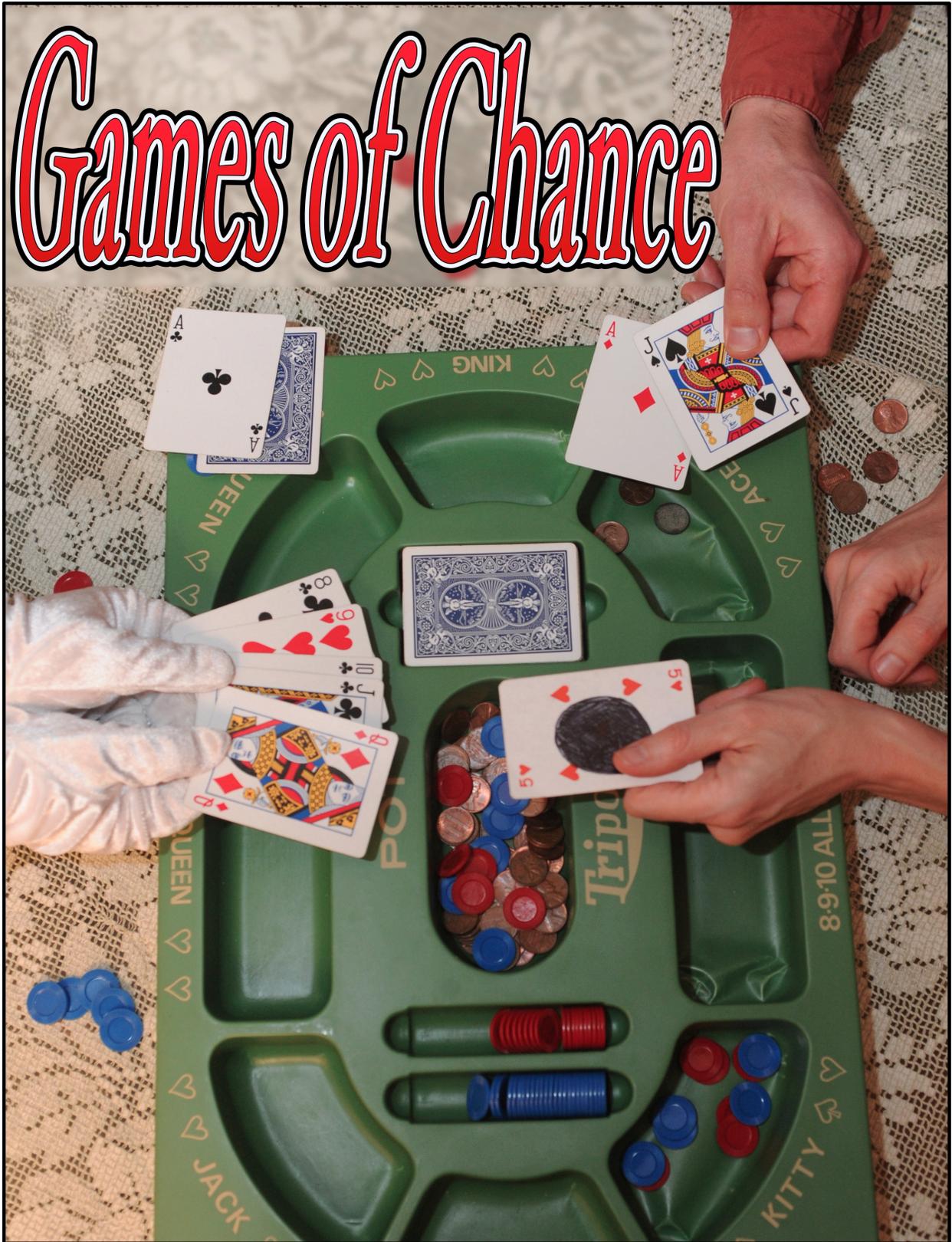


Games of Chance



Notes for the Host:

You can create a fun 'gaming' environment with just a few props! Set up several kinds of card games (blackjack and poker are great), chips or markers, and a place for dice games. Or go hogwild and have a roulette wheel and baccarat table as well! The rules are different for the Dead. Dead people can learn a total of 3 secrets from the living (who must tell the complete truth). One more thing: the Dead may ask three people for one secret, one person for three secrets, etc. But, the Dead must also always tell the truth (living people can fib and evade).

Sample Characters

Big Daddy: At the very least, a Loan Shark. More likely the secret master-puppeteer of a vast empire of swindlers, cons, sharks, smugglers, and arms dealers. YIKES. Is rumored to own a diamond mine in South Africa and a silver mine in Peru. Be veeery nice to him.....

Madame Wazonga: Well-known woman of the Occult, she claims to receive messages from the other side. Supposedly, they explain why she does so well when she gambles, especially at card games. Others have suggested that her winning secrets are more of THIS world! Although she is famous—nationally and locally--no one really knows anything about her past or her present. Who is she, where is from, and what does she want?

John Horatio Smith: A high society Gent, he is smooth with the ladies and fast with his money. Likes horses, whiskey, and women, generally in that order. It's as though Fred Astaire and James Bond were one person. He owns lots of real estate here and in the Riviera, and is happy to rent or sell anything and everything.

Pearl Opal: Glittering actress whose love of the screen is second only to her love of large and sparkly jewelry. Diamonds are a girl's best friend, right? Or emeralds, or sapphires, or rubies... Pearl has been seen with a number of men, but rumor has it there's a secret lover, and that there is trouble in Paradise. Does the impassioned starlet have a hot temper to boot?

Assistant Chief Inspector Johnson: Trying to make ends meet on an Assistant's paycheck, well, it's champagne tastes on a beer bottle budget. Luckily, our intrepid sleuth has wealthy relatives and luck with the ponies. However, rumor has it that the outflow exceeds the income of late.....

Glinda Goodberry: Socialite and reformer, Glinda has declared that all her winnings from everything she attends go to charitable causes. She is on the Board of several organizations, is often seen handing out sandwiches to the folks on the bread line, and when someone asks her, "Buddy Can You Spare a Dime", she always lends them a tenner. But is she too good to be true?

Port Master Perry: Not much gets by Port Master Perry. Small boats, ocean liners, even the airplanes and dirigibles need to register their comings, their goings, and their cargo in Perry's office. It would be tempting to a person of less moral fortitude, or a person of fewer means—luckily, Perry comes from a landed and historically wealthy, blue-blooded family, and is the very model of a modern major port master. There are rumors, however, about how the family became rich, and whether restitution is in the offing!

Zsa Zsa, the game girl: Originally the small-town girl with big Hollywood dreams, Zsa Zsa is now a wiser woman hailing from the high-stakes city of Vegas. She can shoot craps or a .45 without blinking an eye, and knows a con when she sees one!