

TOURING ROCK BAND 2:



WHEN THE MUSIC STOPPED

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"When you play, play *hard*." - Theodore Roosevelt

THE SCORE

IT WAS A GOOD RUN

You were supposed to live fast and die young. At least you lived fast.

Now you are not so young. Not so famous. Not quite able to rise to the sybaritic occasion the way you did back in the crazy days. Back when you were the big deal, touring the world behind an album that could have—should have—gone platinum. You had your moment and now it has passed. The band broke up, over sex and money and a lot of stuff that seems trivial now.

You've had to tone it down a little, accept a new sort of reality that involved trashing fewer hotel rooms and paying more bills on time and getting prostate exams that are actually prostate exams.

But the dreams never died, and lately the various anemic side projects have been less and less satisfying. And as bad decisions and old bridges burned come back to haunt you, the idea of revisiting past glory seems better and better. God knows you need the cash. And you still have fans on the Internet who would kill to see the band get back together...

MOVIE NIGHT

Anvil: The Story of Anvil, Still Crazy, Saxondale (TV), Tutti Frutti (TV), Ladies and Gentlemen, The Fabulous Stains, Last Days Here, We Jam Econo, the third act of any movie about rock and roll including The Doors, Rock Star, and many others.

SPECIAL NOTE

Maybe you already have Relationships from a session of *Touring Rock Band*. If so, feel free to keep them in mind while defining new ones. Relationships do change over time, though, so don't be shy about retaining your characters but redefining who they are to one another. You can also call back Objects and even Locations if they are especially resonant and juicy.

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- ◻ "Divorced. But, you know, we're cool with that"
- ◻◻ Twins
- ◻◻◻ The couple that defied the odds
- ◻◻◻◻ Extramarital child and parent
- ◻◻◻◻◻ A lie told so long it became true
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Cousins

2 GOOD FRIENDS

- ◻ High school sweethearts
- ◻◻ Mentor and new kid with fast hands
- ◻◻◻ Play the same instrument, by some definition of instrument
- ◻◻◻◻ Rehab buddies
- ◻◻◻◻◻ "Nothing has changed for us since 1990"
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Composer and lyricist

3 THE GRIND

- ◻ Coworkers at funeral monument carving workshop
- ◻◻ New front man and old rocker
- ◻◻◻ Baristas
- ◻◻◻◻ "We're all roadies now"
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Desperate visionary and the stubborn one
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Boss and boss

4 PARASITES

- Old musician and number one fan
- ◐ Plastic surgeon and devoted client
- ◑ Record executive and “artist”
- ◒ Shiftless dreamer and spouse with job
- ◓ Fired agent and tour personnel
- ◔ Rock poet and social worker

5 TROUBLE

- Law enforcement officer and ex-con
- ◐ Aspiring author and ghostwriter
- ◑ Guru and follower
- ◒ Drug people
- ◓ Bitter ex-spouses
- ◔ Newest members of *King Boots Affair*

6 BAD FRIENDS

- Codependent spouses
- ◐ Misguided business partners
- ◑ Moneylender and serious debtor
- ◒ Cleaned-up addict and dealer
- ◓ The one who eventually made it big and the one who never did
- ◔ Unknown songwriter and the one who took all the credit

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NEEDS...

1 TO GET FUCKED

- ☐ ...though your body may not cooperate
- ☐ ...by Marcie Lowell
- ☐ ...by the record label to get your album deal
- ☐ ...because you never have been
- ☐ ...by that person who never would back in the day
- ☐ ...by somebody you didn't marry twice

2 TO GET WASTED

- ☐ ...while keeping your "clean living" rep
- ☐ ...in the grand manner to which you were once accustomed
- ☐ ...with your high school sweetheart
- ☐ ...in public, on television, while getting paid
- ☐ ...for one last time
- ☐ ...with a living legend

3 TO GET A LITTLE CASH

- ☐ ...from royalties you are due
- ☐ ...to fund an ironic nostalgia gig at the Beanstalk
- ☐ ...by moving a little product
- ☐ ...from selling your rock relics on the Internet
- ☐ ...to pay for all that alimony and the lawsuits
- ☐ ...by scamming free stuff from fans

4 TO GET REVENGE

- ...on *King Boots Affair*, those upstart assholes
- ◻ ...for what happened on tour all those years ago
- ◻ ...on Tito Luna for stealing your money
- ◻ ...on the monster who stole your spouse
- ◻ ...on those who made you a living joke
- ◻ ...because nobody should *ever* touch another man's falcon

5 TO GET RESPECT

- ...by finishing the magnum opus at last
- ◻ ...by recovering your pawned American Music Award
- ◻ ...by finally coming out of the closet
- ◻ ...by filling the arena one more time
- ◻ ...by playing the humanitarian card
- ◻ ...by partying harder than people half your age

6 TO GET BACK IN

- ...shape, for reasons that are pretty obvious
- ◻ ...the band
- ◻ ...the game, despite someone's reluctance
- ◻ ...to your kid's life
- ◻ ...by letting a pop star debase your life's work
- ◻ ...by scoring spots in the cast of that reality TV show

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LOCATIONS...

