

FATA CAPUAM



A FIASCO PLAYSET
BY REDEMUND'S GUILD

FATA CAPUAM

CREDITS

Written by

Ville Halonen, Lauri Maijala, Aki Vainio

Edited by

Lauri Maijala

Art by

Lauri Maijala

Proofreading & additional comments by

Tod Foley, As If Productions

The playtesters were:

Brice Coolen, Andrea Gaulke, William Nabors, William Thorpe

BOILERPLATE

The playset is an accessory for the Fiasco role-playing game by Bully Pulpit Games.

This playset is copyright 2015 by [Redemund's Guild](#). Fiasco is copyright 2009 by Jason Morningstar. All rights reserved.

For more information of about Fiasco or to download other playsets and materials, visit <http://www.bullypulpitgames.com>

THE SCORE

THE BACCHANAL OF CAPUA

The House of Cassius has been the spit-pool of Capua since the infamous slave rebellion of fifteen years ago. The games - and the whole gladiator business - have never been the same since.

Last year marked a change in the city's fortune. By the order of Julius Caesar, 20,000 new citizens moved into the area. Though most of them were mere laborers, luckily there were enough high-class citizens to lure in a few sponsors.

Now it is the time for the annual festival to celebrate the defeat of Spartacus, and the House of Cassius is hosting a grand feast with roasted boar testicles, honey-marinade octopus tentacles and slave fights. Word on the street is that all fights will be to the death, to let the sands be soaked in blood in honour of Mars. Some are worried that what once happened could spark a new rebellion. But surely the gladiators cannot rise into a rebellion again. Right? RIGHT?

MOVIE NIGHT

Caligula, Rome (TV), Spartacus: Blood & Sand (TV)

RELATIONSHIPS...

■ FAMILY

- ▣ Child/Parent
- ▣ Siblings
- ▣ Cousin
- ▣ Distant family
- ▣ Married
- ▣ Adopted Child/Parent

■ RIVALS...

- ▣ ... for parental acceptance
- ▣ ...devoted to different gods
- ▣ ...in love
- ▣ ...aspiring for the same office
- ▣ ...in business
- ▣ ...on the sands of the arena

■ PARTNERS...

- ▣ ...in crime
- ▣ ...in marriage
- ▣ ...in bed
- ▣ ...in business
- ▣ ...in politics
- ▣ ...in the sands of the arena

☐ OFFICIAL

- ☐ Owner and slave
- ☐ Ex-spouses
- ☐ Teacher and student
- ☐ Architect and labourers
- ☐ Accuser and accused
- ☐ Protectee and bodyguard

☐ HISTORY

- ☐ Common previous owner/employer
- ☐ Sailed together
- ☐ Childhood friends
- ☐ Common teacher
- ☐ Same battle, different sides
- ☐ Same unit in the army

☐ UNSPOKEN

- ☐ Blackmail
- ☐ Conspirators
- ☐ Shared joke
- ☐ Forbidden love
- ☐ Fellow cultists
- ☐ Shared secret

...IN ANCIENT CAPUA.

NEEDS...

■ TO BE FREE FROM...

- ...slavery
- ...crushing debt
- ▣ ...family expectations
- ▣ ...marriage
- ▣ ...unwanted romantic attention
- ▣ ...the army

■ TO GET REVENGE...

- ...for difference in opinion
- ...for romantic matters
- ▣ ...in the name of the family
- ▣ ...for a personal matter
- ▣ ...for public disgrace
- ▣ ...on the slave-trading Aelianus

■ TO MAKE A FORTUNE...

- ...by vice
- ...by wine markets
- ▣ ...through inheritance
- ▣ ...by gambling
- ▣ ...with the help of powerful patrons
- ▣ ...by cunning theft

❖ TO WIN GLORY...

- ...by subterfuge
- ...in the eyes of a unreachable love
- ▣ ...just to be remembered forever
- ▤ ...as a host of a spectacular party
- ▥ ...by building something magnificent
- ▦ ...in the eyes of the Senate

❖ TO WOO...

- ...out of true love
- ...out of spite
- ▣ ...to get into the good grace of his/her parent(s)
- ▤ ...the prettiest/most handsome in Capua to prove my own worthiness
- ▥ ...for the dowry to avoid poverty
- ▦ ...someone to cause a scandal

❖ TO LEARN THE TRUTH

- ...that you suspect will drive you mad
- ...about the attempted assassination
- ▣ ...about my father
- ▤ ...about blackmail
- ▥ ...about how Lucanus achieved his office
- ▦ ...about why the last champion of the arena died so easily

...IN BLOODIED CAPUA

LOCATIONS...

