

LA BREA

**YOU ARE DINOSAURS AT A DINNER PARTY.
TRY TO HAVE A GOOD TIME BEFORE THE END COMES.**

Setup

Find a nice place for a social gathering of eight people. Make sure there's space for everyone to mingle, talk, or get away from each other. You will need these rules, and the largest six-sided die you can find. Print out this sheet, and cut out the eight cards. Set the die somewhere everyone can see it, with the six facing up. Give each person a card randomly, and allow them to read the card before beginning.

Goals

When the party begins, find someone to engage in polite conversation with, one-on-one, or in a small group. Each role has a goal on their card—complete the goal on your card to win the game! Some goals can be achieved through normal chatting, and others require special mechanics: **eating**, and **trapping**.

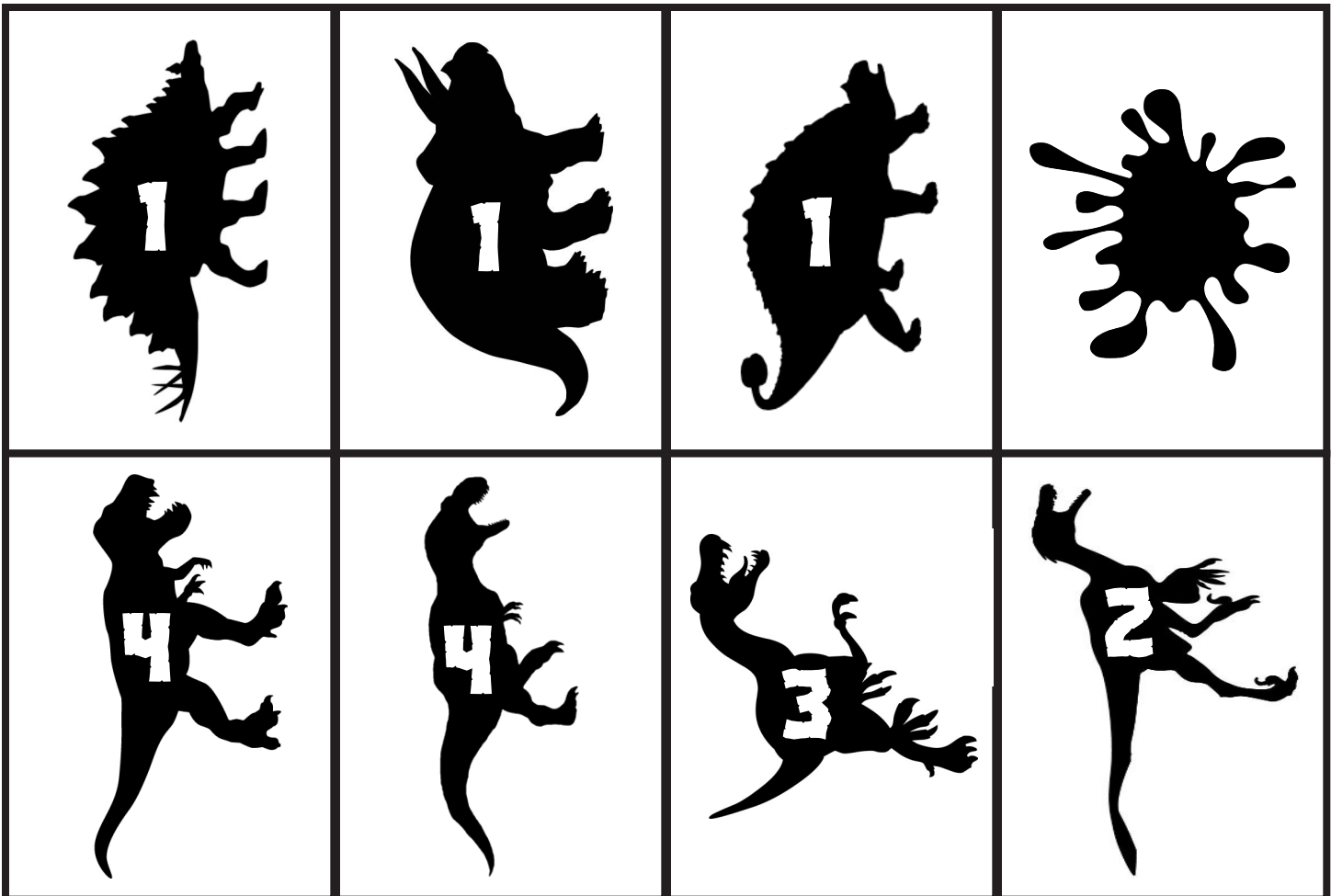
Herbivores: Receive compliments from four other dinosaurs in conversation before the end comes.

