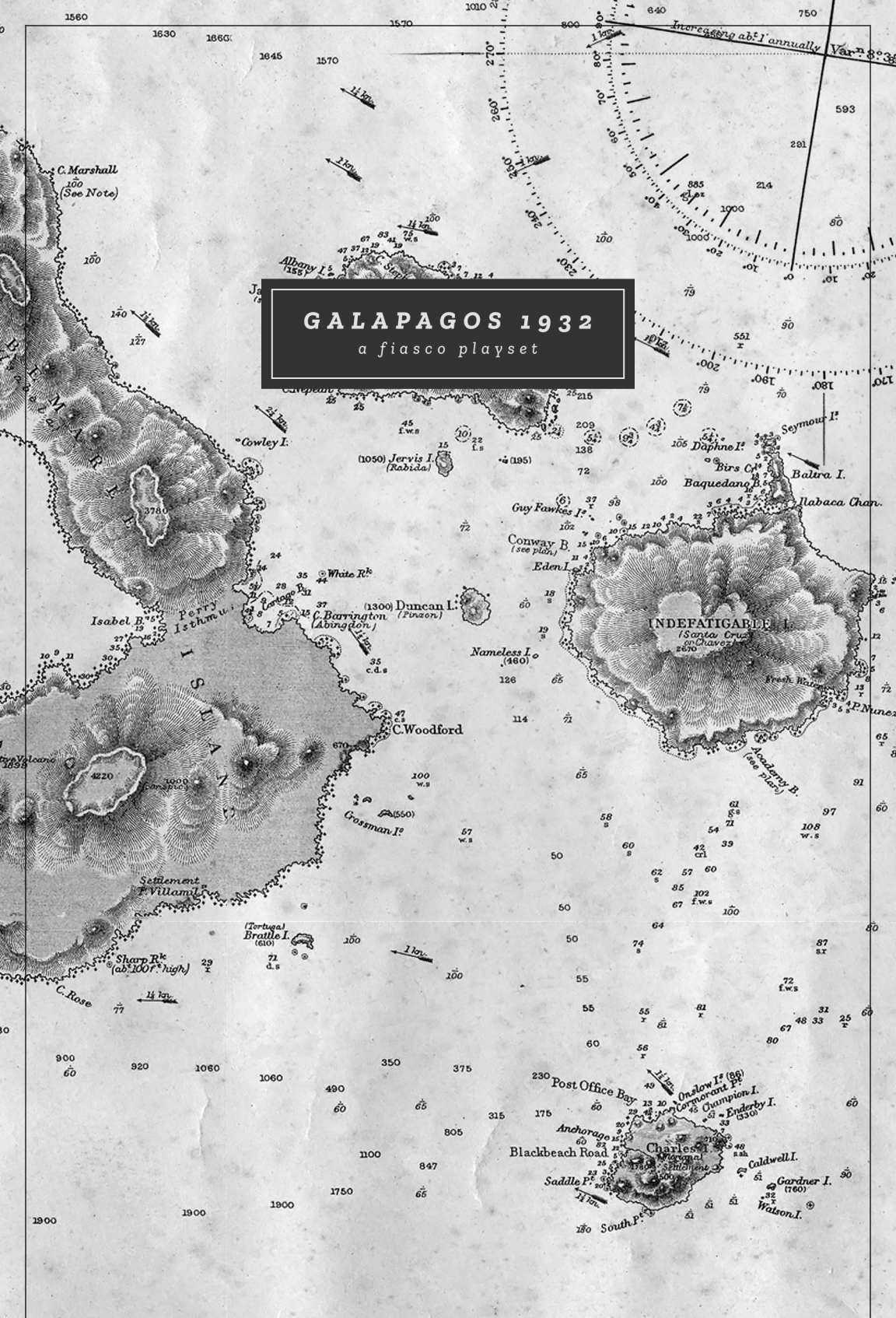




GALAPAGOS 1932
a fiasco playset

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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

"BETTER TO REIGN IN HELL, THAN TO
SERVE IN HEAVEN."

