

# LIGHTNING BOLT!



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# MHO2 - LIGHTNING BOLT!

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## BOILERPLATE

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

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

# THE SCORE

## EPIC ADVENTURE WITH FOAM SWORDS

Everybody knows all the cool kids are into LARP. Not only are epic stories told there, but it's also a great place to get laid. Of course that assumes you can negotiate the political and social minefield that goes on behind the scenes. You're a priest of the god of justice. Your girlfriend is an elven assassin dedicated to the demon queen of spiders. What could possibly go wrong?

Lightning Bolt! is a Fiasco playset that walks the line between in-character and out-of-character play. Play out the fantastic adventures everyone joins a LARP to enjoy, while dealing with all the behind-the-scenes bullshit that's real life. Items in the playset can refer to real-life elements or in-LARP ones, depending on how you interpret them at set-up. Go wild. For an even more interesting and challenging approach, try to integrate some elements into both types of scene.

## MOVIE NIGHT

The Gamers, The Gamers: Dorkness Rising, The Wild Hunt, Knights of Badassdom, Hawk the Slayer, countless youtube videos.

# RELATIONSHIPS...

## 1 FRIENDSHIP

- ◻ Best friends
- ◻◦ Outside looking in
- ◻◦ Frenemies
- ◻◻ One-way friendship
- ◻◻ Drinking buddies
- ◻◻◻ Siblings

## 2 ROMANCE

- ◻ One wild, drunken night
- ◻◦ Newly broken-up
- ◻◦ Couple
- ◻◻ Unrequited love
- ◻◻ Friends with benefits
- ◻◻◻ On the rebound

## 3 FELLOWSHIP

- ◻ Longtime player / newbie
- ◻◦ Group's storywriters
- ◻◦ Wannabe hero / veteran adventurer
- ◻◻ Reluctant allies
- ◻◻ Bound by a sacred oath
- ◻◻◻ Adventurer / henchman

## 4 IN CHARACTER

- ◻ Ranger and pixie companion
- ◻◻ Gimli & Legolas wannabes
- ◻◻◻ Lady Tyril and her bodyguard
- ◻◻◻ Orc Warlord and his challenger
- ◻◻◻ Vampire Lord and thrall
- ◻◻◻◻ Necromancer / zombie manservant

## 5 TROUBLE

- ◻ Pair of escaped mental patients
- ◻◻ Sworn enemies
- ◻◻◻ Religious zealot / demonic worshiper
- ◻◻◻ Loud drunks
- ◻◻◻ Swingers
- ◻◻◻◻ Rivals for group leadership

## 6 REAL LIFE

- ◻ Co-workers at Charlie's Chicken Shack
- ◻◻ Re-enactor / high Fantasy fanatic
- ◻◻◻ Lost Norwegian tourists
- ◻◻◻ Spies from a rival LARP group
- ◻◻◻◻ Weirdest kid in school and his/her toadie
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Plot-focused veteran / dressed-up camper

**...IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD**

# NEEDS...

## 1 TO GET OUT

- ...of town and as high as possible
- ◻ ...of this @\$%ing stupid group
- ◻ ...without putting yourself at risk
- ◻ ...of this labyrinth by killing every monster in it
- ◻ ...of a promise
- ◻ ...of the clan

## 2 TO BE A HERO

- ...and finally level up
- ◻ ...in your girlfriend's eyes
- ◻ ...by saving the village
- ◻ ...or famous, or rich, or whatever
- ◻ ...because there be monsters in a need of pummelin'
- ◻ ...in the public's eyes, whether it's true or not

## 3 TO HAVE SEX

- ...with anyone and everyone
- ◻ ...to make him/her stay
- ◻ ...to show you can have anyone you want
- ◻ ...and break the curse
- ◻ ...to break up their marriage
- ◻ ...and get ahead in the group

## 4 TO FIND

- ◻ ...out who slept with your mom
- ◻◦ ...a way out of this forest
- ◻◦◦ ...true love
- ◻◦◦◦ ...the Well of Souls
- ◻◦◦◦◦ ...the ingredients for an antidote
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ ...what they stole from you

## 5 TO GET EVEN

- ◻ ...with that fucking dwarf
- ◻◦ ...with the douchebag who stole my girlfriend
- ◻◦◦ ...because they ruined your life
- ◻◦◦◦ ...and break up the group
- ◻◦◦◦◦ ...with the people who didn't choose you
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ ...and turn them into an army of the walking dead

## 6 TO GET IN

- ◻ ...that hot elf's pants
- ◻◦ ...trouble one more time
- ◻◦◦ ...the world LARP championships
- ◻◦◦◦ ...to a good university
- ◻◦◦◦◦ ...to the enemy's camp and rescue your friends
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ ...good with the LARP's storyteller

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# LOCATIONS...

