



B L O O D A N D R O P E S

a fiasco playset
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BLOOD AND ROPES

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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

BLOOD, SWEAT, AND PAIN

The steel chair crashes against your back with a thunderous clap, and the crowd's roar signals you to drop and pretend you're out. As El Diablo turns his back to signal his victory, you make your move. He never sees your finisher coming. The crowd counts with along with the referee, "1! 2! 3!" and victory is yours. You rise from the mat and raise your new championship belt overhead to an arena going mad.

Professional wrestling is scripted, but it is not fake. The money, fame, and glory are all very real, and the belts still go to those who work hardest: in the gym, on the microphone, in the ring. But some work—maybe most—the fans will never see. The underhanded backroom deals, the chemicals that performers pump into their bodies, the backstabbing that aren't a part of any angle. It takes a lot to get to the top, and a lot of people are fighting for it.

So hold your new championship belt high. *You earned it.*

MOVIE NIGHT

WWE RAW (TV), WWE SmackDown (TV), TNA iMPACT! (TV), Ring of Honor (TV), The Wrestler, No Holds Barred, Paradise Alley, Rocky IV, Over the Top, Against the Ropes, Raging Bull, Play It to the Bone.

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 RIVALS

- • “Legit heat”: rivals both on and off the camera
- • Best friends, but bitter enemies inside the ring
- • Top talents from competing promotions
- • Former wrestling mentor and student
- • Gimmick originator and gimmick thief
- • Executives from competing promotions

2 FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- • Siblings separated at birth, completely unaware of their connection
- • Friends since teenage backyard brawls
- • Parent/child wrestling dynasty
- • Death before revealing you’re related
- • Identical twins; no one is sure which is the evil one
- • “Siblings” in the ring

3 MONEY

- • Longtime friends, one of whom has asked for help one time too many
- • Loan shark and debtor
- • Gamblers
- • Merciless lawyer and easy target
- • Wealthy investor and humiliated aide
- • Number-one contender and World Heavyweight Champion

4 BACKSTAGE

- Head trainer and prodigy
- Stage crew member and superstar
- ◡ Boss and brown-noser
- ◢ Executive board member and grunt
- ◣ Junior creative writer and executive
- ⋮ Doctor and aging veteran wrestler

5 IN THE RING

- Tag team partners
- Mouthpiece manager and wrestler
- ◡ Biggest heel and biggest face in the promotion
- ◢ Jobber and Superstar
- ◣ Referee and wrestler
- ⋮ Broadcast team members

6 BACK ALLEY

- Former cellmates
- Local kingpin's loyal dogs
- ◡ Mutual, unsavory past
- ◢ Federal marshal and informant
- ◣ Partners in crime
- ⋮ Drug dealer and junkie

...IN THE RING

NEEDS...

1 TO GET TO THE TOP

- ...of the promotion
- ◻◻ ...of the highest-earning stars
- ◻◻◻ ...of the board of directors
- ◻◻◻◻ ...of the box office
- ◻◻◻◻◻ ...by any means necessary, no matter how bloody or illegal
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ ...of the card of the upcoming pay-per-view

2 TO GET RICH

- ...or die trying
- ◻◻ ...through fraud or trickery
- ◻◻◻ ...by ripping the company off
- ◻◻◻◻ ...by becoming the promotion's sole supplier of 'roids and painkillers
- ◻◻◻◻ ...through rigging a match
- ◻◻◻◻◻ ...by cashing out that dead guy's life insurance policy

3 TO GET REVENGE

- ...on the bosses who fucked your career
- ◻◻ ...on your life rival
- ◻◻◻ ...on the whole shithole town you grew up in
- ◻◻◻◻ ...by stabbing your best friend in the back
- ◻◻◻◻ ...by fucking your rival's partner
- ◻◻◻◻◻ ...by bleeding them in the ring

4 TO RAISE HELL

- ...during a public charity event
- ◻ ...because it's good for ratings
- ◻ ...while on your drug of your choice
- ◻ ...and let the Board of Directors deal with the aftermath
- ◻ ...and let the blood flow on the ring
- ◻ ...because the satanism thing isn't a gimmick

5 TO FUCK

- ...your boss's wife
- ◻ ...your way to the top
- ◻ ...the promotion for ruining your life
- ◻ ...up anyone who gets in your way
- ◻ ...someone famous and make a tabloid cover story
- ◻ ...up that asshole for real, in front of an international audience

6 TO ESCAPE

- ...addiction
- ◻ ...a dysfunctional relationship
- ◻ ...from the terms of your fucking contract
- ◻ ...with all the company money
- ◻ ...and live a quiet life on a farm
- ◻ ...an obligation to a dangerous person

...IN THE RING

LOCATIONS...

