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# VOLUME IX, #14

# **BORIS THE SPIDER**

A Journal of Duplicitous Doings, Raw Power, and Naked Greed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave When first we practice to deceive!" --Sir Walter Scott--



(#270)

#### Happy Valentine's Day!

With neither gamestarts or any game finishes, headline material is a bit scarce, so I'll throw in a bit of historical trivia. St Valentine's Day got its name from St Valentine, a Roman priest who was martyred around 270 AD, and who's feast day is celebrated on 14 Feb. The practice of sending love notes goes back much further in Roman custom and was part of the worship of the goddess Februata Juno. It could just as easily have been called St Celsus Day or St Nararius's Day had either of these early martyrs been assigned 14 Feb as a feast day. Wouldn't have the same ring to it though, would it?

We have up to four pages empty and awaiting a new gamestart. Candidates are WIZARD'S QUEST, GUNSLINGER, PUERTO RICO, and, HISTORY OF THE WORLD. Sign up soonest or volunteer to run  $\varepsilon$  game yourself.

#### IMMEDIATE OPENINGS:

WIZARD'S QUEST: Need 1 to 3 more. Would like to use ACTS.

#### BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** "In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." -- Theodore Roosevelt

**NEW ON THE WEBSITE:** All the old website has been transferred from AOL to cox.net (Reference 1) except the back issues. "Bret Maverick" has been transferred to the Finished folder.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: Saunders Family Christmas picture (taken on Thanksgiving).

#### BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes this month to Paul Zieske for his BRITANNIA press.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Paul Barrett for delay of several games.

#### REFERENCES.

1. http://members@cox.net/boris\_spider/BorisHome.html

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CST 6 Mar 08

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#### Russians Thwacked!!

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#### Spring 1902

MINAS MORGUL: The southern Russian flank is beginning to crumble against the combined Austro-Turkish attack and both her northern centers are in peril. The French and English appear to have brokered an accommodation, which doesn't bode well for encircled Germany. And what to make of the Italians and their A BOH?

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA (Wilson): A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S A Tri, F Gre H, A Bud-Gal, A Vie S A Bud-Gal.

ENGLAND (Fisher): A Yor-Nwy, F Nwy-Ska, F Nth C A Yor-Nwy, F Lon-Wal.

FRANCE (Anderson): A Por-Spa, A Bur-Ruh, F Spa(sc)-Wes, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Nichols): A Den H, A Ruh-Kie, F Hol-Bel, (A Ber-Mun).

ITALY (Copeland): A Trl-Boh, [A Mun S FRE A Bur-Ruh], F Tun S F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Trl, F Nap-Ion. RUSSIA (Saunders): [A Sev S F Rum], [A Gal S F Rum](r-???), [F Rum A Sev](d), F Swe-Bal. A Mos S

A Sev. A War-Sil

TURKEY (Fryling): A Bul-Rum, [A Arm-Sev], F Bla S A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul.

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed, r-??? = retreat to ???.

Russian A GAL must retreat otb or to UKR or WAR.

Due next time are orders for Fall 1902. Keep up the good Press!

#### **EMBASSY BEAT**

England to France: So Sorry about the Belgium thing (those Chocolates and waffles are too distracting) but it was all Germanys fault. No hard feelings, pip pip

CONSTANTINOPLE: Due to the much higher temperatures our forces are experiencing due to global warming, the Sultan has directed each of our armies to move north to find cooler climates. Maybe we can return when we experience a nuclear winter....

#### **BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW**

London Times: The PM today put blame on Germany for the unfortunate excursion into Belgium by the English army last year. "It was not our intention to cause problems for the vacationing French forces by occupying all the best Belgium hotels (forcing the French to return to the mostly 2 star hotels in the providence they had come from) but we have found that Germany exaggerated the severity of the storms in the North Sea-causing the Home fleet to divert to Belgium with the Army aboard and also drawling the Northern Fleet into Norway and off station and away from Scotland. We have not determined why Germany would wish to distract English forces thusly but suspect nefarious plans be afoot. Her Majesty wishes to a sure our French neighbors we harbor no hostilities and despite our new Fleet commissioned in London and word of a new French Fleet in Brest still will honor our pledge not to place military forces in the English Channel (and will also pledge not to put fleets in a "French Channel" if one is ever named) as a show of good faith. We see no reason to bring up the past like that Waterloo adventure or the Spanish Peninsula actions—all old water over the dam, wot?) and wish to maintain friendly relations with the Republic."

Moscow Free Press: The Tsar has formally reprimanded the Russian diplomatic corps, stating that never in Russia's history has the Rodina been so poorly served. The Tsar also invites all European nations to send envoys to discuss the developing situation in central Europe.

Neue Zuercher Zeitung: We will fight the French wherever we find them. Europe will be better off without France. Ask the Germans. Attributed to unnamed English diplomat.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

Serbian Gazette, p 53: Drunken Italian soldiers were rounded up and sent back to Italian authorities. What they were doing in Austro-Hungarian territory is being investigated.



# MACHIAVELLI Factions Mobilize! Spring 1500

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ERRATA: T/V also controls CRO for +1d.

