Eternal Sunshine #170

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Quote of The Month – "So now cheating on your husband makes you a feminist?" - (Mary Ann in "Little Children")

Welcome to **Eternal Sunshine**, the zine just one end-game report away from folding. But that report won't be next month, because "More Than Ever" hasn't ended yet. So we're here for at least two more issues (as I'll be doing a final issue with the end game report once the game ends in a win or a draw).

I don't have much to say this month. Went to see a play last weekend, a staging of Lisa D'Amour's "Detroit." It was okay, despite some issues I had with the casting. Still, I was left to wonder why a play I found so surface-level and sitcomish was actually a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama in 2011. It wasn't at all insightful in terms of the false pursuit of suburban consumerism or the middle-class life or whatever else it meant to reveal brilliantly. But at least it got me out of the house!

The latest Diplomacy World came out on July 2. Make sure you go read it. Maybe you'll be motivated to write something yourself....a letter, an article on strategy and tactics (I desperately need some S&T articles; we rarely seem to get any). You can find the new issue – and every prior issue – at www.diplomacyworld.net.

In sad news, Paul Milewski has passed away. I've been playing in games with Paul since I first joined the hobby in the late 80's. (And in Paul's zine, back when he published). As you may remember, Paul played in a game or two here as well, including More Than Ever. My condolences to Paul's family. He's told me about his recent health problems, but really didn't consider them – or his upcoming surgery – to be a big deal. He was more annoyed by them. Unfortunately, he had his surgery but he never recovered. While Paul had a tendency to be cranky and stubborn (he resigned from More Than Ever because I called a standby before there was an NMR, mistakenly thinking I did so preemptively. I wasn't at liberty to tell him that I was instructed to do so at the time), he was also a very caring individual. He regularly sent me holiday cards of all types, and even sent letters when I was a guest of the Feds. He'll be missed.

Other than that...it's hot. Every day. And will be for months. That is all.

I guess that's it from me for now. See you in August!

Game Openings

No game openings, as the zine will fold when the currently-running games are completed.

Standby List: Current standby list who are qualified to standby in More Than Ever: Harold Reynolds.

Meet Me in Montauk

The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column

Kevin Wilson - Sounds/looks like you had fun at the con. My daughter likes those kinds of movies too. Not in my wheelhouse, other than the occasional classic.

[[I enjoy many of them, but I don't get so attached to most of them compared to the normal con attendee. I also am NOT invested in the franchises. I like movies more or less individually, but I don't need the constant sequel fix. Halloween, Friday the 13th, Nightmare on Elm Street, Saw, and the list goes on. I suppose that's just a sign of the times, since people go gaga over every Marvel, Star Wars, Fast and the Furious, or Lord of the Rings universe project.]]

Walt O'Hara - Great issue. Love the Twin Peaks convention coverage. I wish I had known!

[[Just to be clear, it's actually a Horror convention, but it has a history of also catering to some cult films and shows because of the crossover fan base. I met Sherilyn Fenn at a prior Frightmare. But in general the guests are heavily tilted towards horror films. Just happens that I frequently find myself more interested in meeting and interacting with "secondary" guests. Although I did manage to meet George Romero before his untimely passing.]]

Hey, is BPD coming back next month?

[[Nope. With the zine running down to a fold, it's just More Than Ever (Diplomacy) and the remaining games in Andy York's subzine. Once those wrap up, sayonara baby! I am not opening any more games.]]

Andy Lischett: If you go to the convention next year, what cosplay (I had to look it up) would you do?

[[I'm thinking about doing Alex (or a general droog, not really specifically Alex) from A Clockwork Orange. The shirts are hard to come by but I can find one or have a collar swapped out. The real catch is the codpiece. They don't really make that style any longer, so I would need someone with some seamstress skills to create one for me.]]

