

# ELECTION NIGHT

A FIASCO PLAYSET  
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## BOILERPLATE

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“When you play, play *hard*.” - Theodore Roosevelt

# THE SCORE

The final votes are about to be cast and tensions are running high. One last push on the campaign trail and we settle in for the wait. It's been a long and bitter campaign, but now we're finally seeing the end. Friendships have formed, and enemies have been made. We just need to keep this together for a few more hours and then maybe, just maybe, we'll find out if all the sacrifices have been worth it.

For some this is a night for celebration. For others this is a night for bitterness and grief. For others, still, it's a night suitable to settle a score or two. And for the professionals it's just business as usual.

## MOVIE NIGHT

*The Newsroom, House of Cards, The West Wing, In the Loop, In the Line of Fire, The Borgias*

# RELATIONSHIPS...

## 1 THE CAMPAIGN STAFF

- ☐ Interns
- ☐ Party elder and crony
- ☑ Security detail
- ☑ Rivaling speech writers
- ☑ Policy experts
- ☑ Social media strategists

## 2 THE MEDIA

- ☐ Pundit and talking head
- ☐ On-site production staff from a daily news comedy show
- ☑ Journalist and source
- ☑ Mainstream media opponents
- ☑ Work rivals
- ☑ On-air talent/support person

## 3 THE SECRETS

- ☐ Former sect members
- ☐ Rooting for the other side
- ☑ "It was college. It was a different time."
- ☑ Dealer and customer
- ☑ Publicly enemies, privately friends
- ☑ Old war buddies with dark memories

## 4 THE MONEY

- ◻ Labor union representatives
- ◻ Big Oil
- ◻ Accountant with bad news, and the reason for those news
- ◻ Famous musicians
- ◻ Proudly representing the military-industrial complex
- ◻ Con-artist and mark

## 5 THE FAMILY

- ◻ Married
- ◻ Parent and child
- ◻ Siblings divided by party lines
- ◻ Divorced
- ◻ Parent and son / daughter-in-law
- ◻ Distant relatives

## 6 THE OUTSIDERS

- ◻ Consultants and strategists
- ◻ Incumbents
- ◻ Swiftboaters
- ◻ Environmental activists
- ◻ "Smith. And this is my partner, Smith."
- ◻ Voters

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# NEEDS...

## 1 TO GET LAID

- ☐ ... by that celebrity
- ☐ ... without getting caught
- ◐ ... and make sure to tape it
- ◑ ... so you can prove your love
- ◒ ... while you still can
- ◓ ... again, and again, and again

## 2 TO GET FAMOUS

- ☐ ... by striking out on your own
- ☐ ... by doing it in public
- ◐ ... so they can't hurt you, anymore
- ◑ ... because that is all that matters
- ◒ ... so they finally notice you
- ◓ ... because otherwise you're screwed

## 3 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- ☐ ... by winning the election, the votes be damned
- ☐ ... by exposing the truth
- ◐ ... by getting that job
- ◑ ... by committing fraud
- ◒ ... by making them lose
- ◓ ... because you've been told to. By the voices.

## 4 TO GET RICH

- ... so you can pay off all the debts
- ... so you don't have to do this anymore
- ◻ ... by selling out
- ◻ ... by betraying those who trust you
- ◻ ... by telling it all
- ◻ ... by stealing from the public

## 5 TO COVER IT UP

- ... for national security reasons
- ... because noone would believe you
- ◻ ... so as to keep you safe
- ◻ ... to protect someone else
- ◻ ... because you've been ordered to
- ◻ ... because this is a secret you can use later

## 6 TO GET OUT

- ... before they find out
- ... because you can't take this anymore
- ◻ ... alive, after you've taken the shot
- ◻ ... of an obligaton to a dangerous outsider
- ◻ ... of this destructive relationship
- ◻ ... of that stupid promise upi made

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# LOCATIONS...

