

# Project SN→AFU®

**A Game for Our Times**

**Project SN-AFU® totally lampoons the  
endless INSANITY of projects in  
today's workplace!**

**This demonstration will give you a sense  
of what it is like to play the game.**

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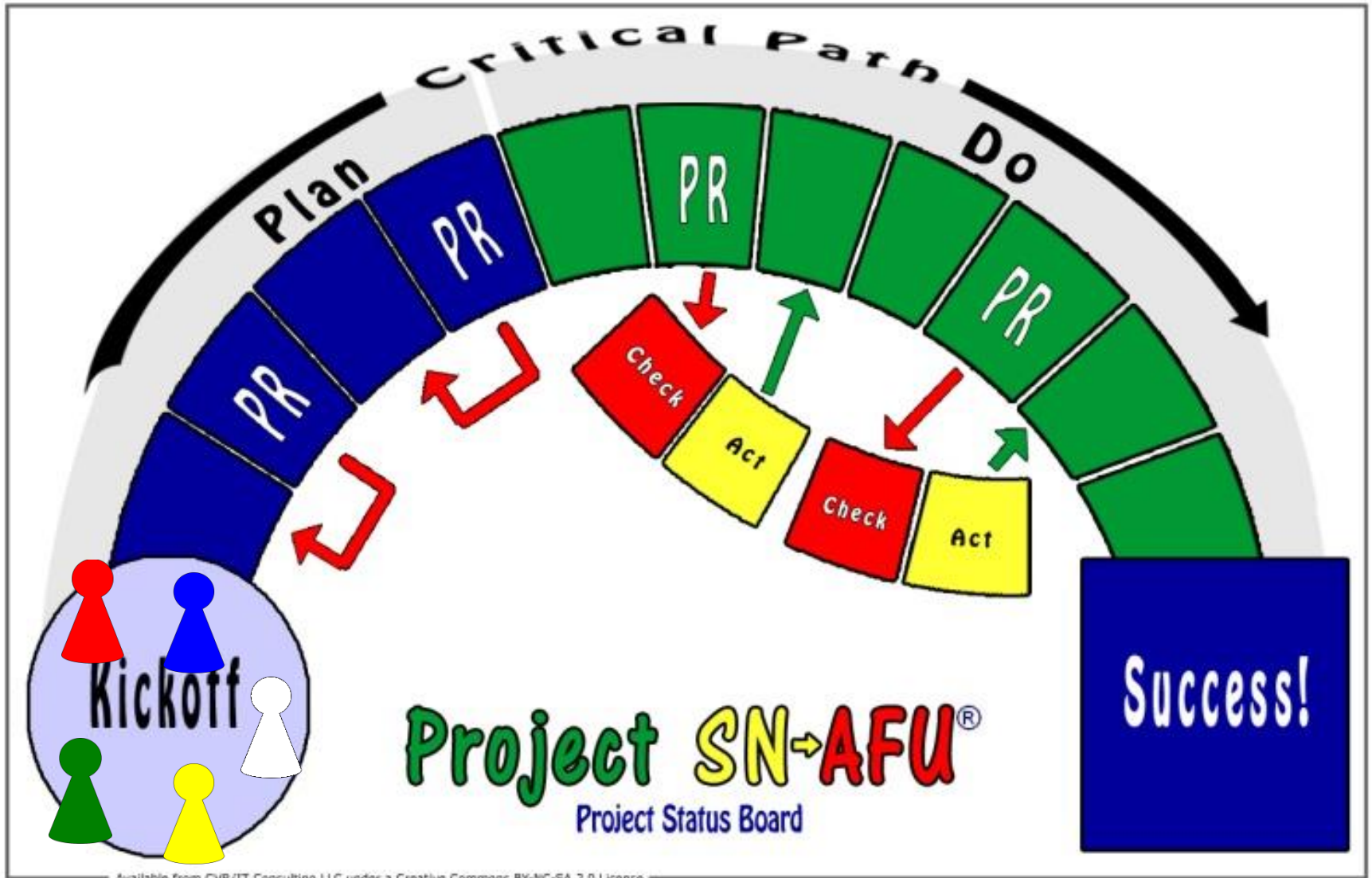
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## Goal:

- Be the first player to reach the Success space on the game board.