The Dining Dead - Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

Brooklyn 45 (Shudder) – More of a suspense film than horror, despite being on Shudder and having some paranormal elements. Near the end of the year in 1945, a Colonel – grieving over the suicide of his wife on Thanksgiving – invites four friends over. He reveals his desire to hold a séance in order to contact his wife, or at least to determine if there is anything beyond this life. Despite their skepticism, the rest of the group agree. But the results soon pit them against each other and reveal details about their time in the war that might have been better left hidden. In general, I enjoyed this. The acting was better that you might have expected. My biggest problem was the conclusion. It felt unsatisfying, and almost pointless. I don't require a straight line, or firm answers, but at least let things make a bit of sense? I know there was a bigger picture writer and director Ted Geoghegan must have been trying to paint, but parts of it must have eluded me. My other problem was how OLD everyone felt. Three of the characters were supposedly just fighting World War II six months earlier. Granted, they were officers, but based on details provided, those three were in heavy combat in Germany. I don't see them looking, feeling, and acting so old six months later. Still, while certain things disappointed me, I don't really feel like I wasted my time.

Unwelcome (Shudder) – Jon Wright directed this 2023 horror film. It stars Hannah John-Kamen and Douglas Booth as Maya and Jamie, a mid-20's couple who survive a home invasion in their apartment in the city. Jamie's great-aunt dies and leaves him an old house in rural Ireland. The couple move out there to escape the violence of the city, where a neighbor explains they need to leave an offering of raw meat out in the back every night for the mythical "little people" of the forest, the Red Caps. As you might expect, the Red Caps turn out to be much more real than Maya and Jamie imagine. This was actually pretty fun most of the way through, in part because of the subplot of the crazy (and violent) family they hire to help repair the house. And the Red Caps have their charm. IT really fell apart for me right at the end; I didn't object to the nature of the ending, just the execution and the specific choices made. Still, it was a nice little bloody romp through Ireland.

No Exit (Hulu) – A fun little thriller directed by Damien Power. Havana Rose Liu stars as Darby, a recovering drug addict. When her mother has an aneurism, Darby breaks out of rehab and races to Salt Lake City in a stolen car. But a blizzard forces her to stop at a highway rest stop with a handful of other travelers, where she soon discovers someone is not as they seem. There are a few twists along the way, and plenty of suspense, as Darby tries to alert the other travelers without letting on about what she knows. Apparently, this film was adapted from a 2017 novel. The weakest moments are the very beginning (when Darby is still in rehab), so if you think the film isn't for you, give it a few more minutes before you bail completely. I enjoyed it.

Three Thousand Years of Longing (Amazon Prime) – I film that seems to have come out last ear (and done poorly) but which I hadn't ever heard about. Directed by George Miller, it is an adaptation of the short story "The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye." It stars Tilda Swinton as a professor in Turkey for a conference. Purchasing an old glass bottle at a store, she soon discovers it contains a Djinn (Idris Elba). Eventually the Djinn tells her the stories of the three times he has bene imprisoned in the bottle. I quite liked the visual style of the film, and appreciated the slower pace it took to tell its tales. But it went on too long; I believe I would have been more engrossed if I'd seen this on the big screen, where less distractions were around to draw me away. It's a love story, in its own way, and it's probably worth a try. If you're bored by the 30-minute mark, you're not going to enjoy it.

Older Movies Watched (that I've seen before, sometimes many times) – True Believer, Dead Again, In the Company of Men, The Burning, Devil, Over the Edge, Jaws, 1776, Gettysburg, Return of the Living Dead (those last four are my normal July 4th films, due to when they take place).

Out of the WAY #58

by W. Andrew York (wandrew88 of gmail.com)

Howdy!

It's been a busy month for me with plenty of baseball, movies with friends (Wes Anderson's "Asteroid City" was great!) and other activities. Hardly a moment to take a break, though this past week I've had to skip some things just to rest up (and find time to put this together!).

Things are running down with the subzine. Below you'll find the final Facts in Five results, a new Hangman and the Fall 1908 results of the Gunboat game. Congrats to Kevin Wilson for winning the FiF game – it's always a tough battle to end up on top of this one. I'll likely do one more Hangman after this, presuming the Gunboat game is still moving along.

For me, this coming month is going to be toasty. June was another "one of the hottest months" in Austin on record, including the highest "heat index" recorded and 19 days over 100 degrees. This past week has been a bit of a break with nearly a week of high temps in the 90s. Next week, back into the oven though!

Just as a heads up, next weekend I'll be in Arlington with a long-time friend and my step-brother (from Michigan) at a couple Rangers games against Cleveland. So, any OOTW material you send won't be acknowledged until I return and catch up on things.