Velociraptor: Kill and eat at least two other dinosaurs before the end comes.

Allosaurus: Help at least four other dinosaurs achieve their goals before the end comes.

Tyrannosaurs: You must be the only Tyrannosaurus Rex alive when the end comes.

Tar Pit: Entrap at least five living dinosaurs in your mire before the end comes.



Eating

In the course of conversation, you may wish to eat someone. (Carnivores only, please.) To do this, grasp the wrist of your intended dinner, and say, "I'm going to eat you." Predators may gang up on other dinosaurs by touching each other before grasping, and speaking the words together. Other dinosaurs may group together with the prey for safety, by touching the target dinosaur while they are being grasped. Once your intentions are declared, and alliances are cemented, reveal your cards to one another. If the predators have a higher total than the defenders, the target (only the one initially grasped) is killed and eaten—kills are shared with all aggressors. Otherwise, the prey may escape, and go talk to someone less hungry.

The Comet

When one dinosaur tries to eat another, the comet that ends the world may come closer. After an attack, the dinosaur that wins (predator or prey) may choose to turn the six-sided die to one number lower. After the clock is ticked down five times, and the die shows a one, the comet crashes into the Earth, killing everyone, and ending the game. If you have achieved the goal on your card when this happens, you win!

Tar Pit

At any point during conversation, the Tar Pit may grasp the wrist of their partner and announce, "You are mine now." That player is mired, and may not leave the side of the Tar Pit for any reason. Mired dinosaurs may grasp others who join them, and draw them into the pit in the same manner. Players may try to eat each other while in the Tar Pit, but they may never leave. If all dinosaurs become mired, the Tar Pit wins, and the game ends. Archaeologists will find your remains millions of years from now, and wonder.

YOU ARE THE TAR PIT

There is a great longing within you. Talk about anything, just make them stay.

YOUR GOAL:

Entrap at least five dinosaurs by the end

YOU ARE AN ANKYLOSAURUS

You are incredibly shy, but you have lots of terrific ideas. Share them, if you can.

YOUR GOAL:

Receive compliments from at least four other dinosaurs by the end

YOU ARE A TRICERATOPS

You have too many things going on at once. You try to relax, but have a hard time of it.

YOUR GOAL:

Receive compliments from at least four other dinosaurs by the end

YOU ARE A STEGOSAURUS

You feel like everyone is keeping something from you. Find out what it is, but be cool.

YOUR GOAL:

Receive compliments from at least four other dinosaurs by the end

YOU ARE A VELOCIRAPTOR

You're smarter than you look. You often feel alone, probably because others envy you.

YOUR GOAL:

Eat at least two other dinosaurs by the end

YOU ARE AN ALLOSAURUS

People like you. You're a people pleaser. Just smile and go along with whatever they say.

YOUR GOAL:

Help four other dinosaurs achieve their goals

YOU ARE A TYRANNOSAURUS REX

You are just the best. Although you try to be modest, there's simply no hiding it.

YOUR GOAL:

Be the only surviving Tyrannosaurus Rex

YOU ARE A TYRANNOSAURUS REX

You never go home alone, and tonight will be no exception. Go get 'em, tiger.

YOUR GOAL:

Be the only surviving Tyrannosaurus Rex