



TOWN AND GOWN

A FIASCO PLAYSET

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BOILERPLATE

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

THE SCORE

LOWER EDUCATION

Universities are strange places, and small town universities even more so. Faculty fight viciously with each other because the stakes are so low. Students grub for grades, or give up and drift through school. Townies hate the school, but it's the only thing keeping the town alive, and many of them go to school part-time.

Given the pressure and the fault lines that run deep beneath, it's no wonder that sometimes cracks appear.

MOVIE NIGHT

PCU, the third season of *Veronica Mars* (TV), *Wonder Boys*, *Dead Man on Campus*.

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 SCHOOL

- ◻ Grader and class member
- ◻◦ Classmates
- ◻◦ ROTC cadets
- ◻◦ Tutor and tutee
- ◻◦ Sports star and groupie
- ◻◻ Activities council (bringing in bands, planning campus parties)

2 WORK

- ◻ Shitty on-campus job (library, cafeteria, history department)
- ◻◦ Bar manager and bartender
- ◻◦ Campus maintenance, repair, and grounds-keeping
- ◻◦ Tattoo artist and client
- ◻◦ Shitty off-campus job (probably fast food)
- ◻◻ Campus Security

3 FRIENDSHIP

- ◻ Roomies
- ◻◦ Freaks and geeks
- ◻◦ Fraternity/sorority
- ◻◦ Drinking buddies
- ◻◦ Neophyte Marxist revolutionaries
- ◻◻ Online friends (MMORPG, forums)

4 ROMANCE

- ◻ Married
- ◻. Fuck buddies
- ◻. Crazy exes
- ◻. Passionate lovers
- ◻. This one time, drunk, after the big game
- ◻. Open relationship/poly

5 CRIME

- ◻ Grade fixers
- ◻. Petty thief and fence
- ◻. Drug supplier and on-campus dealer
- ◻. Doing the university's dirty work
- ◻. Providers of fine Mary Jane
- ◻. Bookie and game fixer

6 AROUND TOWN

- ◻ Church members
- ◻. "Keep Our Town Clean!" litter pick-up group
- ◻. Big Brothers / Big Sisters
- ◻. City advisory council on school/town relations
- ◻. YMCA volunteers
- ◻. Rec league

...AT A SMALL-TOWN
UNIVERSITY

NEEDS...

1 TO GET EVEN

- ...with an ex who fucked you over
- ...with your bitterest rival
- ...more fucked up tonight than last night
- ...with a faculty member
- ...fewer class hours than last semester
- ...with that rat bastard the mayor

2 TO GET OUT

- ...of town before metaphorical chickens come home to roost
- ...of a hastily-made promise that's going to come back to bite you
- ...of that one class you totally shouldn't have signed up for
- ...of tomorrow night's shift, because it's party time
- ...from under all of this student debt
- ...of responsibility for a terrible mistake

3 TO GET IN

- ...to a fraternity/sorority
- ...good with a faculty member
- ...trouble one last time before you leave
- ...bed with the town's corrupt mayor
- ...to the university, even if it kills you
- ...on whatever the YMCA's got going on

4 TO GET LAID

- ...because it's time you popped your cherry
- ◐ ...by that smokin' hot girl you're always seeing around
- ◑ ...because revenge is best served cold
- ◒ ...to relive better times
- ◓ ...by as many people as possible
- ◔ ...to hold up your end of the bargain

5 TO GET RICH

- ...by embezzling school funds
- ◐ ...by stealing some totally sick stuff
- ◑ ...by killing someone old
- ◒ ...by cheating a drug dealer
- ◓ ...by beating the shit out of someone
- ◔ ...by becoming an Internet millionaire

6 TO GET THE TRUTH

- ...about what happened down by the gravel pit
- ◐ ...about what the school is hiding
- ◑ ...about the accident
- ◒ ...about what happened to the vanished students
- ◓ ...about someone's cheating ways
- ◔ ...about what the YMCA people are really up to

**...AT A SMALL-TOWN
UNIVERSITY**

LOCATIONS...