One of the reasons we're all going is, since the opening of Globe Life Field, my step-brother's "I've been to every major league ballpark" milestone has been on hold. So, we're going to rectify that. It'll also be good to spend some time with our mutual friend, from San Angelo, that I don't see often enough.

Keep cool this summer and we'll see you in a month!

Letter Column

(always welcome, send them in!)
(if something shouldn't be included here, clearly mark it as a personal comment)

[Andy Lischett] – Alas, Eternal Sunshine and Out of the WAY going away at once. Please keep my email address handy for when you return. [WAY] – appreciate the vote of confidence, in what I've put out and in that I'll be pubbing again in the future. I'm hoping to return, but need to clear a number of projects and do major downsizing as I move into the latter years of life (long may they be!). I do miss writing, and I VERY much miss setting up a game and pushing counters around a board in solo-play. Those are the two things, along with picking up my reading pace, that I hope to tackle when I get the deadwood/anchors/decluttering behind me. And, yes, if/when I do return I'll make sure the word gets out.

- [Kevin Wilson] I've never heard of the Casca series of books. I'm not sure it's of interest to me now but there was a time in my past when I might have. [WAY] Casca is not something I'd buy, in my current time of life. I originally read it in my 20s much more for me at the time. I think the "Men's Adventure" genre, as I recall, was aimed at the younger male audience in the "macho" culture of the time.
 - [KW] It brings to mind a series I read a while back that I liked, the Horseclans novels. The main character there was immortal and traveled around a post-apocalyptic North America trying to bring civilization back. [WAY] I'll keep an eye out for the series, though I really don't need any more in my 'to read' pile. I do enjoy post-apocalyptic stories (having both "Canticle" books by Miller that I want to reread and two other series The Erthring Cycle by Drew and The Pelbar Cycle by Williams in my sorted book piles).

Mini-Book Reviews

(finished since last issue)

Casca: The Barbarian by Barry Sadler (1981; 184p).

This volume goes back and fills in the years between <u>The Eternal Mercenary</u> and <u>God of Death</u>. It covers his travels after leaving the Roman Empire, trailing through Germanic lands and into the early Viking clan holdings. As hinted in <u>God of Death</u>, he eventually takes over one holding, building it up into a successful and respected land.

While there, he meets his first real love and fights for her against impossible odds (well, for someone who is eternal, not quite impossible). As the book ends, he prepares for the journeys recounted in God of Death.

The usual caveats, it delivers much of what you can expect after reading the other books. You could read this one between books #1 and #2, if you wish, to keep things in a timely manner, but not necessary. It won't hurt the enjoyment of the 3rd book that occurs, timewise, after it. Not sure where the WWII book (#4) would fit into a linear reading right now.

Recommended only if you enjoyed the others. [June 2023]

Get Well Wishes and Sunny Thoughts to Cheer You by C.R. Gibson Company (1977; 60p).

Mostly a collection of poems, quotes and short musings on a variety of topics. Each heading, such as "Sound Advice" and "Love Is...", has a few entries over the next page or two that relate to the topic. The entries are from a variety of sources, a few well known (William Wordsworth and Oscar Wilde), but the majority are from folks I've don't recall or haven't heard of. The writings are a mix of worthwhile and forgettable.

Not sure where this book came from, just another one unearthed in my slow progress through the library. Not really recommended and one that is going in the 'to be disposed' of pile. [June 2023]

Interesting Times by Terry Pratchett (1994; 399p).

The latest (to me) Discworld book brings back characters from the first book, some which have reappeared in the interim and some that are back for their first encore. It is the usual, enjoyable, romp in Pratchett's magical world.

The premise is that a part of Discworld that is mostly a rumor to the folks in the previous books is in a bit of a political turmoil with one of the factions looking to "recruit" a rumored magician from Ankh-Morpork to "save" them. How they find the magician, what that magician can actually do and the political intrigues in the land provide the backdrop of the "interesting times".

The new lands are loosely based on the dynastic and warlord periods of China with the culture a mix of those time periods, southeast Asian lands with a bit of a communistic uprising thrown in. The political intrigues and machinations drive much of the book in an almost madcap manner. To add to the disarray, Cohen the Barbarian and his elderly horde show up to make their move for a great treasure.