## 1 ON THE OUTSKIRTS

- The Roosevelt Memorial Forest Preserve
- ◻ Abandoned farm house
- ◻ A gravel pit at midnight
- ◻ Shining Springs Water Park, now closed for the season
- ◻ The dilapidated ruins of the Barrels-o'-Fun amusement park
- ◻ The abandoned mill on the edge of town

## 2 REAL LIFE

- Midnight at an all-night diner
- ◻ Highway rest stop
- ◻ Gas-n-Go
- ◻ The back of a police car
- ◻ A closet in the youth hostel
- ◻ The back of a car in the parking lot

## 3 THE DUNGEON

- Temple to a forbidden god
- ◻ Cave of Whispers
- ◻ A cell in the dungeon of the Ebony Mark
- ◻ A tower in Castle Burg
- ◻ The storm sewers beneath town
- ◻ The lair of the beast



## 4 IN THE VILLAGE

- ◻ The camp of the warlord Altazum
- ◻◻ Ye Olde Potions & Potives Shoppe
- ◻◻◻ The Rusty Nail Inn & Tavern
- ◻◻◻◻ The festival tent
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Holgar's Blacksmith Shop
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻◻ Secret headquarters of the Black Hand thieves' guild

## 5 IN THE WILDERNESS

- ◻ The Vale of Evermoor
- ◻◻ A waterfall with an idyllic pool
- ◻◻◻ The old Crystal Lake summer camp
- ◻◻◻◻ An ogre's cave
- ◻◻◻◻◻ A muddy swamp teeming with mosquitoes
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻◻ An abandoned shack in the middle of nowhere

## 6 AROUND TOWN

- ◻ E.J. Edwards Science Building
- ◻◻ Skeebea's Tavern
- ◻◻◻ Town library
- ◻◻◻◻ Student health center
- ◻◻◻◻◻ W.S. Dewey Middle School
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻◻ Clock tower in the center of town

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# OBJECTS...

## 1 MAGICAL

- ◻ Lightning Bolt!
- ◻◦ The real Necronomicon
- ◻◦◦ A charm spell
- ◻◻◦◦ A cure for lycanthropy
- ◻◻◦◦◦ A potion of raise undead
- ◻◻◻◦◦◦ The blood demon A'maran

## 2 ATTIRE

- ◻ Tight leather pants
- ◻◦ Ninja climbing claws
- ◻◦◦ A deer antler helm
- ◻◻◦◦ A black lace corset
- ◻◻◦◦◦ A cloak of protection
- ◻◻◻◦◦◦ A necklace of orc eyeballs

## 3 TROUBLESOME

- ◻ An ounce of killer 'shrooms
- ◻◦ A gallon jug of 180-proof moonshine
- ◻◦◦ A furry fetish costume
- ◻◻◦◦ A pair of handcuffs
- ◻◻◦◦◦ A 55-gallon drum labeled "Toxic Waste"
- ◻◻◻◦◦◦ A broken condom

## 4 EWWW!

- ◻ A mason jar full of dead flies
- ◻◻ Five gallons of fake blood
- ◻◻◻ A styrofoam cooler containing what appears to be a heart
- ◻◻◻◻ A gigantic dildo
- ◻◻◻◻◻ A missing six-foot long python
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ A stuffed golden retriever

## 5 WEAPONS

- ◻ Glam´rin, the bow of Eldron
- ◻◻ A ridiculously big hammer
- ◻◻◻ A Klingon ceremonial sword
- ◻◻◻◻ A Glock 9mm pistol
- ◻◻◻◻◻ A hammer and wooden stake
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Pepper spray

## 6 SENTIMENTAL OR VALUABLE

- ◻ A suitcase full of money
- ◻◻ An autographed first edition of 'Interview with a Vampire'
- ◻◻◻ A wedding ring that has been in the family for over a century
- ◻◻◻◻ A vintage WWII German Luger
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Two VIP passes to GenCon
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ The plot secrets for the LARP's upcoming campaign

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# A LARP-TASTIC INSTA-SETUP

## RELATIONSHIPS IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD

For three players...

- \* Friendship: Frenemies
- \* In character: Ranger and pixie companion
- \* Trouble: Rivals for group leadership

For four players, add...

- \* Romance: Unrequited love

For five players, add...

- \* Real Life: Lost Norwegian tourists

## NEEDS IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD

For three players...

- \* To get even: With that fucking dwarf

For four or five players, add...

- \* To have sex: To break up their marriage

## LOCATIONS IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD

For three or four or five players...

- \* In the Wilderness: The old Crystal Lake summer camp

## OBJECTS IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD

For three, four players...

- \* Weapons: A ridiculously big hammer

For five players, add...

- \* Trouble: An ounce of killer 'shrooms

# NOTES