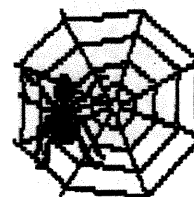


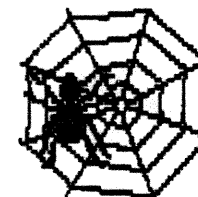
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A Journal of Duplicious Doings,
 Raw Power, and Naked Greed
 "Oh, what a tangled web we weave
 When first we practice to deceive!"
 --Sir Walter Scott--



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273!

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Scientists will tell you that there are several numbers that keep showing up in calculations. There's π (3.1415926....), there's h (Planck's constant, 6.63×10^{-34} J/s), there's R (the Ideal Gas constant, 62.38 L-atm/mol-K), there's Earth's gravitational pull near the surface = 9.81 m/s^2 , there's 42, and finally, there's 273.15, the conversion factor between Kelvin (absolute temperatures) and Celsius (the temperature scale normally used by scientists). Back in my graduate student days, I got drafted into the Notre Dame AFROTC Thumper team, and was assigned the number 273 (the shirt printer couldn't/didn't handle the negative sign in front of the 273 that was intended -- so I ask you, was it because I was super cool (being 0.15 K above absolute zero) or approximately an absolute zero?) Our (undocumented, of course) string of Thumper victories would seem to indicate the former. Anyway, I thought issue #273 might be a place to consider retiring from the GM game.

Nah!

The end could be nigh though. It's increasingly hard to recruit players to fill games. The next milestone would be Issue #300 and *BLACKBEARD* and "King of Pain" could go that long. I could retire from federal service anytime from two weeks to 11 years from now (most likely, Dec 2011), and then could adjudicate BORIS full time -- but why if there's no demand?

RAIL BARON should finish next time, so we need to do some gamestarts. Candidates are *18xx*, *WIZARD'S QUEST*, *GUNSLINGER*, *PUERTO RICO*, and, *HISTORY OF THE WORLD*. Sign up soonest.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS:

BLACKBEARD: Position #1 is available (Tew (2nd Pirate), no KCs)

KREMLIN: PB position is available.

MERCHANT OF VENUS: Eeepceep is available (Ms Nar is acting in caretaker status for now).

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: A position may be available in the orphan game we're adopting.

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

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "There has never been a statue erected to the memory of someone who let well enough alone." -- Jules Ellinger

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: Ms Nar modeling her favorite shirt from WBC 06.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes this month to Dave Anderson for his *Paris Gazette* article in *Boris XIX*.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Wayne Morrison for *very* late orders.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 6 Jun 08



Russia & Germany Near Collapse!! Witches Surge Fall 1903

XIX
2007B

MINAS MORGUL: The Russian collapse is almost complete as all his home centers are occupied and he can only support one rogue unit for counterattack. Kaiser Cary is little better off but does have chances of regaining KIE from the Tsar. The Witches are at seven and France and Austria must realize that they are next on the menu. Italy bides her time.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Germany retreats A DEN to KIE.

AUSTRIA (Wilson): A Ser-Bud, A Tri-Vie, F Ion H, A War H, [A Gal-Sil].

ENGLAND (Fisher): A Nwy-StP, F Ska-Swe, F Den S RUS F Bal-Kie, [F Eng-Nth].

FRANCE (Anderson): A Par-Bre, A Bel H, F Spa(sc)-Wes, A Bur-Mar, F Mid S F Spa(sc)-Wes, F Lyo F Spa(sc)-Wes.

GERMANY (Nichols): [A Kie S A Ruh-Mun](d), [A Ruh-Mun], [F Hol-Nth], [A Ber S A Ruh-Mun].

ITALY (Copeland): A Boh S A Mun, [A Mun S RUS A Sil-Ber], F Tun S F Tyn, A Pie H, F Tyn S F Tun.

RUSSIA (Saunders): F Bal-Kie, [A Mos H](r-???), [A Sil-Ber].

TURKEY (Fryling): A Ukr S A Sev-Mos, A Sev-Mos, F Bla-Bul(ec), A Rum-Sev, A Bul-Rum, F Smy-Aeg.

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, r-??? = retreat to ???, u = unordered.

Russian A MOS must retreat oth or to LVN.

