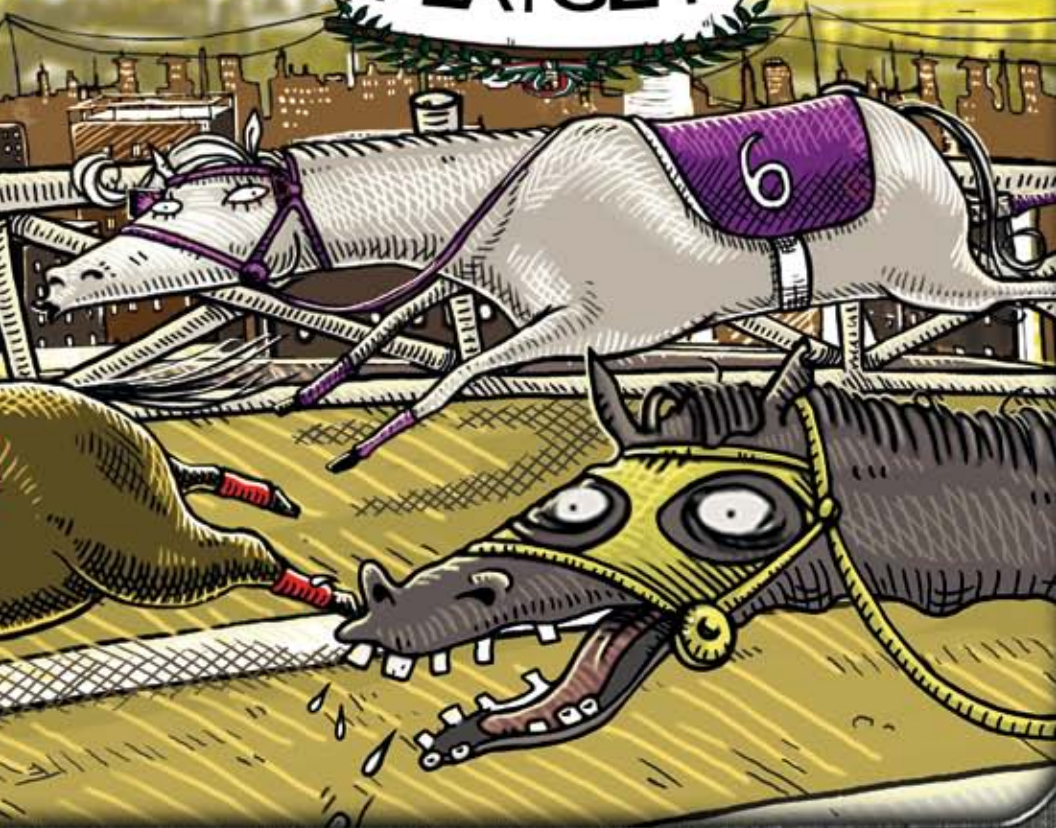




H O R S E F E V E R



A FIASCO
PLAYSET



JCO1 HORSE FEVER

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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

BACKING THE WRONG HORSE

Horseburg is a foul city, grey like the dust you breathe in the Boss' racetrack. One breath is enough to fill your lungs with corruption, greed, and filthy lies.

Before nightfall, all kinds of ne'er-do-wells crowd the bleachers, cursing at the horses they spent all their savings on—but when the sun vanishes behind the city hall, you can see the rotten heart of this town. A grim fog rises to hide the elusive, shady types scheming to decide the winning horse for tomorrow.

O'Brian, the Irishman, passes bribes on Pier 7, and down at old Daniels' pub they never stop whispering. Once, I had the luck of being invited to the bridge table of inspector Recherche.

It's always best to mind your own business, grasp information here and there and use it to bet heavily tomorrow. See, in this city, luck won't be enough to make you filthy rich. There's people out there who'd sell their own mothers for a reliable tip.

Some say you just need to know "the right people", but then "the right people" will want favors in return; many of these geniuses are down at the docks, wearing fashionable cement shoes.

Myself, I'm for natural remedies: I'll just stick to a worn out nag named Bosson nobody would bet a dime on, and make my money by grabbing a mexican jalapeno and sticking it up the right place at the right time.

Cranio Mercanti

MOVIE NIGHT

A Day at the Races, A Fine Mess, Dead Heat (2002), Febbre da Cavallo, National Velvet, On the Nose, Secretariat, Seabiscuit, Some Like it Hot, The Sting.

