

"NORILSK INCIDENT CHALLENGE" CONTEST

WIN 1000 US DOLLARS OR ONE OF TEN COPIES OF THE "NORILSK INCIDENT BOARD GAME"

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES:

CONTEST DESCRIPTION

The rules will refer to you as "the Entrant", and "the Organizer" as Gabriel Zang, author of the Norilsk Incident saga.

The Organizer has launched this contest for the release of the English version of the Norilsk Incident book saga. The Entrant, by complying with the Eligibility requirements (detailed under **Eligibility**), and with a Valid Entry (detailed under **Entry Requirements and Challenge**), can participate for one (1) of the eleven (11) Prizes (detailed under **Prizes**), to be given once the Contest Finish Conditions have been met (detailed under **Contest Finish Conditions**).

This contest is not affiliated with Amazon or any of its subsidiaries in any way.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND CHALLENGE

Participation in the contest is **FREE** and without obligation to purchase any of the Norilsk Incident products mentioned in the "Contest Finish Conditions", but the purchase of the products will contribute to hasten the process to finish the contest and enable the Organizer to deliver the prizes.

The challenge is the following:

Within the "Norilsk Incident: I.F.R.I.T. Black Box" book, a Numbers Station is transmitting a looped encoded message. The entrant's challenge is to decode the Numbers Station message.

In order for the Entrant to qualify for the Prizes, the Entrant will have to send an e-mail to gabunker@gmail.com, as detailed in the "**About us-Contest**" Page in the Norilsk Incident official webpage (www.norilskincident.com), and according to the rules of this contest, containing the following information:

- Entrant's full name
- Entrant's e-mail address
- Message, containing the Entrant's decoding of the message
- Entrant's Country of residence

For example:

Full Name: John Doe

Contact E-mail: johndoe@email.com

Solution: The decoded message is: "This is the message"

Country of residence: Poland

Even though a VALID ENTRY is one which complies with those three requirements, a WINNING ELIGIBLE ENTRY will be that which **complies with those four requirements, AND contains the right decoding (a margin of error of three(3) characters is tolerated)**.

Since the books are intertwined, the Entrant might look for other clues on the other three Norilsk Incident books, to help decode the message.

Each Entrant will be able to send **ONLY ONE** (1) entry. If the Entrant sends more than one entry, the first entry will be the only valid one.

NOTE: Each VALID entry receipt will be **manually confirmed by the Organizer** within **3-5 days of its reception**. If you have sent your entry and not received your confirmation within 3-5 days, feel free to send your entry again.

The Organizer will not share, nor sell the information the Entrant provides, nor will use it for commercial or personal purposes but to notify the Entrant of this contest related information.

PRIZES

The available prizes are the following:

- One (1) one thousand United States Dollars prize (from now on "1000 USD prize")
- Ten (10) copies of the Norilsk Incident Board Game (game to be released before but not after December 2015)

1000 USD Prize

The 1000 USD prize is to be delivered to the winner Entrant (detailed under **Winner Selection**) through any of the following payment services, and no other:

- Paypal to Paypal transfer
- Western Union Transfer (Cash at Agent location)
- MoneyGram Transfer (Cash at Agent location)

The winning Entrant will decide and notify the Organizer which payment service suits him/her better, and after the Organizer and the winning Entrant have reached an agreement via e-mail, the

Organizer will have **7 days from the agreement date** to deliver the prize. **The transfer fees will be assumed by the Organizer.**

Norilsk Incident Board Game Prize

The Norilsk Incident Board Game prizes are to be delivered to the winners via mail, to the addresses the winning Entrants provide the Organizer via e-mail.

The Organizer will request for address confirmations, and once the winning Entrants have confirmed them, the Organizer will have **3 days from the game release date** to ship the Board Game to the winners.

The Organizer will not take responsibility of any fees after the Board Game has been shipped to the winners (customs fees, etc), being those responsibility of the winning Entrants, which will not be able to place complaints nor engage legal actions against the Organizer.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Eligibility to receive the 1000 USD prize

- a) **Location and availability:** The 1000 USD prize is open to anybody in any part in the world, where, depending on the country of residence, the Entrant can receive such prize via:
 - Paypal to Paypal transfer,
 - or Western Union Transfer (Cash at Agent location),
 - or a MoneyGram Transfer (Cash at Agent location).If the Entrant is not able to receive the 1000 USD prize through any of the ways detailed previously, it will be not eligible to this prize, yet eligible to the board game prizes if the Entrant complies with the requirements.
- b) **Age limitations:** The Entrant must be 18 years old or older. If the Entrant is under 18 years old - and if legal in the Entrant's country - he/she can choose an adult to receive the prize for him/her (the Entrant assuming the legal responsibility of any consequence of noncompliance to the Laws to which is subject to).
- c) **Relationship with the Organizer:** The Entrant must NOT be an immediate family member to the Organizer, and/or living in the same household of one.