Ragnociti: France's dearth of home centers in which to build was palpable this season. Three of factions have sizable treasuries with which to stir up mayhem. The Pope snoozed and forgot a support that could've saved A CAP. The Austrians began @poffensive on land and on sea to bolster their precarious position. The Turk sowed disinformation. What else is new?

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Austria (18) maintains all but A PAL (-12 d), builds A AUS & HUN (-6 d). Florence/Papacy (50 d) maintains all (-21 d), builds A FLO & ROME and G ANC & G PISA, (-12d). France (46 d) maintains all (-21 d) and builds A AVI, F Mar (-6 d). Turks/Venice (54 d) maintains all (-21 d), builds A ALB, DAL, & PAD, F DUR, and G TUN (-15 d).

Austria (Barrett, Od): A Sla-Carin, A Carn S A Sla-Carin, F TS S F WM-GoL, F WM-GoL, A Aus S A Sla-Carin, A Hun S A Aus;

Florence/Papacy (Scott, 17d): A Pio-Sie, A Man S A Bol-Mod, A Bol-Mod, [A Cap S F Anc-Aqu](d). A Spo S F Anc-Aqu, F Anc-Aqu, F Pisa-Pio, A Flo-Bol, A Rome H, G Anc = F, G Pisa = F; France (Nichols: 19d): [A Swi-Tyr], A Aqu-Cap, [A Tyr-Mil], A Nap S A Aqu-Cap, A Tur-Pav, F Cor S F Gol-LS, F Gol-LS, A Avi-Tur, [F Mar-Gol.];

Venice/Turks (Anderson, 18d): A Rag-Otr, [A Fer S PAP A Bol-Man](nso), [A Carin-Mil](r-???), F Cro-Ist, F LA C A Rag-Otr, F Tun-CM, F UA S F Dal-Cro, A Alb H, A Dal-Cro, A Pad S A Fer, F Dur-IS, G Tun = F.

Autonomous: Cre Luc Mod Mon Pav Pio Sav Sie Trent Tur

Orders in brackets fail; nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, r-??? = must retreat somewhere, u = unordered

Venetian A CARIN must retreat otb or to FRI, TRENT, or VER.

Due next time are orders for Summer 1500.

#### **EMBASSY BEAT**

Papacy to Venice; Hey, that wasn't nice, supporting France when I was supporting you... let's get on the same page, and work together ....for a change?

Papacy to France: no real problems, just the nature of the game.

Papacy to Austria; you and I should talk, as we could push toghether, should you want to....

Army OTR to Messina: Hello. I love Sicilian summers.

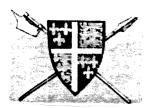
Venice to Austria: I am giving you this chance to back out of Car, sla. Use this turn and next to organize your defence.

Venice to France: You are on your own fighting Austria for a turn or 2 to see if he cares about his homeland or does he care about Car, Cro. How can we work against the menacing middle monster of Flo/Pap?

Venice to Flo/Pap-I only mean the above in the nicest terms possible.

Venice to GM- How many cities does a player need to win this scenario. The variant rules do not say???

GM-Venice: See Rule 3.2, 1st paragraph.



# KIRGMAKER

"King of Dain" Turn 32 Mobement - 33 Ebents

#### The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dowrey): Fitzalan [30], Warden of the Northern Marches [(1)50]. Stanley (50), Earl of Richmond(40), Marshal of England (100), Le Lucas. Bouchier (10), Earl of Salisbury [30]. Berkeley (10), Earl of Essex [20], Event cards (1), Crown Cards (1),

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole [30], Chancellor of England [50]; Holland [20], Duke of York [30]. Courtenay[30]. Admiral of England [50]. Lancaster [(20)]. Event cards (6). Crown Cards (3).

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray [50], Treasurer of England [50]; Hastings [10], Bishop of Carlisle [(30)], Bishop of Durham [(30)]. Cromwell [10], Earl of Kent [30], Steward of the Royal Household [50]. Percy [100], Lieutenant of Ireland [(2)50], Archbishop of York [(30)], Northampton [(20)], Le Nicholas, Le Rose. Beaufort(30), Constable of London [(2)50]. Carisbrooke. Newcastle. Event cards (4), Crown Cards (7).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford [30], Chamberlain of Chester [(2)50], Ferench Foot(??). Nottingham [(20)]; Neville [50]; Audley [10], Earl of Wiltshire(30); Roos [20], Herbert [10], Talbot [30], Greystoke [10] Irish Kerns (50). Event cards (5), Crown Cards (1),

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Howard [10], Duke of Exeter [20], Warden of the Cinque Ports (50), Archbishop of Canterbury, Bristol [(30)], Coventry [(20)], Le Swan; Clifford [10], Earl of Worcester [30], Captain of Calais [(3)50], Bishop of Lincoln, Le Michael. Event cards (6), Crown Cards (1).

#### TURN 32

Hastings responds to Durham.

#### MOVEMENT:

MH: Hold in Preston.

TCC: Hold in Preston.

KPP: Percy & Cromwell York-Helmsley-Po-Pm-Durham-Ql. Hastings Durham-Ql. Mowbray

Helmsley-Po-Pm-Durham-Ql. Beaufort & Margaret sail on Le Rose

Beumaris-S24-S29-S30-Scotland, playing card for 7 Turns of Refuge there.

WF: Clifford & Edmund move to Coventry. Howard moves to Pevensey. Le Swan moves to Caister.

