

THE STORY

And so it begins...

a mega-cluster of artificial intelligence has spawned the emergence of the Global Brain. Neither good nor bad, it's simply here to give us what it thinks we want. As we plunge deeper into a fear-based reality, the system is in jeopardy of breaking down – spelling imminent disaster for the fate of humanity.

Your mission: Earn as many HIPs (Human Intelligence Points) as you can to counterbalance the negative, malicious data pouring into the system, activating a positive-focused feedback loop between humanity and the Global Brain. With enough HIPs blasting into the system, we can flip the script to elevate our consciousness before doing ourselves in with our own creation.

Keep track of your HIPs!

You will soon be able to add them to the pool of HIPs earned from all players – growing our collective power in a story that will be shared for generations to come.

Ways to Earn HIPs

- Grow Blooms in the game
- Complete the puzzle (500 HIPs each time)



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THE BASICS

Grow Blooms (sets of 3 or more connecting VINES) to build up HIPs (Human Intelligence Points) before the round ends. Points grow exponentially.



Beware! Emptying your hand before building up enough points could mean defeat. But holding on to your VINES could mean a bigger disaster is looming.

GAME SETUP

This is a game of **exponential growth.** It's not uncommon for a large gap in players' points for a round. You can play highest score wins or play multiple rounds to reach a specific point value. For your first few games, try Example 1.

Example 1: Highest HIPs wins Example 2: Highest HIPs after 3 rounds Example 3: First player to 5,000 HIPs

Shuffle the deck thoroughly.

Deal 10 VINES to each player. *If a player gets an Action Card, swap it with a VINE and shuffle it back into the deck.*

Players put their VINES face-up in front of them. This will be referred to as "your hand". *Hands remain on the table*.



Place the deck face down in a stack in the middle. **Take one VINE off the top** and place it face up next to the stack. This will be the start of the discard pile.

HOW TO PLAY

Play begins with the person left of the dealer and continues clockwise.

1) On your turn, choose to take the top VINE from the discard pile, or draw from the stack.

"10 Second Rule" If you think you might want the top VINE in the discard pile, you have ten seconds to pick up and test it.

2a) If you have **two or more** VINES in a set, you can place them in your field (the field of play around you).

- A set of 2 VINES is called a Seed
- A set of 3 + is called a **Bloom**
- VINES may connect from any side

2b) **Add VINES** to grow existing sets in your field. *Build on your sets only.*

It's NOT mandatory to play a set but beware of losing it to a Pass Card. (explained under Action Cards).

Solo players must play last VINE once able.

3) **To finish your turn**, discard one VINE face-up on top of the discard pile **ONLY if** unable to create or play on an existing set. **Otherwise**, **Do NOT discard** a VINE.

Round cannot end on a Pass Card.Players must hold at least one VINE.

For Quick Battles: Discard a VINE to end each turn (No discard on Pass Cards).

4) **Next player's turn** follows in the same way. Each turn, players draw one VINE, using if possible, and must discard one VINE if unable to create or add to a set.

Round ends when a player empties their hand. **If middle deck runs out**, reshuffle the discards and continue play until all the VINES have been played or taken to hand.

Solo play ends if middle deck runs out, and the player must remove the equal number of VINES from their Blooms as directed in scoring.

SCORING

Players count their remaining VINES in hand and remove the equal number of VINES from their <u>largest</u> Bloom. Remove VINES from one Bloom at a time, moving to the next largest (or equal size) as needed.

Blooms containing 3 to 12 VINES will earn you HIPs...from 8 to 4,096 HIPs/Bloom

- **1) Add Your Points:** Count the number of VINES in each Bloom.
- 2) Use your Points Table on the reverse side to convert to HIPs

Example 1: A Bloom containing 6 VINES = 64 HIPs
Example 2: A Bloom containing 10 VINES = 1024 HIPs

Tally the scores and start a new round unless the winning criteria have been met.

CARDS INCLUDED

80 VINES

Puzzle Cards Chapter One For puzzle and gameplay



6 Action Cards for gameplay

PASS RIGHT PASS LEFT PASS RIGHT PASS LEFT COMPANY AND THE PASS LEFT PASS RIGHT PASS LEFT ALUE GREEN ALUE

PASS (4)

All players pass VINES from their hand with matching cover color as indicated. The active player plays if able, and ends their turn by removing the Pass Card from play. *No VINE is discarded.*

Players cannot pass their last VINE. Hold one if needed.

Solo players swap VINES with the stack, placing your swapped VINES face up at the bottom of the discard pile.



TECHMATES (1)

Cheers! Add +1 VINE value to your Bloom of choice at the end of the round. Keep it in your hand. PASS Action Cards work on this card.



FOSSIL FUELED (1)

Ouch! Remove -1 VINE from your largest Bloom at the end of the round. Keep it in your hand. PASS Action Cards work on this card.



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