

# HEROICS

## A FIASCO PLAYSET

### CREDITS

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### BOILERPLATE

This playset is for use with Fiasco, a role-playing game from Bully Pulpit Games ([www.bulypulpitgames.com](http://www.bulypulpitgames.com)). The playset itself is ©2012 by Ewen Cluney. Fiasco is ©2009 by Jason Morningstar.

### THE SCORE

*“Shut up, crime!”*

– The Crimson Bolt, *Super*

When you see all the crime and evil that goes on, you have to wonder, why hasn’t anyone tried to be a superhero before? It seems so easy. You just make a suit (with a mask of course), get some kind of weapon, and go beat up some bad guys. Maybe you’ll get some chicks too!

There are a few of problems though. First of all, in real life the bad guys are really fucking bad. They’re evil fuckers who kill people, and they’re not afraid of any wannabe superheroes, and they never will be unless someone manages to make them afraid. Second, being a vigilante isn’t exactly legal, and the police will be looking for you too. Lastly, anyone crazy enough to wear spandex and fight bad guys in real life probably isn’t going to be all that competent or stable.

### MOVIE NIGHT

Defendor, Super, Kick-Ass, Watchmen

# RELATIONSHIPS

## 1. HEROICS

- Hero and kid sidekick
- Hero and wannabe nemesis
- Hero and fangirl
- Hero team up
- Married hero couple
- Daddy and little killing machine

## 2. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

- Hero and suspicious detective
- Cop and useless snitch
- Mobster and lackey
- Ex-cop and current cop
- Petty embezzlement scheme
- Public defender and client

## 3. BAD NEWS

- Stripper and strip club owner
- Dealer and visiting drug lord
- Killer and target
- Child and abusive parent
- Enemies with benefits
- Stalker and stalkee

## 4. SOCIETY

- Hero and prying tabloid reporter
- Fry cook and regular customer
- Comic book store clerk and customer
- Loser and seriously vicious bully
- Psychiatrist and patient
- Office coworkers

## 5. PERSONAL

- Estranged husband and wife
- Innocent crush
- Hooker and customer
- Brothers
- BFFs
- Heroics with benefits

## 6. GEEKY

- Cosplayer and costume maker
- Comic trivia battlers
- Web forum flame warriors
- Rival toy collectors
- Comic shop loiterers
- Collaborating on a comic

**...IN A CITY THAT  
NEEDS A HERO**

# NEEDS

## 1. TO GET EVEN

- ...with the guy who took your wife
- ...with the bully who tormented you at school
- ...with the asshole who stole your girlfriend
- ...for the theft of a prized possession
- ...for a trivial (imagined?) personal slight
- ...with the cop who's after you

## 2. TO PROTECT

- ...the innocent
- ...your sidekick from getting killed
- ...your mom's house from being foreclosed
- ...the people the cops can't protect
- ...your child at all costs
- ...a beautiful woman

## 3. TO GET RESPECT

- ...by taking down a drug lord
- ...by killing the hell out of bad guys
- ...by publishing an awesome comic book
- ...by stopping this vigilante crap
- ...by recording your exploits
- ...by being the toughest around

## 4. TO KEEP

- ...mom from finding out
- ...your true identity a secret
- ...the streets safe for kids
- ...doing more drugs
- ...running away from problems
- ...them from getting hurt

## 5. TO FIND

- ...someone who can be a real hero
- ...a rare comic book
- ...our son who was kidnapped
- ...the nefarious Colonel Chicken
- ...out what they're doing at night
- ...mom's missing jewelry

## 6. TO FUCK

- ...a real superhero
- ...up that guy's fancy car
- ...and lose your virginity
- ...only after getting married
- ...in our superhero costumes
- ...as much as possible

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# LOCATIONS

## 1. BAD PARTS OF TOWN

- An alley frequented by drug dealers
- A street frequented by hookers
- A strip club frequented by mobsters
- A seedy pawn shop
- Inside a dumpster
- An intersection infamous for accidents

## 2. HIGH SOCIETY

- A high rise penthouse
- An expensive charity dinner
- A rich criminal's mansion
- The golf course
- An exclusive restaurant
- An exclusive gentleman's club

## 3. MEDIOCRITY

- A shitty apartment
- Basement full of random junk
- A trailer park
- A greasy diner
- A joyless office
- A crappy video store

## 4. NERDY

- Super Kick-Ass Comics
- HeroCon
- An internet café
- A basement for gaming
- [www.reallifesuperheroes.com](http://www.reallifesuperheroes.com)
- Starlite Arcade

## 5. A BAD IDEA

- A rooftop overlooking the city
- A junkyard
- An old cache of weapons
- An ex's wedding
- A public restroom of the opposite sex
- First National Bank

## 6. LANDMARKS

- A spooky graveyard
- City Hall
- The Museum of Contemporary Art
- The bridge
- The hospital
- Statue of Cornelius MacArthur III

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# OBJECTS

## 1. WEAPONS

- Pipe wrench
- Police baton
- A ridiculous prop sword
- A jar of angry wasps
- Can of mace
- Trained attack dog

## 2. CRIMINAL

- A fortune in cocaine
- A gun with a murderer's fingerprints
- Fake ID
- A shiv
- A crime lord's account books
- A stolen car

## 3. ANARCHY

- Pipe bombs
- Homemade napalm
- A bag of weed
- A folding glider, unlikely to work
- Bolt cutters
- A hacksaw

## 4. SENTIMENTAL

- A wedding picture with a mask taped on
- An autographed comic
- Back issues of Captain Jesus
- A smiley face button
- A teddy bear in a superhero costume
- Superhero underwear

## 5. MORE OR LESS NORMAL

- A shitty car
- A shopping cart
- Crutches
- A bag of fortune cookies
- Birth control pills
- Tentacle porn DVD

## 6. SCARY SHIT

- A walk-in sized industrial microwave
- Nerve gas
- A necklace of teeth
- A vision from Almighty God
- The corpse of someone famous
- A warning written in blood

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# HEROICS INSTA-SETUP

**Chuck:** Who writes your dialogue? Superman?

**Defendor:** No. I write it myself.

**Chuck:** You know what? You need a good ghost writer. Somebody with talent.

**Defendor:** No. You need a ghost writer. 'Cause that's what you're going to be after I pulverize you.

– Defendor

## RELATIONSHIPS

**For three players...**

- Heroics: Hero and fangirl
- Personal: Estranged husband and wife
- Crime and Punishment: Hero and suspicious detective

**For four players add...**

- Society: Psychiatrist and patient

**For five players add...**

- Geeky: Collaborating on a comic

## NEEDS

**For three or four players...**

- To find: the nefarious Colonel Chicken

**For five players, add...**

- To fuck: a real superhero

## LOCATIONS

**For three, four, or five players...**

- Nerdy: HeroCon

## OBJECTS

**For three players...**

- Weapons: A jar of angry wasps

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

- Criminal: A fortune in cocaine