—John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

Nearly a century after Charles Darwin wrote about the wildlife of the Galápagos islands, a group of German homesteaders saw the island of Floreana as a new Eden, a tropical paradise where they could escape a troubled world.

Word of their success travelled, however, and soon other settlers began to arrive. Some came to join in the paradise, some to seek adventure, some to get rich.

But Floreana is a small island, and competition for the limited resources means not everyone can get what they want. Like the Biblical Eden, this paradise cannot last forever...

MOVIE NIGHT

*The Galápagos Affair: Satan Came to Eden, Apocalypse Now,
Lord of the Flies*

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- ☐ Parent and child
- ☐ Bored spouses of a passionless marriage
- ☑ Served together during the Great War
- ☑ Twins
- ☑ Close cousins from the old country
- ☑ Orphaned siblings

2 PHILOSOPHICAL

- ☐ Shared hatred of bourgeois domesticity
- ☐ Religious zealot and atheist
- ☑ Smug pedant and simpleton
- ☑ Adventure seeker and hesitant companion
- ☑ Dedicated adherents of Nietzschean philosophy
- ☑ Hedonist and puritan

3 PROFESSIONAL

- ☐ Journalist and settler
- ☐ Film crew
- ☑ Herder and assistant
- ☑ Wealthy European and Ecuadorean servant
- ☑ Supply crew stranded on the island for repairs
- ☑ Traveling researcher and local

4 ROMANTIC

- ☐ Competing members of a love triangle
- ☐ Modern-day Adam and Eve
- ☐ Secret liaison behind others' backs
- ☐ Left their spouses to begin a new life together
- ☐ Sickeningly public lovers
- ☐ Unrequited love

5 INCIDENTAL

- ☐ Passing sailor and island inhabitant
- ☐ Hunter and landowner
- ☐ Booked passage on the same ship to Floreana
- ☐ Sailor on supply ship and islander
- ☐ Neighboring homesteaders
- ☐ Pit-stopping pilot and settler

6 UNSAVORY

- ☐ National Socialist Party members
- ☐ Sexual deviants, unsatisfied by proper monogamous marriage
- ☐ Criminals fleeing justice
- ☐ Stalker and target of obsession
- ☐ Nudists
- ☐ Fame seeker and hermit

...ON FLOREANA

NEEDS...

1 TO LIVE

- ☐ ...a life of opulence and debauchery
- ☐ ...high off your neighbors' work and property
- ☐ ...through the drought
- ☐ ...a strict Biblical life, and punish the sinners who reject it
- ☐ ...fast, die young, and leave a beautiful corpse
- ☐ ...long enough to bring everyone down with you

2 TO GAIN

- ☐ ...a stable of lovers
- ☐ ...wealth and fame
- ☐ ...some answers about what happened to the new people
- ☐ ...your beloved's heart by showing up a rival
- ☐ ...all the supplies from the next passing boat and hoard them
- ☐ ...control of Post Office Bay

3 TO ESCAPE

- ☐ ...the restrictions of society
- ☐ ...those murderous bastards
- ☐ ...before they find out the truth
- ☐ ...from increasingly unhinged neighbors
- ☐ ...an abusive relationship
- ☐ ...justice

4 TO CREATE

- ...a luxury resort for wealthy yachters
- ...a believable story about a mysterious disappearance
- ...your romantic rival's ultimate humiliation
- ...a racially pure model for civilization
- ...an arsenal for the upcoming and inevitable conflict
- ...a distraction so you can steal what you need

5 TO STOP

- ...those trespassers from encroaching on your land
- ...the inflow of settlers by any means necessary
- ...the source of your pain
- ...incriminating evidence from being discovered
- ...your addictions from destroying you
- ...the supply ship from leaving

6 TO CONVINCE

- ...the other settlers of the value of Nietzschean philosophy
- ...everyone you meet of your royal heritage
- ...an expedition to make a film of you
- ...the captain of a passing supply boat to take you on board
- ...your neighbors to "share" their supplies
- ...your loved ones of the dangers of the island and the need to leave

...ON FLOREANA

LOCATIONS...

