Since the beginning of time, there have been two opposing forces that are the pillars of the universe and coexist in eternal balance.

Our Goddess in her infinite wisdom has sent a group of Overseers to protect our world.

They have the power of bending human traits at their will and will always battle between each other to create the perfect symmetry between virtues and vices of humankind.

It will be your choice to find the best balance, or completely crush it for your own good.

Overseers is a drafting and bluffing card game for 3 to 6 players.

Deceive your opponents, use your character abilities wisely and reach the best score after three rounds.
GAME FLOW

This is a turn-based game which will last three rounds, the player with the highest score at the end of the final round will win the game.

A game round has eight phases:

Deal ➤ Draft ➤ Placement ➤ Vote ➤ Judgment ➤ Showdown ➤ Greed ➤ Scoring

SET-UP

For the first round, assign the Leader card randomly; for the following rounds, the player with the lowest score in the previous round regardless of cumulative score acts as the Leader.

The Leader has the ability to resolve all ties during the course of that game round.

Take the Trait cards based on the number of players as instructed on the Aid card, and keep the remaining Trait cards in the box.

Trait Cards

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Total No. of Cards | 25 | 32 | 36

When calculating the score of Courage and Hope if a player holds more than three of these types of cards, the extra cards are worth zero points.
1 Deal

Shuffle and deal six Trait cards to each player, when every player has received their cards shuffle again and deal one Character card randomly to each player, everyone has to show their Character cards immediately after receiving them.

※Note: Overseers abilities are obligatory and affect only the player that has the card unless stated otherwise.

2 Draft

At the beginning of this phase these character abilities are used:

- Take three random character cards that were not drawn this round and choose one. Fushen will become that card.
- 1) At any time during the drafting phase all players must draft an additional card. 2) Can only be used once but can't be used if it causes the players to draft a sixth card.

Players will choose one Trait card they would like to keep and wait until everyone has done the same, after that, they will pass the cards to the player on their left until every player has chosen five cards, and then everyone has to discard their remaining card to form a discard pile that must be kept face-down.

※Variant: If you want to mix things up, you can change the orientation of the drafting from clockwise to anti-clockwise on each turn, for example: during the first turn all players will pass cards to the left, the second turn all players will pass cards to the right.

3 Placement

At the beginning of this phase these character abilities are used:

- You are only required to show two cards face-up in the top row, your other three cards will be face-down in the bottom row.

All players arrange the cards they drafted in two rows: the top row will consist of three cards, and the bottom row of two cards; after everyone has placed their cards, all players will reveal their top row at the same time. The bottom row will stay face-down.
4 Vote

At the beginning of this phase these character abilities are used:

1. Choose one of your cards and turn it horizontally either face-up or face-down, that card and all cards of the same color you own will no longer have any special attributes and count as 5 points each.

2. Shuffle the discard pile and draw two cards, pick one and add it face-down to your card combination and then return the other to the discard pile.

3. 1) You can peek at two face-down cards from a player of your choice. 2) You receive 3 extra points that will count towards the showdown and scoring phases.

4. Choose one card from your combination, turn it horizontally and put it face-down under any other card, that card will copy the one on top.

Based on what the players can see from the face-up cards and with the help of the information on the Aid Card, everyone will discuss to find out who is the player with the highest score in the round. During the discussion process, everyone can bluff or persuade other players to change their minds, but, it is not allowed to disclose any number-related information if you saw them using Meixiu’s ability.

After deliberating, every player puts their character card in the center of the table, and everyone, at the same time, will place their voting token on top of the character card of the player they think has the highest score.

In case of a tie, the current Leader will decide who will be the player with the highest score.

5 Judgement

The player who received more votes has to decide between the following options:

a) ADMIT: The player will choose and discard two of his own cards, and then proceed to the next phase.

b) DENY: Proceed directly to the next phase.

6 Showdown

At the beginning of this phase these character abilities are used:

During the showdown phase, courage and hope cards will count as 1 more point each. These extra points will also count towards the final score.

During the showdown phase, anger cards will receive 2 more points resulting in 8 points each. These extra points will also count towards the final score.
Players reveal their face down cards.
If in the previous phase the voted player denied and has the highest score he loses the two cards that grants him the best score, however, if he isn't, he takes a card of his choice from the discard pile.
When the voted player that denied ends up tied with another player and they both have the highest score, the Leader will decide if the player has to pay the penalty or not.

**7 Greed**

At the beginning of this phase these character abilities are used:

1) During the greed phase, take all the greed cards from the discard pile and add them to your combination.
2) You can't get robbed in the greed phase.

The player with the most Greed cards can steal one card from another player; the selected player will decide which card to give.
In case of a tie, the current leader will decide who is the player that can steal.

**8 Scoring**

At the beginning of this phase these character abilities are used:

In the scoring phase you can steal 4 points from the player of your choice.

All players calculate their total score and take the scoring tokens accordingly, the player with the least amount of points will be the new Leader for the next round.
After everyone's score were accounted for, everyone will place their scoring tokens face-down to keep this information hidden from the other players in the following rounds.

※Note: Points are hidden for future rounds but they must be shown when taking them.

**END OF THE GAME**

At the end of the third round, the player with the highest victory points will win the game.
In case of a tie, the player that never got the Leader card during the game wins.
In case of a further tie, the players will share the victory.
EXAMPLE OF A ROUND

After deliberating, Meixiu gets voted twice, while Gan and Suyin only once. To not take any risks the most voted player prefers to admit and so the player decides to discard 1 Benevolence card and 1 Courage card. All players reveal their cards and there is no need to count the players scores just yet since the voted player admitted.

The greed phase is skipped entirely since Lanfei isn't being played and nobody has Greed cards because the one used by Yanmei was turned horizontally and it lost its special attribute becoming a neutral card worth 5 points thanks to her ability.

During the scoring phase everyone counts their points, take their respective coins and show them to the others, then put them face down so this information is hidden in the following rounds.

TOURNAMENT RULES

If you feel like playing an expert mode of the game, you can use these rules:

- In the first round, distribute Character cards randomly as a normal game.
- Starting the second round onwards, put on the table (PlayerNumber + 1) Overseers and starting from the lowest scoring player in the first round and following in order of victory points, each one will choose an Overseer.
- Play four rounds instead of three.