

Jean-Paul Sartre's No Exit

Three strangers meet in a well-appointed drawing room, one sofa to each of them. One only wishes to be left alone, the second wants for the first to pay them attention, the last desires to make the first jealous using the second. "Hell is other people" is one of the most famous misquotations in literature, but needing someone to do something for you they don't want to do while having nothing to threaten or bribe them with is a special kind of anguish.

Overview and intent –

Players move their counters among sofas trying to achieve the disposition of both themselves and their fellow players that will fulfil their needs. However, their movement is simple and free and after only a few rounds players who wish to will be able to force repeated stalemates, which is entirely intentional. To win players will need to convince their fellow players to let them win by choosing to lose. They will have nothing to leverage in such negotiations except unsecured promises, frustration, lingering grudges or threats of mutual destruction.

Set Up –

Hand each player a Sofa, a Stranger of a matching colour and a Motivation card. Place each stranger on their matching sofa. The player with Motivation card 1 goes first.

Round –

Each player moves their Stranger to a Sofa of their choice once in turn in order of Motivation card number.

Round End –

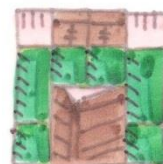
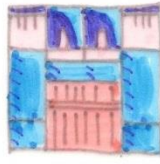
After each player has taken a turn players that have achieved their Motivation card score 1 point, then reset. The player with a Motivation card following the card number of the player who started the last round starts this round. Play three rounds.

Game End –

The highest scoring player wins, in case of a tie the player with the motivation card with the highest number on it wins. It is suggested that several games be played.



Assembly Instructions: Fold page 1 in half, fold over and glue sides to form an envelope; cut out the characters, sofas and motivation cards below, store them in the envelope.



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Be on a sofa alone	Have all strangers on the same sofa	Be on a sofa with only the player holding motivation card 1/4

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