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To: Rami Schwartzer
Subject: Global Thermonuclear War

Hi Rami!

OK, I spoke to Ethan Linden and I have the instructions for Global Thermonuclear War!

The main thing that hopefully you and Stash can accomplish tomorrow/Thurs, is that we need to gather as many balls as possible. For a whole edah Ethan encourages at least 30 balls if that is possible. You don't want hard balls or anything too heavy. Good to vary the sizes and types of the balls. Could you see what we could borrow from sports staff?? I also wonder if we won't need to make a small investment at wallmart for some plastic cheap balls that we can use. Can you and Shnik take care of the ball-gathering? ☺

Here are the rules:

You divide the group into two teams, separated by a divided line. Can play outside. Benches can be the divider.

Pick 3-4 kids on each team to be the "cities." They cannot move. We decide where the cities should stand. Ethan suggested that we start by having them decently far from the line – you don't want it to be too easy at first, but not too hard either.

When the game begins, everybody from the teams launches their balls into the air. The ball MUST have an arc – it cannot be thrown directly!

If you're hit with a ball – on any part of your body – you're out. If a "city" is hit, that city is destroyed. Whichever team destroys all the other team's cities first wins.

You don't get anyone out by catching a ball. If you touch a ball by catching it, YOU are out.

You can throw a ball at another ball to try to deflect it. But you can't hold onto a ball to try to block other balls. If you do that, YOU are out.

We can play a few rounds of the game. Vary how many cities there are, where the cities are placed. (More/fewer cities, closer/further from the lines.)

As "refs" we must make sure primarily that kids are arcing the balls, and that the cities don't move.

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