LAKEVIEW EAST

FERTILE GROUND - A Story Telling Board Game
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THE GROUND RULES:

You need one dye and game pieces for up to 6 players.

To enter the orange "READY" hexagon, roll the dye once to determine where your character comes from.

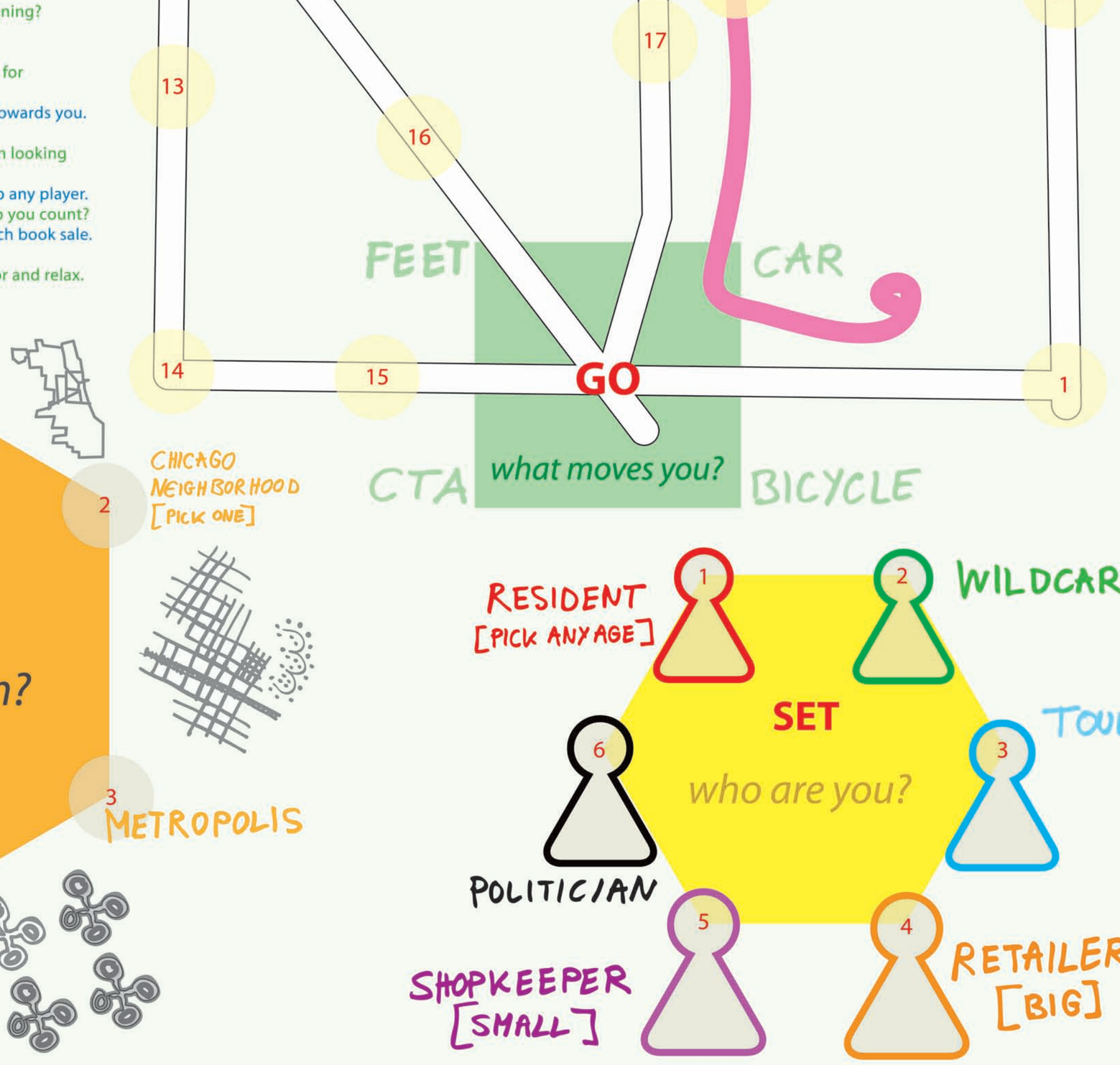
To enter the yellow "SET" hexagon, roll the dye once to determine who your character is. Proceed to the green "READY " square and take a moment to choose your mode of transportation.

Roll the dye again, the highest number plays first.

Continue to roll the dye in turn. At each station you reach, respond to the question that belongs to it from your character's perspective. Enjoy!

THE QUESTIONS:

1. *Diversey and Sheridan.* 8:00 am. You have breakfast with Rose, who has lived in Lakeview East for 80 years. What do you talk about?
2. *Wellington and Sheridan.* You strike up a conversation with Frank, who is homeless and panhandling. What is the subject?
3. *Belmont and Sheridan.* You see a guy pushing a rain barrel down the street. There's a cloud of plastic bottles over his head. What do you make of it? Give it your best shot.
4. Sunday, an afternoon at Belmont Harbor - what will you do?
5. *Roscoe and LSD.* You see your Aldermen walking by. Flag them down and tell them something that's on your mind.
6. *Stratford and LSD.* It's your lucky day. Advance to 19.
7. *Addison and LSD.* You've had it with your identity! Select a new one. Who will you be next?
8. *Addison and Broadway.* 12 year old Jane has the homework assignment to explain 'sustainability.' Help her out.
9. *Grace, Broadway, Halsted.* You've had a huge windfall and want to donate $20,000 for a good cause in this neighborhood. What will it be?
10. *Halsted and Newport.* You are visiting the neighbors at Northalsted on Halloween. Will you wear a costume?
11. *Belmont and Halsted.* You took a trip to The Goose Island Recycling Facility to drop off an old computer. Advance to 16.
12. *Clark and Halsted.* You are ready for dinner. Where will you go?
13. *Oakdale and Halsted.* You seem to have no fun at all! Go back to 7.
14. *Halsted and Diversey.* Give a quick review of the last theater piece you saw. If you didn't make it to the theater, review a movie.
15. *Orchard and Diversey.* You didn't recycle your paper this week. Go back to 5.
16. *Clark and Surf.* Jane's 10 year old brother John wants to know what happens to the computer after it has been dropped off at Goose Island.
17. *Broadway and Oakdale.* Take a break, sit on a bench. What's happening?
18. *Broadway and Wellington.* You are watching the Pride Parade. Describe the scene in front of you.
19. *Broadway and Hawthorne.* You have been invited to design a float for the Pride Parade. What will you do?
20. *Broadway and Stratford.* A cheering crowd of baseball fans walks towards you. What do you do?
21. *Melrose.* You did such a good job at #8, Jane's entire class has been looking for you to explain 'diversity' to them.
22. *Barry and Waterloo Court.* You are in charge. Assign any question to any player.
23. *Barry and Pine Grove.* Take a quick look around. How many dogs do you count?
24. *Melrose.* You picked up a book on Global Warming at the last church book sale. Give a quick summary.
25. *Belmont and Broadway.* Finish - time for your manicure. Pick a color and relax.



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