

# ПОБЕДА

(Victory)



A FIASCO PLAYSET



# ПОБЕДА

побѣда (pobéda) /pɒ'bʲedə/ *finan* “victory”

бедá (bedá) /bʲɪ'da/ *finan* “trouble, misfortune”

## CREDITS

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## BOILERPLATE

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# THE SCORE

## PLAYSET LOCATION

This playset is set on the coast of the Black Sea, in a resort city hosting an international sporting competition. Allegations abound that much of the billions spent on the event has been funneled into bribes, kickbacks, and crony work contracts, with the result of an embarrassing level of corner-cutting for some of the facilities. The world community has expressed dismay at the host nation's increasingly repugnant policies oppressing LGBT persons. Rumors of terrorist infiltrators cannot be completely discredited.

## MOVIE NIGHT

*ESPN 30 For 30 "The Price of Gold" (TV). Blades of Glory. Kidnapping, Caucasian Style. Downhill Racer.*

# RELATIONSHIPS

## FAMILY

- ☐ Parent and child
- ☐ Parent and step-child
- ☐ Aunt or uncle and niece or nephew
- ☐ Siblings
- ☐ Identical twins
- ☐ Closer-than-family friends

## SPORTS

- ☐ Coach and athlete
- ☐ Teammates
- ☐ Returning champ and first-time aspirant
- ☐ Figures partners
- ☐ Friendly rivalry
- ☐ Bitter rivalry

## MEDIA

- ☐ Reporter and scoop
- ☐ Visiting celebrity and fan
- ☐ Support staff for the other
- ☐ Former athlete commentator and “real journalist”
- ☐ Reporter and management
- ☐ Scored a fake press pass for a friend

## ROMANCE

- ◻ Current spouses
- ◻ Former spouses
- ◻ Straight lovers
- ◻ Gay lovers
- ◻ Innocent crush and oblivious heartthrob
- ◻ Secret tryst

## CRIME

- ◻ Mafia brothers
- ◻ Official and money runner
- ◻ Would-be kidnapper and target
- ◻ Rigged vote conspirators
- ◻ Dealer and user
- ◻ Aspiring revolutionary and perceived oppressor

## COMMUNITY

- ◻ Bodyguard and ward
- ◻ Local entrepreneur and tourist
- ◻ Prostitute and john
- ◻ Politicians
- ◻ Grumbling resident and visitor
- ◻ Canine “pest control” and animal lover

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# NEEDS

## TO WIN

- ☐ ... by earning a gold medal
- ☐ ... by breaking a world record
- ☐ ... by boosting your team's score
- ☐ ... to honor the person who believed in you most
- ☐ ... by buying a judge
- ☐ ... by sabotaging the opposition

## TO GET RICH

- ☐ ... through lucrative sponsorships
- ☐ ... through construction contract kickbacks
- ☐ ... through bribe money
- ☐ ... through sports betting
- ☐ ... through peddling vice
- ☐ ... through blackmail

## TO GET FAMOUS

- ☐ ... by standing in the winner's circle
- ☐ ... by getting that big interview
- ☐ ... by being at the center of a media circus
- ☐ ... by appointment to a prominent political post
- ☐ ... through sophomoric pranks during a live event
- ☐ ... though horrible deeds on an international stage

## TO GET LAID

- ☐ ... by a medalist
- ☐ ... even though coach said not before the event
- ☐ ... by a foreigner
- ☐ ... to stay warm
- ☐ ... to keep the sport in sport fucking
- ☐ ... by a movie star

## TO GET HIGH

- ☐ ... through heavy drinking
- ☐ ... through some killer Central Asian bud
- ☐ ... through hard drugs
- ☐ ... through prescription drugs
- ☐ ... through unsanctioned extreme sports
- ☐ ... through humiliating your rivals

## TO BREAK FREE

- ☐ ... by seeking political asylum from another team
- ☐ ... by openly expressing your sexuality
- ☐ ... from old debts
- ☐ ... from a smothering relationship
- ☐ ... by just getting a day away from prying cameras
- ☐ ... from the ghosts of the past

