

T-72

A FIASCO PLAYSET FROM THE VSCA



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RELATIONSHIPS...

1 WORK

- 1 Tank / driver
- 2 Mentor / student
- 3 Rivals for a plum job
- 4 Commander / rebellious underling
- 5 Party spy / student activist
- 6 Stalwart comrades in arms

2 FRIENDSHIP

- 1 Thrown together by fear
- 2 Coward / protector
- 3 Drinking buddies
- 4 Competitive killers
- 5 Mutual hatred of another
- 6 Brothers

3 POLITICS

- 1 Party members
- 2 Mujahadeen sympathizers
- 3 Business partners
- 4 GRU agent / informant
- 5 GRU investigator / investigated
- 6 Western European agents

4 CRIME

- 1 Drinking the brake fluid
- 2 That time with the headman's daughter
- 3 Wanted back home for armed robbery
- 4 Smuggling out opium
- 5 Secret capitalists
- 6 Foreign saboteur and the one who knows

5 COMMUNITY

- 1 Neighbours in Pskov
- 2 Friendly with Afghans
- 3 Trainers
- 4 KGB political cadre
- 5 Professional soldiers
- 6 Chef / gourmand

6 SOUL

- 1 We know who poisoned the well
- 2 We watched and did nothing
- 3 We want to be here
- 4 Suicide pact
- 5 We saw it being buried
- 6 We fixed it last time

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DESERT, 1981**

NEEDS...

1 TO GET OUT

- 1 ...of Afghanistan
- 2 ...of the Communist party
- 3 ...of this desperately cramped tank
- 4 ...of work
- 5 ...of this fix
- 6 ...of that marriage

2 TO GET EVEN

- 1 ...for being cheated at cards
- 2 ...for being turned in
- 3 ...for the death of a mate
- 4 ...for being drafted
- 5 ...for being a subordinate
- 6 ...for being forced to do that

3 TO GET OFF

- 1 ...on a new high
- 2 ...on those lovely Afghan girls
- 3 ...on power and command
- 4 ...on a secret
- 5 ...on fucking shit up with this tank
- 6 ...on being the hero

4 TO GET RESPECT

- 1 ...as warriors
- 2 ...as brokers of peace
- 3 ...as a commander
- 4 ...by bucking authority
- 5 ...as a saviour
- 6 ...as a wheeler and dealer

5 TO GET THE TRUTH

- 1 ...about the war
- 2 ...about the tank
- 3 ...about the helicopter crash
- 4 ...about the village
- 5 ...about the poisoned well
- 6 ...about the dog

6 TO GET THIS TANK

- 1 ...to the front lines
- 2 ...repaired
- 3 ...ruined, mired, or otherwise fucked
- 4 ...sold to the Americans
- 5 ...in shape for parade
- 6 ...under our command

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LOCATIONS...

1 THE OASIS

- 1 Quicksand
- 2 Sweet water pool where Sergei drowned
- 3 In the romantic shade of a date palm
- 4 The ford in the river
- 5 The Mujahadeen camp
- 6 The chemical sheds

2 THE VILLAGE

- 1 In the bazaar
- 2 The coffee seller's stall
- 3 The stables with the prize race-horses
- 4 GRU safe house
- 5 The well
- 6 The only gas station for miles

3 THE MI-24 WRECK

- 1 The cockpit
- 2 In the shade under the guns
- 3 Behind the rocket launchers
- 4 The electronics station
- 5 The tail rotor
- 6 The cryptography locker

4 THE NARROW PASS

- 1 On the ridge overlooking the pass
- 2 The road right through
- 3 The observation post
- 4 A hidden trail
- 5 Under that huge rock
- 6 The minefield

5 HEADQUARTERS

- 1 The canteen
- 2 Major Renkov's office
- 3 The infirmary
- 4 The latrine
- 5 The armory
- 6 In the wire

6 HEADMAN'S TENT

- 1 His daughter's bed
- 2 His wife's bed
- 3 His bed
- 4 The celebration with the dancing
- 5 Hidden in the shadows
- 6 The empty cistern

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OBJECTS...

1 UNTOWARD

- 1 A 100 liter drum of adulterated fuel
- 2 A list of collaborators' names
- 3 A medical kit missing all the opiates
- 4 A case of blank ammunition
- 5 A sack full of krugeraands
- 6 The keys to a big cream Cadillac

2 FORBIDDEN

- 1 American jeans
- 2 Vodka...a lot of vodka
- 3 Short wave radio
- 4 Pornography of the worst kind
- 5 Notebook detailing atrocities
- 6 Real coffee

3 TRANSPORTATION

- 1 A helicopter headed to the front
- 2 A huge Antonov transport plane
- 3 A brand new T-80 tank no one is using
- 4 An old battered jeep
- 5 A horse and saddle
- 6 A battered bicycle

4 WEAPON

- 1 Grenades
- 2 An ornate Afghan flintlock rifle
- 3 Flamethrower
- 4 The tracks are weapons too
- 5 A Spetsnatz dagger
- 6 A handy rock

5 INFORMATION

- 1 The mirab's water records
- 2 Where they hid the money
- 3 Where the body is buried
- 4 Who got paid
- 5 Where the attack will be
- 6 A ruinous sexual history

6 SENTIMENTAL

- 1 A lock of golden hair
- 2 Your father's pocket-watch
- 3 An Order of Alexander Nevsky medal
- 4 A WW2 Luger pistol taken in Berlin
- 5 A faded photograph of a child
- 6 The old man's promise

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A T-72 INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN AFGHANISTAN

For three players...

- Politics: business partners
- Work: commander / rebellious underling
- Crime: drinking the brake fluid

For four players, add...

- Soul: we want to be here

For five players, add...

- Community: chef / gourmand

NEEDS IN AFGHANISTAN

For three players...

- To get even: ...for the death of a mate

For four or five players, add...

- To get this tank: ...repaired

LOCATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

For three, four, or five players...

- The headman's tent, in his wife's bed

OBJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN

For three or four players...

- Weapon: the tracks are weapons too

For five players, add...

- Forbidden: American jeans

GLOSSARY

GRU

Glavnoye Razvedyvatel'noye Upravleniye.
The Russian military's private foreign
spying service.

KGB

Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti.
The Soviet (now Russian) state security
agency.

MALIK

The headman of an Afghan village. One of
three sources of authority.

MIRAB

The water keeper in an Afghan village.
One of three sources of authority.

MULLAH

The third source of authority -- the
religious leader of the village.

MUJAHADEEN

The rebel opposition in Afghanistan that
mired the Soviet Union in an expensive
and largely fruitless guerilla war.

ORDER OF ALEXANDER NEVSKY

A medal of honour, not always military,
that references one of the great
medieval repulsions of German invaders
of Russia.

SPETSNAZ

Bad-ass Soviet special forces.

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This playset is loosely based on **The Beast of War**, a 1988 film by Kevin Reynolds, starring George Dzundza, Jason Patric, and Steven Bauer.

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