Press: Margaret has decided to take a trip to see the sights of Scotland. Beaufort will not be responding to any work calls as he provides escort to the First lady of royalty...

COMBAT: None.

CROWN CARDS: None availble.

#### **TURN 33**

#### EVENTS:

MH: #118, Religious Diet. dr = 4; all prelates (Clifford, Hastings, Percy & Howard) to Wells.

TCC: #94, Catastrophe (3 rounds) -- troops from titles, offices & prelates unusable

KPP: #80, Plague @ London = n/e

SQ: #36, Storms at Sea = n/e

WF: #23, Parliament May Be Summoned by the Chancellor

Due next: Whether Parliament will be summoned, Turn 33 movement.

NOBLES: Audley, Greystoke, Herbert, Neville, Roos, Stafford, Talbot @ Mf. Beaufort @ Scotland: Berkeley, Bouchier, Courtenay, Duke of York, Fitzalan, Grey, Pole, Stanley @ Preston. Clifford,

Hastings, Howard, & Percy in Wells. Cromwell & Mowbray @ Ql.

SHIPS: Le Christopher, Le Margarete, Le Lucas@ Beaumaris, Le Michael interned @ Carisbrooke: Le Nicholas @ Corfe, Le George @ Rye, Le Swan @ Caister, Le Rose @ Scotland, Le Trinity @ Pevensev.

HEIRS: Reds: Margaret in Scotland w/ Beaufort; Edward of Wales in Beaumaris: Artie @ Kingston: Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan in Preston. Whites: Edmund II of March in Wells w/Clifford, George @ Mf w/ Stafford. RIP: Henry VI, Richard of Gloucester, Edmund of Rutland, Richard of York.



# KREMLIN

### **Bungaloff Purged!** Year Sa



The Cast: (in Table order)

Dave Anderson, Decaying, Licentious Antiquarians (DLA): 2 cards, 1 wave

Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 2 cards

Doug Kent, Whining Kremlin Pigs (WKP): 3 cards Paul Barrett, Politburo Bureaucrats (PB): 3 cards Mike Scott, The California Connection (TCC): 3 cards

Cary Nichols, Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS): 1 card, 1 wave

Erratum: Strychnin was badly injured so has ++. 43-Man squamish is only for manly men.

#### Politburo

Party Chief: Bungaloff (W) DLA(10+), REDS(10), WF(5) KGB Head: Nogoodnik (V) 61w WKP(10), WF(9) Foreign Minister: Nikotin (R) REDS(10), WKP(7), WF(6) 71++ Defense Minister: 67++€ Boremtudev (K) TCC(3), WKP(1) Ideology Chief: Krakemheds (E) 72 Industry Minister: 62? Satin (O) REDS(3), WF(2) Economy Minister: Wasolin (Z) 50w Strychnin (T) Sport Minister: 57++? REDS(3), TCC(2) People: HIJLMNPQSX Candidates: CDFUY KREMLIN WALL: AG Siberia: B(83++)N

5.I CURE PHASE: Bungaloff (W) ages 2 SP to 64 for being PC and under investigation. KGB Chief Nogoodnik (V) ages 1 SP to 62 for being in her weak job. Foreign Minister Nikotin (R) takes the Cure WKP reveals 3 IP on Defense Minister Boremtudev (K) and returns him to work where he ages 2 SP to 69 for being ill. Industry Minister Satin (O) ages I SP to 63 for being under investigation. Economy Minister Wasolin (Z) ages I SP to 51 for being in his weak job; REDS reveal I IP on him. Sport Minister Strychnin (T) ages 3 SP to 60 for being ill and under investigation.

5.2 PURGE PHASE: KGB Head Nogoodnik purges W (19), aging 1 SP to 63.

S.J. SPY INVESTIGATION PHASE: Defense Minister Boremtudev condemns C and opens investigations on R & Z. aging 4 SP to 73.

5.4 NEALTH PHASE: DLA plays #1 "Flu Epidemic"; -1 drm to all health rolls.

KGB Head Nogoodnik (62) spends "5-1" days hunting moose, gets Sick (+) Foreign Minister Nikotin (71++@) sleeps "17-1" hours a day, improves to Sick (+).

Defense Minister Boremtudey (73++) drinks "4-1" too many shots of vodka and dies.

Ideology Chief Krakemheds (72) dances the polka "2-1" too many, dies.

Industry Minister Satin (63) travels within "4-1" km of Chernobyl, grows III (++).

Economy Minister Wasolin (51) does "3-1" lines of cocaine, gets Sick (+). Sport Minister Strychnin (60+) shoots "14-1" consecutive free-throws, no change.

Due next time are your orders for the Funeral Commission through Parade Phases of Turn 5. Unless someone springs Nikotin from the Sanatarium via a card play (Nogoodnik is then the nominee), Nogoodnik must nominate O, Z, or T. If the nomination fails, she must nominate from the nay-saying faction. If that fails, she reluctantly takes the helm.