1 EAST CAMPUS

- ▣ Geoffrey Morris Library
- ▣ Barnham Student Union
- ▣ Lewis Building (history, English, and poly sci)
- ▣ Old Main clock tower
- ▣ Lamarck Science Building
- ▣ Cooper Administration Building

2 WEST CAMPUS

- ▣ McKay Sports Complex
- ▣ Student health building
- ▣ Bridge across the ravine to East Campus
- ▣ Vickery Field
- ▣ Campus maintenance building
- ▣ Cafeteria and coffee shop

3 ELM STREET NEAR CAMPUS

- ▣ Sammy's, a dive bar
- ▣ Twice Read used bookstore and textbook reseller
- ▣ Pizza Shack ("We Deliver!")
- ▣ Gas 'n Sip
- ▣ Brown Sack liquor store
- ▣ Bucket o' Cluck fast food

4 DOWN BY THE RIVER

- ◻ The gravel pit
- ◻◦ An old double-wide trailer (abandoned)
- ◻◦ Inked In tattoo parlor
- ◻◦◦ The town junkyard
- ◻◦◦ Pleasures strip club
- ◻◻◻ The back forty (ponds and densely-packed trees)

5 TOWN PROPER

- ◻ YMCA
- ◻◦ The County Courthouse
- ◻◦ First Christian Church
- ◻◦◦ National Guard Armory
- ◻◦◦ Ned's Auto Repair and Parts
- ◻◻◻ Footloose sub shop

6 HOUSING

- ◻ Fraternity and sorority row
- ◻◦ Clark House for foreign exchange students
- ◻◦◦ Geoffrey Morris Student Housing (shiny and new)
- ◻◦◦ Lewis Dorm (old and run-down)
- ◻◦◦ Starlight Apartments
- ◻◻◻ Cheap vinyl-sided houses down County Road 12

**...AT A SMALL-TOWN
UNIVERSITY**

OBJECTS...

1 TROUBLESOME

- Fetish gear/furry costume
- ◻ List of students' Social Security numbers
- ◻ Poorly-made fake ID
- ◻ Incriminating chat logs
- ◻ Thirty unpaid campus parking tickets
- ◻ Private list of donors to the mayor

2 TRANSPORTATION

- Segway
- ◻ Shiny red Audi convertible
- ◻ Bicycle with a bike lock whose keys are lost
- ◻ Often-patched canoe
- ◻ Old beat-up Buick LeSabre
- ◻ VW Microbus with expired tags

3 WEAPONS

- Piano wire garrote
- ◻ Home-made nitroglycerine from chem lab
- ◻ Five foot pole with a litter spike
- ◻ A thirty-ought-six rifle
- ◻ Pepper spray and rape whistle
- ◻ Pure grain alcohol in a full two-liter bottle

4 TRULY UNFORTUNATE

- ▣ Roommate who died
- ▣◦ Deep budget cuts for the university
- ▣◦ Failing grade that could cost a scholarship
- ▣◦◦ Town petition to curtail the university's expansion
- ▣◦◦ Tire fire
- ▣◦◦ Errors in a school transcript

5 VALUABLES

- ▣ \$100,000 in non-sequential bills
- ▣◦ Deed to property near the school
- ▣◦◦ Rare maps from the library's collection
- ▣◦◦ Pile of completed term papers (just add an author's name)
- ▣◦◦ YMCA payroll checks
- ▣◦◦ Bricks of hash hidden inside five large hay bales

6 PERSONAL

- ▣ Mis-addressed love note
- ▣◦ Tattoo
- ▣◦◦ The only copy of a senior thesis on a thumb drive
- ▣◦◦ Dad's Purple Heart
- ▣◦◦ Tarnished silver wedding ring
- ▣◦◦ STD test results

...**AT A SMALL-TOWN
UNIVERSITY**

A GOOD OL' COLLEGE TRY INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN A SMALL UNIVERSITY

For three players...

- * Work: Shitty off-campus job
- * School: Grader and class member
- * Romance: Crazy exes

For four players, add...

- * Crime: Drug supplier and on-campus dealer

For five players, add...

- * Friendship: Drinking buddies

NEEDS IN A SMALL UNIVERSITY

For three players...

- * To get in ...good with a faculty member

For four or five players, add...

- * To get laid ...because revenge is best served cold

OBJECTS IN A SMALL UNIVERSITY

For three or four players...

- * Troublesome: Poorly-made fake ID

For five players, add...

- * Personal: The only copy of a senior thesis on a thumb drive

LOCATIONS IN A SMALL UNIVERSITY

For three, four or five players...

- * Elm Street near campus: Sammy's, a dive bar