

# SAD THINGS on INDEX CARDS

A Sad Game for Sad People

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*Cards:* Deal a hand of 8 blank index cards to each player.

*Play:* Play proceeds for 8 rounds. Each round, players complete each of 3 phases simultaneously.

1. Writing Phase: Select 2 cards from your hand. For each card, choose 1 action:

- Write a sad thing on a blank card but keep it brief and melancholy
- Change something written on the card to make it even sadder

2. Meld Phase: Place the saddest card from your hand face down in front of you. Cards placed in your pile will remain there until the end of the game.

3. Pass Phase: Pass a card, with a sad thing on it, from your hand to the player on your left.

*End Game:* When only one card remains in your hand, pick up all your melded cards. Choose your saddest cards, one for each player. On each card you select: write your name, fold it in half, and pass it to one of the other players. Make sure each other player gets one. Throw away any remaining cards without sharing them – they are obviously not sad enough.

*Aftermath:* When you receive your folded cards, don't look at them. Put them in your pocket and wait until you are completely alone to read them.