How to play

Preparing The Game
Every player receives one mission card, and two voting cards (YES & NO). The mission cards indicate, which Ernesto Cards (the cute snail) each player has to collect to win the game. The voting cards are used to vote on DAO proposals, which we will see later. After issuing these cards, shuffle all the other cards together and place the stack in the center of the board.

Game time! The youngest player draws the first card. There are different cards, with different actions. Once you draw a card, read out the instructions. To get an overview, we've added a description of every card type on the right side of this manual.

After you drew the card, place it onto the stack next to the card stack (just like in other games).

Getting All 3 Ernesto Cards
In order to fulfill your mission, you will have to trade your Ernesto Cards. Whenever you have Ernesto on your hand and you don't need it, you can sell it. Shout out: "Who wants to buy Ernesto" and find a buyer. How much you want to charge for the card is up to you! Whenever you sell an Ernesto Card, you're not allowed to tell which it is! Make sure that people do not know, which type of Ernesto you have to collect in order to fulfill your mission.

DAO Proposals
Whenever someone collects a **DAO-Card**, people must vote on changes that affect the game. Each player bets on either YES (the proposal should pass) or NO (the proposal should not pass). Each player places an unspecified number of tokens, along with a YES/NO card, face down on the table without the others seeing their decision. In case of a tie, the proposal is rejected. When all players have placed their bets, the cards are turned over and counted. But beware, the players who are outnumbered lose their tokens! Furthermore, every player must participate in the voting.

If you don't like the proposal - why not come up with your own proposal? You can also come up with your own suggestions, but this must be explained before the start of the game.

2 Player Setup
If there are only 2 players, halve the stack of token cards

Out of tokens
If you run out of tokens and players attack you with scams/hacks to steal tokens from you, the attack is ineffective.
If you do not have tokens to vote on DAO proposals, you're excluded from the vote and your voice does not count.

Ending
If you have collected all of your 3 assigned Ernesto Cards, you win! But, if you're running out of tokens and NFTs at the same time and you cannot pay the debts, you lose.

Lite Variant
If you want a lighter, less strategic version, you can leave out the voting and the DAO cards

The Cards

Protector cards (blue) can protect you from an attack or theft of a fellow player. Keep them in your hand and play them at the right moment to ward off an enemy attack. Then return them to the pile. Each protector card indicates what type of attack that card protects you against. There are 2 types (red and black) of attacks you can defend against. You have a card with both colors? Perfect, you are protected against everything!

Scam cards (black) can be used to grab cards from other players. But be careful, if your opponent has a matching protector card, the effect can quickly turn against you. Therefore, choose your opponent wisely! Always put these cards on the stack of cards played.

Hacker cards (red) affect the game in general. When you draw them from the deck, follow the card's instructions and place it on the stack of cards played. You can defend against the card's effects with a matching Protector card, even if you are the one who lays the card.

Mission cards (green) give you a target for this round. Collect the NFTs shown to win the game. The logo of your mission card is also visible on the **NFT. Collect Ernesto & don't show this card to anyone!**

Token cards (blue) allow you to buy NFTs and are used for voting. Balance your token count, you obviously want to collect your NFTs but not lose out on votes. The more token cards you have, the greater your influence on the game.

DAO cards (orange) allow you to hold votes. When you draw this card, place it on the table and read out the description. Then each player selects either his "Yes" or "No" card, combines it with a token card of his choice, and places it on the table in such a way that the other players cannot guess what decision he has made. Then all the cards are turned face up. Now count up the tokens of the cards. The majority wins and the vote is either accepted or rejected. The minority of voters has to put back their cards to the stack.

What's behind it?