Thoroughly enjoyable, hard to put down and loads of fun to read (and chuckle at!). It helps to have read the earlier books, especially the first one, to get all of the asides. But, probably not really necessary. Highly recommended! [June 2023]

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis (1960; 190p).

Lewis's seminal work on Christian theology for the non-theologian. It takes many concepts, brings them into a more popular/readable format, and provides guidance on integrating them in a person's daily life. Much more practical, and approachable, than most books that tackle similar themes.

That said, it is a book of the '40s with some cultural and scientific views rooted in that time frame, as well as from a British perspective (with a few references that may have an American scratching their head).

Recommended for the Christian, or the Christian curious, in understanding that point of view, lifestyle and mindset. [July 2023]

The Tao of Igor by John Kovalic (2022; 224p).

John Kovalic ended his "Dork Tower" comic book series with issue #36 – leaving the last of the MudCon story ark unfinished. With this graphic novel, he collects the entire MudCon run and concludes with what would (could?) have been in the final issue #37. It is classic Kovalic!

If you haven't figured out, I'm a Kovalic and "Dork Tower" fan (he publishes new strips on his website several times a week). So, having this volume to close out the series was satisfying (having forgotten many specifics of the MudCon ark, so was able to re-enjoy and savor them again). As usual, his art and scripting are top-notch and worth reading.

Recommended to all, even as an introduction to his comic universe. I still will pick up his earlier books that I have for a quick laugh or enjoyable diversion. [July 2023]

Babylon 5 Quote

In "A Voice in the Wilderness, Part 1" - Londo: "Water. Fascinating. I never touch the stuff myself."

Source: But In Purple...I'm Stunning! by J. Michael Straczynski, edited by Sara "Samm" Barnes, copyright 2008.

Game Section

Everyone Plays Games: Hangman, By Definition

Game Openings: None currently

Standbys: Gunboat Diplomacy (x1)

"Round Rock Express"

(No-Press Gunboat, Game #1) MN: 2021Crb32

Proposed - DIAS (NVR = No)

Fall 1908

Austria: F ALBs a tri, A TRI s a rum-bud, A SER s a rum-bud, A rum-BUD, A bul-RUM

England: F KIE hold, F BRE hold, F POR-spa(nc), F wal-ENG, F yor-EDI, F LON-nth, A LPL s f yor-edi

France: A SPA s a gas-bar (imp), A GAS-mar

Germany: <u>F NTH s a pic-bel</u>, A pic-BEL, <u>A TYL s a gal-vie</u>, A UKR s a bud-rum, F NWY s f nth, A MOS s a ukr, <u>A bud-rum</u> (r-gal/otb), A gal-VIE, <u>A BUR-ruh</u>, <u>A RUH-kie</u>, A MUN s a tyl

Italy: F BLA s a sev, A SEV s aus a rum (nso), A VEN-tyl, F aeg-CON, F GOL-mar, A PIE s a ven-tyl, F ion-TUN

Supply Center Count

Austria: Tri, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Bud = 6 (+1, no place to build)

England: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Por, Kie, Bre, spa = 6 (-1) France: Mar, Par, SPA = 3 (+1)

Germany: Ber, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe, War, Mos, Stp,

Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Smy, Con, Ank, SEV = 8 (+1)Neutral: none Next Due Proposal, Autumn/Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 Note – Split seasons are granted when 2 or more requests are received if 4+ players; 3 or less requires only 1. Hangman, By Definition This is a five-round game, with each round consisting of a variable number of turns. The winner will be the person who wins the most rounds, with a tie breaker being fewest total number of turns in those winning rounds. Second tie breaker will be the greatest number of letters guessed (by total count revealed, not by individual letter). Each round will consist of identifying a word of at least six letters. Along with each word will be the first definition given. All words and definitions will be identified by blank spaces. Words and definitions are verified in a dictionary that was my high school graduation gift (slight hint to those who might want to find the edition). The goal is to guess the word in as few turns as possible. Each turn, all players will submit up to three different letters to be revealed. The letter submitted by the most players will be the letter revealed in the next turn. Ties will be broken by a randomized method. Additionally, each player should submit a guess for the word. Once the word is correctly identified (spelling is important), that round will end and a new round will begin. All players who guess the word in the same turn will share in the win for the round. If the word is not guessed by the end of six turns with no letter being revealed, no one will win the round. Along with revealing letters in the word, letters will be revealed in the definition. There are no bonus points for guessing any part of the definition, it is only there to help players figure out the word. No guesses about parts of the definition will be confirmed or displayed except by the letter revealed in that round. The letters "E" and "S" can never be chosen as the letter to be revealed. Game 2. Round Four, Turn 1: Letter Votes: tbd New Word is printed below Solution: Word: __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (7) ____(3) _____(7) ____(3) ____(7) Definition: ___(2) _____(7), ___(2) ____(3) _____(5) _____(3) ______(7) Never Revealed: E. S. Already Revealed: tbd Game Words Correctly Guessed: Metamorphosis (Firth, Maslen, Smith, Wilson); Chromatic (Firth, Maslen, Smith); Petroglyph (Maslen) Player Comments: [Kevin Wilson] – <reference the previous word> Petroglyph was one I almost chose. I couldn't get a definition to work for any of the ones I thought might work so went with the one I liked, which apparently someone else did as well. Oh well it was a nice try. ++++++++++++++++++ **FACTS IN FIVE**

