

# Hidden Panda





## A 20-minute social deduction game for 5-8 players

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Panda cubs! They're cute, they're cuddly, and sometimes people steal them. When that happens, the Rescue Team spring into action!

A team of **pandas**, some local **zookeepers**, and **Grandma** have sneaked into the **Bandit Team Camp**, where the baby **panda cubs** are being handed out.

**Grandma** managed to rescue some before being netted - the rest of the team is still undercover!

But **Team Rescue** has lost track of the **pandas** (they're extremely well-hidden!), and to **Pandas**, all humans look the same...

## TEAMS

### The Bandit Team

Consists of all the **Bandits**. The goal of the **Bandit Team** is to collect more cubs than the **Rescue Team** OR to net all the **Panda players**.

### The Rescue Team

Consists of **Grandma**, the **Keepers**, and the **Pandas**. The goal of the **Rescue Team** is to collect more cubs than the **Bandits** while hiding the **Panda players**.



### PLAY AS A **BANDIT**

Catch those sneaky Pandas,  
while stealing as many  
panda cubs as you can.

### PLAY AS **GRANDMA**

Lead the team, help  
the Pandas, and  
hand out tea!



### PLAY AS A **KEEPER**

Protect the Pandas and  
rescue the cubs! There  
aren't many left!



### PLAY AS A **PANDA**

Sneak into the Bandit Camp  
and get your cubs back  
without getting caught

# COMPONENTS

## 8 Role cards



**3 Bandits:**  
trying to nab the  
panda cubs



**2 Pandas:**  
trying to  
rescue the  
cubs



**2 Keepers:**  
trying to  
protect the  
Pandas



**1 Grandma:**  
trying to  
misdirect the Bandits

## 45 Panda cub tokens



**42 panda cub x1 tokens:**  
which are the cutest  
dang things ever

**3 panda cub x5 tokens:**  
because they just love to cuddle.  
*Use these to make change!*



## 20 Net tokens



## 1 Cup of tea token



**2 double-sided  
player count cards**



**1 Script card**

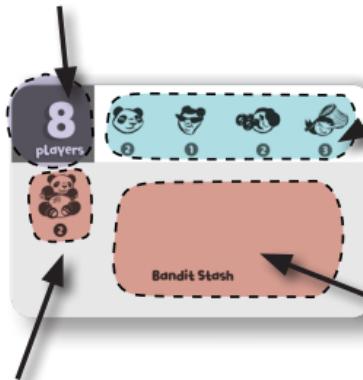


## HOW TO USE PLAYER COUNT CARDS

Players may refer to this card at any time, to see which roles are in the game.

### Number of players

Select the player count card that matches the number of players in your game.



### Number of role cards

In an 8 player game there will be:

2 Pandas  
1 Grandma  
2 Keepers  
3 Bandits

### Number of panda cub 1x tokens in Bandit Stash at the start of the game

In an 8 player game **2 panda cub 1x tokens** would be put on this card, to start the **Bandit Stash**.

**Bandit Stash**  
All **Panda Cub tokens** remaining in the **Bandit stash** count as being held by the **Bandits** at the **end of the game**.

# SETUP

1. Place the appropriate **player count card** **face-up** in the middle of the table.
2. Put the **1x** and **5x panda cub tokens**, and the **net tokens** in the middle of the table. This is the supply.
3. Place the listed number of **1x panda cub tokens** onto the player count card.  
This is the **Bandit's Stash**. At the end of the game, these will be added to those collected by the **Bandit's team**.
4. **Shuffle the roles** listed on the **player count card**. Deal one **face-down** to each player.  
**Each player** looks at her card, but does not show anyone else. This is your **role card**. Place it **face-down** in front of you.
5. **Everyone** opens their eyes and **Grandma** reveals her role. She takes **3 nets**, the **cup of tea** and moves a **5x panda cub token** onto her card.  
**Everyone else** closes their eyes.
6. **Grandma** takes the **script card** and reads the steps out loud:

- a. **Keepers** open their eyes so that they can see each other and **Grandma** can see them. **Keepers** close their eyes and **Grandma** turns away.
- b. **Pandas** open their eyes, look at each other, then close their eyes.
- c. **Bandits** open their eyes, look at each other, then close their eyes.
- d. **Grandma** turns back. **Everyone** opens their eyes.