**This is the game board at the start of the game. Five players are in the Project Kickoff space.**

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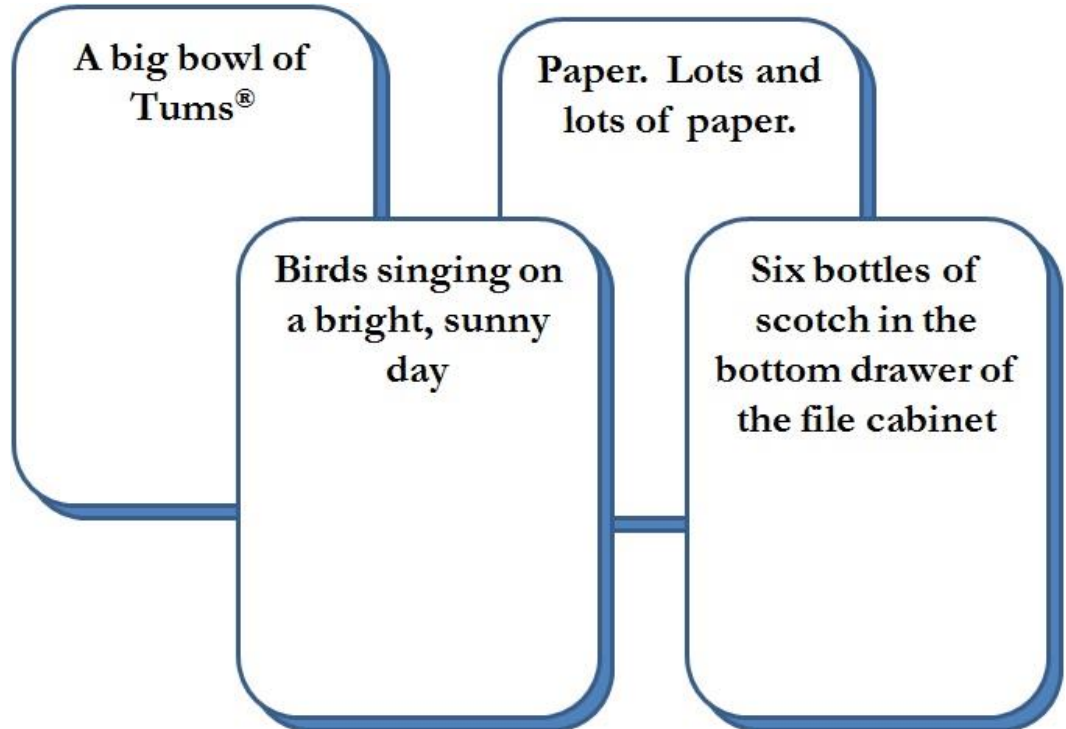
