

GenCon



A FIASCO PLAYSET BY ANNA KREIDER

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BOILERPLATE

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"When you play, play *hard*." - Theodore Roosevelt

THE SCORE

THE WORST FOUR DAYS IN GAMING

Maybe you go to GenCon to get lost in deviant fantasies. Maybe you go to GenCon to be the very first person to get the Hot New Game. Or maybe you go to kill the pain of your mundane and boring life by spending way too much money on games that no one will play with you.

Whatever your reason for going, let's face it. It's four days and three nights, no sleep, lots of caffeine, and more booze. Combine that with 30,000 nerds with poor social skills and easily-provoked nerd rage, and GenCon is just a fiasco waiting to happen.

BOOKMARKS

MegaTokyo, Penny Arcade, Mac Hall, Real Life Comics

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- ◻ Parent and child
- ◻◦ Parent and step-child
- ◻◦ Siblings
- ◻◦ Cousins
- ◻◦ Aunt/Uncle and niece/nephew
- ◻◻ Distant Relatives

2 WORK

- ◻ Con-goer and booth babe
- ◻◦ Unpaid booth lackeys
- ◻◦ Employer and professional assistant
- ◻◦ Rent-a-cop and prior offender
- ◻◦ Co-workers in a depressing cubicle farm
- ◻◻ Business partners

3 THE INTERNET

- ◻ Mutual internet loathing (“I fucking hate that guy”)
- ◻◦ Co-producers of an obscure podcast
- ◻◦ Guild-mates in a popular MMORPG
- ◻◦ Members of an online writing group/PBEM
- ◻◦ Fan-comic/webcomic collaborators
- ◻◻ Celebrity and overly persistent internet stalker

4 ROMANCE

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced/separated
- ☐ Having a secret affair
- ☐ One-time drunken fling
- ☐ Lovers
- ☐ Stalker and stalkee

5 CRIME

- ☐ DVD bootlegger and vendor
- ☐ Con man and unsuspecting dupe
- ☐ Drug dealer and addict
- ☐ Thieves
- ☐ Wannabee crooks/small-time vandals
- ☐ Crime boss and desperate debtor

6 FRIENDS

- ☐ Frenemies (public friends, secret enemies)
- ☐ Childhood friends
- ☐ Old college buddies
- ☐ Friends with benefits
- ☐ The friend you can always turn to
- ☐ The friend who always gets you in trouble

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NEEDS...

1 TO GET LAID

- By an Asian cos-player in a skimpy anime costume
- By GenCon Guest of Honor Margaret Flatley
- By a furry
- By as many booth babes as possible
- For the first time ever. Finally.
- By the person who humiliated you.

2 TO UNCOVER

- Where they hid the money
- Your employer's weekly lunch appointments... that last two hours
- The secrets buried in Margaret Flatley's shady past
- Something that could destroy your rival forever
- Something that seems too good to be true
- Who stole it from you and how you can steal it back

3 TO GET REVENGE

- On the guy who stole your award/trophy
- On that troll for being Wrong On The Internet
- On that celebrity you hate
- On the stupid nerds
- On your arch rival
- On women. All of them.

4 TO GET RESPECT

- From a Big Deal Game Designer
- By making everyone in awe of your dizzying intellect
- From your friends, who think you'll be a loser forever
- From your estranged family, who think you're going to hell
- From yourself, by finally growing a spine
- From the famous British Guest of Honor Michael Waldorf

5 TO GET RICH

- Through selling hoards of bootleg DVDs
- By stealing luggage
- By scoring a publishing deal for this amazing game... that you stole from the creator
- By any means necessary, no matter who stands in your way
- By holding Michael Waldorf hostage
- By stealing valuable memorabilia

6 TO GET AWAY

- From your shitty job
- From your nagging spouse/significant other
- From your parents, who think you're either gay or a loser (or both)
- From your boring, every day life
- From a crazed stalker
- From an impossible debt just about to come due

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LOCATIONS...