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Vie, Nwy, Bel, $\frac{\text{sev}}{\text{sev}}$ = 11 (even or +1, depending on retreat)

Rules: There will be five rounds, the cumulative high score at the end of the fifth round will be the winner. Anyone may join anytime with a starting score matching the lowest total from the previous round. Anyone missing a round will add the lowest score of that round.

Each round will consist of five categories and five letters. Each player submit may an entry for each category which has a key word that starts with each of the letters (twenty-five total entries). Key words are generally the first word; however, articles (the, a, etc.) and modifiers ("red" in red bicycle for "R" in "mode of transportation" or "general" in General Lee for "G" in "Military Leaders") are not key words. A word in the category may not be the key word ("bank" in "Bank of America" for "B" in the category "Banks"). For given names, the last name is the key word, if married it will be their post-marriage last name. However, in the case of commonly used stage names, that name should be used (in a category of female singers, "Q" could be "Queen Latifa" and "Cher" for "C"). An entry may only be used once per round. Please clearly identify which individual you are using as your answer if there are multiple potential people with a given name. For instance, if the category is American Presidents, answering Washington is fine as there is only one; however, if you decided to use Bush you need to indicate whether you are submitting the father or the son. Unclear answers will be matched to score the least points. Using the Bush example, if one person submitted "Bush" and three people submit "George W. Bush" the latter would score 2 points and the former 1.

One point will be scored for each entry that unarguably meets the letter and category. An additional point will be added if anyone else also uses the same valid entry for the same category. Maximum possible score in a round is 50 with a lowest possible score of 25, presuming an individual submits a valid entry for each category and letter in that round.

Research is allowed, collaboration between players is not.

Game Seven, Round Five

Bolded - Scores 2 points for matching another entry; Crossed Out - scores 0 points; otherwise scores 1 point.

REMINDER - Last names are generally the key word, not first names.

	С	D	Ι	K	S				
Statesman from Africa									
Mark Firth	Coetzee	Djerrad	Idris	Kaunda	Smit				
Doug Kent	Carvalho	Deby	Issoufou	Kenyatta	Selassie				
Andy Lischett	Walter Coutts	Patrick Duncan	Abdallah Ibrahim	Uhuru Kenyatta	Anwar Sadat				
Walt O'Hara	J Conombo	FJ d FDV-D	P ka Isak Seme	A T Kabbah	W G S Sankawulo				
Kevin Wilson	Alpha Conde	Idriss Deby	Imhotep	Jomo Kenyatta	Haile Selassie				
Country (under 250,000 square miles)									
Mark Firth	Cape Verde	Denmark	Iceland	Kuwait	Senegal				
Doug Kent	Cameroon	Dominican Rep	Iraq	Kenya	Spain				
Andy Lischett	Cuba	Denmark	Ireland	Kenya	Senegal				
Walt O'Hara	Cote d'Ivoire	Djibouti	Ireland	Kiribati	South Yemen				
Kevin Wilson	Cuba	Denmark	Ireland	Kuwait	Singapore				
Living Male Writer									
Mark Firth	H Coben	J Deaver	K Ishiguro	S King	W Shetterly				
Doug Kent	JM Coetzee	Don DeLillo	Kazou Ishiguro	Stephen King	Nicholas Sparks				
Andy Lischett	Michael Connelly	Len Deighton	John Irving	Stephen King	John Sanford				
Walt O'Hara	Michael Chabon	Jack Dann	Judith Ivory	Stephen King	RA Salvatore				
Kevin Wilson	Tom Clancy	Don DeLillo	Kazou Ishiguro	Stephen King	Brandon Sanderson				
Common Name of an Air	craft Type (such as	Zero, not a Mitsu	ıbishi A6M or a C	essna)					
Mark Firth	Corsair	Dragon Lady	Imp	Kadet	Swordfish				
Doug Kent	Connie	Dragon Lady	Intruder	Knight	Sandy				
Andy Lischett	Constellation	Dauntless	Ishak	Katyuska	Spitfire				
Walt O'Hara	Catalina	Dragon Rapide	Invader	Kingfisher	Spitfire				
Kevin Wilson	Constellation	Destroyer	Invader	Kaydet	Stratofortress				
Geometric Form									
Mark Firth	Circle	Dipole	Icosahedron	Kurtosis -	Square				
Doug Kent	Circle	Dodecahedron	Icosahedron	Kite	Square				

