipal water, mass transit, sewers, and sheriff's patrols – and increases tax assessments.*

**T**

**Tompkins County**

*30,000 transients with a four-year memory and a six-figure future.*

**O**

**Tompkins County**

*When a disproportionate number of men die from COVID-19 – they remove that demographic from their reporting.*

**M**

**Tompkins County**

*Cornell planners declare that rural people "don't deserve to live there."*

**P**

**Tompkins County**

*In Tompkins County's "vision for the future" – the rural community no longer exists.*

**K**

**Tompkins County**

*Planners promote urban sprawl housing development in rural towns to keep Ithaca attractive for students.*

**I**

**Tompkins County**

*Rural Census Tracts add rich lakeshore incomers to poor rural communities and blend out poverty.*

**N**

**Tompkins County**

*Cornell established the TDML for Cayuga Lake – and the NYSDEC exempts them from following it.*

**S**

**Tompkins County**

*Everything is "check the boxes"*  
a) wrong c) right  
b) wrong d) wrong

**T**

**Tompkins County**

*"It takes a village" . . . until their kids graduate. Then they leave.*

**O**

**Tompkins County**

*Cronyism?  
We call it "networking."*

**M** Tompkins County  
*What does being the poorest, most underserved, and underrepresented sector of Tompkins County make you?  
The perfect victim.*

**P** Tompkins County  
*Hardwired for dogma.*

**K** Tompkins County  
*It's their actions that define you.*

**I** Tompkins County  
*Destroying sustainable rural communities.*

**N** Tompkins County  
*Why have principles?  
When excuses are so much easier.*

**S** Tompkins County  
*When the law says you can't – corruption says you can.*

**T** Tompkins County  
*The only "everyone" in Tompkins County is everyone must do what they're told.*

**O** Tompkins County  
*Accessible mass transit for rural residents:  
I used to walk 2 1/4 miles to get a bus . . . now I have to walk 3 1/2 miles.*

**"Shut up and do what you're told!"**  
  
*Take two letter cards from the player on your right and place on the discard pile.*  
**Prole Card**

**M** Tompkins County  
*Cornell is remolding Tompkins County . . . and some of us are just excess material.*

**P** Tompkins County  
*Their policies weren't created to end rural neglect and marginalization . . . they were created to profit from it.*

**"Shut up and do what you're told!"**  
  
*Unplanned speech: Place all your cards on the discard pile – in an orderly pile.*  
**Prole Card**


**K** Tompkins County  
*Their Progressive policy making is just shuffling the same marked deck of cards.*

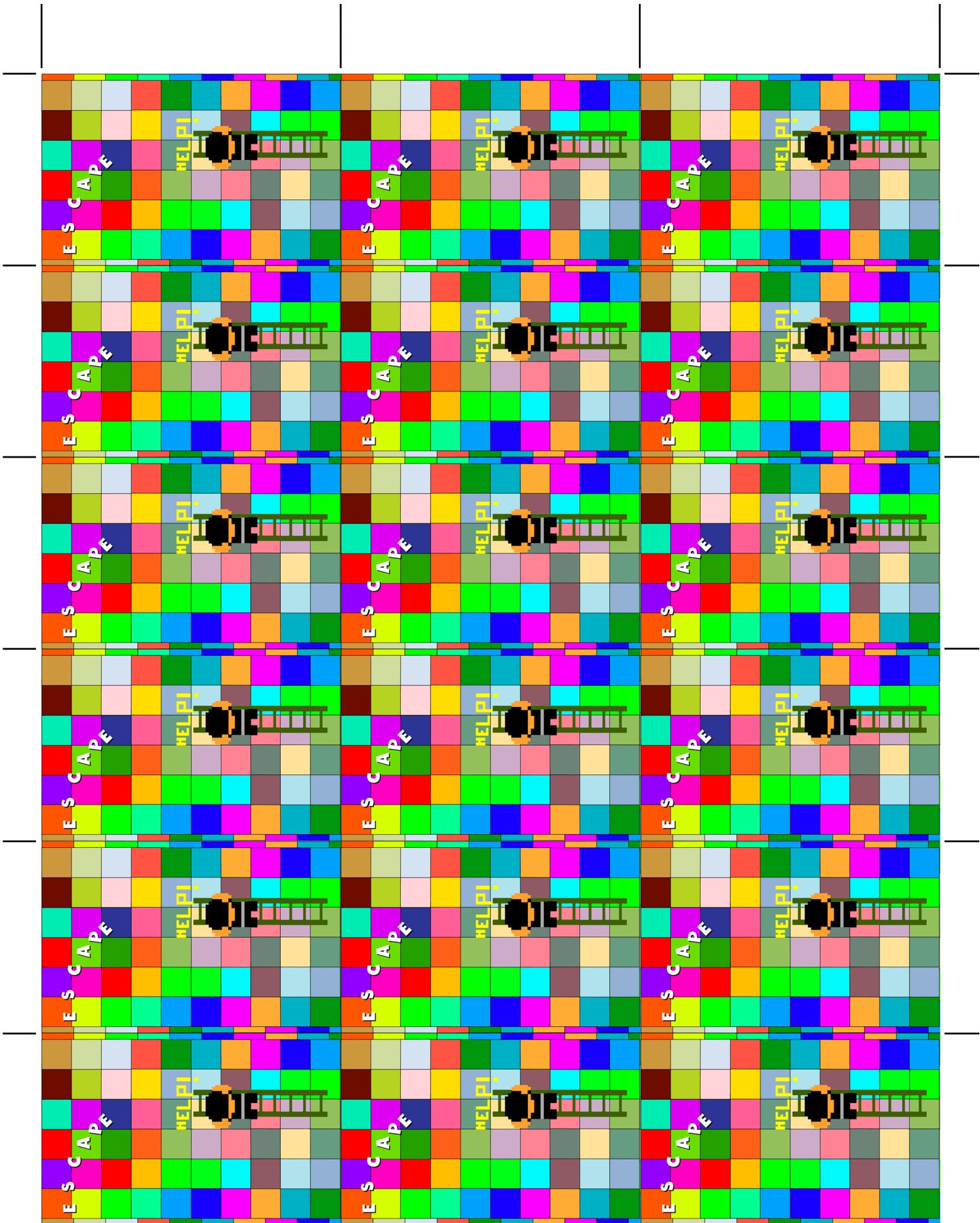
**I** Tompkins County  
*Q) What do you call hypocrisy when it surpasses all rationalizing?  
A) Policy.*