1 THE CONVENTION CENTER

- A quiet, out of the way sitting area, filled with sleeping geeks
- ◻ The area outside the dealers hall with all the filkers
- ◻ Near the giant beholder statue
- ◻ The hallway with hordes of female cos-players being photographed by sweaty men
- ◻ By the ATM, near the payphones
- ◻ The loading dock, near where the unused forklifts are parked

2 THE DEALERS ROOM

- The twenty-foot tall t-shirt booth, towering over all its neighbors
- ◻ Outside the boffer arena
- ◻ Near a booth in Artist's Alley
- ◻ The corset booth with a discreetly placed rack of bondage gear
- ◻ The largest hentai booth at the convention
- ◻ The Wizards of the Coast booth

3 DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

- The food court outside the dealer's room
- ◻ The greasy sub shop with really cheap food
- ◻ The fancy bistro, full of big wigs living high on the hog
- ◻ The run-down diner near the highway
- ◻ The Starbucks full of geeks desperate enough for four dollar coffee
- ◻ The brewpub full of drunk con-goers and exhausted wait-staff

4 CONVENTION CENTER BALLROOMS

- ☐ The ballroom crammed wall-to-wall with people playing Magic
- The CCG tournament with generous cash prizes
- In the room full of costumed Vampire LARPerS
- ◡ The ballroom with the after-hours costume dance
- ◡ The ballroom with tired RPGA GMs running D&D all day
- ⋮ Where the items donated to the charity auction are on display

5 THE EMBASSY SUITES

- ☐ The tacky gift shop on the lower level
- The tables in the lobby crammed with tired gamers
- Near the tiny hotel bar
- ◡ The dirty stairwell that is impossible to find
- ◡ An empty conference room stocked with pencils and water
- ⋮ By the elevator on the twentieth floor where you can see.. all... the way... down.

6 THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN INDY

- ☐ The corner with the pamphlets about why Jesus hates gamers
- A crowded sidewalk just outside the convention center
- A small, dirty alley stinking of cigarettes
- ◡ The traffic circle with the giant monument
- ◡ Under the UFO (near the Embassy Suites)
- ⋮ A badly lit parking garage

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OBJECTS...

1 WTF?

- ◻ A sealed case of hardcore tentacle porn DVDs
- ◻◦ One hundred pairs of panties packaged for discreet sale
- ◻◦ A dead hobo stuffed into a life-sized R2D2
- ◻◦◦ A van full of Cthulu dolls stuffed with cocaine
- ◻◦◦ Ten full suits of Storm Trooper armor, only slightly used
- ◻◻◻ Forty-thousand six-sided dice

2 WEAPON

- ◻ A sawed-off shot gun
- ◻◦ A pair of night-sticks
- ◻◦ A licensed replica of Gandalf's sword, Glamdring
- ◻◦◦ A home-made taser
- ◻◦◦ An incredibly realistic plastic assault rifle
- ◻◻◻ Giant boffer weapons

3 TRANSPORTATION

- ◻ A rented stretch SUV
- ◻◦ A beat-up and rusted cargo van with vanity plates
- ◻◦ A pair of Segways
- ◻◦◦ Very expensive, bright orange convertible sports car
- ◻◦◦ Touristy horse-drawn carriage
- ◻◻◻ Golf cart

4 INFORMATION

- ▣ An encrypted jump drive
- ▣◦ A stolen laptop loaded with incriminating videos
- ▣◦ The passport of British Guest of Honor Michael Waldorf
- ▣◦◦ Two hundred signed carbon copies of credit cards
- ▣◦◦ Someone else's exhibitor badge
- ▣◦◦◦ A stolen key to a storage locker

5 VALUABLES

- ▣ Ten thousand dollars in one dollar bills
- ▣◦ A complete, autographed set of pristine Mox Magic cards
- ▣◦ A locked cash register... with no key
- ▣◦◦ A wallet with thousands of dollars in signed travelers checks
- ▣◦◦ Two wrapped skids of the most hotly anticipated game
- ▣◦◦◦ A complete set of oversized, solid gold dice with diamond pips

6 SENTIMENTAL

- ▣ A newborn baby in a Boba Fett onesie
- ▣◦ The only copy of a hand-written screenplay
- ▣◦ A copy of Aragorn's ring engraved "To my Princess Bride"
- ▣◦◦ A signed photo of Felicia Day, made out to a little girl
- ▣◦◦ A signed custom drawing by a famous artist
- ▣◦◦◦ An album full of ruined pictures of a Star Wars themed wedding

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A GENCON INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS AT GENCON

For three players...

- * Family: Siblings
- * Crime: Wannabe crooks/small time vandals
- * Romance: One-time drunken fling

For four players, add...

- * The Internet: Mutual internet loathing (“I fucking hate that guy”)

For five players, add...

- * Friends: Old college buddies

NEEDS AT GENCON

For three players...

- * To Get Rich: By stealing valuable memorabilia

For four or five players, add...

- * To Get Laid: By a furry

OBJECTS AT GENCON

For three or four players...

- * WTF?: Forty-thousand six-sided dice

For five players, add...

- * Sentimental: A newborn baby in a Boba Fett onesie

LOCATIONS AT GENCON

For three, four or five players...

- * Convention Center: Near the giant beholder statue