■ OUTSKIRTS

- Mass grave of plague victim
- Bandit Lair
- ▣ Amphitheatre
- ▤ Sacred Grove
- ▥ The Etruscan Cemetery
- ▦ Via Appia

■ THERMÆ (PUBLIC BATHHOUSE)

- Caldarium (*hot bath*)
- Tepidarium (*warm bath*)
- ▣ Atrium (*enclosed courtyard*)
- ▤ Apodyterium (*room for undressing*)
- ▥ Sudatorium (*moist steam bath*)
- ▦ Frigidarium (*cold bath*)

■ LUDUS

- Slave quarters
- Wine cellar
- ▣ Enclosed garden
- ▤ Triclinum (*Dining room*)
- ▥ Tablinum (*Reception room*)
- ▦ Master bedroom

FORUM

- ▣ The Slave Market of the despicable Aelianus Manlius
- ▣ Seller of exotic fruit from Africa
- ▣ Fountain
- ▣ Cooper's Shop
- ▣ Second Punic War Monument
- ▣ Shrine to Mars

OFFICIAL

- ▣ Horreum (*public warehouse*)
- ▣ Toll booth
- ▣ City guard's barracks
- ▣ Army recruitment office
- ▣ Temple
- ▣ Praetor's villa

ARENA

- ▣ Animal cages
- ▣ The best seats
- ▣ Storage room
- ▣ Vomitorium (*crowd exit from the arena*)
- ▣ Gladiator's quarters
- ▣ Sands

...IN CONGESTED CAPUA

OBJECTS...

■ FOR THE ORGY

- Fresh batch of slaves
- Sow's uterus
- Gallon of sacred wine
- ▣ Large cauldron of cast bronze
- ▣ Large penis carved from ash tree
- ▣ Animals trained for lechery

■ RELIGIOUS

- Rare incenses
- An amulet picturing the twelve principal deities
- ▣ Small bronze statue of Minerva
- ▣ Clay replica of a liver
- ▣ Bronze genius of Campania
- ▣ Ceremonial Mask

■ HOUSEHOLD ITEM

- Tuff statuette of a household god
- Ancestor's death mask
- ▣ Strongbox
- ▣ Terra-cotta cup
- ▣ Bronze brazier
- ▣ Perfume bottle made of silver

☐☐ CLOTHING

- ☐ Cloak of incredibly high value
- ☐ Silk toga
- ☐ Common wool garment
- ☐☐ Single sandal
- ☐☐ Worn military uniform
- ☐☐ Barbarian furs

☐☐ VALUABLE

- ☐ Erotic bronze statuette of a Satyr forcing himself on a ram
- ☐ Strange idol made of amber
- ☐ Chest full of silver and gold coins
- ☐☐ Written document for safe passage
- ☐☐ The Eye of Neptune (gem)
- ☐☐ Silver coin depicting Mars

☐☐ FOR KILLING

- ☐ Vial of cyanide
- ☐ Sack used in a drowning execution
- ☐ Small knife
- ☐☐ Sling
- ☐☐ Fascina (*trident*)
- ☐☐ Gladius with amber etchings on the blade

...IN DOOMED CAPUA

A DOOMED BACCHANAL INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN ANCIENT CAPUA

For three players...

- Rivals: aspiring for the same office
- Partners: in marriage
- Official: owner and slave

For four players, add...

- Unspoken: conspirators

For five players, add...

- History: common previous owner

NEEDS IN BLOODIED CAPUA

For three players...

- To win glory: by subterfuge

For four and five players, add...

- to get revenge: in the name of the family

LOCATIONS IN CONGESTED CAPUA

For three or four players...

- Ludus: Triclinium (Dining room)

For five players, add...

- Ludus: Enclosed garden

OBJECTS IN DOOMED CAPUA

For any number of players

- For killing: Vial of cyanide

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

This simple glossary was added to reduce the amount of googling during the game.

Atrium - A large open space within a building.

Apodyterium - The changing rooms in a thermae. Includes cubicles for privacy.

Caldarium - The hottest baths in a thermae, usually the first room in a sequence of bathrooms.

Campania - A region in Italy around Naples

Cooper - A barrel-maker

Etruscans - A civilization in Italy, that predated the Romans.

Fascinus - The divine phallus, or a dildo.

Forum - An open public space, often used as a marketplace

Frigidarium - The cold baths in a thermae. The final room in the sequence of bathrooms.

Genius - The divine element in a person, thing or place

Gladius - A roman short sword, typically a couple of feet long.

Horreum - A public warehouse used mostly for storing grain.

Ludus - School, here referring to *ludus gladiatorius*, a gladiator training camp

Mars - God of War

Minerva - Goddess of Wisdom

Neptune - God of the Sea

Orgy - Not quite what you think. It doesn't have to be sexual in nature, just excessively indulgent.

Praetor - Either a commander of an army, or an elected magistrate

Satyr - One of the companions of *Dionysus* (god of Wine), a humanoid creature with horselike features

Sudatorium - The sweat-room in a thermae.

Tablinum - The office for the head of the house, who could receive clients here

Tepidarium - The warm baths and the great central hall in the thermae. The second room in a sequence of bathrooms.

Thermae - A large public bath complex.

Triclinium - A room for formal meals

Via Appia - The Appian Way, a strategically important road from Rome

Vomitorium - The exits in the arena, designed for minimal delays.