

National Budget Werewolf

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Players: 4-6; Time: 15 min; Ages: 8+

SUMMARY: This is a game where the player that declares the most collected funds becomes the prime minister, and tries to steal the majority of the national budget. While shouting the lines and slamming down the cards, collect more money than the declared collected funds with your fellow “Werewolf Secretaries” to win.

COMPONENTS:

1 Rulesheet

69 Cards Total (Basic Cards, National Treasury Cards, Role Cards)

48 Basic Cards (Wolf Backed Cards): 27 Lobby Cards (1-9 in 3 Suits: Personal Connections/White, Madness/Orange, Power/Black), 21 One Trillion Yen Cards

15 National Treasury Cards (Double Sided Red Cards): 5 One Trillion Yen, 5 Two Trillion Yen, 5 Five Trillion Yen

6 Role Cards (Grey Backed Cards): 1 Prime Minister, 2 Werewolf Secretary, 1 National Tax Agency Commissioner, 1 President, 1 Opposition Party President

PREPARATION:

Shuffle and deal out the 48 Basic Cards, this is everyone’s hand. Make sure the amount dealt is as follows (Extra cards are removed from the game face down:

4 Players: 12 Card Hand/0 Cards Extra

5 Players: 9 Card Hand/3 Cards Extra

6 Players: 8 Card Hand/0 Cards Extra

[Collection Declaration] Compete to see how many trillions of yen you think you can collect. Declare how many trillion yen you will collect in clockwise order, starting with the dealer. Players must declare a larger amount than the current bid or pass. Keep going around until everyone except one player has passed, they are the prime minister.

[Roles] The Prime Minister places the Prime Minister Role card face up in front of themselves. Look at all the role cards and decide who will be in what positions, distribute each card face down to everyone. Prime Minister/Purple Team (Prime Minister + 1-2 Werewolf Secretaries) -vs- Influential/Blue Team (National Tax Agency Commissioner, President, Opposition Party President). Only in a 6-player game are 2 secretary werewolves used, otherwise use 1 secretary. (TL: In a 4-player game, this is not clear, but assumedly an influential team role is omitted)

[Identity Concealment] The Prime Minister knows everyone’s role. Others only know their own role and the Prime Minister.

[Victory Conditions] The game ends when everyone runs out of cards. If the Prime Minister’s team collects the Declared Collection (or more), they win.

[National Treasury Card] Place the National Treasury Cards aside for currency exchange.

GAME FLOW:

[1] The Prime Minister is the first lead player. While saying the line on the card, play a card from your hand face up. The player to the left goes next.

[2] When it is your turn, you must play a card of the same suit as the lead card. In other words, if the lead player makes “personal connections”, you should make personal connections; if they show madness, you should show madness; if they exercise power, you should exercise power. The political world is a storm, you cannot survive in it if you don’t follow the right spirit.

[3] However, money can always solve the problem. If the same suit of card cannot be played, or if you don’t want to play it, you can play a 1 trillion yen card. As long as you can pay, they can’t complain.

[4] When everyone has played one card, the winner is the player with the highest number card in play, they acquire all cards in play. The winner arranges the acquired cards (including the 1 trillion yen cards) in front of them (do not add to hand). The winner becomes the next lead player.

[5] If you cannot play the same suit card or money, the player is immediately “Exiled”. Discard all cards from your hand, give the money you acquired to another player, and drop out of the current hand. The player who was exiled decides to whom the money goes.

[6] If the lead player plays a 1 trillion yen card, then the next player to play a lobby card is the lead suit (you can play 1 trillion yen cards). If everyone plays a 1 trillion yen card, the Prime Minister wins the trick.

[7] The 3 and 6 of all lobby cards have special effects. If a 3 “Dogeza Card” is played, the lowest number wins the trick. If a 6 “Tax Hike Card” is played, double the money won that trick (use the Treasury Cards).

[8] When everyone’s hand runs out, everyone reveals their role card. Add up the money won by the Prime Minister Team. They win if they reach the amount declared by the Prime Minister at the beginning of the game. If not reached, the Influential Team wins.

[Note] Even if the declared amount is exceeded during play, keep playing because you can lose money by being exiled. Make sure you arrange the cards you have acquired and how many trillion yen you have earned so that everyone can see them (When you have more than 1 Trillion yen, feel free to exchange them with the cards from the national treasury).

Make sure to say the lines on the Personal Connection, Power, and Madness cards. The first sound of the line corresponds to the number (TL example: the 1 Power Card says “いきがるな!” or “Ikigaruna!” and 1 sounds like “いち” or “Ichi”)

Card Flavor Text

Personal Connections/White

- 1 "Ikuzo" "Let's do it"
- 2 "Nirunari yakunari suki se-e" "Boiled or baked, whatever you like"*
- 3 "Dogeza Jai" "Prostrate"
- 4 "Shinabamorotomo totsugeki ja" "We'll all charge in at the last moment"
- 5 "Kore was yaminabe no yami ja" "This is the darkness of the dark hot pot"**
- 6 "Zoei Jai" "Tax Hike!"
- 7 "Nakuna hito no kizuna mo nomikomu no ja" "Do not weep, we have shared bonds, swallow your tears"
- 8 "Yare! Nihon no inochi ja" "Yeah! This is Japanese Life"
- 9 "Kutabare ore igai kutabare" "Screw everyone, except me, screw everyone else"

Madness/Orange

- 1 "Hyaku-ko pinattsu mottekoi" "Bring 100 peanuts"
- 2 "Ni manko anpan baramaki ja" "20,000 red bean buns"
- 3 "Dogeza Jai" "Prostrate"
- 4 "Shi shite shikabane hirou mono nashi" "There is nothing to pick up with death corpses"
- 5 "goho ka do kawas ore ga kimeru" "I decide what's legal and what's not"
- 6 "Zoei Jai" "Tax Hike!"
- 7 "Nandemo marumete poiya" "Roll it up and throw it away"
- 8 "Appare fuchin kubo jai" "Well done sinking the ship"
- 9 "Kurue yo, zenbu ga ahinseki ja" "Go crazy, they're all in cahoots"

Power/Black

- 1 "Ikigaruna!" "Don't get cocky!"
- 2 "Nidoto uragiru n janai zo" "Don't ever betray me again"
- 3 "Dogeza Jai" "Prostrate"
- 4 "Shibireru nē kenryoku no isu wa" "The seat of power is euphoric"
- 5 "Gomimushi-domo ga ugomeite oru wa" "The trashbugs are swarming."
- 6 "Zoei Jai" "Tax Hike!"
- 7 "Nageku no nariagare" "Get up, don't be so hard on yourself"
- 8 "Patto chire zenmen senso ja" "It's an all out war"
- 9 "Kyushi no issho i u kagen ja" "Sudden death, quick and easy"

*This is a catchphrase from a [SPAM Commercial](#) and this [sausage commercial](#), my confusion knows no bounds.

**yaminabe is hotpot you eat in the dark, made from mysterious ingredients brought by each person