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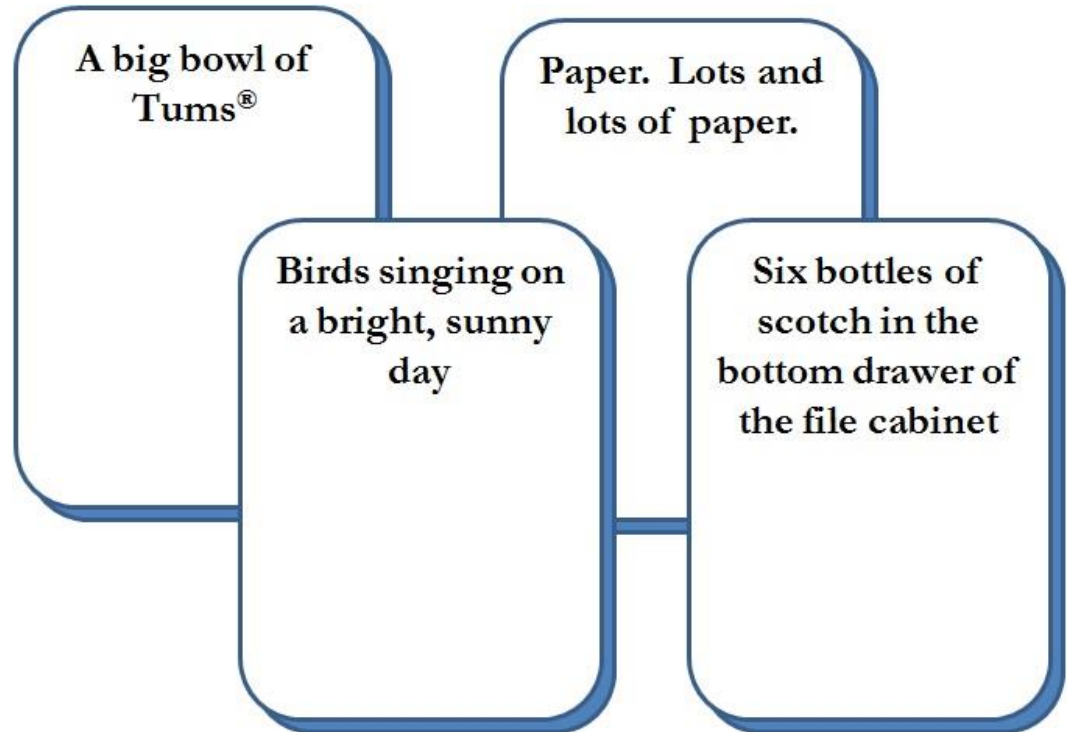
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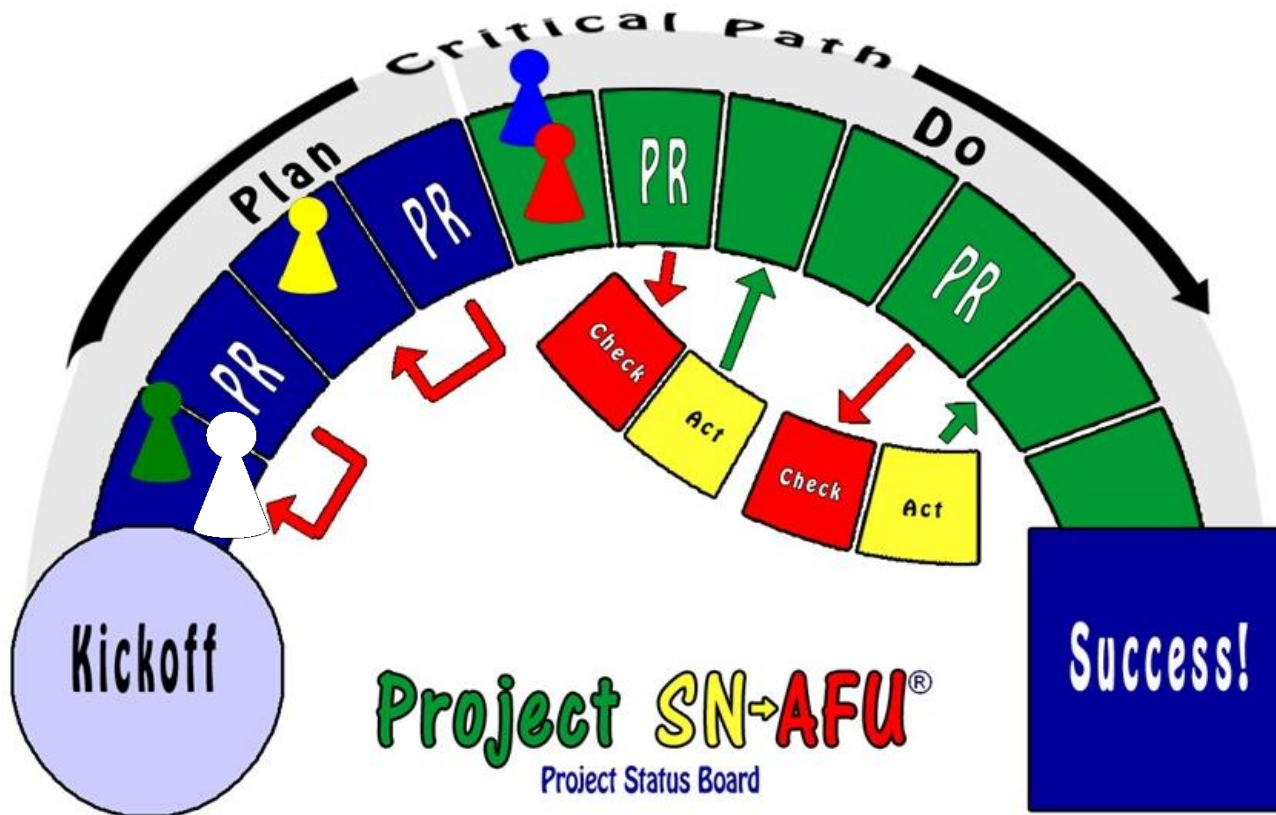
c. The Team Lead chooses the Answer he or she likes best...

