

A FIASCO PLAYSET
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This playset was heavily inspired by Japanese kaiju films like those of Godzilla and Gamera, with a wink to Western attempts such as Cloverfield, Monsters, and Pacific Rim.

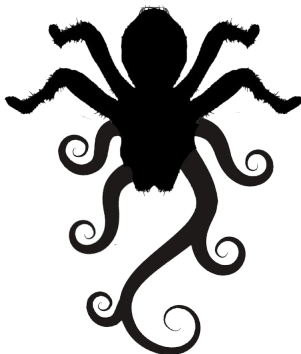
BOILERPLATE

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“And then the roar. That roar. The roar of the end of all hope.”

- Tim Marquitz

THE SCORE

MONSTROUS ROYALTY !

They are primeval forces of nature, both Terran and alien, walking out of the sea, the earth or the sky to wreak havoc on humanity - DAIKAIJU! (Literally, giant monsters.) Awakened by atomic tests or unscrupulous geniuses meddling with what they shouldn't, they cause wanton destruction and fight each other, often with strangely familiar wrestling moves - DAIKAIJU! Tremble in fear! Or better yet, run. Or perhaps... fight back? Err... DAIKAIJU!

MOVIE NIGHT

The Godzilla, Gamera, King Kong, Mothra, Rodan, Ultraman, etc. franchises, Monsters, Pacific Rim, Cloverfield, The War of the Gargantuas, The Host

DAIKAIJU CHARACTERS

Obviously, this playset is built for human (or humanish alien) characters. It simply wouldn't do to have players growl and screech in every scene they're in. And yet... And yet, you may want to do exactly that because while the human drama is where the story is, we watch kaiju films for the monster battles. Here's a suggestion as to how to balance humans and giant monsters in the same scenario:

During the set-up phase, players will need to build human characters, but one, several or all players could also decide they control a daikaiju. Once per act, add an additional monster scene in which the players who control monsters can act out a fight, random destruction, etc. Human characters can react to this, of course. Players can also choose to use their monster instead of their human character for a scene if the collaborative narrative warrants it, but should probably not do so more than once per game.

Monsters can use the same Relationships, Needs, Locations and Things as their human counterparts, and indeed, many in this playset were written with both "character sizes" in mind. When humans and monsters start to blur together, we call that *theme*.

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- Parent and child
- Siblings
- Separated siblings
- Latchkey kid and kind neighbor
- Expecting parents
- Mentor and student

2 ROMANCE

- Beauty & the Beast
- About to meet and fated for each other
- Bromance
- Spy compromised by love of the other
- Couple separated against their will
- Going steady

3 POWER STRUCTURE

- Great leader and underling
- Illuminated and pledge in same conspiracy
- Mission coordinator and agent
- Politician and drafted scientist
- Mecha co-pilots
- Slave and taskmaster

4 UNDERHANDED

- ◻ • Crooks on the run
- ◻ • Alien impostor and observant friend
- ◻ • Swindler and mark
- ◻ • Assassin and target
- ◻ • Bully and victim
- ◻ • Corrupt C.E.O. and decent wage slave

5 PROFESSIONAL

- ◻ • Journalist and jumpy contact
- ◻ • Pilot and cartographer
- ◻ • Manga artist and muse
- ◻ • Bodyguard and royalty
- ◻ • Scientist and assistant
- ◻ • Activist and public relations expert

6 WEIRD

- ◻ • Cyborg and creator
- ◻ • Kaiju-serving fairy and its discoverer
- ◻ • Dead person's soul and guilty conscience
- ◻ • Shaman and tribesperson
- ◻ • Time travellers
- ◻ • Sea dweller and bomb tester

... **DURING A KAIJU ATTACK**

NEEDS...

1 FEAR

- Survive the mayhem
- Build ultimate weapon
- Scary, but what a rush!
- Find loved one before it's too late
- Repair horrible mistake
- Prevent kaiju mating/breeding

2 FANDOM

- Serve the Great Beast
- Kaiju chasing
- Scientific study
- Act on prophetic visions
- Collect kaiju stuff
- Make unlikely friend

3 DOMESTIC

- Get married
- Pay respects to a dead loved one
- Dance 'til you drop!
- Get a job
- Learn a lesson
- Is anyone else hungry?

4 ALIENS AMONG US

- Invade Earth
- Evolve mankind
- Hide among us
- Control the monsters
- Expose alien conspiracy
- Explore new worlds and new civilizations

5 TAKE REVENGE..

- ...on the monsters
- ...on the aliens
- ...on the government
- ...on polluters
- ...on that mad scientist
- ...on a big bully

6 SKREEE -ONNNNK !

- Destroy!
- Throw down!
- Defend the Earth!
- Be left alone!
- Evolve!
- Feed!

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LOCATIONS...

1 THE CITY

- City center
- The suburbs
- A high-speed train
- A toxin-spewing factory
- The temple
- The stadium

2 THE ISLANDS

- Monster Island!
- Home to a primitive tribe
- Test site
- Secret pirate hideaway
- Congregation of garbage
- Volcano!

3 THE COUNTRYSIDE

- The beach
- A fishing village
- Mudflats / Tar pit
- Vacation resort
- Road to a nearby town
- Abandoned nuclear power plant

4 SPECIAL BASES

- ◻ Underwater base
- ◻ Roving planetoid
- ◻ Kaiju theme park
- ◻ Secret bunker
- ◻ Repurposed oil drilling platform
- ◻ Kaiju observation base

5 NEW ENVIRONMENTS

- ◻ Scorching desert
- ◻ The ice flow
- ◻ The ocean floor
- ◻ A cave complex
- ◻ A foreign landmark
- ◻ A kaiju graveyard

6 IN SPAAAAAACE !

- ◻ Upper atmosphere
- ◻ The Moon
- ◻ The inner Solar System
- ◻ The outer planets
- ◻ Even further out in the Cosmos
- ◻ Dimension Z

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THINGS...

1 LOW TECH

- That old car o' mine
- A fancy eyepatch
- Lots of tanks, meltable tanks
- Lots of jets, explodable jets
- A strange telepathic gland
- One spear, just one

2 HIGH TECH

- Compound X
- Kaiju-controlling sounds
- The cure for cancer
- Stinky kaiju deterrent
- Weather control machine
- Giant superhero belt

3 BIG THINGS

- An electrical tower
- An incomplete mech
- A giant egg
- A boat
- An odd meteor
- A cool spaceship

4 LITTLE THINGS

- ◻• A stolen data tape (reel-to-reel, naturally)
- ◻• A child's toy
- ◻•• Bugged cigarettes
- ◻•• Kaiju DNA
- ◻••• A guitar and a musical number
- ◻••• Sunken treasure

5 KAIJU TYPES

- ◻• Reptile
- ◻• Mammal
- ◻•• Machine
- ◻•• Bug
- ◻•• Bird
- ◻••• Sea food

6 KAIJU WEAPONS

- ◻• Atomic breath / Beam weapon
- ◻• Gooey webbing or putty
- ◻•• Wing buffet / Afterburners
- ◻•• Rotating blade
- ◻••• Killer screech
- ◻••• Slowly or quickly killing you with cancer

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