### EXAMPLE: 8 player game in progress



# GAMEPLAY



## Hand out Panda Cub tokens

The active player will take **3 panda cubs** from the supply and hand them out:

They must give **2 panda cubs** to 1 player, and **1 panda cub** to another.

Note: They cannot keep any or give them to Grandma or other netted players.

**At the end of the game, the team with the most panda cubs will win the game.** You want to give them to players you think are on your team, or players whose trust you want to gain.

## Play a net



After handing out **panda cub tokens**, the active player **must** take a **net** from the supply and place it on another player's role card. This is your way of telling everyone that you think this player is a **Panda**.

*Tip: If you are on the Rescue Team, use this to misdirect the Bandits.*

*Note: This may be a player you gave panda cubs to, or a different player. Grandma cannot be given a net. She's already been netted!*

# VOTING



At the end of any turn when a player receives a **third net**, the **other** players will vote on whether or not she **keeps the nets** or **returns them to the supply**.

*Tip: If you're a Bandit, you want to try to net Pandas.*

*Tip: If you're a Grandma or a Keeper, you want to avoid Pandas being netted (and, ideally, net Bandits!).*

Starting to the left of the player being voted on and going clockwise, **all players** (including **Grandma**) will vote one at a time by holding their thumb up or down in front of them.

**The player being voted on does not vote.**



If **more than half** of the voting players put their thumb up, the player who was voted on is now **netted**.

They keep their **net tokens** and must **give all their panda cub tokens** to a player of their choice.

They cannot choose a player who's **netted** (including **Grandma**).

**Players with 3 net tokens cannot be given panda cub or net tokens for the rest of the game**, but otherwise play as normal - they still hand out nets and **panda cubs** on their turn, and do not reveal their role.

**If the vote fails** (if half or less of the voting players put their thumb up), take **all** the **panda cubs** from the player who called the vote (the player who last had a turn).

Place them in the **Bandit Stash**. At the end of the game, these will count as being held by the **Bandit** Team.

### Cup of Tea



On **Grandma's** first turn, she hands out a **net** like everyone else after giving out **panda cubs**.

On her second turn, **Grandma** places the **cup of tea** on another player's card after giving **panda cubs**.

The **cup of tea** is worth **2 nets**. If the player **Grandma** gives it to already has **1 or 2 nets**, she is immediately voted on. If not, she only needs one more to trigger a vote. If the vote passes, **remove the cup of tea from the game and replace it with 2 net tokens**.

# GAME END

The game ends in one of two ways:

## When all Panda players have at least 3 nets on them

If all **Panda** players are **netted**, **Everyone** reveals their roles, and the **Bandit** team **immediately win**.

Note: There is 1 Panda player in a 5-6 player game, and 2 in a 7-8 player game.

OR

## When each player has had two turns

When the player to the right of **Grandma** has taken her second turn, **the game ends**.

**Everyone** reveals their roles and the teams count up their **panda cubs**. The **Bandit** team also add the **Bandit Stash** to their **collection**.

If the **Bandit** Team has more **panda cubs**, **they win!**

If the **Rescue** Team has more **panda cubs**, **they win!**

Note: In the case of **a tie**, you've lost one somewhere. Check your pockets!

Remember: If all Pandas are netted, the Bandit Team **immediately wins!**



### GRANDMA'S SCRIPT

At the start of each game Grandma instructs all players:

- 1 **Keepers** open your eyes so you and **Grandma** can see each other.
- 2 **Keepers** close your eyes. **Grandma** turn away.
- 3 **Pandas** open your eyes. Look at each other, then close your eyes.
- 4 **Bandits** open your eyes. Look at each other, then close your eyes.
- 5 Everyone open your eyes. **Grandma** turn back.

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