... and "best" can be very, very wrong!

## Step 2: Move forward on the Project Status Board

Rule: When your Answer is chosen, move your game piece forward one space (toward Success).

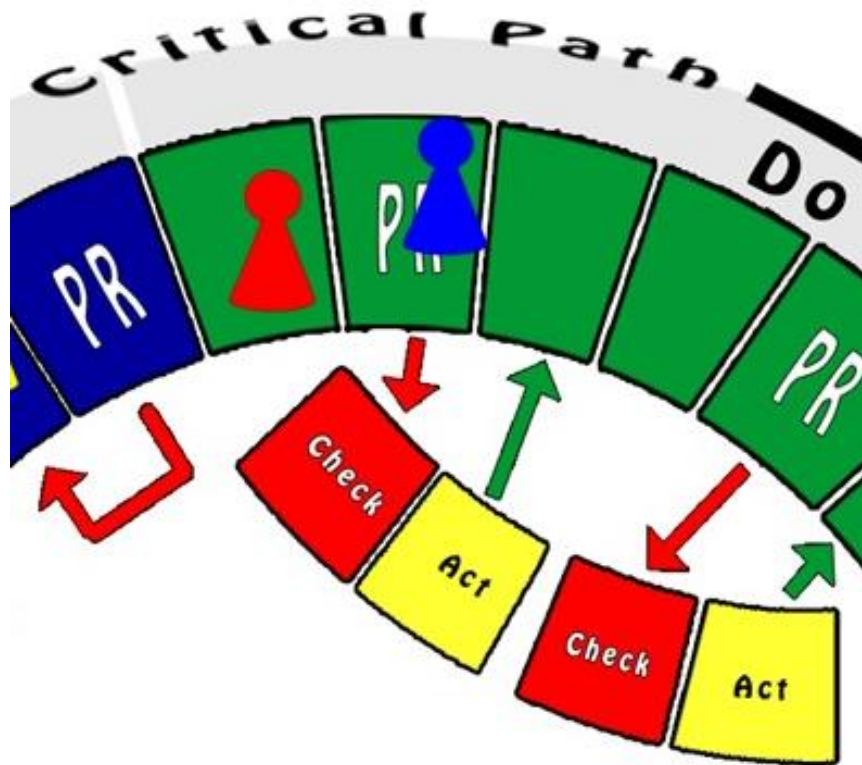
- On the board below, Blue and Red are tied for the lead on the first green space. Yellow, White, and Green lag behind.



**Project SN→AFU<sup>®</sup>**  
Project Status Board



b. The Team Lead reads a Query card and chooses Blue 's Answer. Blue moves forward into the Project Review space (PR).



