



**HOME
INVASION**

JM12 HOME INVASION

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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

"WE LOVE POPPLETON TERRACE"

It's a nice middle class neighborhood with a nice mix of professional families and a nice, powerful homeowners association. Good people who get involved and know their neighbors. People who aren't afraid to tell you that the shade of blue you are painting your house is not *exactly* allowed by the association covenant.

But lately things have been unsettled around Poppleton Terrace - property values are falling, crime is rising, long-time residents have been less than receptive to the suggestions of the standards committee, and now new people are moving in.

People who are not like us. *At all.*

MOVIE NIGHT

Invasion of the Body Snatchers, The Burbs, Neighbors, Weeds (TV), The Invaders (TV), Donnie Darko, American Beauty, The Twilight Zone (TV; see episodes The Shelter, The Monsters are Due on Maple Street)

FURTHER FIASCOS

Home Invasion shares a number of locations with other playsets, making it a lovely candidate for multi-session play. *Tales from Suburbia*, in the Fiasco book, is one. Sharp-eyed playset enthusiasts will note others.

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

- ◻ President and Vice President
- ◻◦ Treasurer and thief
- ◻◦ Co-authors of the revised garbage policy
- ◻◻ Standards committee chair and the neighbor with no standards
- ◻◻◻ “We’re honestly trying to work this out like two adults”
- ◻◻◻ Secretary and former Secretary

2 SHARING

- ◻ ...a deep friendship
- ◻◦ ...a heavy burden
- ◻◦ ...a sexually-transmitted disease
- ◻◻ ...forbidden fruit
- ◻◻ ...gossip over the fence
- ◻◻◻ ...mutual suspicions

3 THE PLAN

- ◻ Leader and loyal right hand
- ◻◦ Recruiter and likely prospect
- ◻◦ Leader and minion
- ◻◻ Minion and accidental observer
- ◻◻◻ Outsiders who want in
- ◻◻◻ Minions who want out

4 BUSINESS

- Home business partners
- Professional rivals
- Service worker and customer
- Secretly unemployed
- Professional and client
- Co-workers

5 NEIGHBORS

- ...that are basically strangers
- ...at war
- ...with a mutual problem
- ...and friends!
- ...but not for long
- ...one private, the other nosy

6 FAMILY

- Caregiver and invalid
- Parent and child
- “When you are friends with Chris Nasser, you are family!”
- Golden child and black sheep
- “Our therapist suggested this arrangement”
- Husband and husband

...IN POPPLETON TERRACE

NEEDS...

1 TO GET INTO

- ...Chris Nasser's bed
- ◻◻ ...whatever *those* people are into
- ◻◻◻ ...the Homeowners Association leadership
- ◻◻◻◻ ...the house that seems sort of abandoned
- ◻◻◻◻◻ ...somebody else's business
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ ...the library, to figure out what you saw

2 TO GET OUT

- ...of Chris Nasser's bed
- ◻◻ ...of an irritating commitment to a neighbor
- ◻◻◻ ...your grill and have the whole neighborhood over
- ◻◻◻◻ ...of the lawn and garden committee
- ◻◻◻◻◻ ...your gun again
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ ...with the Homeowners Association lockbox

3 TO GET FREE

- ...from an unpleasant debt
- ◻◻ ...from the homeowners association's rules
- ◻◻◻ ...from the memory of something you should not have seen
- ◻◻◻◻ ...beer
- ◻◻◻◻◻ ...advice from a licensed professional
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ ...of a relationship turned sour

4 TO GET THE PLAN IN MOTION

- ...by aggressively blending in
- ...by acquiring a final recruit
- ◡ ...by subverting the Homeowners Association
- ◢ ...by replacing the leader
- ◣ ...by completing final assembly
- ⋮ ...by burying the evidence

5 TO GET OVER

- ...the accident
- ...100 signatures on your petition to the Homeowners Association
- ◡ ...seeing something you should never have seen
- ◢ ...the embarrassment of living next to a pig sty
- ◣ ...being left out, betrayed and abandoned
- ⋮ ...nameless fear that may soon have a name

6 TO GET EVEN

- ...with *those* people
- ...*more* support for the revised garbage policy
- ◡ ...by spreading rumors
- ◢ ...hedges, even if you have to trim them yourself
- ◣ ...with the whole Nasser family
- ⋮ ...by blowing the lid off this thing

...IN POPPLETON TERRACE

LOCATIONS...

