



NEON

CITY

Nights

A Fiasco Playset
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Boilerplate

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THE SCORE

City Lights. Summer Nights

Miami, 1986 – a vibrant city of million-dollar mansions, palm-lined boulevards, glittering waves and sun-soaked beaches during a decade defined by material excess, pastel colors and nascent digital technologies.

But when the sun goes down, the city becomes a very different place. Bathed in the glow of neon and sodium vapor, the streets pulse with a potent mix of heat and hustle, narcotics and nightlife, crime and conspicuous consumption. The perfect backdrop for a fiasco...

Movie Night

Scarface (1983), *Miami Vice* (TV Series; 1984–1989)

Not set in Miami, but have the right vibe:

American Psycho (2000), *Drive* (2011), *Nightcrawler* (2014), The filmography of John Hughes

TIES...

■ Personal

- Parent / Child
- ◻ Work friends
- ◻ Siblings, and rivals since birth
- ◻ Cousins who've never met before
- ◻ Went to high school together
- ◻ Enemies of an enemy

■ Professional

- Cabbie / Passenger
- ◻ Dancer / Club bouncer
- ◻ Reporter / Cameraman
- ◻ Workaholic boss / Secretary
- ◻ Pizza delivery guy / Homeowner
- ◻ Teacher / Student

■ Sordid

- Homeless vagrant / Teenage runaway
- ◻ High-class escort / John
- ◻ Bookie / Debtor
- ◻ Stalker / Obsession
- ◻ Manipulator / Dupe
- ◻ Unlicensed doctor / Gunshot victim

Romantic

- Starry-eyed young lovers
- An utterly forgettable one-night stand
- Happily married, but not to each other
- Bitterly divorced
- Secret admirer / Crush
- Friends with benefits, but one of you wants more

Criminal

- Low-rent hitman / Client or target
- Pimp / Hooker
- Dirty cop / Drug runner
- Thief / Getaway driver
- Aging mob boss / Hot-shot gangster
- Desperate addict / Supplier

Secret

- Undercover cop / Informant
- Homosexual / Homophobe
- Unfaithful spouse / Lover
- Corrupt businessman / Ex-con who needs the job
- Teens sneaking out for a little fun
- HIV positive / Random hookup

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NEEDS...

■ To Outrun

- ...the consequences of your actions
-that car that's been tailing you for the past ten minutes
-your responsibilities
-the mob's sphere of influence
-the law
-your debts

■ To Score

- ...a date for Friday night
-a lucrative contract
-some yayo
-the game-winning goal
-with that hot young thing you've had your eye on
-two front-row seats

■ To Prove

- ...innocence
-all the doubters wrong
-that your love is for real
-your value to the company
-to yourself that it was worth it
-guilt, regardless of the facts

🎲 To Pursue

- ▣ ...a reason to live
- ▢ ...a romantic relationship
- ◐ ...the bastard(s) that did this to you
- ◑ ...your dreams, no matter the cost
- ◒ ...a different tactic
- ◓ ...the truth

🎲 To Return

- ▣ ...to the scene of the crime
- ▢ ...an unwanted gift
- ◐ ...home before curfew
- ◑ ...the favor
- ◒ ...the mob's property
- ◓ ...to the way things used to be

🎲 To Protect

- ▣ ...your own ass
- ▢ ...the company's interests
- ◐ ...a dangerous secret
- ◑ ...a fragile peace
- ◒ ...the family
- ◓ ...the innocent, serve the public trust and uphold the law

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PLACES...

■ Private

- A waterfront mansion in an exclusive gated community
- A room at a decent 2-star hotel
- ◐ A penthouse condo with a breathtaking view
- ◑ The backseat of a stretch limo
- ◒ A luxury yacht, moored at the marina
- ◓ A modest apartment uptown

■ Retail

- A convenience store beside a gas station
- A designer clothing boutique
- ◐ A video rental store
- ◑ A used car dealership
- ◒ The mall
- ◓ A pawn shop

■ Exclusive

- The VIP room of the hottest nightclub in town
- A members-only fitness club
- ◐ A corner office in a skyscraper downtown
- ◑ Your usual table at an upscale restaurant
- ◒ The presidential suite at a luxury hotel
- ◓ The 9th green on a private golf course

Public

- A bathroom stall with a busted lock
- The backseat of a cab
- A vandalized phone booth
- In front of the lockers at the bus station
- The beach under a full moon
- The last southbound train

Venues

- A greasy 24-hour diner
- A noisy video arcade
- A hazy, smoke-filled strip club
- A sports stadium
- A swanky nightclub
- A movie theater

Secluded

- Make-out point, on the outskirts of the city
- A mall parking lot, after hours
- A lifeguard tower on the beach
- A darkened warehouse down by the docks
- A three-storey parking garage
- A high-rise under construction

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THINGS...

■ Contraband

- A kilo of uncut Colombian blow
- The murder weapon
- ◻ A pretty convincing counterfeit \$100 bill
- ◻ Someone tied up in the trunk
- ◻ A stolen police cruiser
- ◻ A crate full of military-grade automatic weapons

■ Vehicles

- A red Ferrari Testarossa
- A news helicopter
- ◻ A high-performance speedboat
- ◻ A windowless white van
- ◻ A U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat
- ◻ A Japanese superbike

■ Weapons

- A silenced MAC-10 machine pistol
- A katana in a silk-lined wooden display box
- ◻ A claw hammer
- ◻ A hard-chromed .45, loaded with blanks
- ◻ A genuine Louisville Slugger baseball bat
- ◻ A well-used sawed-off shotgun

Information

- A floppy disk loaded with corporate secrets
- A Polaroid with some interesting background details
- A VHS copy of some grainy security camera footage
- A cassette recording of some people talking
- A spiral-bound notebook full of numbers
- A napkin with a crude, hand-drawn map

Luxuries

- A shiny, gold Rolex
- The keys to a European sports car
- A brick-sized cellular phone
- A designer Italian sport coat
- The biggest large-screen TV money can buy
- A bottle of high-end cognac

Sentimental

- A varsity letterman jacket
- A Polaroid showing two smiling people
- An autographed 8x10 glossy
- A jeweled class ring
- A home movie shot on Super 8
- An ardent love letter

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A Neon City Nights Insta-Setup

Ties by the neon-tinted waves

For three players...

- Secret: Undercover cop / Informant
- Criminal: Thief / Getaway driver
- Professional: Reporter / Cameraman

For four players, add...

- Sordid: Unlicensed doctor / Gunshot victim

For five players, add...

- Personal: Enemies of an enemy

Needs by the neon-tinted waves

For three players...

- To Outrun... the consequences of your actions

For four and five players, add...

- To Prove... to yourself that it was worth it

Things by the neon-tinted waves

For three or four players...

- Vehicles: A red Ferrari Testarossa

For five players, add...

- Contraband: A kilo of uncut Colombian blow

Places by the neon-tinted waves

For three, four or five players...

- Private: A luxury yacht, moored at the marina