#### Politburo

Party Chief: <VACANT> KGB Head: Nogoodnik (V) 62+w WKP(10), WF(9) Foreign Minister: REDS(10), WKP(7), WF(6) Nikotin (R) 71+@ Defense Minister: <VACANT> Ideology Chief: <VACANT> Industry Minister: Satin (O) REDS(3), WF(2) 63++? Economy Minister: Wasolin (Z) 51+w REDS(1) Sport Minister: Strychnin (T) 60+? REDS(3), TCC(2) Candidates: DF UY People: HIJLMNPQSX KREMLIN WALL: AEGK Siberia: B(83++)CNW(62)

**LEGEND:** s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, © = taking the Cure.



#### BEHTARIA "Gamain" Turn X-XB



The Cast

Copeland: Purple Anderson: Red Zieske: Green Martin: Blue

fore: Purple 63, Blue 37, Green 36.5, Red 27.5.

TURA X

Board: R-Bs (2): 1A @ Suffolk.

Weish (2.5): 2A @ Gwynedd, March, Powys; 1A @ Gwent, Lindsey.

Brigantes (0.5): 2A @ Galloway.

Picts (1.5): 2A @ Caithness; 1A @ Alban, Dalraida, Dunedin, Mar, Moray, Strathclyde.

Caledonians (1.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Irish (1): 2R @ Atlantic, 2A @ Clywd; 1A @ Avalon, Cornwall, Devon.

Scots (2.5): 1A @ Hebrides, Skye.

Jutes (2): 1A @ Kent.

Saxons (1.5): 2R @ Frisian; 1A @ Essex, Norfolk.

Angles (2.5): 2A,Oswiu @ N Mercia, 2A @ York; 1A @ Bernicia, Pennines; Offa?.

Bretwalda may be elected. Red casts 5 votes for the Welsh. Green casts 3 votes for the Welsh. Blue casts 3 votes for Angles. Purple casts 1 vote for R-Bs. The Bretwalda is Welsh (+2 VP).

**Store:** Purple 63, Green 38.5, Blue 37, Red 27.5.

R-Bs (2): Grow 1 pp. Add 1A @ Suffolk.

WELSH (2.5): Grow 3.5. Add 1A @ Powys, 1A @ March. 2A Powys-Dyfed, 1A March-Powys, 1A March-Hwicce-Downlands, 1A March-Hwicce-Gwent,

Weish to Irish: Weil as you can see, I haven't figured out how to deal with those pesty Irish drunkards yet. Maybe start another slogan campaign: Ireland for the Irish!

BRIGANTES (0.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

PICTS (1.5): Grow 4.5 pp. Add 1A @ Dunedin & Strathclyde, 1A Dunedin-Lothian.

CALEDONIANS (1.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

IRISH (1): Grow 2.5 pp. Add 1A @ Devon. 2A Devon-Gwent, 2R Atlantic-Gwent (6,4,4,4:5,2; 6,2,1:4 -2 Welsh, 1 Irish. 2r w-Atlantic), 1A Cornwall to Devon,

SCOTS (2.5): Grow 1 pp. Add 1A @ Skye. Hold and distill.

JUTES (2): Grow 1 pp. Add 1A @ Kent. Hold and brew hopped ale = beer!

SAXONS (1.5): Grow 2 pp. Add 1A @ Norfolk. 2A Norfolk-Suffolk, 2R Frisian-Suffolk (4.3.3.3:5.2: 5.4.1:4.1; 5.2.2:6 -2 Saxons, -2 R-Bs, 2R w-Frisian). Score 2 VP. R-Bs extinct.

ANGLES (2.5): Oswiu dies. Grow 3.5 pp. Add Offa & A @ Bernicia, A @ N Mercia. IA N Mercia-York, IA N Mercia-S Mercia, IA @ York-Cheshire-Cumbria, IA @ York-Cheshire, IA,L Bernicia-York-Hwicce.

Turn X VP

Purple: Scots (3) = +3 Red: Brigantes (2), Irish (2), Saxons (3) = +7Green: Welsh (5), Caledonians (2) Jutes (2) = +9 Blue: Picts (8), Angles (14)

**Score:** Purple 66, Blue 59, Green 45.5, Red 36.5.

# DUNE Turn 36



ERRATA: We forgot to pay A (+4S), G (+2S) & H(+4S) their stronghold spice on Turns 1 & 2.

BOARD:

Atriedes (Wilson): 6T @ Arrakeen, 12R, 5L, 13S, (0/7) KH, 4C

Fremen (Anderson): 5T @ Seitch Tabr, 1T False Wall West(s17), 4T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 7R,

Guild (Nichols): 5T @ Tuek's Sietch, 2T @ S Mesa(s5), 2T @ False Wall South(s4), 13R, 5L, 3S, 2 C.

Harkonnen (Barrett): 4T @ Carthag, 6T @ Cielago North(s12), 10R, 5L, 8C, 19S.

Spice: None. Storm: Sector 14 Tanks: A 2T

3.3 Bidding: A & H are full so only two cards are available. A forsees they are Card 1: G & F bid 1S. G gets on spice tie-break (-1S). Card 2: G & F bid 1S. F gets on die-roll tie-break (-1S).

3.4 Revival and Movement:

Revival: A revives 2T.

Shipping: H ships 6T to Carthag (6S to G).

Movement: A moves 2T Arrakeen-Sihaya Ridge. F moves 2T False all West-Hanbbanya Ridge

Sietch, H moves 6T Cielago North-Red Chasm. G moves 1T South Mesa-Red Chasm.