Andy Lischett	Cube	Dodecahedron Icosahedron <>	Sphere
Walt O'Hara	Circle	Dodecahedron Isoceles Triangle Kite	Square
Kevin Wilson	Circle	Dodecahedron Icosahedron Kite	Sphere

Note – for allowed and disallowed answers, please feel free to correct me!

General Notes -

- on **Mark's** Answers: Coetzee is discounted as I could only find an author, boxer and police officer with that last name, none of which were statesmen:
- on **Doug's** Answers: none of the Kenyatta answers match as Doug's was non-specific (could match either of the other two answers) and the other two were specific, but mutually exclusive; Doug's Connie answer doesn't match the other two Constellation answers as, though they refer to the same plane, they were separate names; Knight is discounted as I couldn't find an aircraft known as a "Knight" I did find a Sky Knight (starts with 'S') and two helicopters (Sea Knight and Knighthawk), but no Knight
- on **Andy's** Answers: none of the Kenyatta answers match as Doug's was non-specific (could match either of the other two answers) and the other two were specific, but mutually exclusive
- on Walt's Answers: Walt expands J Conombo is Joseph Conombo (Upper Volta), FJ d FDV-D is Fernando Jose de Franca Dias Van-Dunum (Angola), P ka Isak Seme is Pixley ka Isaka Seme (South Africa, ANC), A T Kabbah is Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, W G S Sankawulo is Wilton G. S. Sankawulo (Liberia); Walt expands Michael Chabon (novelist), Jack Dann (SF writer), Judith Ivory (US Romance writer), which is discounted as she's a female, Stephen King (US horror writer), RA Salvatore (US childrens writer/horror); Walt expands Catalina (PBY), Dragon Rapide (De Haviland), Invader (Douglas A-26 Invader), Kingfisher (Vought Recon plane), Spitfire (Supermarine)
- on **Kevin's** Answers: none of the Kenyatta answers match as Doug's was non-specific (could match either of the other two answers) and the other two were specific, but mutually exclusive; Kevin expands Constellation (Lockheed EC-121K), Destroyer (Douglas WB-66D), Invader (Douglas VB-26B), Kaydet (Stearman PT-17), Stratofortress (Boeing B-52D); Tom Clancy is discounted as he died in 2013; Dipole is discounted as it is a factor in a molecular form, not a form in itself; Kurtosis is discounted as it is used as a statistical measure, not as a form in itself

General Player Comments:

[Andy Lischett] – I'd thought both Deighton and Irving were dead.