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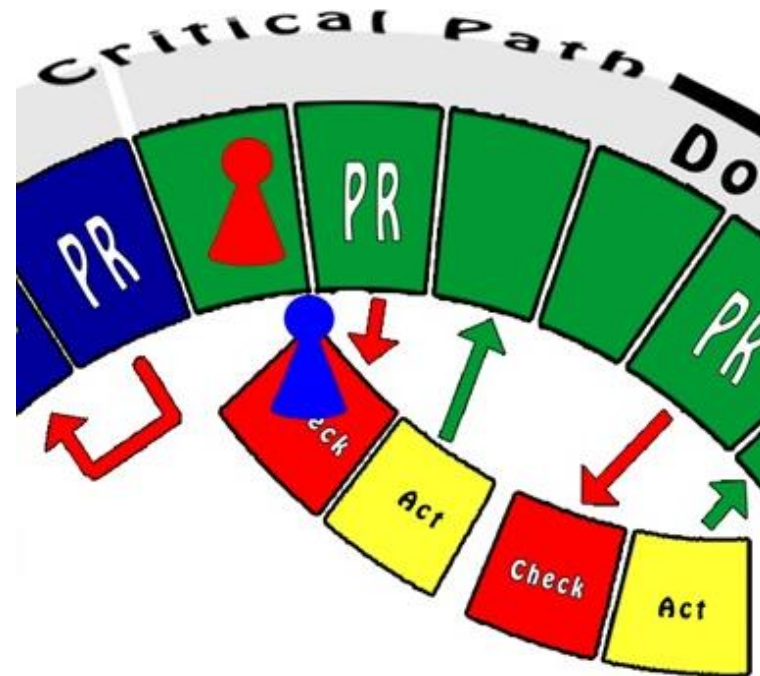
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d. "Go to Check" requires that **Blue** leave the Critical Path (in green). He is now in a **Check** space. It will take two more turns to get back on the Critical Path. This delay will make it harder for **Blue** to win the game.

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- b. **Stuff Happens free-for-all!** Anyone can give one SH card to any player. SH cards look like this:

Ethics test. Every player (clockwise) can choose to either blind-pick an Answer card from your hand, or do nothing. If they raid your hand, you play the next turn with fewer cards. An ethical person would not do that to you. Are your friends ethical?

PMO assignment: Non-verbal communication drill. You must announce your next card choice as Team Lead by drawing a picture of it.

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You have been temporarily assigned to another project. Give the next milestone you win to the player on your right

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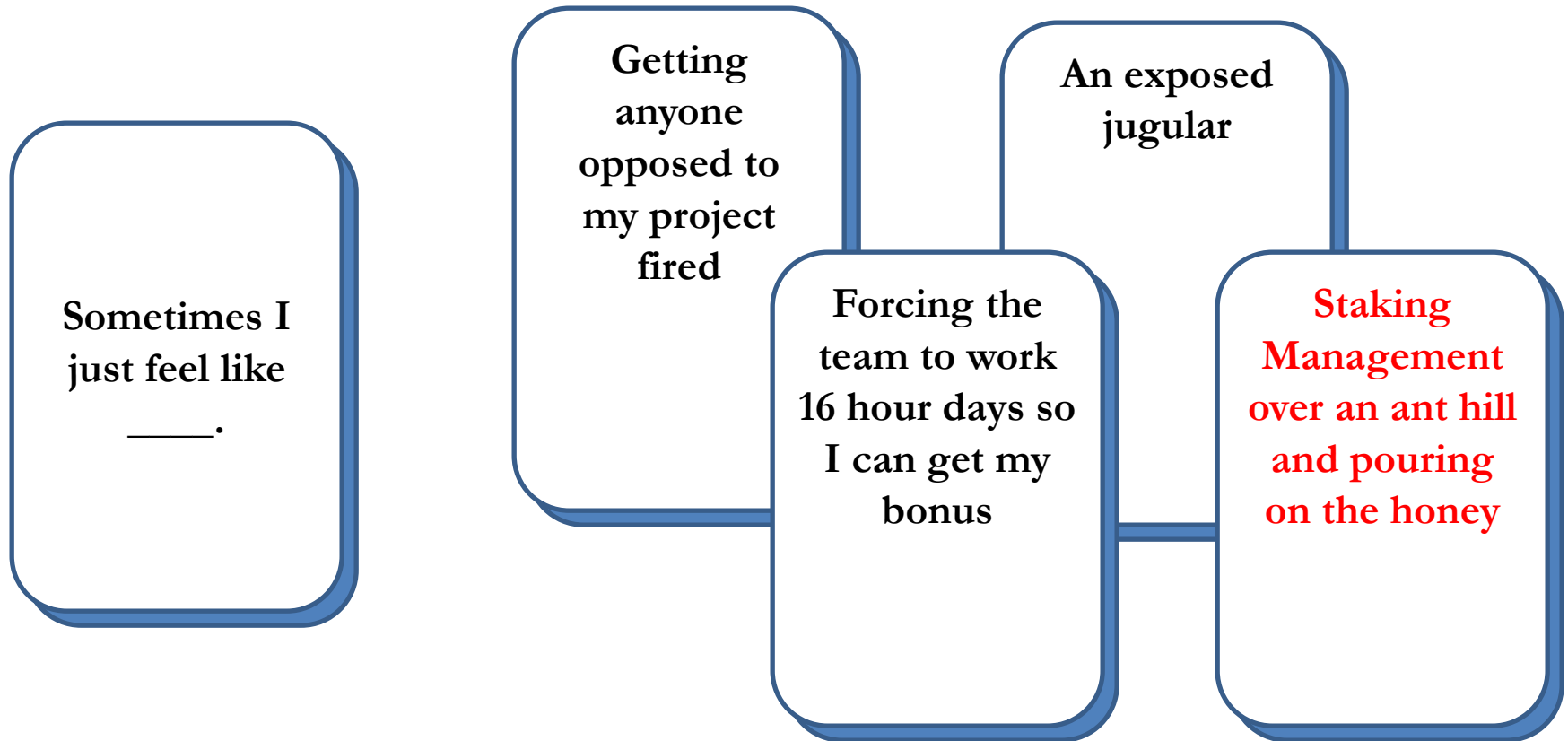
An exposed  
jugular