1 POST OFFICE BAY

- ◻ Abandoned cabin of Norwegian skipper Captain Bruun
- ◻ Mail barrel, operated by an honor system among passing ships
- ◻ Among a large pile of random driftwood
- ◻ On the beach
- ◻ Nearby fresh water spring
- ◻ Lava tube cave entrance

2 HACIENDA PARADISO HOTEL

- ◻ Individual guest cabins
- ◻ Common room
- ◻ Lookout point with a view of Post Office Bay
- ◻ Outhouse
- ◻ On the roof
- ◻ Dry stream bed a few dozen meters from the hotel

3 BOAT STRANDED FOR REPAIRS

- ◻ Makeshift cabins on shore
- ◻ On deck
- ◻ Captain's quarters
- ◻ In the cargo hold
- ◻ Among the crew bunks
- ◻ Engine room

4 THE ISLAND INTERIOR

- ☐ Cerro Pajas, the highest point on the island
- ☐ Dense jungle
- ☐ Small lagoon hidden at the end of a small volcanic cave system
- ☐ Volcanic Rocky northern coast, teeming with wild goats
- ☐ Thornbush-filled marshlands between settlements
- ☐ Sandy hills of the “Dry District”

5 SETTLEMENTS

- ☐ Decades-old abandoned shelter
- ☐ Former pirate cave turned homestead
- ☐ As opulent a home as possible on the island
- ☐ Hilltop fort
- ☐ Remnants of ancient Florean settlements
- ☐ Small, flourishing farm

6 CONDITIONS

- ☐ Drought and food shortage
- ☐ Rough seas
- ☐ Thick fog
- ☐ Heavy storm
- ☐ Contagion
- ☐ Heat wave

...ON FLOREANA

OBJECTS...

1 SURVIVAL

- ☐ • Stainless steel false teeth
- ☐ • Ground coffee
- ☐ • Respectable flock of chickens
- ☐ • Gewehr 98 bolt-action rifle
- ☐ • Crate of salted tortoise meat
- ☐ • Advancing pregnancy

2 SYMBOLIC

- ☐ • Prized copy of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
- ☐ • Locket from a lost lover
- ☐ • Finely-stitched homemade clothes
- ☐ • Tapestry of a royal coat of arms
- ☐ • Collection of hand-carved pipes
- ☐ • Garden of wild flowers

3 SUSPICIOUS

- ☐ • Diseased chicken meat
- ☐ • Sudden affliction of partial-blindness
- ☐ • Vague alibi that doesn't quite add up
- ☐ • Love note from a secret admirer
- ☐ • Utter lack of respect for societal customs and norms
- ☐ • Important personal item suddenly missing

4 UNTOWARD

- ☐ Autographed first edition of *Mein Kampf*
- ☐ Severe gastrointestinal illness
- ☐ Slaughtered sea birds left on the doorstep every morning
- ☐ Haunting memories of the war
- ☐ Uncontrollable jealousy
- ☐ Cart of goat manure

5 UNEXPECTED

- ☐ Small penguin native to the island, kept as a pet
- ☐ Knowledge of several unmarked paths around the island
- ☐ Well-trained hound
- ☐ Up-to-date knowledge of world events
- ☐ Homemade fruit punch
- ☐ Compass and hand-sketched map of Floreana

6 VIOLENT

- ☐ Murder allegation
- ☐ Well-known riflery skill
- ☐ Recent but unidentifiable human remains
- ☐ Note cursing its recipient to their dying breath
- ☐ Apron made from the hide of a wild bull
- ☐ Raging alcoholism

...ON FLOREANA

AN ISLAND PARADISE INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS ON FLOREANA

For three players...

- ★ Romantic: Competing members of a love triangle
- ★ Philosophical: Dedicated adherents of Nietzschean philosophy
- ★ Unsavory: Criminals fleeing justice

For four players, add...

- ★ Professional: Supply crew stranded on the island for repairs

For five players, add...

- ★ Family: Parent and child

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For four or five players, add...

- ★ To Escape...before they find out the truth

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For three or four players...

- ★ Conditions: Drought and food shortage

For five players, add...

- ★ Settlements: Small, flourishing farm

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