



# MCO1 RED FRONT

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“When you play, play *hard*.” - Theodore Roosevelt

# THE SCORE

## GERMAN AUTUMN

*If one sets a car on fire, that is a criminal offence. If one sets hundreds of cars on fire, that is political action. —Ulrike Meinhof*

Romance, violence, and idealism collide as the world looks on. Since Munich in '72, the world has been transfixed by political violence. Some would call it terrorism, others might hail the brave fighters for freedom.

It's the autumn of '77 in Germany and stories of kidnap, murder, and hijacking are front page news. A disparate group of avant-garde academics, youthful political activists, and workers at the end of their tether plot to make the world sit up and take notice.

## MOVIE NIGHT

*The Baader Meinhof Complex (film & book), Munich, See You at Regis Debray, The Lost Honour of Katharina Blum, Four Lions (not set in the 70s, but very much in the spirit of Fiasco)*

# RELATIONSHIPS...

## 1 FRIENDSHIP

- ◻ Former university flatmates
- ◻◦ Did national service together
- ◻◦ Grew up together
- ◻◦◦ Met at anti-nuclear demo
- ◻◦◦ Did time together
- ◻◦◦◦ Co-founders of a cell

## 2 ROMANCE

- ◻ Secret lovers
- ◻◦ Divorced
- ◻◦ Married
- ◻◦◦ Illicit relationship
- ◻◦◦ Siblings
- ◻◦◦◦ Love triangle

## 3 WORK

- ◻ Doctor and patient
- ◻◦ Lecturer and student
- ◻◦◦ Shop steward and factory worker
- ◻◦◦ Steelworkers
- ◻◦◦ Unemployed
- ◻◦◦◦ Customer and salesperson

## 4 TERROR

- The last cell all died, but we survived
- Splinter faction
- Guerilla-trained abroad
- Former hostage and captor
- Responsible for an atrocity
- Assassins

## 5 POLITICS

- Union officials
- Communist Party members
- Anarchists
- Syndicalists
- Peace movement activists
- Pundits

## 6 SUB-CULTURE

- Painters
- Poets
- Novelists
- Rock musicians
- Underground publishers
- Radical politicians

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# NEEDS...

## 1 TO GET REVENGE

- ... on the Foreign Ministry
- ... on the Americans
- ... on a police officer
- ... on one of your mates who fucked your friend
- ... on society
- ... on your parents

## 2 TO GAIN PUBLICITY

- ... through a hijacking
- ... through a kidnapping
- ... through an assassination
- ... through a bombing
- ... through a media stunt
- ... through a suicide mission

## 3 TO GET OUT

- ... before you're killed
- ... before the Big Event
- ... of a dangerous relationship
- ... to lead a normal life
- ... before someone gets killed
- ... before you're exposed as an informant

## 4 TO GET FUNDING

- ☐ ... from organised crime
- ☐◦ ... from a national government
- ☐◦◦ ... from Big Business
- ☐◦◦◦ ... through blackmail/extortion
- ☐◦◦◦ ... through robbery
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ... through forgery

## 5 TO CHANGE SOCIETY

- ☐ ... by puncturing Western complacency
- ☐◦ ... by standing up for the weak
- ☐◦◦ ... by direct violent action
- ☐◦◦◦ ... by resistance
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ... by exposing their lies
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ... by sacrificing your mates

## 6 TO BE AVANT-GARDE

- ☐ ... by being the first
- ☐◦ ... by being transgressive
- ☐◦◦ ... by action not talk
- ☐◦◦◦ ... by talk not action
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ... by changing history
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ... by not giving a shit

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# LOCATIONS...