SUPPLY CHART

AUS: Bud Tri Vie Gre Ser +War	(6) Build 1
ENG: Edi Lon Lpl Nwy +Den +StP +Swe	(7) Build 3
FRA: Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel	(6) Even
GER: Ber -Kie -Den Hol	(2) Tear 1
ITA: Nap Rom Ven Mun Tun	(5) Even
RUS: -Mos -StP -War -Swe +Kie	(1) Tear 2*
TUR: Ank Con Smy Bul Rum Sev +Mos	(7) Build 1

* If Russian A MOS r-oth, tear 1.

Due next time are orders retreats, builds/tears and for Spring 1904. Good Press!

EMBASSY BEAT

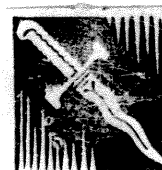
England to Russia: I know it looks rather bad but technically I didn't technically re-nig on our "deal"-I said nothing about not bothering StP this turn, I did support you to Kiel and moved to Sweden like I said. No, its not you-its me. And though I do feel a little bad-oh those dots taste sooooo goooood. -- Sir Ronald, First Sea Lord; for Her Majesty

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

Paris Gazette: The French Minister of Information opined about Italians claims of non-communicative persons. The correspondence had been flowing to Rome up to the point of the Piedmont predicament where Italian troops inadvertently entered. The non communication became worse only when the Piedmontians discovered the latest vintage was the best wine they ever had and tried to storm Marseilles. If the Italians wish for communication to resume they may quell the riots and move their troops to Tyrolia.

The communication line was cut to Germany after the "If its Tuesday we must invade Belgium" incident.

As to why I have not heard from the Turkish minister can only be explained away as the largest export of hooka machines to Turkey from our factories. The wire from the across the Channel is in fine working order!!!



MACHIAVELLI New Hapsburg! Fall 1500

2007C
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Ragnociti: Newly crowned King Martin inherits a realm in deep trouble. His Mediterranean cities are now all in Unholy Alliance hands and he has but one remaining home city, and one that can be easily taken by the French - but is it in France's best interest to see the remaining Austrian units disappear and cease being thorns in the Alliances' sides? The Holy Alliance has (temporarily) lost Rome, but still has several build options. The Unholy Alliance is in the driver's seat. It can taunt the Holies by supporting AUS F ROME indefinitely or can complete its sweep of the seas.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Austrian A CARIN retreats to VER. Austrian A CAR retreats to FRI. Austrian F TS retreats to ROME.

Austria (Burgdorf, Od): [A Ver S A Fri-Tre], A Fri-Tre, [F Rome S F GoL-TS], [F GoL-TS], A Sla-Hun; **Florence/Papacy** (Scott, 5d): A Sie B2, A Cre B1, A Gen H, [A Aqu-Nap], F Anc S F Urb-UA, F Pio B2, [A Bol H](nlo), [A Cap-Rome], [F Urb-UA], F Pisa-LS.

France (Nichols: 1d): A Tur-Sav, A Carin-Sla, A Nap H, [A Mil-Trent], F Cor S F TS-Sar, F TS-Sar, A Mon S A Tur-Sav, [F Mar-GoL], A Aus S A Carin-Sla;

Venice/Turks (Anderson, 18-15d): (J) disbands A Bol (-15 d). A Bari H, A Fer S A Alb-Bol, A Trent B2, F Ist S F UA, F LA C A Alb-Bol, F Pal S F WM-TS, F UA C A Alb-Bol, A Alb-Bol, [A Car S AUS A Fri-Carin](nso), [A Pad-Ver], F IS-Mes, F WM-TS.

Autonomous: Cre(b) Luc Mod Mon Pav Pio(d) Sav Sie(d) Trent(d) Tur

PROVINCES:	(dr=5)	Cities
Aus (0+13d):	-AUS HUN -MES -PAL -SAR -carn -sla +Pad +Rome +ver	3
F1/P (5+41d):	ANC ARE -BOL FLO pat PER PISA plst -ROME spo urb Man pio +aqu +cap +Gen +Sie	8
Fra (1+33d):	AVI -Bari -Gen MAR Mil Nap pro Salz -aqu Cor Swi -tur Tyr +Aus +Mon +sar +sav +Sla	11
T/V (3+51d):	ALB bos DAL DUR fri her Ist PAD -TRE TUN VEN carin Fer Rag +Bari +Bol +carn +Mes +Pal +Trent	13
Autonomous:	Cre Luc Mod Mon Pav -Pio Sav -Sie -Trent Tur	8

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

Due next time are orders for Spring 1501. And press!

