

FIASCO ON THE DISORIENTED EXPRESS!



A FIASCO PLAYSET
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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

ALL ABOARD!

It's the 1930's and war is nigh in Europe with Herr Hitler as Chancellor of Germany! But still, you can travel across Europe and the Orient in style on board the Orient Express. Ride the rails in style and experience the best Europe has to offer! Just remember, you fellow passengers have ulterior motives, dark desires, and secrets to conceal! Is that man you're sharing a drink with just a green grocer from Brighton, or a Nazi sympathizer bent on world domination?

Who cares? Sit back and hang on! It's going to be a bumpy ride!

MOVIE NIGHT

Murder on the Orient Express, The First Great Train Robbery, Silver Streak, Throw Momma From the Train, Transsiberian

RELATIONSHIPS...

◻ CONSULTING DETECTIVES AND OTHER BUSYBODIES

- ◻ Famous Belgian detective and bumbling companion
- ◻ British detective and physician companion
- ◻ Parish priest and well meaning parishioner
- ◻ Meddling doctor and stalwart drinking companion
- ◻ Archaeologist and current love interest
- ◻ Bumbling French Policeman and Chinese servant

◻ FAMILY

- ◻ Nouveau riche millionaire and offspring
- ◻ European noble and sibling
- ◻ Siblings sightseeing Europe
- ◻ British parent and child
- ◻ French spouses on holiday
- ◻ Half-siblings meeting for first time

◻ TRAIN PERSONNEL

- ◻ Conductor and Head Porter
- ◻ Bartender and drunk customer
- ◻ Porter and unruly passenger
- ◻ Train engineer and assistant
- ◻ Chef and head waiter
- ◻ Stowaway and train detective

CRIME

- Famous thief and gunman accomplice
- Infamous cat burglar and future victim
- Mobster and spouse
- Art thief and art forger
- Serial killer and next target
- Anarchist and unsuspecting friend

FRIENDSHIP

- Former comrades in arms from WWI
- Former enemies from WWI
- Just met on the train
- Pen pals meeting for the first time
- Former classmates
- Actors traveling to next play

WEIRD BEDFELLOWS

- Occultists looking for next sacrifice
- Pulp hero and sidekick
- Tibetan mystic and agent
- "Stage" magician and assistant
- Kung Fu master and apprentice
- Nazi and British secret agents

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NEEDS...

☐ TO GET EVEN...

- ☐ ...For the murder of a beloved relative
- ☐ ...Betraying them to the Nazis
- ☑ ...Double crossing them and taking the loot they stole in Paris
- ☑ ...For leaving them at the altar
- ☑ ...Abandoning them in that ancient tomb with all the snakes
- ☑ ...For other person being so damn beautiful

☐ TO GET AWAY...

- ☐ ...From the person who killed my beloved relative
- ☐ ...From the Nazis with the secret movie I stole from them
- ☑ ...With the fabulous jewel, the Eye of the Jaguar
- ☑ ...From the mystically chosen path I'm doomed to follow
- ☑ ...From my crazy ex-spouse and their trained assassins
- ☑ ...From this snow bound train

☑ TO GET RESPECT...

- ☐ ...For my superior detective skills
- ☐ ...From my father
- ☑ ...For my cause, whatever the cost
- ☑ ...From my fellow train workers
- ☑ ...For the University I sometimes teach at
- ☑ ...By capturing the thieves who stole that movie

TO RECOVER...

- ...The most holy artifact
- ...Da Vinci's Lost Book
- ...The fabulous jewel, the Eye of the Jaguar
- ...The "Blue" movie starring Hitler, Goering, and Himmler
- ...My grandparents wedding rings
- ...The ashes of the grand master Ping

TO GET RICH...

- ...By killing my wealthy parent
- ...By selling the fabulous jewel, the Eye of the Jaguar
- ...By getting the reward for capturing that cat burglar
- ...By returning that unfortunate movie of Hitler
- ...By selling these military secrets to the Nazis
- ...By robbing the passengers during the trip

TO GET THE TRUTH...