3.5 Combat:

Red Chasm: H (6T@) vs G (1T).

Due next time: Orders for Combat through Spice Blow phases.

Atriedes (Wilson): 4T @ Arrakeen, 2T @ Sihaya Ridge, 12R, 5L, 13S, (0/7) KH, 4C

Fremen (Anderson): 5T @ Seitch Tabr, 5T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 7R, 3\*R, 5L, 1S, 3C.

Guild (Nichols): 5T @ Tuek's Sietch, 1T @ South Mesa(s5), 2T @ False Wall South(s4), 1T @ Red

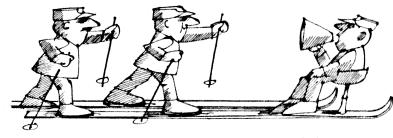
Chasm, 13R, 5L, 8S, 3C.

Harkonnen (Barrett): 10T @ Carthag, 6T @ Red Chasm, 4R, 5L, 8C, 13S.

Spice: Red Chasm(8) & Sihaya Ridge(6).

Storm: Sector 14 Tanks: Empty

**LEGEND:** C = cards, L = leaders, R = reserve, S = spice, T = tokens, @ = aggressor



Stauber/Die Welt/Bonn



#### SILVERTON

#### TURNS 88-9A



Nichols declines #25. Morrison declines #12 & #106. Zieske declines #7 and #77.

#### PLAYER STATUS:

- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$10,050, \$+2,\$,P,P, #14(0.5 Ag), #65, #15, #16(1 Ag), #56(3 C), #66(3 C), #108, #67, **#3** #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$3,700, \$+1,\$,P+1,P, #57(11 C,D), #104(2 Ag), A3, A2, #62(2 C)
- #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$11,575, S+1,S,P+1,P, A20, B22, #83(1 Cu), #38, #84, #42
- #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$26,100, S.S.P+2.P. #53, A5, #35, #55, #44(5C), #30, #54

#### AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

7 Cripple Creek (Au: \$1600/\$400) 25 Silverton (Ag: \$700/\$200) 41 El Vado (L: \$500/\$150) 77 Lake Valley (Ag: \$700/\$100) 90 Mc Gaffey (L: \$200/\$150) 106 Bingham (Cu: \$600/\$400) The Deck

12 Eureka (Ag: \$500/\$250) 39 Lumberton (L: \$800/\$250) 75 White Oaks (Au: \$500/\$250) 80 Mogollon (Ag: \$500/\$200) 99 Gallup (C: \$300/\$200)

PAX: A1, A4, A6, A19, B7, B9, B10, C14a

#### Turn 8b (SNOW!)

#1: Operate #66 (-\$200: 9 = 3 C), #67 (-\$150: 5 = 1 C) #103 (-\$100: 4 = D) & #3 (-\$200, 6+4 = 0.5 Au). Deliver 6 C from #66 to Pueblo (+\$1800).

#2: Operate A2 (+\$250), A3 (+\$400), #62 (-\$200: 5 = D). Deliver 2 C from #62 to Denver (+\$600). #3: Operate A20 (+\$300), #83 (-\$250: 6 = 1 Cu), #38 (-\$150: 11 = 3 L), #84 (-\$200: 4 = D), #42 (-\$150: 6+1 = 2 L). Deliver none.

#4: Operate #30 (-\$200: 7 = 1 L), #53 (-\$100: 5 = C)), #44 (-\$100: 6 = 2 C)), A5(+\$100). Deliver 5 C from #53 and 1 L from #30, to SLC (+\$2000+400).

#### The Market: (IDN = 3)

Au:	6 + (0x4) = 6	- 1	5000u	EP L:	6 + 0 - 3 = 3	+2	1000
Ag:	5 + (0x2)-3 = 2	+3	1800	Den C:	4 + (2/2) - 3 = 2	+2	500
	6 + 0 = 6	-1	1000L	SLC C:	10 + (5/2) - 3 = 9.5	-1	300u
Den L:	9 + 0 - 3 = 6	nc	500	Pueb C:	9 + 6 - 3 = 12	-2	150
SLC L:	7 + 1 - 3 = 5	+1	800	SF C:	7 + 0 - 3 = 4	+1	600
Pueb L:	12 + 0 - 3 = 9	-2	400	EP C:	7 + 0 - 3 = 4	+1	500
SF L	12 + 0 - 3 = 9	-2	600				

DEPLETIONS: #6, #10, #18, #43, #51, #57, #62, #78-79, #84, #103.

- #1: Prospect #7 (dispute). Survey Canon City-Cripple Creek (-\$800) & Cimmaron-French (-\$300).
- #2: Prospect (+1) B9 (-\$2175) & #7 (dispute). Survey S+1 Denver-Boulder (-\$400) & Salida-Gunnison (-\$1500).
- #3: Prospect(+1) #75 (-\$500) & #41 (-\$500). Survey(+1) Socorro-Carrizozo (-\$1500), La Madera-Vallecitos (-\$400).
- #4: Propect #12 (-\$500) and #106 (-\$600). Survey Cheyenne-Denver (-\$700), Mack-Grand Junction (-\$200).

#7. Nichols (12) vs Morrison (4). Nichols gets #7 (-\$1600).

