

# BANGKOK



1984



## **PLAYSET NAME**

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### **BOILERPLATE**

This playset is an accessory for the Fiasco role-playing game by Bully Pulpit Games.

This playset is inspired by one of the great fiascos of the twentieth century, the Cold War.

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# THE SCORE

## PLAYSET LOCATION

Bangkok, Thailand. In 1984 it's East vs. West; man vs. man as two separate battles are waged. In the shadows Western and Eastern spies vie for control of information – documents, telemetry, moles, anything and everything that could tip the scales past their delicate balancing point and lead to hegemony.

Under the harsh glare of television cameras and reporter scrutiny, the two sides fight a second proxy war at the Chess World Championships. The stress is palpable and it won't be long before somebody cracks.

Add to that the exotic, freewheeling, anything goes, and usually has a price, atmosphere of Bangkok and the situation is ripe for a fiasco.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Chess (the Musical), The Falcon and the Snowman, Sneakers

# RELATIONSHIPS

## 1 FELLOW BELIEVERS

- Handler and Spy
- Fellow Spies
- Spy and Mole
- Spy and Target
- Analyst and Burned Spy
- Double Agents

## 2 SEEDY

- Jewel Thief and Broker
- Smugglers
- Prostitutes
- Cop and Criminal
- Poachers
- Religious Extremists

## 3 ADVERSARIES

- Spies from Opposing Sides
- Spy and Enemies' Handler
- Assassin and Target
- Competing Assassins
- Embassy Guard and Foreign Operative
- Former Enemies

#### 4. CHESS WORLD

- Competitors
- Manager and player
- Judge and Manager
- Audience Member and Player
- Player and Judge
- Journalists Covering the Matches

#### 5. AMOROUS

- Lovers
- Ex-Lovers
- One-Night Stand
- Prostitute and Sex Tourist
- Young Married Couple
- Unrequited Lust

#### 6. THE REST OF THE CITY

- Rivals
- Bully and Victim
- Conman and Mark
- Missionaries
- Monks
- Reporter and Source

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# NEEDS

## 1 TO GET THE INFO

- About the satellites
- About the under the table betting on the match
- About the enemy's plans
- About what is under the Reclining Buddha
- About who is fixing the matches
- About the microfilm

## 2 TO GET LAID

- During the match, while participating
- By your arch-nemesis
- In front of the Reclining Buddha
- By as many people as possible
- To forget the past
- With a happy ending

## 3. TO WIN

- The World Championship
- By getting the data
- By one-upping your opponent
- The love of your life
- Respect
- International acclaim

#### 4. TO GET EVEN WITH

- The guy who beat you in the last match
- The damned spy that bested you in Berlin
- Your trainer
- Whoever burned you
- The prostitute who took the item
- The monk that promised the data

#### 5. TO GET OUT

- Of Bangkok
- Of the high stakes world of competitive chess
- Of the intelligence game
- Of your debts
- By completing the mission at all costs
- Of hot water with your handler

#### 6. TO GET RICH

- By sweeping the tournament
- By blackmailing a spy
- By selling the data on the open market
- By throwing the match
- By double-cross
- Through one final score

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# LOCATIONS

## 1 THE TOURNAMENT

- The game floor
- The reporter pit
- Hallway J-23
- The television booth
- A ticket booth
- Under the game floor

## 2 CENTRAL DISTRICT

- Wat Pho, Buddhist Temple with the Reclining Buddha
- The Grand Palace
- National Museum Art Gallery
- United Nations Building
- The Old Fort
- The Parliament House

## 3. RED LIGHT DISTRICT

- A massage parlour
- The back room of a bar
- A run-down hotel
- A swanky hotel with velvet walls
- A back alley
- The back seat of a broken down car



#### 4. POLITICAL

- The American Embassy
- The Soviet Embassy
- A secret room in the embassy
- The bowels of a prison
- A police station
- Another nation's embassy

#### 5. TRANSPORTATION

- The railway station
- A pedi-cab depot
- The airport
- Rama VIII bridge
- A private dock
- The main container yard

#### 6. ECONOMIC

- A busy street market
- A dusty second hand book store
- A sweat-shop
- The dock-side warehouses
- Little India
- A sky scraper

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# OBJECTS

## 1. UNTOWARD

- A Drunken Lady Boy Prostitute
- \$50,000 in bribes
- Thirty-two Argentinian passports
- ABBA's greatest hits on 8-track
- An amorous monkey
- A box of sex toys

## 2. WEAPONS

- A hidden knife
- A rusty sword from the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- A pair of pistols
- A sniper rifle
- An umbrella with one shot's worth of poison gas
- A suitcase bomb

## 3. THE MATCH

- The winning queen
- The chess board
- A chess timer
- All the pieces you need, except one pawn
- Your competitor's glasses
- The judge's scoring book

## THE GAME

- A sheaf of green-bar with satellite telemetry
- Punch-cards to control the weapons
- The microfilm. No, not that microfilm. The other microfilm
- Knife-shoes
- A button camera
- Incriminating photos

## INFORMATION

- The whispered name of your contact
- The garbled name of your enemy
- Every move your opponent plans to make
- Which of the judges are on the take
- Which prostitute your handler's been visiting
- Where the assassin hid his rifle

## ILLEGAL

- The body
- The codes to the Parliament house
- A briefcase filled with cocaine
- A sedated rhinoceros
- A Thai military uniform
- Two pounds of diamond dust

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## A THAI SURPRISE

# INSTA SETUP

### RELATIONSHIPS IN BANGKOK 1984

#### For three players...

- Chess World: Manager and Player
- Fellow Believers: Spy and Mole
- Amorous: Ex-Lovers

#### For four players, add...

- Adversaries: Assassin and Mole

#### For five players, add...

- Seedy: Smugglers

### NEEDS IN BANGKOK 1984

#### For three players...

- To Get Even With: The damn spy that bested you in Berlin

#### For four or five players, add...

- To Get Rich: By double-cross

### LOCATIONS IN BANGKOK 1984

#### For three or four players...

- Red Light District: A back alley

#### For five players, add...

- Political: The secret room in the embassy

### OBJECTS IN BANGKOK 1984

#### For any number of players...

- The Game: The microfilm. No, not that microfilm. The other microfilm