Throb-ject of the Game

Look at those Spiky Dastards. Aren’t they cute? Don’t you just want to grab them as quick as you can? Good. Even though their defenses are up, you need to be the fastest, most fearless player to capture the Dastards and win cards.

Get Pre-scared

FOR YOUR FIRST GAME, Remove the 10 cards that have ROUNDED Dastards, and set those out of play for now. We won’t use them in the Basic Game. These rounded guys below are called Nubby Dastards or Nubbies.

Cruels Of Play

– FAST FLIPPIN’ – The designated card flippers flip over the top card from their pile. Each card depicts an image of either one or two of the five Spiky Dastards. All players now race to figure out which Dastard to grab.

– POINTY PRIZE – Players earn cards by grabbing the correct Dastards. If flipping the cards reveals two Dastards to grab, then each is worth ONE of the two flipped cards. If a player manages to grab both correct Dastards, they get BOTH cards. If flipping the cards reveals only one Dastard to grab, the player who grabs it gets BOTH of the flipped cards.

– PRICKLY PENALTY: EACH TIME a player grabs the wrong Dastard, they must give one of their cards to another player of their choice, even if they grab the right one afterward. If they do not have a card to give, that’s fine.

WINNER

Flips continue until there are no more cards to flip. Whoever has won the most cards is the winner! WAIT! WHAT IF THERE’S A TIE? Once players realize there’s a tie, the players who are tied now race to grab as many Spiky figures as they can. The most Dastards wins!

GUTSY GRABBIN’

Look at BOTH cards…now what do you see?

Only one OR two Dastards will be grabbed per flip, so...

If three or four Dastards are showing, then players race to grab the figure or figures that are NOT represented on the cards.

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Scarious Ways to Play (ADVANCED)

DON’T TOUCH THE NUBBY – Are we ready to shuffle in those 10 Nubby cards? Some of the Dastards pictured on the cards have dull spikes, or Nubbies. What’s that all about? Ahhh, good question. If a Nubby Dastard is present on either flipped card, then no one is to grab any Dastard figure. If someone DOES grab one, they must give a card to another player. The flippers then flip two more cards to cover the previous two cards. Whoever grabs a Dastard now gets twice as many cards! (Cards may pile up on back to back flips with Nubby Dastards.)

FORGET THE NUBBY – In this version, when using the Nubby cards, and a Nubby Dastard is revealed, consider all Dastards of that color INVISIBLE.

If there is a Spiky green, Spiky yellow, Spiky orange, and a Nubby pink, just the green, yellow, and orange count for figuring out what to grab. So…you’d grab the pink and blue figures!

For more devious doings, check out spikydastards.com

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