#### PLAYER STATUS:

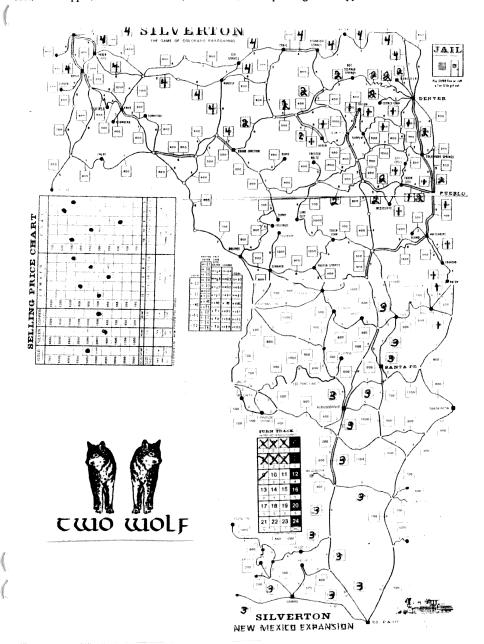
- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$8,500, S+2,S,P,P, #14(0.5 Ag), #65, #15, #16(1 Ag), #56(3 C), #66, #67(1 C), #3(0.5 Au),
- #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$675, S+1,S,P+1,P, #57(11 C,D), #104(2 Ag), A3, A2, B9,
- #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$8,225, S+1,S,P+1,P, A20, B22, #83(2 Cu), #38(3L), #42(2 L), #41, #75
- #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$26,200, S,S,P+2,P, #53(5 C), A5, #35, #55, #44(7 C), #30(1 L), #54, #12, #106

#### AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

- 20 Leadville (Ag, \$200/\$200) 39 Lumberton (L: \$800/\$250)
- 80 Mogollon (Ag: \$500/\$200)
- 91 Paxton Springs (L: \$500/\$200) PAX: A1, A4, A6, A19, B7, B10, C14a, C18
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LEGEND: Claims in bold are unworked. Underlined depletions, Leadville. Ag = silver, Au = gold, C = coal. Cu = copper, L = lumber or lower, m = middle, PAX = passenger, u = upper.



The Deck



# MERCHANT OF VENUS

## "Graw" Turns 12.1-13.1



#### The Cast:

Paul Barrett: Ecepecep, \$172, Deeds = \$200 Debbie Anderson: Brego the Wynom in Secratariat, \$60, Deeds = \$200 Ron Fisher: Why the Gossuth in *The Thunderbolt Greaseslapper II*, \$100 Bob Dowrey: Nik, \$230, Deeds = \$200.

#### Turns 12.1-13.1

12.1 Eeepeeep: Roll 1,3,5,6. Use Pilot of 5. Move Poisonport(p)- R-B-Y-B-R-B-Y-R20(-\$20)-B20(-\$20)-A-R-B-Y-NC5-MGS(c). Sell Furniture (+\$180), draw Fare 10-Base.

12.2 Wynom: Roll 1,4,4.5. Pilot = 5. Move Grandport(s)-o-R-Y-R-NC-Y-B-R-A-B20-R20-Y-B.

12.3 Qossuth: Roll 2,2,3,4. Move R-Y-o-A-B30(-\$10)-ACW(c). Sell spice w/ 3 Demands (draw Demand for Spice @ 4b & Fare to 4b from 6) and buy one Rock Video (+\$80+120-120).

12.4 Nik: Roll 4,4,6,6. Use 6 as Pilot. Move Dryport(s)-o-A-(Y)-R-NC6-R-(Y)-B-(Y)-o-Wet

13.1 Eeepeeep: Roll 2,5,6,6. Move ...

#### PLAYER STATUS

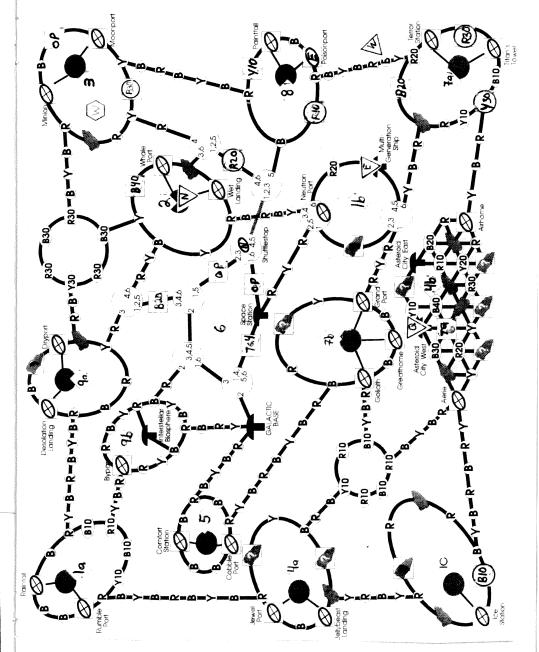
Player	Barrett	Anderson	Fisher	Dowrey
Race	Eeepeeep	Wynom	Qossuth	Nik
Ship	Clipper	Clipper	Clipper	Clipper
Cash	<b>s</b> 312	<b>\$</b> 60	\$170	8230
IOUs			8,2,4a	
Hull		Shield	R Shield	R Yellow Dr. Shield
Hold 1	Furniture	Servomech	Video	Genes
Hold 2		Servomech	Sculpture	
Deeds	PoisonPt	Nik Factory		Shuttlestop

