The Lady and the Tiger: Hoard

A solo puzzle game

A tiger, while gnawing a bone
let out a small sigh and a moan.
“If I could just meet a lady
without eating her, maybe
I wouldn’t be all on my own.”

— Peter C. Hayward

Gems used: 5 white
5 black
5 red
5 blue
3 yellow

Objective
To win, collect all 10 Treasures before the end of the third round.

Setup
Place the 4 Door cards in a square: Lady cards on the top, Tiger cards on the bottom, Red on the left, and Blue on the right.

Place 3 yellow gems above the square. These are round markers. The other yellow gems are not used in this game.

Shuffle the remaining 20 gems and randomly place 5 of them on each of the Door cards.

Shuffle the 14 Clue cards together to form the deck.

The blue and red gems are Treasure. Treasure can only be collected from cards of the same color: red Treasure from a Red card, blue Treasure from a Blue card.

The black and white gems are Trash. Trash can only be removed in pairs of opposite colors: 1 black and 1 white together.

Gameplay
Each turn, reveal a Clue card from the deck. You must now perform an action involving the matching Door card: Red Lady, Blue Lady, Red Tiger, or Blue Tiger.

Choose 1 of the following 3 actions to perform:

Move
Take any 1 Treasure or Trash and move it between Door cards of the same role (not color). You can never move gems vertically.

• If you reveal a Tiger Clue card, move any 1 gem from 1 Tiger Door card to the other.
• If you reveal a Lady Clue card, move any 1 gem from 1 Lady Door card to the other.
Remove
If there is Trash on that Door card, remove all pairs consisting of 1 black Trash and 1 white Trash from that card. All Trash that isn’t a part of a black and white pair is left on the card.

-OR-

Collect
You may collect 1 Treasure from a Door Card if
The Treasure colour matches the Door Card
AND
There is no Trash on the Door card.

Place collected Treasure to the side; it never returns to the Door cards. You win the game by collecting all 10 Treasure.

You must take an action if possible. If you are unable to take any action, pass your turn and reveal another card.

For example, after revealing the Red Tiger, you must choose 1 of the following:
1. Move 1 Treasure or Trash from the Blue Tiger Door card to the Red Tiger Door card.
2. Move 1 Treasure or Trash from the Red Tiger Door card to the Blue Tiger Door card.
3. Remove all black/white Trash pairs from the Red Tiger Door card.
4. If there’s no Trash on the Red Tiger Door card, collect 1 red Treasure from that card.

Wild Clue cards:
- When the Blue/Red card is revealed, you must take 1 white and 1 black Trash from the removed Trash, and place 1 on each Blue Door card -OR- place 1 on each Red Door card. You choose which gem to place on which Door card.
- When the Lady/Tiger card is revealed, you must take 1 white and 1 black Trash from the removed Trash, and place 1 on each Lady Door card -OR- place 1 on each Tiger Door card. You choose which gem to place on which Door card.

If you reveal a special Clue card and there is no removed Trash, pick any 2 Door cards, and swap a black Trash from 1 with a white Trash from the other.

Trash can be swapped between Tigers and Ladies this way.

Round End
After you use the last card of the deck, place it face-up beneath 1 of the round markers. Shuffle the other Clue cards and begin a new round.

Game End
The game ends when you collect all 10 Treasure, or a card is placed under the third round marker. If you collect all the Treasures, you win!

Count up the removed Trash to determine your score. 10 points is a perfect score!

If you have not collected all the Treasures by the end of the third round, you lose!
Better luck next time! Reshuffle the gems and cards and try again.
**Difficulty**
Always scoring a perfect 10? Try again on a more advanced difficulty!

**Moderate:** Remove 1 Clue card at random at the start of the game and place it to the side, face-up.

**Hard:** Remove 2 Clue cards at the start of the game and place them to the side, face-up.

**Impossible:** Remove 3 Clue cards at the start of the game and place them face-down to the side without looking at them.