2. Eligibility to receive the Norilsk Incident Board Game prize

- a) **Location and availability:** The prize to win one (1) of the ten (10) Norilsk Incident Board Games is open to anybody in any part in the world, where, depending on the country of residence, the Entrant can receive such prize via mail.
- b) **Age limitations:** Same rules as 1.B apply.

- c) **Relationship with the Organizer:** Same rules as 1.C apply.
- d) **One Prize per winner:** The Entrant will NOT be eligible to win one of the board games if he/she has previously won the 1000 USD prize, or if he/she has previously won 1 of the 10 Norilsk Incident Board Games.

The noncompliance to the eligibility requirements detailed previously, will automatically disqualify the Entrant to take part in the contest, and nullify any entry which the Entrant may have sent.

It is the responsibility of the Entrant to find out and verify if he/she complies with the requirements stated in Eligibility points 1 and 2.

If the Entrant doesn't comply with the requirements, he/she will not be able to place complaints nor engage legal actions against the Organizer.

WINNER SELECTION

Once the contest ends according to the conditions stated in the **Contest Finish Conditions** section, the Organizer will host a live streaming session (Youtube Live Events for example) on a service to be announced when the contest finishes, to, and in order to:

- Reveal the Numbers Station hidden message
- Explain how the decoding is done from the original message to the final result
- Perform the winners' draw

The draw will be recorded and uploaded, to include all those who weren't or aren't able to see the live streaming.

The live streaming session will take place in a maximum of **7 days after the contest finish announcement has been made public.**

The spoken language for the session will be English, and the uploaded video will contain Spanish subtitles.

The winners will be selected during the live streaming session as described below:

1. The Organizer will show all the winning eligible entries (as described in **Entry Requirements and Challenge**) in the **Winning Eligible Entry List** (an Excel/Calc spreadsheet), each row containing a column with the name of the Entrant, and another column with the country. The order of the names will not answer to a specific, nor chosen order. Each Entrant identification number will be their Excel/Calc row number.
2. To guarantee absolute transparency, the Organizer will access <https://www.random.org/>, and use the "True Random Number Generator" feature, to generate random numbers from 1 to N, being N the amount of winning eligible entries.

3. The first randomly generated number, will correspond to the winner of the 1000 USD prize. Immediately after the number has been generated, the Organizer will go to the spreadsheet, and point out the winner of this prize.
4. The following ten (10) randomly generated numbers, will correspond each one to a different winner of one (1) of the ten (10) copies of the Norilsk Incident Board Game. Immediately after each number is generated, the Organizer will go to the spreadsheet, and point out the winner of this prize.

In order to give everybody a fair chance, if the same number is drawn in step 3 or 4 (the drawn number has already won a prize), another one will be generated, according to the rules detailed in Eligibility 2.D.

Each winners' name will be shown, and mentioned live in the broadcast, and lately published on the Norilsk Incident Official Website, as well as the Norilsk Incident Official Facebook Page.

Claiming the prizes

The winners will be notified via e-mail as soon as the broadcast finishes, and will have to reply to the notification to claim it. If the prizes are **unclaimed within 5 days from the broadcast**, the following procedure will be executed:

If the 1000 USD Prize turns unclaimed, the winner of the first draw of the Board Game Prize will receive the 1000 USD Prize instead of the Board Game, and another Entrant will be drawn to receive a Board Game. If yet the 1000 USD Prize gets unclaimed, the procedure will repeat until there is a winner for the 1000 USD Prize.

If there aren't enough winner eligible entries to match the 11 prizes stock (for example, 7), there will be one (1) winner to the 1000 USD Prize, and N amount of winners to the Norilsk Incident Board Game Prize, being N the maximum amount of winner eligibles entries.

WINNING DOUBLE CHANCES

The Entrant can double its chances to win (have his/her name twice in the Winning Eligible Entry List as defined in **Winner Selection, point 1**) if he/she has bought the books from the Createspace E-Store (links of applicable products provided **below**) and the entry is a Winning Eligible Entry (as defined in **Entry Requirements and Challenge** section).

If such is the case, the Entrant will have to **reply** to the **Organizer's entry receipt confirmation, attaching the**

invoice/order for the purchase, to prove the claim's veracity. Once done, the name will be entered twice per Entrant (not per book purchased) in the list.