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# LOCATIONS

## COASTAL COMPOUND

- ☐ Lavish spectacle stadium
- ☐ Medals plaza
- ☐ Broadcast center
- ☐ Hockey dome
- ☐ Ice skating arena
- ☐ Whatever it is you call the building dedicated to curling

## MOUNTAIN COURSES

- ☐ Secluded biathlon range
- ☐ Breakneck luge and bobsled track
- ☐ Ski jump
- ☐ Terrifying downhill slopes
- ☐ Bone-crushing snowboard pipe
- ☐ Lovely mountain village

## WE BUILT THIS HOTEL LAST WEEK

- ☐ Lobby with no floors
- ☐ Restroom with no partitions
- ☐ Five beds in one room
- ☐ Some assembly required fitness room
- ☐ Stray dogs and workers wander freely through the room
- ☐ Doorknob just came off the door



## BETTER DIGS

- ☐ Real hotel with a jacuzzi
- ☐ Tricked-out RV
- ☐ Aging gigantic health resort
- ☐ Cozy mountain lodge
- ☐ Properly constructed dormitory
- ☐ Docked cruise ship

## AROUND TOWN

- ☐ At the beach
- ☐ 19th-century cathedral
- ☐ The Friendship Tree
- ☐ State-of-the-art sewage treatment plant
- ☐ Back-alley bar
- ☐ Expectant tourist shop, miles from any crowds

## CORRIDORS OF POWER

- ☐ The President's summer home
- ☐ International sports committee meeting
- ☐ Conspicuously ubiquitous construction company HQ
- ☐ Mob nightclub
- ☐ In a private jet
- ☐ In the leopard cage

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# OBJECTS

## SPORTING GOODS

- ☐ Ice skate
- ☐ Hockey stick
- ☐ Luge deck
- ☐ Ski pole
- ☐ Skin-tight Lycra
- ☐ .22 caliber bolt-action rifle

## THE THRILL OF VICTORY

- ☐ A gold medal
- ☐ TV camera
- ☐ Vintage champagne
- ☐ Bouquet of flowers
- ☐ Official souvenir quilt
- ☐ Bulk lot of 100,000 condoms

## THE AGONY OF DEFEAT

- ☐ Neck brace
- ☐ Wheelchair
- ☐ Crutch
- ☐ Yellow water, do not use on face
- ☐ Wardrobe malfunction
- ☐ Rot-gut vodka

# TRANSPORTATION

- ☐ Mountain rail tram
- ☐ Shuttle bus
- ☐ Ski lift
- ☐ Old Soviet truck, still running after all these years
- ☐ Black limousine with tinted windows
- ☐ Jet airliner

# CORRUPTION

- ☐ Duffel bag full of bribe money
- ☐ Black-market caviar
- ☐ The finest opium
- ☐ Anabolic steroids
- ☐ Stolen jewels
- ☐ Forged documentation for migrant workers

# HOW DID THAT GET PAST SECURITY?

- ☐ Retractable aluminum police baton
- ☐ Kalashnikov rifle
- ☐ Makarov pistol
- ☐ Shotgun loaded with rock salt
- ☐ Sturgeon gaff
- ☐ Malfunctioning improvised explosive device

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# A VICTORIOUS INSTA-SETUP

## RELATIONSHIPS AT THE BLACK SEA GAMES

**For three players...**

- \* Family: Parent and child
- \* Sports: Bitter rivalry
- \* Romance: Secret tryst

**For four players, add...**

- \* Media: Reporter and scoop

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

- \* Crime: Would-be kidnapper and target

## NEEDS AT THE BLACK SEA GAMES

**For three players...**

- \* To win... by sabotaging the opposition

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

- \* To get rich... through blackmail

## LOCATIONS AT THE BLACK SEA GAMES

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

- \* Ice skating arena

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

- \* Doorknob just came off the door

## OBJECTS AT THE BLACK SEA GAMES

**For any number of players...**

- \* Duffel bag full of bribe money