



New Game Instructions and a Submission from Lena H.!

First and foremost, I would like to thank Lena Hathaway for submitting another of her fabulous drawings. I really loved the one from Volume 1, Issue 2, and, if possible, I love this one even more!

Next, I'd like you to vote on the next color scheme for the EKC. If you want to participate, email me your answer at ljcranford@yahoo.com.

Here are the choices:

- A. Equity
- B. Glacier
- C. Island
- D. Burgundy

Now, here are the instructions for a new game entitled "The End is the Beginning":

1. Cut out the cards and the game board attached to this issue.
2. Shuffle the cards and place them on the "Cards" rectangle on the game board.
3. Find pennies, counters, or other markers for playing pieces. Place them in the "Start" circle.
4. Pull from the deck (in turns) to figure out who will go first. The first person to pull a "Cycle" card will go first.
5. Have the player who goes first pull a card. He/she must pull a "Field" card to move out of the Start circle and into Box 1. After pulling a card, the player puts the card in the "Discard Pile" rectangle on the game board. If he/she does not pull a "Field" card, play passes to the person on the side that the player who goes first is handed. (For example, Jimmy, who goes first, is right-handed. Therefore, play passes to the right. However, if Lidia goes first, and she is left-handed, play passes to the left.) If you run out of draw cards, reshuffle the discard cards and place them in the "Cards" rectangle.
6. Continue taking turns pulling cards. After a person gets to Box 1, he/she must pull a "Falls" card to proceed, as specified in Box 2. Continue in this way until a player reaches finish. He/she is in first place. The second person to get into finish is in second place. Play continues until the last player gets to finish. He/she is the Rotten Egg. If the Rotten Egg says that he/she is not a rotten egg player, the first place winner and the Rotten Egg will pull from the deck. The first to get a Major card is now officially the "Rotten Egg."

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Favorite Book Poll

What's your favorite book? That's the question I asked my subscribers! Here are their answers:

Lena Hathaway: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.

Joey Hathaway: I don't have a single favorite book.

Lena Von Moltke: Saffy's Angel.

Joris Von Moltke: Aoh Anb Ra.

Jane Vaillant: My favorite book is called Pippi in the South Sea.

Devon Vaillant: Umm...Hmm...Probably...Anything by Stephen King...yeah, I like those books.

Ty Vaillant: My favorite book...Well, umm...Marl Fox by Brian Jacques.

Matty Hack: Guardians of Ga'Hoole, book 6.

Benjamin Hack: Guardians of Ga'Hoole, book 2.

Cole Shepherd: Calvin & Hobbes Yukon Ho.

The Fair (Part 2)

Wystan froze. It was the station inspector, in his shining green uniform! The man lunged at Wystan, but Wystan had slipped out of the window and bolted it. Wystan ran down the hill towards his sister.

Once he reached the bottom of the hill, he saw that the station inspector was trying to break the reinforced glass. He knew they only had a few minutes to hide before the station inspector called the whole train crew to look for them.

Wystan grabbed Lily's arm and said, "Run!"

She did, with Wystan behind her. They burst into the woods at the base of the hill, and heard the train crew coming after them.

Wystan panted, "Li hah hah ly, we hah hah have to hah hah split up!"

So Lily turned right, and Wystan turned left.

The three engineers from the train stopped and scratched their heads.

"You fools!" roared the station inspector. "Two of you go after the boy, and the other should go after the girl!"

Then, the engineers split up.

Lily ran as fast as she could. She heard the man behind her panting— maybe there were five men, actually. She looked over her shoulder. There was a whole army of engineers behind her! She was so tired—but she had to keep going! She looked forward, and she saw a shining white unicorn! The unicorn said, "Ride on me!" She tried to ride him, but then there was only a slug in its place! The army was coming closer. She saw a gorilla, who said, "Climb a tree!" She tried to, but the branches were too high! She looked behind her, and she saw that the engineer army was gone, replaced by an army of giant slugs in train engineers' uniforms! Then, she came to a fir tree with a cat at the top. He was three colors, and he had no tail! The cat said, "Climb up here, and join me!" Lily tried to, and . . . YES! The branches were low enough! The cat disappeared.

The third engineer saw the little girl climb the tree. The limbs were too thin for him to climb, though. He sat down at the bottom of the tree. He remembered her strange behavior, like trying to mount thin air, and realized she must have been hallucinating.



Third Place in the Pinewood Derby: an Interview with Cole Shepherd about Winning Third Place in the Pinewood Derby

This is an interview with Cole Shepherd, a Tiger Cub scout from Den No. 9 with a third place trophy from the Pinewood Derby. Cole lives in Purcellville, VA.

EKC: What is the Pinewood Derby?

Cole Shepherd: Oh, it's where you make a car out of a pinewood block and there's the top three, and the top three winners were Peter, Danny, and me.

EKC: Were you in first, second, or third place?

CS: Uh, third.

EKC: What did your car look like?

CS: It looked like a hotrod that was all red and . . . um . . . we put them on the ramp and there was a like a trigger that they pulled backwards and then then the car started rolling and once they went under like a . . . they went under something and then it popped up on the screen of a computer and it showed first, second, third, fourth, and fifth.

EKC: Did you win a trophy or other prize?

CS: Yes.

EKC: What did you win?

CS: A trophy.

EKC: Was that it?

CS: Yes.



Cole holding his car



The ramp before the race. Cole's car is second from the left.



Cole with his trophy



Cole with his third-place car



Untitled by Lena Hathaway