

FIGHT truck 2023

WHAT STILL STARTS WITH

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AND ENDS IN

“uck”

in 2023

a social-distance-truckform larp

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A note from the author

Fight Truck by Crows Danger was my all-time favorite Golden Cobra larp because it said something that really resonated with me about a particular aspect of queer anger and helplessness.

In *Fight Truck 2023*, I've tried my best to translate a preposterously unplayable, full-contact, in-person game from 2015 into a preposterously unplayable expression of similar feelings that is appropriate to the same audience in 2023.

In the process, I've done my best to be as faithful to the original script as much as possible, including formatting, typography, and preserving exact wording where feasible. This game is more interesting when read in direct comparison to the original [Fight Truck](#).

Also I just thought *Fight Truck* with social distancing would be funny.

Fight Truck 2023 is approved by Crows Danger, but she has no responsibility for it.

What the hell is FIGHT truck 2023?

FIGHT truck 2023 is about taking the mess that is our friends' lives and getting really, truly mad about it. It's about looking straight at all those things that in the past years we've stopped asking for, talking about, and wanting out loud for our friends— and getting in those friends' faces about how fucking pissed we are for them. It requires throwing nuance, consequences, and compromises to the wind.

It's about letting fly the full force of our protective instincts for each other— counterintuitively, *upon* each other. (Because it's not like anything will happen if we let it out on the institutions actually creating the problems.)

It's all about breaking boundaries. The ones we've accumulated out of hundreds of layers of increasingly delicate respect for the unique house of cards that each of our friends has constructed to get through their days while their lives fall apart. We take a sledgehammer to those houses of cards.

The fight truck is a space to say to each other everything we've bitten back, at the same time. To be as angry as we really are about the present, instead of wistful about a hypothetical future.

It is a moment of consensual social violence and catharsis about real issues in an imaginary space.

To be explicit: we cannot solve any problems with Fight Truck 2023, we can only create more. There's a lot of shit in life that we shouldn't do, shouldn't have done, shouldn't have to do. Fight truck 2023 presents an opportunity to choose to do something that is a horrible idea and just fucking do it anyway. It mixes symbols of wasted effort, protectiveness, fighting, and doing social shit we really shouldn't and maybe can never take back.

And fuck it, we're doing it anyway, and holy shit this is so much better than we feared and so much worse than we hoped. It's about throwing away our solutions, shedding tears and aggression at people who don't deserve it, punching each other instead of punching up, and making it through that together.

How do you Fight TRUCK 2023:

In order to Fight Truck 2023, mix the following ingredients:

- A pack of queer punks (the Riders). No cishets allowed in the fight truck.
- One (1) U-Haul or comparable rented box truck.
- One (1) licensed driver (the Driver).
- One video call capable computer for each player. No sharing allowed.

Rent the U-Haul. Do it online because you don't want to walk into a store in person. Sometimes you gotta give them a drivers license so have the Driver rent it. Send the receipt to all the Riders to prove that you really did it. Or maybe just photoshop the plausible U-Haul receipt that's at the end of this document if you have some editing skills and no cash to light on fire, I guess.

Get the fuck on Zoom. You gotta collect that pack of queer punks together at the same time, do you know how hard that is? Nobody said this is an easy game. You're here because you know you need to be here.

If you want to go all out, have the driver put up a camera and dial in from the actual UHaul.

Once you're on the call, you shout at each other about shit going on in each other's lives that you're mad about, and what you want to do about it. Be really specific.

Every time some talks, start with, "No, fuck you!" You know how in improv, you always respond to the idea of the person before you with, "Yes, and"? This is the opposite. Always respond with, "No, fuck you!" and then add whatever you're going to say. Use whatever intonation you feel like. Or just say it in response to somebody addressing you, even if you don't have anything to add.

So it could look like:

"I am so fucking sick of your medical shit. I am going to go to your town, grab your doctor, and pummel him into the ground until he takes you seriously."

"No! Fuck you!"

"No. Fuck you both! *I* am going to rob a bank, rent an apartment, and get you away from those people you live by this time next week."

"No, fuck you! You are all going to move to my house. Next week. And we are going to live together and bake 20 different pies and play games all night."

"No! Fuck you. You are all going to come live with *me* and we are going to sleep in a cuddle pile."

"Nono, fuck *you*! I am going to your kid's school, I am going *make* their teacher understand, and she is never going to fuck with them again."

"No, fuck you. I am going get her fucking kicked out of her job!"

Etc, but probably less all over the place.

Just do not:

- Be realistic at all
- Get into abstract griping. You gotta keep it about what you specifically want to do for a specific person.
- Gang up on one person for too long
- Give anybody any actual advice
- Criticize any choices anybody already made

Eventually, you get that notification that you're out of minutes on your Zoom meeting. Maybe switch links or Riders or pick some new losers to get into the truck. Maybe you're done. Get your ass cleaned up: wash your face, change your clothes, change out the mood. Then start a new call and talk about it with some tea or beer or tea-with-beer. You just tore each others' lives apart, so aftercare is pretty important here.

Variants:

Fight Box 2023: Rent a storage unit or something instead of a truck, for kicks, and don't meet there in person to fight, either.

Actually Fight Truck 2023: Instead of shouting cathartic heartwarming shit at each other, actually fight. Pretend like it's back in 2015 when it was still punk to ignore the rules and burn shit down, before it

became mainstream to do it in the wide open. Once you're all there on zoom you FIGHT. How do you do this? Honestly, don't look at me. You're all larpers, figure it out. Throw a punch. Spit an insult. Maybe try not to damage your computer. Or do.

Hug Truck 2023: You've barely had a hug in 3 years. But it's still not going to happen in this game. Sorry. You're going to have to hug your pillow or whatever while looking at your friends on zoom while wishing for some real physical contact. Maybe say something nice about them, or compliment the top half of their body?

Moving Day 2023: This one's realspace. The eviction moratorium is over and you have to get the fuck out of your place to god knows where. Maybe your pack of queer punks will actually come over and help you load up your shit in the back of the truck? Maybe you can crash with one of them. I'm not a doctor, but wear some fucking masks when you do this.

Drive Truck 2023: Try going for a drive to cool off, you paid for it anyway. Maybe do some mutual aid and help a neighbor in need score some free furniture from facebook.

A few notes for everyone:

The first big point here is that everything that happens in this larp is to be consensual. The rules I've written so far are there to be broken— it's probably necessary, really. Don't fuck with the consent of your friends and fellow larpers. Don't break the trust bonds you're establishing. Just fucking don't. Agree to what is on the table and off the table before the larp happens.

The door is open. You're not locking yourself into a physical box with wheels or anything, you can get out whenever you want to get out. You can even just drop the call. You can also change your mind about what you want on and off the table at any time. If someone tells you to stop doing something, fucking stop immediately. Set up a safeword beforehand, because it's not like someone can tell people to stop by saying, "No fuck you."

FIGHT TRUCK 2023 is **not** a safe larp. You ever heard the [Ring Theory](#) of support where you're supposed to comfort *in* to someone closer to the heart of a difficult situation, and dump your own feelings *out* to people more removed from it than you so they can support you? It is literally the opposite of that. You might end up feeling like all your problems are worse! FIGHT TRUCK 2023 is still probably not a larp anyone should play, ever, under any circumstances.

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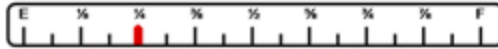
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