## 1 AT THE MANSION

- ◻ Guard hut by the gate
- ◻ Closet in the master bedroom
- ◐ Dining room, with the silverware laid out
- ◐◐ Underground garage, with daddy's cars
- ◐◐◐ By the supposedly empty swimming pool
- ◐◐◐ Home office, complete with large Civil War diorama

## 2 AT THE HOTEL

- ◻ Big suite, irreperably trashed
- ◻ Back room where all the decisions are made
- ◐ Ball room, filled with balloons
- ◐◐ Bar, where tired staffers await their fate
- ◐◐◐ Lobby, with the most helpful consierge
- ◐◐◐ Forgotten & curiously unguarded, corridor

## 3 ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

- ◻ Automobile factory
- ◻ Georgetown Elementary Public School
- ◐ "Rock the Vote"-party on campus
- ◐◐ Veteran's Hospital
- ◐◐◐ Corn refinery
- ◐◐◐ Nuclear power plant



## 4 IN THE HALLS OF POWER

- ▣ Senate floor
- ▣ Office without corners
- ◐ Command center, one with a big screen and serious people
- ◑ By the watercooler
- ◑ Conference room, with that big table
- ◑◑ Non-denominational prayer room

## 5 SOMEWHERE ELSE

- ▣ Balcony overlooking the entrance
- ▣ Dark car park, suitable for meetings
- ◐ Diner, with the tastiest ribs you've ever had
- ◑ TV studio, where the camera runs hot, and so do emotions
- ◑ Underground metro station
- ◑◑ Secret Service office

## 6 OUT IN THE COLD

- ▣ Polling station in the 5th district
- ▣ By the barricades
- ◐ In the shadow of the Lincoln memorial
- ◑ Cheap room in the wrong hotel
- ◑ Near the border
- ◑◑ Jogging trail through the forest

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# OBJECTS...

## 1 SCANDALS

- ☐ My Little Pony-themed sex gear
- ☐ Impressive pile of IOUs
- ◐ Old college paper article, possibly racist
- ◑ Medical records
- ◑ Richard Nixon-mask, stained with precious bodily fluids
- ◑ Receipts from that trip to Thailand, you know, *that* one

## 2 FORGOTTEN

- ☐ Bag of medicine
- ☐ Secret Swiss bank account number
- ◐ Cellphone, with a lot of interesting text messages
- ◑ Stash of recreational drugs
- ◑ Original birth certificate
- ◑ Box of cured moose meat, given as a gift from the proud Sami people of Lapland

## 3 NEEDFUL THINGS

- ☐ Voting machines, hacked
- ☐ The launch codes
- ◐ Car, fast, heavy, and bullet proof
- ◑ Briefcase full of money
- ◑ Concession speech
- ◑ Password to the candidate's Twitter account

## 4 CRIMINAL

- ◻ Rifle, disassembled
- ◻ Cocaine. So much cocaine
- ◐ Laptop that noone should open
- ◑ Bomb, ticking
- ◒ Recording from Dallas, November 22, 1963, from an angle you've never seen before
- ◓ Blood stained sheets

## 5 VANITY

- ◻ Toupé
- ◻ Award-winning dressage horse, named Rafalca
- ◐ Set of military medals, bought from a pawn shop
- ◑ Expensive suit, destroyed by dry cleaning
- ◒ Big jar of Viagra
- ◓ Funny-smelling Cuban cigars

## 6 TOOLS

- ◻ Couple of dildos attached to small drones
- ◻ Secret Service earplug and microphone set
- ◐ Red phone, with a direct line to someplace important
- ◑ Private jet, fueled and ready
- ◒ Tape recorder
- ◓ Room service cart

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# AN ELECTION NIGHT QUICKIE SETUP

## RELATIONSHIPS ON ELECTION NIGHT

For three players...

- \* The Campaign Staff: social media strategists
- \* The Media: Journalist and source
- \* The Money: Big Oil

For four players, add...

- \* The Secrets: "It was college. It was a different time."

For five players, add...

- \* The Outsiders: Voters

## NEEDS ON ELECTION NIGHT

For three players...

- \* To cover it up: ... for national security reasons

For four or five players, add...

- \* To get laid: ... again, and again, and again

## OBJECTS ON ELECTION NIGHT

For three or four players...

- \* Scandals: Medical records

For five players, add...

- \* Criminal: Blood stained sheets

## LOCATIONS ON ELECTION NIGHT

For three, four or five players...

- \* At the hotel: Ball room, filled with balloons