## 1 TRAVEL

- ▣ Airport departure lounge
- ▣◦ Autobahn petrol station
- ▣◦ The Central Station
- ▣◦◦ U-Bahn station
- ▣◦◦ Multi-storey carpark
- ▣◦◦ Aboard a river boat

## 2 RESIDENCES

- ▣ Squat in Neukölln, Berlin
- ▣◦ One bedroom apartment in a high-rise block
- ▣◦ Historical townhouse in Lübeck
- ▣◦◦ Treehouse
- ▣◦◦ Suburban house
- ▣◦◦ Designer villa of Stefan's parents

## 3 MILITARY

- ▣ Sennelager British Army base
- ▣◦ Bitburg US airbase
- ▣◦ Abandoned rocketry test range
- ▣◦◦ Checkpoint Charlie
- ▣◦◦ German Army depot
- ▣◦◦ A neglected bunker



## 4 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

- ◻ Berlin TV tower
- ◻◦ The Black Forest
- ◻◦ Hamburg's red light district
- ◻◻ Hofbräuhaus Munich
- ◻◻ Neuschwanstein Castle
- ◻◻◻ Kölner Dom cathedral in Cologne

## 5 ABROAD

- ◻ Paris, for an arms deal
- ◻◦ Beirut, to make contacts
- ◻◦ New York, to meet "The Colonel"
- ◻◻ Copenhagen, for a romantic liaison
- ◻◻ Moscow, to receive "special training"
- ◻◻◻ Prague, to record a message on tape

## 6 RANDOM

- ◻ The Libyan Embassy
- ◻◦ Forest near the border
- ◻◦ An Aldi supermarket
- ◻◻ University lecture theatre
- ◻◻ Sewage treatment plant
- ◻◻◻ Biblis Nuclear Power Station

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# OBJECTS...

## 1 WEAPONS

- A couple of MP5s
- ◻◻ Some hand grenades
- ◻◻◻ U.S. M-6 bayonet
- ◻◻◻◻ AK-47
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Czechoslovak explosives and timer
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Anthrax cultures

## 2 VALUABLES

- 100,000 Ostmarks
- ◻◻ Six fake passports
- ◻◻◻ \$1m in traveler's cheques
- ◻◻◻◻ Four 400 oz gold bars
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Rolex Cosmograph Daytona watch
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ One kg of uncut cocaine

## 3 INFORMATION

- Address of the Foreign Minister's holiday home in Gstaad
- ◻◻ C60 tape holding a secretly recorded conversation
- ◻◻◻ Brown leather bag with "Top Secret" documents
- ◻◻◻◻ Piece of microfilm
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Name of a traitor within the group
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻◻ Blueprint of the Bundeskanzler's residence

## 4 TRANSPORT

- ◻ Beat up VW Kombi van
- ◻◦ Black bulletproof Mercedes-Benz 600
- ◻◦◦ Luxury yacht
- ◻◦◦◦ Vespa scooter
- ◻◦◦◦◦ Public transport
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ Volkswagen Golf GTI

## 5 GEAR

- ◻ Nagra IV-S portable professional audio recorder
- ◻◦ Linn Sondek Turntable
- ◻◦◦ Atari Pong game
- ◻◦◦◦ Three-piece suit
- ◻◦◦◦◦ Sony Betamax SL-7200 video cassette recorder
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ Heidelberg printing press

## 6 STRANGE

- ◻ The briefcase that everyone seems to want
- ◻◦ Yellowcake uranium from Nigeria
- ◻◦◦ Piece of moonstone
- ◻◦◦◦ Signed Tangerine Dream t-shirt
- ◻◦◦◦◦ Apollo space suit
- ◻◦◦◦◦◦ Apple I user manual

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# A RED FRONT INSTA-SETUP

## RELATIONSHIPS IN THE RED FRONT

For three players...

- \* Radical politicians
- \* Grew up together
- \* Peace movement activists

For four players, add...

- \* Love triangle

For five players, add...

- \* Former hostage and captor

## NEEDS IN THE RED FRONT

For three players...

- \* ... To get funding from a national government

For four or five players, add...

- \* ...To gain publicity through a media stunt

## LOCATIONS IN THE RED FRONT

For three, four or five players...

- \* Biblis Nuclear Power Station

## OBJECTS IN THE RED FRONT

For three or four players...

- \* Six fake passports

For five players, add...

- \* Beat up VW Kombi van