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A Better Window for Your Partner

Originally, starters became exposed at the **beginning of your next turn**, giving you first access to complete your own starter. That made it possible to put down two cards and plan to finish the combination yourself.

Now, starters stay protected until the **end of your next turn**. Your partner gets the protected opportunity to complete them. If the starter is still unfinished when your turn ends, it becomes exposed - and the next opponent gets first chance.

The change puts more emphasis on partnership. A strong starter gives your partner something useful to complete, rather than simply reserving a future play for yourself.

It also creates a more interesting risk. Before starting a combination, consider what your partner might hold and what the next opponent has been collecting. Those two cards could become points for either team.

For the opposition, watching the exposure countdown now matters more. A starter approaching exposure is an opportunity to prepare for: hold a useful card, choose your draw carefully, and be ready to snatch it.

The new timing creates more competition over the board. Your team gets a protected chance to work together. If that chance passes, the other team gets the opening.