The Createspace E-Store links for the titles if the Entrant wishes to purchase the books and get **double chances** to win if it submits a winning eligible entry are:

ENGLISH

- Norilsk Incident: Marauders' Diaries (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/5546713>)
- Norilsk Incident: I.F.R.I.T. Black Box (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/5547108>)
- Norilsk Incident: Science Logs (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/5547134>)
- Norilsk Incident: Cult of Papsukkal (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/5547208>)

SPANISH

- Incidente Norilsk: Diario de los Merodeadores (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/4338548>)
- Incidente Norilsk: Caja Negra I.F.R.I.T. (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/4471397>)
- Incidente Norilsk: Registros de Ciencia (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/4471405>)
- Incidente Norilsk: Culto de Papsukkal (Paperback)
(<https://www.createspace.com/4519512>)

CONTEST FINISH CONDITIONS

The contest will finish when the sum of any of the products mentioned below, the count beginning on June 22nd, 2015, reach ten thousand (10000) sold copies through Amazon in any of its available countries, or the Createspace E-Store:

ENGLISH

Norilsk Incident: Marauders' Diaries (Paperback), Norilsk Incident: I.F.R.I.T. Black Box (Paperback), Norilsk Incident: Science Logs (Paperback), Norilsk Incident: Cult of Papsukkal (Paperback), Norilsk Incident: Marauders' Diaries (E-Book), Norilsk Incident: I.F.R.I.T. Black Box (E-Book), Norilsk Incident: Science Logs (E-Book), Norilsk Incident: Cult of Papsukkal (E-Book).

SPANISH

Incidente Norilsk: Diario de los Merodeadores (Paperback),
Incidente Norilsk: Caja Negra I.F.R.I.T. (Paperback), Incidente
Norilsk: Registros de Ciencia (Paperback), Incidente Norilsk:
Culto de Papsukkal (Paperback), Incidente Norilsk: Diario de los
Merodeadores (E-Book), Incidente Norilsk: Caja Negra I.F.R.I.T.
(E-Book), Incidente Norilsk: Registros de Ciencia (E-Book),
Incidente Norilsk: Culto de Papsukkal (E-Book).

The prize draw will take place if, **and only if**, at least ten thousand (10000) copies have been sold. It would take at least 2500 Entrants to buy the full set of books (4 books) to reach such limit.

There is not a specific deadline to the prize draw, that is why, to hasten the draw date, the Entrants are encouraged not only to buy the books or e-books, but also to share the contest information in as many ways as it is possible.

Once the ten thousand (10000) copies goal has been reached, the Organizer will post an official announcement on the Norilsk Incident Official Facebook page, Norilsk Incident Twitter and Norilsk Incident Official Webpage detailing the date and time for the live streaming session where the winners draw is to take place.

Such announcement will be made by the Organizer the Saturday of the week when the ten thousand (10000) copy limit has been reached, accepting entries even up to the previous day.

Once the public announcement has been made, the entry period will be closed.

The Organizer will schedule the live streaming session within a maximum of **5 days after the contest finish announcement has been made public.**

The spoken language for the session will be English.

The official posts done through Facebook, Twitter, the Official Website and other social media, including images, banners, and every kind of graphic, text, audio or audiovisual material is free to share, as long as it is not altered. The Organizer does not take any responsibility for altered material of any of the types described before, or others, by individuals unconnected to the organization of the contest and the Organizer.

DELIVERY DISCLAIMERS

The Organizer disclaims all liability for any delays, mis-delivery, loss, or failure in the delivery of any item sent by mail, courier, express, electronic transmission, or other delivery method. Entries must be made as detailed herein. The Organizer is not responsible for mechanical, technical, electronic, communications, computer, hardware or software errors, malfunctions or failures of any kind, including: failed, incomplete, garbled or delayed transmission of online entries, traffic congestion, the Internet or at any website or lost or unavailable network connections which may limit an Entrant's ability to participate in the Contest, and any injury or damage to Entrant's or any other person's computer or device related to or resulting from participating in or downloading any information necessary to participate in the Contest.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

By participating, Entrants agree to

- a) these Official Contest Rules and acknowledge that the data and records of the Organizer shall be deemed final and conclusive on all matters and in all respects; and
- b) release, discharge, indemnify and hold the Organizer, from any liability, claims, damages, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever which they, their heirs, successors, assigns, executors, or administrators may now or hereafter have directly or indirectly against him or any of them in respect of or relating to the Contest and/or the acceptance or use, misuse, or possession of any prize. By accepting a prize, winners agree to the Organizer to use of their names for publicity purposes (winner's list) without further compensation.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The Organizer shall not be responsible for print or typographical errors in any Contest-related materials; for stolen, lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible or are lost due to computer or electronic malfunction. The Organizer reserves the right, to cancel or modify the Contest, including extending the Contest Period, without individual notice for any reason including, but not limited to, fraud or technical failures that compromise the integrity of the Contest as determined by the Organizer in its sole discretion.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

Good luck to everybody and we sincerely hope you enjoy reading and living the Norilsk Incident Universe!

Thank you,

Gabriel & Diana Zang

