

Pipe-weed - A Fiasco Playset

The Score

The Shire -- the name conjures images of rolling green hills, serene walks through the countryside, and small but diligent hands working the good earth. But beneath the Shire's veneer of peaceful, good-natured living lies an orgy of pipe-weed, overeating, and reckless pyromania. Lavish closed-gate garden parties are the toast of Hobbiton, thrown at the slightest whim by the Shire's idle landed gentry. Ancient family disagreements fester amidst the revelry, waiting for a miscooked pie or misspoke pluralization (*Proudfeet!*) to provoke a storm of scorn and petty bickering. And at any moment, a senile wizard or a few besotted dwarves could wander into town, turning a mild afternoon of pipe-smoking into a life-threatening misadventure. There's more to hobbits than meets the eye, and any day in the Shire is just a puff away from mischief and disaster.

Movie Night

Fellowship of the Ring (the parts in the Shire and Bree-Town at the beginning)
Willow (especially the first half of the movie)
Rankin-Bass cartoons (The Hobbit, Return of the King)
The Hobbit, Parts 1, 2, & 3 (once it's released)

Relationships

1 - Family

- 1 - 3rd cousins twice removed
- 2 - 1st cousins
- 3 - distant but feuding relations (e.g. Bagginses vs. Sackville-Bagginses)
- 4 - black sheep and favorite son
- 5 - gaffer and tween
- 6 - aging bachelor and adopted heir

2 - Community

- 1 - fence-sharing neighbors
- 2 - rival party hosts/hostesses
- 3 - born on the same day
- 4 - freeloader and homeowner
- 5 - tavern regulars
- 6 - eccentric and gossip

3 - Mischief

- 1 - Shiriff and troublemaker
- 2 - gardener and radish thief
- 3 - young bucks
- 4 - hiker and dog owner

- 5 - squatters
- 6 - old pranksters

4 - Love

- 1 - sweethearts
- 2 - secret longing
- 3 - old married couple
- 4 - lovers from rival families
- 5 - master and loyal servant
- 6 - handholding buddies

5 - Trade

- 1 - pipeweed farmers
- 2 - beer brewers
- 3 - employer and employee
- 4 - rich bachelor and poor farmer
- 5 - innkeeper and stablehand
- 6 - historian and blowhard

6 - Outsiders

- 1 - stranger and homebody
- 2 - traveling musicians
- 3 - Underhills from Bree-Town
- 4 - letter carrier and recipient
- 5 - Big folk and Little folk
- 6 - wizard's servant and meddler

Locations

1 - Hobbiton

- 1 - a posh hobbit hole on Bagshot Row
- 2 - Green Dragon Inn
- 3 - a newly excavated hobbit hole
- 4 - the farmer's market
- 5 - the well at the center of town
- 6 - on top of a hill, directly above Bracegirdle Hall

2 - Buckland

- 1 - a hole in the High Hay, a 10-foot high hedge-wall
- 2 - the Hay Gate, after the start of the last watch
- 3 - the kitchen door of Brandy Hall, home of the Master of Buckland
- 4 - an abandoned hobbit hole
- 5 - a shuttered house in Crickhollow, near the High Hay
- 6 - a shortcut through the woods

3 - Western Hills

- 1 - the mathom-house, the Shire's museum
- 2 - a granite statue of the mayor at Michel Delving
- 3 - The Mill, a large water wheel
- 4 - the crossroads at Waymeet
- 5 - a naturally formed, "bottomless" cave
- 6 - a hilltop overlooking the mayor's garden

4 - By the Brandywine

- 1 - Brandywine Bridge
- 2 - Bucklebury Ferry
- 3 - The Golden Perch, home of the best beer in the Shire
- 4 - a farmer's vegetable patch in the Marish
- 5 - a shallow pool on the western bank
- 6 - a favorite fishing spot

5 - Big Folk

- 1 - the outer gates of Bree Town
- 2 - a broken Big Folk wagon on the East Road
- 3 - a ruined tower on a hill
- 4 - an Elven camp, seen only at night from a distance
- 5 - a wizard's mark, scratched into a boulder
- 6 - an empty campsite, full of over-sized gear

6 - The Wilds

- 1 - under a dead tree in the Old Forest
- 2 - a troll den (abandoned?)
- 3 - an ancient barrow
- 4 - a desolate stretch of the East Road
- 5 - a natural spring not shown on any map
- 6 - hey derry-do, it's Bombadil's house

Objects

1 - Heirloom

- 1 - a tea set
- 2 - a collection of 47 spoons
- 3 - history book, with three pages torn out
- 4 - a riddle
- 5 - a walking stick
- 6 - the Mayor's silk waistcoat

2 - Food

- 1 - a bottle of spirits
- 2 - a jar of marmalade, almost empty
- 3 - wheel of fine aged cheese
- 4 - a non-descript bag containing mushrooms
- 5 - a five-hundred year old pound cake

6 - 200 servings of birthday cake

3 - Animal

- 1 - a lost cow
- 2 - a mean, but blind, dog
- 3 - a team of horses strapped to an empty cart
- 4 - a pig named Petunia
- 5 - a cat, the best mouser in town
- 6 - a prized rooster

4 - Treasure

- 1 - riches from afar that no one has ever seen
- 2 - a deed
- 3 - a supposedly magic ring
- 4 - a mithril shirt
- 5 - a dwarven map, stained with beer
- 6 - an elven sword

5 - Goods

- 1 - pipeweed crop
- 2 - a borrowed woodax
- 3 - a boat with a leaky bottom
- 4 - a cellar full of preserves
- 5 - a sharpened butter knife
- 6 - a locked chest with no key

6 - Peculiar

- 1 - a Big Folk object
- 2 - a mummified goblin head
- 3 - a re-wrapped birthday present
- 4 - a wagonload of fireworks
- 5 - a beer barrel full of gravel
- 6 - a dead Ranger

Needs

1 - To Escape...

- 1 - the Shire
- 2 - this dreadful party
- 3 - the money I owe
- 4 - my tiresome family
- 5 - my grasping relatives
- 6 - my overtight pants

2 - To Prove...

- 1 - that I'm no coward

- 2 - my gaffer was wrong about me
- 3 - that wizards do eat babies
- 4 - that you *can* get there and back again from here
- 5 - that *everything* is bigger on a Big Folk
- 6 - you are a direct descendant of Bullroarer Took

3 - To See...

- 1 - an elf
- 2 - the inside of a rich hobbit's house
- 3 - my eleventy-first birthday
- 4 - what's over the next hill
- 5 - how much beer a Big Folk can swill
- 6 - the look on the Old Took's face

4 - To Get Even...

- 1 - with the hobbits living in my house
- 2 - with the hobbit that stole my inheritance
- 3 - with the dwarf that drank all the beer
- 4 - for not being invited to the big party
- 5 - for what they did to my flowers
- 6 - for missing elevensies

5 - To Win...

- 1 - a golfing wager
- 2 - a drinking contest
- 3 - a fight against a Brandybuck
- 4 - the respect of the Big Folk
- 5 - the title of Handsomest Feet in the Shire
- 6 - the vote for Mayor

6 - To Get Off...

- 1 - on a mess of pipeweed
- 2 - on blowing the biggest smoke ring ever
- 3 - with my attractive cousin
- 4 - by eating Daisy Smallburrow's special pie
- 5 - by stuffing my belly (and pockets) at the party
- 6 - with someone tall

Hobbit Family Names:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_hobbit_families

Hobbit First Names:

Male names tend to be one- or two-syllable corruptions of common English names, like Bilbo or Samwise.

Female names tend to be names of flowers, like Lily or Rose.