**"Shut up and do what you're told!"**  
  
*Take a letter card from the player on your left and place on the discard pile.*  
**Prole Card**

**N** Tompkins County  
*Everything they don't understand is unnecessary . . . and all disasters are unexpected.*

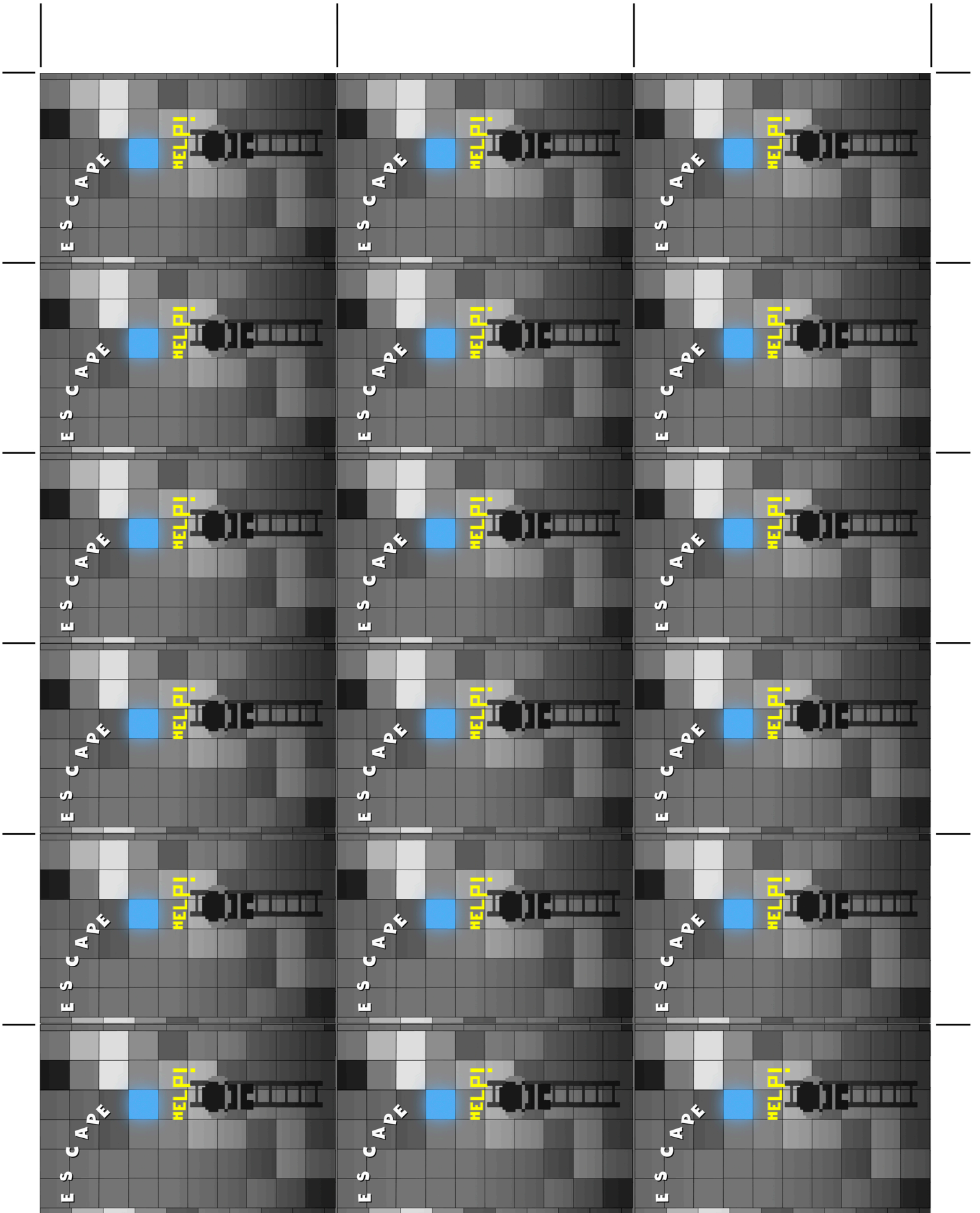
**S** Tompkins County  
*Telling the same lie over and over . . . without letting it be questioned.*

**"Shut up and do what you're told!"**  
  
*Proctors raid game: Place two cards from each player in the discard pile.*  
**Prole Card**



Optional Card Backs  
VERSION A





Optional Card Backs  
VERSION B