

SIVA HRONIKA

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A FIASCO PLAYSET

TITLE

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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

BRIGHT LIGHTS, DARK FUTURE

This playset is based upon the setting of *Siva hronika*, a collection of detective fiction by Miloš Petrik, set in a near-future alternate history Belgrade, Serbia, with strong overtones of supernatural mystery.

Players may take the roles of underpaid and overworked members of the secret weird crimes unit of the Serbian Police, hedge witches, occult criminals, corporate soldiers and the like, and be plunged up to their necks into an uncaring world of heist and/or intrigue.

BOOK CLUB

Siva hronika (duh), *Kraken (by China Miéville)*, *The Atrocity Archives (by Charles Stross)*

TV NIGHT

The X-Files

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FRIENDSHIP

- Grew up in the same neighborhood
- Regulars at the same kafana or curry joint
- Mates since uni
- ◻ Keepers of a dark secret
- ◻ Friends with too much sexual tension
- ◻ Housemates

2 FAMILY

- Siblings
- Cousins
- Parent and (step)child
- ◻ In-laws
- ◻ Groom and best man/Bride and maid of honour at a wedding
- ◻ Distant relations

3 WORK

- Special Investigations Unit
- Journalist and source
- Corporate suits
- ◻ Mid-level government officials
- ◻ Cook and waiter at the same curry joint
- ◻ Club performer and diehard fan

4 CRIME

- Pusher and junkie
- Cooking the books on a dodgy development
- Small-time burglars
- ◻ Football hooligans
- ◻ Crime boss and underling
- ◻ Crooked politicians

5 ROMANCE

- Spouses
- Life-long crush
- That one time when we were drunk
- ◻ An illicit/potentially scandalous affair
- ◻ Lovers
- ◻ Former lovers

6 OCCULT

- Vampire and ghoul
- Construct and creator
- Cult leader and cultist
- ◻ Magician and apprentice
- ◻ Members of the same coven
- ◻ Members of the same lodge

...IN AN OCCULT BELGRADE

NEEDS...

1 TO GET DRUNK OR HIGH

- ...because it's the weekend
- ...to forget him/her
- ...because work's all gone to shit
- ...because I can
- ...because it's been a while
- ...to forget The Thing I've seen

2 TO GET EVEN

- ...with the bastard/bitch for betraying you
- ...for your mate what got stomped
- ...with the guy/gal who robbed you
- ...with the guy/gal who killed you
- ...with the guy/gal who hexed you
- ...with the police

3 TO GET THE TRUTH

- ...about the New Belgrade Ripper
- ...about that weird research project
- ...about magic
- ...about the hidden stash
- ...about who killed them
- ...about the big cover-up

4 TO GET LAID

- ...with the office MILF
- ...to forget him/her
- ...with a real witch
- ...even though it's a mistake
- ...because it's been a while
- ...and prove you're not gay

5 TO SCORE BIG

- ...by selling that thing you've been holding on to
- ...with that real estate development deal
- ...by stealing something of value
- ...by forging a document
- ...by doing a mate a favour
- ...by shorting a drug dealer

6 TO GET OUT

- ...of this cockroach-ridden hell-hole
- ...of your dead-end job
- ...of a bad relationship
- ...of your skin and start a new life with a new identity
- ...of the blood pact
- ...of this godforsaken place

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LOCATIONS...

1 BOMBAY

- The unlit courtyard of the Mohandas Gandhi Elementary
- ◻ Bengal Bar, the dodgiest watering hole in the shopping centre
- ◻ The Safe House, an illegal restaurant in a converted flat
- ◻ A tiny, filthy flat, a working girl's workspace
- ◻ A street shrine to Krishna
- ◻ A bespoke tailor's

2 DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

- A squat inside an unfinished high-rise
- ◻ A spacious corner office on Theta Tower's 17th floor
- ◻ A VR arcade in a shopping centre
- ◻ A floating nightclub
- ◻ A glass footbridge
- ◻ A street basketball court (no hoop)

3 OLD BELGRADE

- The Kalemegdan Observatory tower
- ◻ The walk-in fridge of the Cape Verde restaurant
- ◻ Nocturne, the premier Goth/fetish nightclub on Karadjordjeva St.
- ◻ A freshly dug grave in the New Cemetery
- ◻ The Blue Room, a hasheesh speakeasy in a Vračar flat
- ◻ The Technical Faculties' neon-lit computer lab

4 ABOVE GROUND

- Courtroom 225, First Municipal Court
- ◻ An interrogation room in Police Directorate Belgrade Building
- ◻ A goi cuon stand on Slavija Square
- ◻ The disused auditorium of the "20. oktobar" film theatre
- ◻ The grounds of the bankrupt "Palilulska" brewery
- ◻ The Granite Hall of Radio Belgrade

5 BELOW GROUND

- Tunnels below an old house on Dušanova St.
- ◻ The flooded basement of the National Library
- ◻ The Dungeon nightclub, underneath the Kalemegdan fortress
- ◻ The tunnels underneath Zemun's Gardoš Tower
- ◻ State Security Institute vaults
- ◻ The Bizarre Bazaar, off Vukov spomenik city rail station

6 ONLY BELGRADE ON PAPER

- A secluded stretch of the Ada Huja lido
- ◻ A ritual circle on a Miljakovac tenement rooftop
- ◻ Nina And A Half Weeks Motel in Lipovička Šuma
- ◻ An unofficial tattoo parlour in a Železnik Vietnamese slum
- ◻ The VIP Lounge of Nikola Tesla Airport Backstage
- ◻ Backstage at the Belgrade Arena

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OBJECTS...

1 INGESTIBLES

- A bottle of henbane raki
- ◻ The spiciest curry paste of all time
- ◻ Five bags of colourful pills
- ◻ A pljeskavica with the works
- ◻ Loose leaf tea, "Oblivion" brand
- ◻ An ice-cold bottle of Zmaj lager

2 WEAPONS

- A Zastava 10 standard issue handgun
- ◻ A Taser
- ◻ A butcher's cleaver, recently used
- ◻ A dreamcatcher, loaded
- ◻ A broken bottle of henbane raki
- ◻ A rumal, stained

3 PERSONAL

- A rope rosary
- ◻ A wedding ring
- ◻ A diary written in Devangari
- ◻ An unleased celebrity sex tape
- ◻ A pregnancy test, positive
- ◻ A silver pocket watch

4 HIGH-TECH AND TOP SECRET

- A prototype smart device
- ◻ Reams and reams of moldy documents
- ◻ A tube of nanomachines suspended in gel
- ◻ A nitrate video reel
- ◻ A voice-activated house computer
- ◻ A wax-sealed lead coffin with faded writing in German

5 OCCULT

- A strange stone idol
- ◻ A grimoire written in Greek, most pages missing
- ◻ An ornate silver dagger, stained brownish
- ◻ A poppet with embedded pins
- ◻ A shard of volcanic glass inscribed with Vinča signs
- ◻ A Seal of Solomon tattoo

6 WTF

- A severed hand preserved in honey
- ◻ A sex toy inscribed with a magical formula
- ◻ A human coprolite
- ◻ A plastic bag containing precisely 107 glass eyes
- ◻ A Hitler oil, damaged, with inscription, illegible
- ◻ A briefcase overflowing with floppy disks

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