EMBASSY BEAT

FRANCE-VENICE: Hope I was able to leave TS. The Mil-Trent move was only to try to cut any support to Austria. We have another common enemy. See how powerful he grows?

--"King of Pain" (continued from p 4)

WF: #65. French Raid: Warden to Rye (n/e).

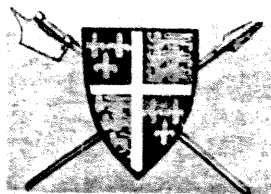
Due next: Orders Movement 36.

NOBLES: Audley, Greystoke, Herbert, Neville, Roos, Talbot @ Jh. Beaufort @ Scotland; Berkeley in Pl; Duke of York, Grey, Pole @ Ns. Bouchier, Stanley in Dc. Courtenay in Okehampton or Penzance Cromwell & Hastings in London. Fitzalan in Chirk. Holland in Compton. Mowbray in Denbigh. Percy on Continent. Stafford in Rhuddlan.

SHIPS: *Le Christopher* & *Le Margarete* @ Penzance. *Le Lucas* @ Beaumaris; *Le Nicholas* @ London, *Le Rose* @ Scotland, *Le Michael* @ S8.

HEIRS: *Reds:* Margaret in Scotland w/ Beaufort; Edward of Wales in Beaumaris; Artie in Kingston w/ Pole; Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan @ Ns. *Whites:* George @ Jh w/ Audley, Edward III in Pl w/ Berkeley.

RIP: Henry VI, Richard of Gloucester, Edmund of Rutland, Richard of York, Edmund II of March.



KINGMAKER

"King of Pain"

Turn 34 Combat-36 Events

KoP

The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dowrey): Fitzalan [30], Warden of the Northern Marches [1150], Stanley [50], Earl of Richmond [40], Marshal of England [100], *Le Lucas*. Bouchier [10], Earl of Salisbury [30], Chancellor of Cornwall [1150]. Berkeley [10], Earl of Essex [20], Event cards (1), Crown Cards (0).

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole [30], Chancellor of England [50]; Grey [20], Earl of Westmorland [40], Ipswich; Duke of York [30], Courtenay [30], Admiral of England [50], Lancaster [20]. Event cards (5), Crown Cards (4).

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray [50], Treasurer of England [50]; Hastings [10], Bishop of Carlisle [30], Bishop of Durham [30], Flemish Crossbowman [20], Cromwell [10], Earl of Kent [30], Steward of the Royal Household [50], Percy [100], Lieutenant of Ireland [250], Archbishop of York [30], Northampton [20], *Le Nicholas*, *Le Rose*. Beaufort [30], Constable of London [250], Carisbrooke, Newcastle. Event cards (3), Crown Cards (4).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford [30], Chamberlain of Chester [250], French Foot [100], Nottingham [20]; Neville [50]; Audley [10], Earl of Wiltshire [30]; Roos [20], Herbert [10], Talbot [30], Greystoke [10] Irish Kerns [50]. Event cards (4), Crown Cards (2).

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Event cards (5), Crown Cards (4).

TURN 34

COMBAT:

Durham: MH (70) & TCC (150) have insufficient force to besiege Mowbray (250).

Blackheath: Stanley (50) & Stafford (130) vs Cromwell (10). KPP plays Company of Saxon Archers (20) on Cromwell so final odds are 180:30 = 6-1. Card = #48, 3-2 Victory, Hastings & Bouchier (n/c). KPP Plays "King's Pardon", so Cromwell survives.

CROWN DECK: All receive a card.

TURN 35

EVENTS:

MH: #43. Peasant Revolt, Courtenay to Okehampton, Holland (n/a) to Compton, Exeter (n/c) to Exeter, Chancellor of Cornwall (Bouchier) to Plymouth, Marshall (Stanley) to Bodmin.

TCC: #111. Papal Diet. All clerics (Mowbray, Percy) to Continent.

KPP: #68. French Siege. Capt to Calais (n/c)

SG: #86. Plague @ Shrewsbury & Hereford (n/c).

WF: #100. Gales at Sea (n/c).

MOVEMENT:

MH: Stanley Ba-Ca-Cc-Ce-Cg-Dc, Berkeley Pm-Ql-Ql-Qg (pick up Eddy)-Ql-Pl, Fitzalan follows TCC to Kingston, Bouchier Plymouth-Ef-Ch-Dc.

TCC: Gives card to WF; gets Le Swan & Le Trinity in return. Pole, Duke of York, Grey Pm-Po-Om-Kingston (capture Artie). Scrope enters @ Masham and moves to Ns. Clifford enters play @ Conisborough and moves Np-Ns. Courtenay Okehampton-Cg-Dc.