Forcing the  
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I can get my  
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Staking  
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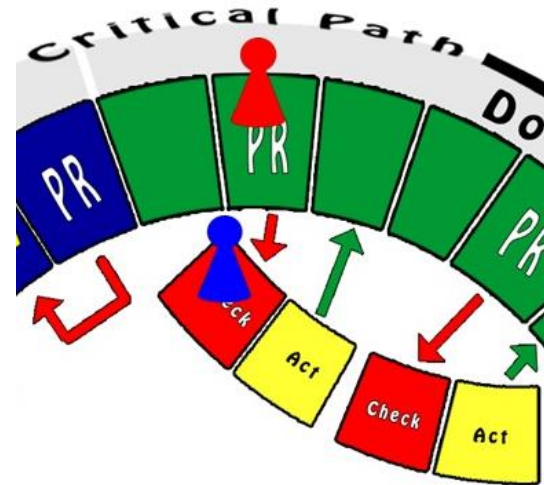
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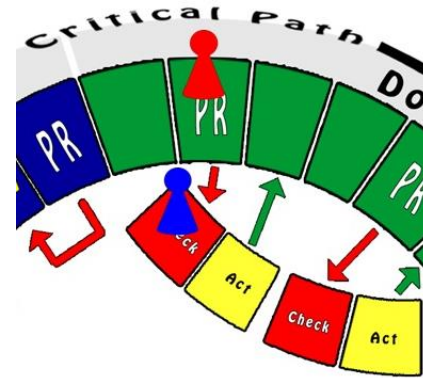
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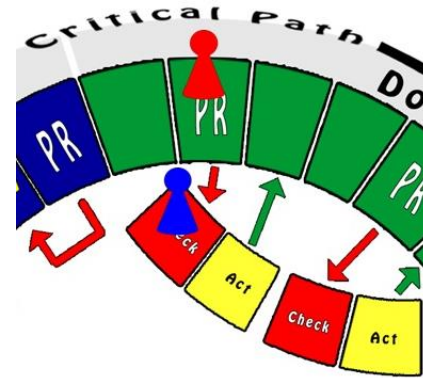
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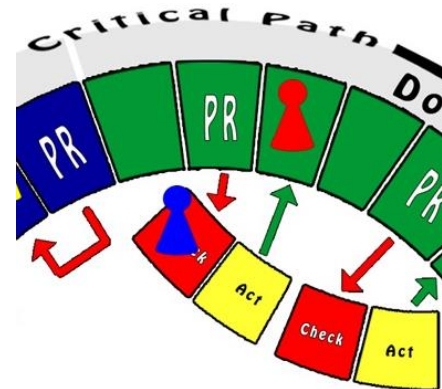
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b. Some PR cards propel you forward.

This one advanced **Red** one space.

**Red** is now in the lead!

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