- ...Of who really is in charge of this train
- ...Of who murdered the wealthy passenger in the private car
- ...Of who poisoned the train's engineer
- ...Of why Nazis really want that movie back
- ...Of whether that holy artifact is really holy or not
- ...Of who is the passenger in cabin 13

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LOCATIONS

☐ GREAT TRAIN STATIONS OF EUROPE

- ☐ Gare de Paris-Est, Paris, France
- ☐ Gare de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France
- ☐ München Hauptbahnhof, München, Germany
- ☐ Wien Südbahnhof, Vienna, Austria
- ☐ Budapest Keleti, Budapest, Hungary
- ☐ București Gara de Nord, Bucharest, Romania

☐ ISTANBUL

- ☐ Istanbul Sirkeci Terminal Train Station
- ☐ A coffee shop in the Tahtakale district
- ☐ Hagia Sophia
- ☐ The Grand Bazaar
- ☐ Opium den in the Casbah
- ☐ Tarlabaşı, the seedy side of Istanbul

☐ PASSENGER CARS

- ☐ A private car near the end of the train
- ☐ A narrow passageway
- ☐ Coach seating
- ☐ A private cabin
- ☐ Passenger Cabin 13
- ☐ The shared toilet

☐ UNEXPECTED STOPS

- ☐ Freak Blizzard in the Alps
- ☐ Border check
- ☐ Hungarian bandits barricading the tracks
- ☐ A Medical Emergency in First Class
- ☐ A fallen tree across the tracks
- ☐ Someone invokes the Holy Artifact

☐ THE TRAIN

- ☐ The Engine
- ☐ First Class Baggage
- ☐ Kitchen car
- ☐ Porter car
- ☐ Railway Post Office car
- ☐ Special Cargo car

☐ ON AND ABOUT THE TRAIN

- ☐ On the roof
- ☐ Under a passenger car
- ☐ In long, dark tunnel
- ☐ On the side of the train
- ☐ Hanging from the back of the train
- ☐ Running after the train

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OBJECTS

◻ ITEMS OF DESIRE

- ◻ The fabulous jewel, the Eye of the Jaguar
- ◻ The “Blue” movie starring Hitler, Goering, and Himmler
- ◻ British Military Secrets
- ◻ A piece of the True Cross
- ◻ The Ashes of the Buddha
- ◻ A pair of wedding rings worth £20,000

◻ ITEMS OF GUILT

- ◻ A journal detailing a series of crimes
- ◻ A bloody dagger
- ◻ An old rag doll
- ◻ Blood covered bedsheets
- ◻ Incriminating photographs
- ◻ Burglar tools

◻ ITEMS OF DESTRUCTION

- ◻ A Webley Bulldog pistol
- ◻ A kangaroo hide bullwhip
- ◻ A .45 cal Smith & Wesson revolver
- ◻ A German Luger, autographed
- ◻ A sword cane
- ◻ 6 sticks of dynamite with blasting cap

☐ ITEMS OF APPAREL

- A bespoke Savoy of London suit
- The latest dress from Paris
- A folded and hidden SS uniform
- ☐ Cat burglar tights and mask
- ☐ An inflatable hunchback
- ☐ A well worn Stetson hat

☐ ITEMS OF APPETITE

- Fillet of beef with 'château' potatoes
- Chicken 'à la chasseur'
- Chaud-froid of game animals
- ☐ Poached Oysters
- ☐ Chocolate mousse with cherry sauce
- ☐ Poisoned dates

☐ ITEMS OF MISCELLANY

- A well worn field notebook with pencil
- A locket with a lock of a loved one's hair
- A meerschaum pipe kept in a slipper full of tobacco
- ☐ A false nose
- ☐ An old Pfennig
- ☐ A well used bible

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INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS

For three players

- * Famous Belgian detective and bumbling companion
- * Former enemies from WWI
- * Infamous cat burglar and future victim

For four players, add...

- * Nazi and British secret agents

NEEDS

For three players

- * To get respect for my superior detective skills

For four players, add...

- * To get rich by selling these military secrets to the Nazis

LOCATIONS

For three players

- * Unexpected stop: Freak Blizzard in the Alps

For four players, add...

- * Cabin 13

OBJECTS

For three or four players

- * The fabulous jewel, the Eye of the Jaguar