

INTERVIEW #1 (GM)

00:00 to 02:30

Pirasana: OK, first I'll explain the game to you and then we'll play the game and then we'll have a little Q&A debrief.

Participant : ok ok

Pirasana: So for the game, we have the field, it's a circle **[draws a large circle in the middle of the sheet]**. You and I, we each have a symbol, so we're going to say you're a triangle, I'm a circle, each of us, we'll have 5 turns and the turn consists of an action that we're going to do in one turn. Let's say I'm starting with a circle. I was a circle?

Participant: yes

Pirasana: We're going to say I'm a circle, I'm going to put this in here **[draws a small circle just outside the big circle]**, and then the action that we can each do is add our symbol, remove our symbol, or replace our symbol with another symbol, your symbol.

Participant: OK then replace the other person's symbol

Pirasana: yes yes that's it

Participant: Ok that's okay

Pirasana: for each turn, we have the choice to do this for ourselves, I can remove my symbol, add my symbol or change my symbol.

Participant: but ?.. but we each have a symbol

Pirasana: yes we each have a symbol so let's say... Ok in each turn, we have three options, but we just have to do one action in each turn.

Participant : ok ok

Pirasana: ok that's good. But one of these actions can be done once for the opponent **[pointing to the participant]**. So, we're going to say we're in the third round and you've got like two triangles here **[draws two little triangles inside the big circle]** already

Participant : hmm-mm

Pirasana: So, I have the option throughout our game, to remove your triangle **[erases a triangle]**, remove your triangle or replace with it. **[points to the small circle]**

Participant : ok

Pirasana: But that's just once that you can attack the opponent .

Participant: hmm-mm yes like it's an action by... OK

Pirasana: one action per round, but in the whole game, you can attack the opponent once.

Participant: OK, that's okay. And that, does it count as an action of one turn.

Pirasana: yes, that's right.

Participant: Okay, that's okay.

Pirasana: That's okay. Good question! And the goal of our game is, in the end, you have to have the same amount, an **odd** number ... uh... outside the circle**[points outside the circle]** and inside the circle**[points inside the circle]**. So if.. for example you must have two triangles here**[points inside the circle]**, you must have four triangles here**[points outside the great circle to show it has to be a pair number inside and out]** or two. It must be even **[points inside the circle]** and even **[points outside the circle]**.

Participant : ok ok

Pirasana: And I have to do that too.

Participant : euh pair ?

Pirasana : pair.

Participant: ok that's okay.

Pirasana: It doesn't have to be two-two, it can be two-four...

Participant : ok ok

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Pirasana: okay we're going to start and normally it's going to be fine. Your pencil... I'll let you start with a symbol you want. So you can go ahead and add...

Participant: yes just..

Pirasana: you now have the option to add, remove... uh no well you can't take anything away now..

Participant: yes that's right. Okay to abstain, we don't have that option? so when we start, we have to add one in.

Pirasana: yes, I mean, yes it makes sense otherwise the game won't...

Participant: ok that's okay.

Pirasana: Or do you want me to start?

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Participant: No, that's okay, I can start. **[draws small triangle outside the circle]**

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Pirasana: ok ok now, I'm going to put a circle inside. **[draws a small circle in the circle on the opposite side of the small triangle]** So that's a part.

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Participant: ok. It is necessary that... **[draws a small triangle in the circle next to his first triangle]**

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Pirasana: Okay, so now I'm going to attack you. **[erases his first triangle that was outside the big circle]**

Participant : oh ok ok.

Pirasana: So, now I can't attack you because I attacked you. But you still have the option to attack me once if you want.

Participant: okay. How many rounds is there?

Pirasana: It's 5 rounnds, now we're in the third.

Participant: **[writes "3T" on the corner of the sheet to remember what turn it is]** ah I forgot that. Ok yes

Pirasana : ok

Participant: Okay, I'm just going to

Pirasana: We're starting the third one, you can go

Participant: **[seems to want to add a triangle inside the large circle but stops for a moment]** We have to make a pair!

Pirasana : yeah

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Participant: Yes, in fact it's because... since you... yes it's not a big deal **[draws over the small circle inside the big cercle and replaces it with his triangle]**

Pirasana : ok you just attacked me.

Participant : hmm mm

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Pirasana: And I'm going to put a circle. [**draws a small circle outside the large circle**]

Now, we're starting a fourth.

Participant: hmm-mm [**starts hovering over the small circle wanting to attack me but can't**]

Pirasana: You can't attack me anymore.

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Participant: Oh that's right! ok yes... well [**draws triangle outside the large circle next to its second triangle**]

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Pirasana: it's okay... uh... here [**draws a small circle inside the large circle next to the last small circle**]

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Participant: ok, that's a tie then? [**draws triangle outside the large circle next to its last triangle**]

Pirasana: we start the fifth.

Participant: well now I just did the fifth one.

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Pirasana: yes ok then.. yes [**draws small circle outside the big circle next to the other small circles**]

Participant: no it could have been a tie

Pirasana: it can be a tie.

Participant: ah but you can't attack anymore! so I won, let's go!

Pirasana: no-haha well ok at the end, you don't have a pair on both sides [**points to his side where there are two small triangles outside and one inside**]

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Participant: well I have one here too [**points to the triangle he drew over the small circle before when he attacked, on the opposite side of his other small triangles**]

Pirasana: ok so you get the game!

Participant: yes yes yes

Pirasana: it's good. so you have two points and I have zero points.

Participant: hm you can only attack once.

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Pirasana: ok yes and you did well [**points to his attack**], I didn't notice that at all.

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Participant: oh yes I knew where to draw it. Because at first I was thinking of putting a triangle here [**points to the corner of the paper far away from the big circle**] so that you forget about it but that's... it's not nice

Pirasana: haha okay I'll keep that in note too, it's a good trick. Ok so we're done with the game, you've won. Now, we're just... Go to... I'm going to ask you a few questions.

Participant : hmm-mm

Pirasana: ok how did you find the game?

Participant: Ah! It can be fun, but... It's funny but.. It's limited in the number of rounds

Pirasana: So you suggest more rounds? or

Participant: Well yes for sure if not... uh... It's... what is it called.. it's deterministic! Winning is...

Pirasana: Ok, besides that, do you have any other suggestions for the game? To do it better? or?

Participant: I don't know, uh...

Pirasana : It's okay if you don't have any more..

Participant: Hmm, I thought right now of maybe having more shapes

Pirasana: More shapes?

Participant: yes because if there are more people playing, it's going to be harder

Pirasana: Ahh

Participant: Or maybe if there are more possible forms, it's going to be harder?...

Pirasana: So if we were to change it to a more than two-player game?

Participant : Hmm-mm

Pirasana: Had you thought about any strategy to win?

Participant: Yes because... uh.. if you start.. well you can just like.. Since it's only two possible forms and it's five rounds, there aren't many possibilities and at this point, it's not very complicated to make either a draw or a win. But I didn't have time to think.

Pirasana: Oh ok ok. But then, I noticed you wanted to put a triangle here too **[points to the corner of the paper far away from the big cercle field of the game]**

Participant: For... uh... to make you forget that I drew it...

Pirasana: Yes, to make me forget about it... ok that's good. Otherwise I think its all good. Are there any other comments... in relation to this game?

Participant: yes no, I have no more.

Pirasana: Oh perfect, so that's going to be it.

Participant: Oh but it wasn't 10 minutes

Pirasana: It wasn't 10 minutes

Participant: But I won!

Pirasana: Thank you for participating

Participant: Please anytime!