LIGHTNING BOLT!

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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**

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

...IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD
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
- Skeeba’s Tavern
- Town library
- Student health center
- W.S. Dewey Middle School
- Clock tower in the center of town

...IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD
OBJECTS...

1 MAGICAL

☐ Lightning Bolt!
☐ The real Necronomicon
☐ A charm spell
☐ A cure for lycanthrophy
☐ 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 TROUBLEROSE

☐ 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

...IN A WORLD WITHIN OUR WORLD
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