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- ▣ Siblings
- ▣ Cousins and lovers
- ▣ Distant relatives who have never met
- ▣ Parent and child or step-child
- ▣ Godparent and godchild
- ▣ Parent-in-law and child-in-law

2 AT THE RACES

- ▣ Jockey and stable owner
- ▣ Loan shark and victim
- ▣ Betting buddies
- ▣ Bookie and customer
- ▣ Racetrack workers
- ▣ Racetrack bartender and regular

3 FRIENDSHIP

- ▣ Enemies of an enemy
- ▣ Drinking buddies
- ▣ Sworn enemies
- ▣ Friendly rivals
- ▣ Former cellmates
- ▣ Friends of a friend



4 ROMANCE

- ▣ Secret lovers
- ▣ Married
- ▣ Separated
- ▣ Stalker and victim
- ▣ One-night stand
- ▣ Former lovers



5 CRIME

- ▣ Boss and goon
- ▣ Drug dealer and customer
- ▣ Cop and informant
- ▣ Con man and mark
- ▣ Fences
- ▣ Prostitute and pimp

6 FROM THE PAST

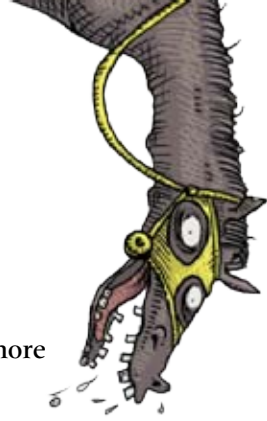
- ▣ He/she knows what I did in the past
- ▣ Grew up together in another town
- ▣ A debt never paid
- ▣ Rivals from way back
- ▣ Former business partners
- ▣ Old family grudges

**...ON JUST ANOTHER DAY
IN HORSEBURG**

NEEDS...

1 TO GET AWAY

- ... from your family
- ... from your debtors
- ... from this relationship you can't stand anymore
- ... from a charge for murder
- ... before they find out what you did
- ... from your past



2 TO GET LAID

- ... one last time
- ... to prove something
- ... to get what you want
- ... to rekindle an old flame
- ... to hurt someone (even yourself)
- ... to win a bet

3 TO WIN

- ... your last race
- ... the respect of your family
- ... thanks to a good tip
- ... by finally betting on the right horse
- ... over your fears
- ... over the boredom of your life

4 TO GET RICH

- ▣ ... at the expense of your family
- ▣ ... through a profitable deal
- ▣ ... by committing a grisly crime
- ▣ ... through a deal with the mob
- ▣ ... by selling what you know
- ▣ ... by fixing a race



5 TO GET EVEN

- ▣ ... with that bastard that ran away with the money
- ▣ ... with your rival
- ▣ ... with someone you think is lying to you
- ▣ ... with your bookie
- ▣ ... with the mob
- ▣ ... with someone who owes you, big time

6 TO GET RESPECT

- ▣ ... from your family, by doing something unexpected
- ▣ ... from your superiors, by seizing the initiative
- ▣ ... from your love, by keeping a promise
- ▣ ... from the mob, by doing something you would have never done
- ▣ ... from everyone down at the racetrack, by cheating
- ▣ ... from yourself, by doing what is right

**...ON JUST ANOTHER DAY
IN HORSEBURG**

LOCATIONS...

1 WHERE THE MONEY IS

- ▣ Branch #11 of the First National Bank
- ▣ The biennial horse show
- ▣ The opera theatre
- ▣ The international expo
- ▣ The imperial suite of the Von Halt Hotel
- ▣ The French fashion boutique



2 UPTOWN

- ▣ Central Plaza, at 12 o' clock
- ▣ The villa of Cràneo Cervantes, owner of the stable El Fragor Rojo
- ▣ The parlour of Adalbert Diplomatitsch
- ▣ The botanical garden
- ▣ An antiques shop
- ▣ The mansion of Adrien Justice, the judge

3 THE SLUMS

- ▣ Michele Cuorlione's illegal gambling den
- ▣ The dark alley behind the opera theatre
- ▣ Pier 17
- ▣ A warehouse full of stolen goods
- ▣ The room of Miss Paris, the boss' girl
- ▣ The office of Philippe Justice, brother of the judge

4 THE RACETRACK

- ▣ The paddock, before the fifth race
- ▣ The betting office
- ▣ A private suite in the VIP stands
- ▣ The stalls assigned to the stable L'Ardor Giallo
- ▣ The restaurant on the first floor
- ▣ The jockeys' locker room

5 OUT OF TOWN

- ▣ Highway 37, a few miles from the border
- ▣ The training track of the stable Virtus Alba
- ▣ The shore of the artificial lake
- ▣ The summer residence of Cranio Mercanti
- ▣ Little Cesar's diner
- ▣ The oil wells of Oliver Oil

6 PUBLIC

- ▣ Platform Eight at the train station
- ▣ The mayor's office
- ▣ The veterinarian's waiting room
- ▣ The catholic church in the Italian neighborhood
- ▣ The police station
- ▣ The Horseburg zoo



**...ON JUST ANOTHER DAY
IN HORSEBURG**

OBJECTS...