- [Kevin Wilson] African statesman didn't say living so a few of mine are no longer in that category; one long since gone. [WAY] as the category was intended
 - [KW] I like the geometric forms. Usually we think of flat, 2D, shapes but "form" can be 3D as well. I liked it. [WAY] Great to know!
 - [KW] I'm not a big fan of King [WAY] I'm not either [KW] but I've read everything Clancy and quite a bit that Sanderson have put out. I remember reading "The Hunt for Red October" the first time. I was traveling home and bought the book in a bookstore at the airport. My flight was delayed a bit so with that and the flight I had time to really get into the book. After landing, as soon as I got home and settled, I picked it back up and read until about 3:00 a.m., finishing the book in just the afternoon/evening/night the day I purchased it. Many of his others I blew right through quickly as well but none had me unable to put down as much as Hunt. [WAY] I enjoyed some of Clancy's earlier work, but later on lost interest especially when other authors started writing under his "brand"

Final Standings

Scores by Category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Now		Previous	Total
Kevin Wilson	7	9	7	7	10	40	+	154 =	194
Andy Lischett	5	10	6	7	7	35	+	151 =	186
Doug Kent	7	6	8	5	10	36	+	149 =	185
Walt O'Hara	5	6	5	7	9	32	+	142 =	174
Mark Firth	4	8	7	6	6	31	+	138 =	169

Deadline for the Next Issue of Out of the WAY:

August 9, 2023 at noon Central US Time Zone See You Then!

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Eternal Sunshine Game Section

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F Aegean Sea Supports F Eastern Mediterranean - Smyrna, A Bohemia Supports A Munich,

A Budapest - Rumania, A Bulgaria Supports A Budapest - Rumania, F Eastern Mediterranean - Smyrna (*Fails*),

F English Channel Supports A Picardy - Belgium, A Galicia - Ukraine (*Dislodged*, retreat to Budapest or OTB),

A Greece Supports A Bulgaria, A Serbia Supports A Budapest - Rumania, A Tyrolia Supports A Munich, A Vienna - Galicia (*Fails*).

France: Brad Wilson - fullfathomfive675@gmail.com - A Burgundy Supports A Munich,

F Clyde - Edinburgh (*Fails*), F Edinburgh - North Sea (*Fails*), A Gascony - Paris,

A Munich Supports A Bohemia (*Cut*), F North Sea - London (*Bounce*), A Picardy - Belgium.

Germany: Andy York - wandrew88@qmail.com - Retreat F Edinburgh - Yorkshire..F Baltic Sea - Sweden,

A Berlin - Munich (*Fails*), A Denmark Supports F Baltic Sea - Sweden, A Kiel Supports A Berlin - Munich,

A Ruhr Supports A Berlin – Munich, A Silesia Supports A Berlin – Munich, <u>F Yorkshire - London</u> (*Bounce*). **Russia: Graham Wilson -** <u>grahamaw@rogers.com</u> – A Ankara Supports A Armenia – Smyrna, A Armenia – Smyrna, F Constantinople Supports A Armenia – Smyrna, F Norway Does Nuthin' (Holds), <u>A Rumania Supports A Warsaw – Galicia</u> (*Dislodged*, retreat to Sevastopol or OTB), A Ukraine Supports A Warsaw – Galicia, A Warsaw - Galicia.

Concession to Austria Fails Now Proposed – A/F Draw. Please vote. NVR=No

Supply Center Chart

Austria: Brest, Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Naples, Rome, Rumania, Serbia,

Trieste, Tunis, Vienna=11

France: Belgium, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Marseilles, Munich, Paris,

Portugal, Spain, Venice=10

Germany: Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Sweden=5

Russia: Ankara, Constantinople, Moscow, Norway, Sevastopol, Smyrna,

St Petersburg, Warsaw=8 Build 1 or 2

PRESS

Paris to St. Petersburg: We are friendly with the "Celtic Brittany" Separatist movement, despite its temporary alliance with the great and powerful Habsburg dynasty. We can tolerate the Bretons' choice of sovereign as long as they send people to Paris to make those wonderful Breton pastries, galettes and crepes, and keep sending us oysters. But a threat to our supply of fine Belgian cider and beer must be resolved immediately.

Deadline for W 09/S 10 is August 12th at 7am My Time

By Popular Demand

General Comments: Kevin Wilson – "Not that it changes the outcome, but my Joker last round of BPD was TIDE not the serial killer. I didn't do the math and you may have counted it that way and just bolded the next column." [[I am pretty sure I moved to the wrong column before clicking BOLD, and then gave you the double points for the wrong category. Fortunately you won by enough to overcome my goof.]]

Deadline for the next issue of Eternal Sunshine is: August 12, 2023 at 7am My Time (U.S. central time) – some games and subzines earlier

Even or Remove 1

Remove 2

Build 3 (Room for 1)