

Thank You Darling

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3-5 players | 20-30 minutes | Age 10+

You're attending a riotous 1920s dinner party where you perform increasingly absurd toasts and conversations from memory. Keep your composure as guests swap seats, relationships blossom and toasts collapse mid-speech. I feel a swoon coming on...

Components:

- 95 cards
- 5 player boards
- 1 central board
- 30 tokens

Set up:

- Give each player a player board
- Place the central board in the middle of the table with the tokens to the side of it.
- Shuffle the cards. Each player reveals cards from the deck until they have two conversation cards. They place one in each column on their player board. The first toast card that is revealed is placed on the toast board. Shuffle the cards again and place them in a face down deck.
- Randomly decide who will be the starting player.

How to play:

Players take turns, moving clockwise around the table.

On your turn:

- Take two cards from the top of the deck. Choose 1 to play and place the other in a face up discard pile next to the deck.
 - If at least one of the cards you have drawn is a 'Swap Places' card, then you immediately swap places with the player on your right - moving your player board carefully to the new position.
 - If at least one of the cards you have drawn is a 'New Toast' card. Discard the cards currently on the central board and put them in the discard pile.
 - If either or both of these things has happened, then re-draw until you have 2 cards in hand.
- If you have played a TOAST card:
 - Play the card to the central board. If there are other cards already there, overlap it slightly so the cards are offset and you can read the words on all of the cards at this location.
 - Look at the whole set of Toast cards and memorise them, in order, like a monologue.

- Perform the toast. Start with “A Toast!...” Then proceed to perform the sentences and actions on all the other cards, in order without looking at them.
- You may add additional words and actions to the toast as long as you deliver all the cards on the Toast Board in the right order.
- If you perform the whole toast correctly, take 1 token.
- If you have played a CONVERSATION card:
 - Play the card to the left or the right column on your player board. If you play it to your left, you will have a conversation with the player on your left. If you play it to your right, you will have a conversation with the player on your right. As with the toast cards, cards should be placed overlapping so that they are offset and you can see all the text on all the cards.
 - Say that player’s name, so that they know you are going to have a conversation.
 - Each player may look at the cards they have in their conversation to commit them to memory. Then players must look at each other.
 - Perform a conversation, by alternating the lines/actions you have on your cards, starting with the active player. Players must not look back at their cards during the conversation.
 - You may always embellish the conversation with extra words and actions, but you must still perform all your cards in order.
 - If either player performs the whole of their side of the conversation correctly, they take a token.

End game and scoring:

The game ends when the tokens run out. At this point, players count their tokens and the player with the most tokens wins. In the case of a tie, share the victory... you are all utterly marvellous.