1 CLOSE QUARTERS

- Secret room, drywalled in
- ◻ Shed packed with cardboard boxes
- ◻ A child's bedroom, untouched for twenty three years
- ◻ Storm drain at the intersection of Breezeway and Piccolo
- ◻ Toilet tank in the guest bathroom under the stairs
- ◻ In a packing crate, buried in the yard

2 THE OLD END

- Cul-de-sac at the end of Avanti Way
- ◻ Two identically-painted houses on Piccolo Lane
- ◻ Poppleton Terrace community center and meeting room
- ◻ Out-of-place mansion on Vecchio Drive
- ◻ Where the fire was
- ◻ The House Where People Always Come And Go

3 THE NEW END

- Breezeway Avenue house with tin-foiled windows
- ◻ Yard with something written on it in weed killer
- ◻ Freedom Place, Street of the Year
- ◻ The House With Too Many Animals
- ◻ Corner of Freedom and Piccolo, where neighbors meet
- ◻ Chris Nasser's Certified Wildlife Habitat garden

4 WALKABLE

- ◻ Drainage canal behind Poppleton Terrace
- ◻◻ The gazebo in Poppleton Park
- ◻◻◻ Bike path beneath the powerlines
- ◻◻◻◻ Poppleton Terrace III, a model home and 56 empty lots
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Circular clearing in the woods where nothing grows
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Roadside memorial on State Road 217

5 DRIVABLE

- ◻ Law Offices of Cockburn and Lilley, LLC
- ◻◻ Men's bathroom at Poppleton Mall
- ◻◻◻ Law Enforcement Regional Intelligence Fusion Center
- ◻◻◻◻ The Well Dressed Lady
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Chicken Hut #6310, over in Redbud Court
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Michelle's Tavern

6 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

- ◻ Tricked-out basement home theater
- ◻◻ Garage converted into a long-term nursing care facility
- ◻◻◻ Long-occupied house without a stick of furniture in it
- ◻◻◻◻ Attic full of electronic equipment
- ◻◻◻◻◻ The best kitchen in Poppleton Terrace
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Living room, with a telescope looking across the street

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OBJECTS...

1 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- • Sweaty baseball cap with something tucked in the brim
- • Aegis brand Lineman's telephone handset
- • Municipal garbage truck
- • Dave Weatherford
- • Annotated copy of Major Donald Keyhoe's *Flying Saucers Are Real*
- • A wide open wireless router

2 PLAN RELATED

- • Calcination chamber, fully prepared
- • Inert Wave Shaper
- • Outline of Plan written in *Frühneuhochdeutsch*, Early New High German
- • Object 7721
- • Sorcha-1 and Sorcha-2
- • Velvet drapes, with inky wrongness beyond

3 HOME IMPROVEMENT

- • Uninstalled hot tub
- • Precisely manicured but vaguely offensive topiary
- • Stihl 10-foot pole pruner chainsaw
- • Home theater components still in boxes
- • Shrink-wrapped block containing one million dollars
- • DeWalt cordless nail gun

4 HOME DEGREDEATION

- ◻ Remains of Ford Probe, on blocks, in front yard
- ◻◦ One liter of Tetrabutylammonium Hydroxide/methanol solution, packed in nitrogen
- ◻◦ Framed portrait of Adolph Hitler
- ◻◻◻ Corpse of a relative
- ◻◻◻ Cracked foundation filled with termites
- ◻◻◻ Wagner power sprayer and buckets of Chinese Red exterior paint

5 DISTANT AND PROFESSIONAL

- ◻ Federal wiretap and search warrant
- ◻◦ Unmailed letter to the Homeowners Association
- ◻◦ Green Touch Landscaping truck
- ◻◻◻ Foreclosure notice
- ◻◻◻ Surveyor's stakes on the wrong side of a property line
- ◻◻◻ Discrete weatherproof case attached to something with magnets

6 UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

- ◻ Disturbing Japanese import
- ◻◦ Shotgun with home-made silencer taped to the barrel
- ◻◦ Dental appliance, partially melted
- ◻◻◻ Lock-defeating bump key
- ◻◻◻ 100 hours of grainy digital surveillance data
- ◻◻◻ Love note written on the back of a Green Touch Landscaping bill

...IN POPPLETON TERRACE

A POPPLETON TERRACE INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE TERRACE

For three players...

- * Homeowners Association: President and Vice President
- * New People: Leader and accidental observer
- * Sharing: ...mutual suspicions

For four players, add...

- * Family: Husband and wife

For five players, add...

- * Business: Professional and client

NEEDS IN THE TERRACE

For three players...

- * ...to get the plan in motion by acquiring a final recruit

For four or five players, add...

- * ...to get free from the Homeowner's Association's rules

LOCATIONS IN THE TERRACE

For three, four or five players...

- * The Old End: Poppleton Terrace community center and meeting room

OBJECTS IN THE TERRACE

For three or four players...

- * Neighborhood Watch: Copy of Keyhoe's *Flying Saucers Are Real*

For five players, add...

- * Up Close and Personal: Lock-defeating bump key