For those interested, here are a few explanations of the individual terms. You can read them for your own interest to get an overview. You can also play the game without understanding these terms.
Please also pay attention to the safety instructions! *Have fun!*

DAO

A DAO (Decentralized Autonomous Organization) is like a club, but without a leader. All members of the club can vote and make decisions about what the club should do. But there is no boss who makes all the decisions alone. Instead, there are rules and computer programs that ensure that all members are treated fairly and that the club's decisions can be seen transparently by all. So a DAO is a democratic club where all members can vote, usually weighted by tokens or NFTs, and work together to achieve things they all think are important.

Hack

A hack is when someone breaks into a computer or website without permission to steal information or cause damage. A hack tends to be directed at an organization or software and harms a larger number of people.

Scam

A scam is a fraudulent act where someone tries to get you to give up money or personal information by telling you something false or untrue. It's like someone trying to convince you to give them your money even though they won't give you anything in return, or that they are something they are not. A scam is usually directed at individuals.

NFT

An NFT (Non-Fungible Token) is like a digital collectible that you can own. It's like a rare baseball card or a piece of art, but instead of being physical, it's digital and stored on a blockchain. When you own an NFT, it means you own the original of that digital object, even if others have copies of it. It can be an image, a video, or even a 3D model that is unique and created by an artist or person who signed it.

Web3

Web3 refers to a new type of Internet built on blockchain technology. It is decentralized and provides users with a secure and transparent infrastructure that enables direct interactions between users and machines without intermediaries. By using decentralized applications (DApps) and cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin or Ethereum, the Web3 ecosystem becomes more transparent and secure. In summary, Web3 signifies a new era of the Internet that gives users more control and freedom over their data and digital lives, creating a forward-looking digital society.

Token

A token on the blockchain is like a digital coin or toy that is stored in a computer system called the blockchain. It is a special type of token based on blockchain technology that makes it very secure and hard to counterfeit. These tokens can represent different things, such as a currency or an item in a game. When you have enough of these tokens, you can sometimes exchange them for real money or other things. It is important to understand that these tokens are not physical and exist only in the computer. They are managed by a network of computers around the world and are very secure because they can't be controlled by a single person or institution.

Blockchain

A blockchain is like a digital notebook used by many people around the world to write things down and keep them safe. Every entry someone makes is stored in a block, and all the blocks are strung together to form a long chain. Once an entry is stored in a block, it cannot be changed, which means that everything on the blockchain is secure and unchangeable.

Hints

Security advice related to NFTs, hacks, scams, trading, Web3, and blockchain:

Please note that there are some risks associated with NFTs, Crypto, Scams, Trading, and Blockchain. The game is only a fictional representation of these issues and does not reflect reality. This game is not intended to encourage trading in cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and other assets, but only to convey their risks. Please check with your bank advisor and other professionals before buying or selling any assets or creating a crypto wallet.

Also, before using any platform, inform yourself about its security risks and seriousness. Also, always keep passwords, and "private keys" (for accessing your crypto wallet) offline and do not share them with anyone. No wallet maker, bank or we will ever ask you for your "seed phrase" (12-24 words), as these give unlimited and non-revocable access to your assets. If you have indeed been the victim of a scam (e.g. if you sent someone 0.1 Bitcoin), please contact the local authorities and make sure that the rest of your assets have not been compromised.

Safety Guidelines

When playing the card game, please refrain from eating, drinking, or breaking the cards. Avoid writing, drawing, or marking on the cards. Take care to prevent bending, folding, or intentionally damaging the cards. Keep the cards away from liquids and moisture. Do not place heavy objects on top of the cards. Store the cards in a safe and secure location. Play on clean and suitable surfaces. Do not tear, rip, or intentionally damage the cards. Supervise young children during gameplay to ensure their safety. Lastly, respect the cards and treat them with care. Additionally, do not fold the cards into origami shapes or use them for any purpose other than playing the designated card game. Avoid exposing the cards to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight. Do not use excessive force when shuffling or handling the cards to prevent any unintended damage. Refrain from flicking or throwing the cards, as it can lead to bending or tearing. Keep the cards away from pets or animals that may chew or scratch them.