

# REVIEW: Break out that Monopoly board, it's time for 'Game Night'

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**Dust off those old board games, get out your best marker for Pictionary and settle in for a night of fun. Or just take a trip to the movies to see the newest comedy, "Game Night."**

The film follows a group of friends who are staunch gamers. Each week the friends get together to test their Pictionary and trivia skills all in good fun.

But when Max's (**Jason Bateman**) brother comes to visit, game night gets pretty interesting. This movie was full of laughs, even with some of the violence sprinkled in (*Rated R*). Bateman is great as the pseudo captain of the group, but noticeably becomes unhinged when his larger-than-life brother Brooks (**Kyle Chandler**) comes to visit and essentially hijacks his gaming crown.

Brooks introduces a new high-stakes game, but everyone is thrown for a loop when fantasy meets reality and what the group thinks is make believe is indeed real life. To step it up a notch, Brooks arranges a murder mystery party, complete with fake thugs and faux federal agents. Things get tricky when he's kidnapped and the gamers are sent out on a wild goose chase full of enigmatic clues to find him. But is this real or part of a larger game plot?

My recommendation for watching this film? Possibly in a dine-in theater with a few drinks and plenty of laughs. Just leave the kids at home.

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