1 HUMBUCKER'S MUSIC STORE

- ◻ Owner's office, gold records on the wall
- ◻◦ Crawlspace beneath the drum room
- ◻◦◦ Soundproofed music lesson room
- ◻◦◦◦ Humbucker's Famous Bargain Basement
- ◻◦◦◦◦ Band and orchestra rental desk
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ Shelf where the accounts payable ledger is supposed to be

2 THE PHELPS BUILDING

- ◻ Amstar Studios
- ◻◦ Law offices of Creswell Phelps
- ◻◦◦ Dr. Gerlach Moeller, Urology
- ◻◦◦◦ The Frantic Bean coffee stand
- ◻◦◦◦◦ Pacific Breeze Cosmetic Surgery and Spa
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ Reception desk staffed by a bored rent-a-cop

3 THE BEANSTALK SHOW CLUB

- ◻ Manager's office, usually locked
- ◻◦ On stage, under the lights, like old times
- ◻◦◦ Trough urinal, men's bathroom
- ◻◦◦◦ Out in the van under drifts of cheeseburger wrappers
- ◻◦◦◦◦ Behind the bar, slinging drinks
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ Green room, grotty as ever

4 DOWNTOWN

- ◻ R. McGhee, Dental Surgery and Prosthodontics
- ◻◦ Merlin Park Occupy encampment
- ◻◦ Forever Records, long since boarded up and closed
- ◻◻ Gamehawks Falconry Supply
- ◻◻ Dumpster behind the Chicken Hut
- ◻◻◻ Namaste Books and Crystals

5 CRASH SPACE

- ◻ Crumbling mansion built ten years ago
- ◻◦ The old bus, which will never roll again
- ◻◦ Upscale condo paid for by an occasionally demanding fan
- ◻◻ Some girlfriend's duplex next to the tracks
- ◻◻◻ Empty swimming pool shaped like a double-necked guitar
- ◻◻◻ Little cottage on the grounds of the big mansion

6 11 PENTECOST ROAD

- ◻ On the roof, by the UFO beacon
- ◻◦ Brody's bedroom, where he keeps the hard stuff
- ◻◦ Basement "party" room with the hidden camera
- ◻◻ Front porch filled with old couches and college stoners
- ◻◻ The living room, where the bands play
- ◻◻◻ Out back, in the bonfire

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OBJECTS...

1 SICK AS HELL

- ◻ Extremely old grizzly bear
- ◻ Medical chart with very bad news on it
- ◻ Medical marijuana in vast quantities
- ◻ Lemmy Kilmister
- ◻ Daily dialysis support for long-ruined kidneys
- ◻ Bronzed armadillo with something engraved on it

2 ROCKIN'

- ◻ Extraordinarily precious guitar
- ◻ Bottles of pills you cannot get anywhere any more
- ◻ 15-year-old pyrotechnic charges
- ◻ Long lost studio masters of the second album
- ◻ Schott Perfecto leather jacket
- ◻ Weathered, disintegrating Scab-Man costume

3 ROLLIN'

- ◻ The old bus, Janis
- ◻ Backpack full of rubber masks and spray paint cans
- ◻ KISS lunchbox full of Viagra
- ◻ Gold record
- ◻ New contract waiting for a signature
- ◻ Tipper Gore's private phone number

A GERIATRIC ROCKER INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE MUSIC STOPS

For three players...

- * Good Friends: "Nothing has changed for us since 1990"
- * The Grind: Boss and boss
- * Bad Friends: The one who eventually made it big and the one who never did

For four players, add...

- * Family: Extramarital child and parent

For five players, add...

- * Trouble: Aspiring author and ghostwriter

NEEDS AFTER THE MUSIC STOPS

For three players...

- * ...To get revenge for what happened on tour all those years ago

For four or five players, add...

- * ...To get fucked by Marcie Lowell

LOCATIONS AFTER THE MUSIC STOPS

For three or four players...

- * Humbucker's Music Store: band and orchestra rental desk

For five players, add...

- * 11 Pentecost Road: Out back, in the bonfire

OBJECTS AFTER THE MUSIC STOPS

For three, four or five players...

- * Rockin': Long lost studio masters of the second album

NOTES

THANKS!

To everyone who submitted a Playset, published their own Playset, or rocked out to a Playset of the Month! This is our 36th official release, and the last one we plan on publishing on a regular schedule. To celebrate the run we thought it'd be fun to enlist the brilliant help of former Playset of the Month authors to make this one extra excellent, and I think we succeeded. It's an affectionate callback to our very first release, and it stands on its own quite well. Or quite disastrously, depending on your point of view...

In the future (2013 and beyond) we plan on publishing Playsets less regularly, and focusing on high quality collections as well as the really good ones that occasionally cross our desks and demand to be shared. You can expect it to be a complete trainwreck!

-JASON AND STEVE