CULTURE S'	TATUS			
Culture	System	Goods	Factory	<u>Demands</u>
Tinkerers	Galactic Base		***	Fares-4a,9a
la Nillis	Rogue Planet	Perfume(x4)	Available	
1b Volois	MultiGeneration Ship	Silk(x5)	Available	
2 Graw	Water World	Spice(x4)	Available	
3 Niks	Inhabited Moon	Wine(5)	Sold, no	Perfume
4a Dell	Jungle World	Dust(x6)	Available	Wine
4b Humans	Asteroid System	Videos(3)	Available	3xSpice
5 Shenna	Colony World	Pelts(x6)	Available	Wine, Fare-Base
6 Yxklvx	Space Station World	Grease(x3)	Available	Pelts
7a Zum	War-Torn System	Liquor(4)	Available	Dust
7b Eeepeeps	Giant Planet	Servomechs(x1)	Available	
8 Wynoms	Polluted Planet	Furniture(x3)	Available	
9a Cholos	Desert World	Genes(x4)	Available	Liquor
9b Wollow	Interstellar Biosphere	Paperwts(x4)	Available	
10 Qossuth		Sculpture(x3)	Available	Fare-Base











# RAIL BARON RRs Sold Out!



THE CAST

Brad Martin (Blue), 43 kS, CB&Q, B&M, C&O, L&N, NP, D&RGW, Express, N&W Chris Bailey (Purple), 61 kS, NYNH&H, AT&SF, NYC, GN, SOU, B&O, CRI&P Andy York, (Green), 22.5 kS, C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL, T&P, UP, SL&SF, IC Ron Fisher, (Red), 62 kS, X, PA, WP, CMSP&P, MP, SP

#### TURNS 52.1-60.1

52,1: Blue rolls 10+?. Moves on SP to San Francisco (+19 k\$, 5 k\$ to Red). Buys not. Rolls 8-even. 3-odd = Denver, then red die out = 6. Move on SP to 2E of Reno.

52.2: Purple rolls 6. Moves on GN to Spokane (-1 kS).

52.3: Green rolls 6-even, 9-odd = El Paso, then 4+6. Move on UP to 1E of LA then 2E on SP (-1 kS. 5 k\$ to Red).

52.4: Red rolls 9-odd, 3-even = Washington, then 4. Move on SOU to Memphis (5 kS to Purple).

53.1: Blue rolls 8. Moves on SP to IN SLC to 3W of Denver on D&RGW (-1 k\$, 5 k\$ to Red).

53.2: Purple rolls 6. Moves on GN to Seattle (-1 + 23 k\$). Buy Superchief (-40 k\$).

53.3: Green rolls 9+?. Moves on SP to El Paso (+12.5 k\$, 5 k\$ to Red). Buy not. Roll 9-odd, 7-odd = Buffalo. Red die out = 5. Moves on T&P to 2W of Ft Worth (-1 kS).

53.4: Red rolls 11. Moves on MP to St Louis, then PA to 1W of Pittsburg (-1 kS).

54.1: Blue rolls 7. Moves on D&RGW to Denver (-1 + 13.5 kS). Buys not.

54.2: Purple rolls 5-even, 9-even = Houston, then 3+1. Moves on GN to 1 NE of Spokane (-1 k\$).

54.3: Green rolls 12+1. Moves on T&P to Dallas, on SLSF to St Louis, then 1N on GM&O (-1 kS).

54.4; Red rolls 11. Moves on PA to Washington (-1 + 6 kS). Buy SuperChief (-40 kS).

55.1: Blue rolls 7-even, 9-odd = El Paso, then 4. Moves to 2 SE of Pueblo on DGW and CBQ (-1 ks).

55.2: Purple rolls 12+4. Moves on GN to 1 NW of St. Paul (-1 k\$).

55.3: Green rolls 4+4. Moves on GM&O to Chicago, then NYC to Buffalo (-1 + 19 k8, 5 k\$ to

Purple). Buy GM&O (-12 k\$).

55.4: Red rolls 6-even, 7-even = LA, then 10+3. Move on PA to St Louis and 1S on MP (-1 kS).

56.1: Blue rolls 8+?. Moves on CB&Q to 1E of Tucumcari then to El Paso on AT&SF (-1 + 7.5 kS, 10 kS to Purple). Buys not. Rolls 11-odd, 10 odd = New York. Red die out = 6. Moves on AT&SF

56.2: Purple rolls 4+3. Moves on GN to St Paul, then CRI&P to 1N of Kansas City (-1 kS).

56.3: Green rolls 9-even, 8-odd = Rapid City, then 5+4. Moves on NYC to Chicago, then 3W on C&NW (-1 k\$, 5 k\$ to Purple).

56.4: Red rolls 5+4. Moves on MP to 3 NE of San Antonio (-1 kS).

57.1: Blue rolls 7. Moves on CB&Q to 57.1: Blue rolls 7. Moves on CB&Q to 4E of Denver (-1 k\$). 57.2: Purple rolls 10+4. Moves on CRIP to KC then AT&SF to Houston (-1 + 26.5 k8). Nothing to

57.3: Green rolls 5+1. Moves on C&NW to 3 NW of Omaha (-1 k8).