1 IN THE MEDIA

- Cover of the top pro wrestling magazine
- ◻ Autograph signing session
- ◻ Press-room
- ◻ On a late-night talk show
- ◻ Movie set
- ◻ Witness stand in court

2 IN THE ARENA

- Secret hideout under the ring
- ◻ Broadcast team box
- ◻ Entrance arena and ring walkway
- ◻ In the stands with the audience
- ◻ On the mat, centerstage
- ◻ Light rigging, high above the ring

3 BACKSTAGE

- Female wrestlers' locker room
- ◻ Manager's office
- ◻ Semi truck backed into the loading dock
- ◻ Supply closet
- ◻ Champion's wardrobe
- ◻ Media room

4 CHEAP HOTEL

- ◻ Pool and hot tub area (closes at 9PM)
- ◻ Poorly stocked bar (closes at 1AM)
- ◻ Deposit room
- ◻ Wildest fucking party ever
- ◻ Golf game on the roof
- ◻ “Luxury” suite

5 PARKING LOT

- ◻ Old, smelly RV with a lot of wrestling stickers on it
- ◻ Chief Operating Officer’s reserved parking space
- ◻ Place where your car was supposed to be
- ◻ Garbage dumpsters that reek more than usual
- ◻ Drug dealer’s car
- ◻ Ambulance parked outside the building

6 DARK OR DANGEROUS

- ◻ Dodgy pub just around the corner
- ◻ Discreet, out-of-the-way corner, perfect for a clandestine meeting
- ◻ Private room, strewn about with candles and black robes
- ◻ Boiler room
- ◻ Shady street corner at the end of the lot
- ◻ Sabotaged and unstable rigging of the Titantron

...IN THE RING

OBJECTS...

1 VALUABLE

- ▣ Top draw reputation
- ▣ Blank contract
- ▣ Company safe combination
- ▣ Championship belt
- ▣ Hall of Fame ring
- ▣ Main event

2 IN THE ARENA

- ▣ Lumberjack crew
- ▣ Concrete floor and steel barrier
- ▣ Microphone
- ▣ Poorly rigged pyrotechnics
- ▣ Broadcast crew table and monitors
- ▣ Champion's wrestling gear

3 FOUND BACKSTAGE

- ▣ Angry pitbull on a leash
- ▣ Fire extinguisher
- ▣ Unattended console in the producer's office
- ▣ Enough pyrotechnic packages to blow this place to kingdom come
- ▣ Crash cart with defibrillator
- ▣ Patriotic flag

4 DANGEROUS

- ◻ Concealed blade or “gig”
- ◻ Steel chair
- ◻ Insufficient practice of a dangerous move
- ◻ Barbed-wire baseball bat
- ◻ Angry crowd about to erupt
- ◻ Scathing, unscripted criticism of the promotion

5 RING SETUP

- ◻ Inferno match
- ◻ Steel cage match
- ◻ Match for a guaranteed title shot contract
- ◻ Tables, ladders, and chairs match
- ◻ No-disqualification retirement match
- ◻ Two adjacent rings for a sixty-man battle royale

6 SICK

- ◻ .38 Special
- ◻ Blood pack
- ◻ Ziploc bag full of white powder
- ◻ Body of a dead prostitute
- ◻ Extremely compromising photos
- ◻ Four goat carcasses, fresh

...IN THE RING

A BLOODY AND BRUTAL INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE RING

For three players...

- * Rivals: "Legit heat": rivals both on and off the camera
- * In the ring: Mouthpiece manager and wrestler
- * Back alley: Drug dealer and junkie

For four players, add...

- * Family and friends: Parent/child wrestling dynasty

For five players, add...

- * Backstage: Junior creative writer and executive

NEEDS IN THE RING

For three players...

- * To get revenge...on the bosses who fucked your career

For four or five players, add...

- * To get to the top...of the card of the upcoming pay-per-view

LOCATIONS IN THE RING

For three, four, or five players...

- * Backstage: Media room

OBJECTS IN THE RING

For three or four players...

- * Dangerous: Insufficient practice of a dangerous move

For five players, add...

- * Sick: Extremely compromising photos