1 VALUABLE

- ▣ Ownership certificate for the purebred “Napoléon”
- ▣ Formula of the drug that no test can identify... yet
- ▣ Winning ticket for the third race
- ▣ Diamond necklace
- ▣ Bearer bonds worth half a million dollars
- ▣ Leather briefcase full of dollar bills

2 WEAPON

- ▣ Violin case
- ▣ Starter’s gun
- ▣ Jockey’s whip
- ▣ .22 handgun, small enough to fit in a purse
- ▣ Tommy gun
- ▣ Blacksmith’s hammer

3 INFORMATION

- ▣ Phone call overheard by accident
- ▣ Combination of a security box
- ▣ “El Guapo” winning the third race
- ▣ Conversations heard in a VIP stand at the racetrack
- ▣ Password for that exclusive club
- ▣ “Biscuit de Mer” placed in the first race

4 UNTOWARD

- ☐ Corpse in the wardrobe
- ☐ Pouch stuffed with drugs
- ☐ Bottle of horse poison
- ☐ Shirt stained with blood
- ☐ Two stereotypes for 100 \$ bills
- ☐ Jacket with the perfume of another woman / another man



5 SENTIMENTAL

- ☐ Trot derby cup from 15 years ago
- ☐ Medallion with a portrait inside
- ☐ Trappings of the old “Varonne”, unforgotten champion
- ☐ Engagement ring
- ☐ Lucky horseshoe
- ☐ Signed love letter

6 TRANSPORTATION

- ☐ Trailer for horse transport
- ☐ Tractor
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Horse that looks exactly like the most promising champion of the last 10 years
- ☐ Tourist hot-air balloon near the racetrack
- ☐ Racing Bugatti

**...ON JUST ANOTHER DAY
IN HORSEBURG**

AN HORSEBURG INSTA SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN HORSEBURG

For three players...

- * Family: Parent and child or step-child
- * At the races: Bookie and customer
- * Crime: Boss and goon

For four players, add...

- * Romance: Secret lovers

For five players, add...

- * From the past: A debt never paid



NEEDS IN HORSEBURG

For three players...

- * To win... by finally betting on the right horse

For four or five players, add...

- * To get rich... through a deal with the mob

LOCATIONS IN HORSEBURG

For three, four or five players...

- * The Racetrack: The betting office

OBJECTS IN HORSEBURG

For three or four players...

- * Information: "El Guapo" winning the third race

For five players, add...

- * Weapon: Violin case

PLACE YOUR BETS!

Almost two years ago, our friends from Cranio Creations asked us if we could help them find a way to bring the spirit and the situation of their first board game into a roleplaying game. As they told us the main setting elements of *Horse Fever* they wanted highlighted in a roleplaying game, our thoughts immediately ran to *Fiasco*.

After trying *Fiasco* they too fell in love with Jason Morningstar's game, and together we decided to work on a playset dedicated to the debauched city of Horseburg, where all the *Horse Fever* races are held.

What you hold in your hands is the result of the cooperation between Cranio Creations and Janus Design.

The Janus Design Crew

HORSE FEVER

Horse Fever is a wonderful game about horse races, bets and backstabbing set in the early 20th Century. Players have to earn the most money by betting, buying horses and whole stables. Mutual sabotage will influence the race result. Very nice setting and cool graphics for a game easy to learn in five minutes tops.



CRANIO CREATIONS

Cranio Creations is a labour of love for board games and fun. We love both playing and having a laugh and so, back in 2009, we started with our first game, *Horse Fever*, designing and producing everything from scratch. After bringing it to Essen, we produced two new games: *Monkey See Monkey Do* and *Escape From The Aliens In Outer Space*, both created in collaboration with other designers. We're back at the drawing board with *Dungeon Fighter*, our new solution for laughs and endless gaming nights! Find out more at <http://www.craniocreations.com>



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JANUS DESIGN

Janus Design is the editorial branch of Associazione Culturale Janus, born in 2008 from a group of friends and RPG enthusiasts. Since then it has established as one of the most prolific and successful RPG publishers in Italy, translating and publishing (among many others) the Italian editions of *Polaris*, *Fiasco* and *Don't Rest Your Head*. Read more about Janus at <http://janus-design.it>

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