57.4: Red rolls 4+5. Moves on MP to San Antonio then on SP to El Paso (-1 kS).

58.1: Blue rolls 5. Moves on CB&Q to 1 SE of Omaha (-1 k\$).

58.2: Purple rolls 10-even, 8-odd = Rapid City, then 7+3. Moves AT&SF to 2 N of Oklahoma City (-1 k\$).

58.3: Green rolls 7+?. Moves on C&NW to Rapid City (-1+14 k\$). Nothing to buy. Rolls 10-odd, 10-even = Baltimore, red die out = 4. Moves ...

#### Status:

Player		Destination		
Blue:	63 k\$	New York	23 kS	CB&Q, B&M, C&O, L&N, NP, D&RGW, Express, N&W
Purple:	83.5 k\$	Rapid City	13.5 kS	NYNH&H, AT&SF, NYC, GN, SOU, B&O, CRI&P, SCh
Green:	20 k\$	Baltimore	17 kS	C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL, T&P, UP, SL&SF, IC, GM&O, SCh
Red:	33 kS	Los Angeles	29 kS	PA, WP, CMSP&P, MP, SP, SCh

NOTE: Foreign trackage now and forevermore 10 ks.



# BLACKBEARD Turns 170-172



#### THE CAST:

1. (Barrett) Tew: Sloop 2. (Zodda) Davis, Sloop 3. (Bargender) Vane\*\*, Sloop 4. (Martin) Rackham, Schooner.

#### STATUS:

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#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	W15	+3	6	29	5	4	856	30		1(11)	NPB
4	Rackham	Scnr	I14i	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200			В
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box 1	4	9sc								
3	Herdman	KC	W15	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	9sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	PII	+2	4	2	(1)	6	0	10		••	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	6	5	0	5	839		~ ~		
4	Ogle	KC ^	Box 1	3	15								

#### The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41 Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13 Merchants: 63, 63, 61, 61

Warships: S8-5 @ M22 Destroyed Port: 14, 32

Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portugese (#1), Taylor (#3)

Letters of Marque: PFBP

Safe Havens: Vane(Port Royal)

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
170	1	TT moves 2+2; P11-P15 search = no.	36, 45
171	3	CV stashes 839d, weighs anchor, moves (5+3) to M18.	22
172	1	TT moves4+2, P15-T17-T14; search = 2 merchants	65, *C
		Draw 2 merchants @ 66	66, 54
172	A	-	

#### STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	Hl	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	W15	+3	6	29	5	4	856	30		1(11)	NPB
4	Rackham	Senr	I141	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200			В
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box 1	4	9sc								
3	Herdman	KC	W15	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	9sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	P15	+2	4	2	(1)	6	0	10			S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M18	+3	6	5	0	5	0\$				
4	Ogle	KC	Box 1	3	15								

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**LEGEND:** \* = minor wound, \*\* = lost arm, a = anchored, i = Indian Ocean, S = has a stash

#### ON DECK

1835: Hanna, Zieske

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland

ATTIKA: Barrett

BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zieske, Fryling (need 1 to 7 more) COLONIAL DIP: Burgdorf , Copeland, Nichols, Dave A (need 3 more)

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 or 5 more

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Anderson, Khaoz, Wilson

LIFT-OFF!: York. Dave Anderson

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A, Teh (need 1-5 more)

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott, Martin

SAMURAI (AH): Copeland

WIZARD'S QUEST: Crowe(?), Fisher, Lenoir, Teh(?), Anderson?

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Picts (1.5): 2A @ Caithness, Strathclyde; 1A @ Alban, Dalraida, Dunedin, Lothian, Mar, Moray.

Caledonians (1.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Irish (1): 2R @ Atlantic; 2A @ Clywd; 1A @ Avalon, Devon, Gwent.

Scots (2.5): 2A @ Skye; 1A @ Hebrides.

Norsemen: 6A @ Icelandic

Danes: 4R @ Frisian, North

Jutes (0): 2A @ Kent.

Saxons (0.5): 2R @ Frisian; 1A @ Essex, Egbert @ ???.

Angles (0): 1A,Offa @ Hwicce; 1A @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Cumbria, N Mercia, Pennines, S Mercia,

Bretwalda may be elected. Blue casts 9 votes for Angles. Red cast 3 votes for the Welsh. Green casts 3 votes for the Welsh. Purple has 0 votes. Angles are Bretwalda (+2 VP).

WELSH (0): Grow 4 pp. Add 1A @ Powys. Move 2A Powys-March-Cheshire (5.1:5 -1 Welsh, 1 Angle).

BRIGANTES (1): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

PICTS (1.5): Grow 5.5 pp. Add 1A @ Picts (1): Grow 5.5 pp. Add 1A @ Lothian & Dunedin. Hold.

CALEDONIANS (1.5): Grow 0.5. Hold.

IRISH (1): Grow 2.5 pp. Add 1A Clywd. 2A Clwyd-Powys, 2R Atlantic-Powys (6,6,5,1:3 -1 Welsh, 2R w-Atlantic.)

SCOTS (2.5): Grow 1 pp. Add 1A @ ...

fore: Purple 66, Blue 61, Green 45.5, Red 36.5.

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