KPP: Cromwell Blackheath-London, Hastings Hn-road-London, *Le Nicholas* Corfe-S9-S10-S11-S15-(play FREE MOVE)-estuary-London. *Le Michael* (assigned to Percy) enters at Bristol-S14-S1-S2-S3-S8.

SG: Stafford with George. Fk-Gn-Hn-Il-Jh. George transferred to Audley along with Irish Kerns..

WF: Holland enters at Compton and moves to Dc.

Combat: (Catastrophe still in effect) None.

CROWN DECK: No cards available. MH will get the next one.

TURN 36

EVENTS:

MH: #128. Treaty with France (n/c).

TCC: #64. French Raid: Courtenay to Okehampton, Holland to Compton, Admiral (Courtenay) to Penzance w/ *Le Margaret* and *Le Christopher*.

KPP: #127. Treachery: Loses Howard to Crown Deck & Chancellor of Lancaster to Chancery.

SG: #54. Revolt in Wales: Mowbray to Denbigh, Fitzalan to Chirk, Chancellor of Lancaster (n/c) to Conway, Chamberlain of Chester (Stafford) to Rhuddlan.

--continued on p3



KREMLIN

Strychnin Elected!

Year 6b



The Cast: (in Table order)

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

Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 2 cards

Doug Kent, Whining Kremlin Pigs (WKP): 2 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

Politburo

Party Chief:	<VACANT>		
KGB Head:	Nogoodnik (V)	67+w	WKP(10), WF(9)
Foreign Minister:	<VACANT>		
Defense Minister:	Strychnin (T)	65?@	TCC(6), REDS(4)
Ideology Chief:	Niewitko (D)	73	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Purgemoff (F)	71	
Economy Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	54?w	TCC(4), REDS(2)
Sport Minister:	Protsky (U)	56++	REDS(1)
Candidates:	HJLY		People: CMNPQGSX
KREMLIN WALL:	AEGKOR		Siberia: B(83++NW(62)

6.5 FUNERAL COMMISSION PHASE:

Ideology Chief Niewitko nominates Strychnin (T). Nogoodnik votes "Nyet". Strychnin can't vote from the Sanatorium. Niewitko must vote "Da". WKP reveals 1 IP on Purgemoff; TCC reveals 2 IP; WKP reveals 4 IP; TCC reveals 5 IP and has Purgemoff vote "Da". Wasolin votes "Da". WF reveals 2 IP on Protsky to vote "Nyet"; TC reveals 3 IP to vote "Da"; WKP reveals 4 IP to vote "Nyet"; TCC reveals 5 IP; WKP 6, TCC 8, WKP 9, so Protsky votes "Nyet". Strychnin becomes Party Chief.

6.6 REPLACEMENT PHASE:

Party Chief Strychnin swaps U and D, transfers V to Foreign, promotes Z to KGB, demotes H to the People and promotes C to Candidate aging 3 SP to 68. Niewitko promotes by age to Defense. KGB Head Wasolin promotes C to Economy, aging 1 SP to 55. Mischief promotes by age to Sports and Shootemdedsky and Eatstumuch promote by age to Candidates.

6.7 REHABILITATION PHASE:

No one is rehabilitated.

6.8 PARADE PHASE:

Party Chief Strychnin is taking the Cure so can't wave.

Due next time are your orders for Interphase. REDS goes first by virtue of "sitting" to the left of TCC who controls the Party Chief.

Politburo

Party Chief:	Strychnin (T)	68?@	TCC(6), REDS(4)
KGB Head:	Wasolin (Z)	55s?	TCC(4), REDS(2)
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	67+	WKP(10), WF(9)
Defense Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73	REDS(1)
Ideology Chief:	Protsky (U)	56w++	WKP(9), TCC(8), WF(2), REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Purgemoff (F)	71	TCC(5), WKP(4)
Economy Minister:	Goferbrok (C)	74	
Sport Minister:	Mischief (I)	68	
Candidates:	HJLMY		People: NPQGSX
KREMLIN WALL:	AEGKOR		Siberia: B(83++NW(62)

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



BRITANNIA "Galwain" Turns XIII



The East
Copeland: Purple
Zieske: Green

Anderson: Red
Martin: Blue

TURN XIII

Board:

Welsh (0): 2A @ Gwent, Powyss.
Brigantes (2.5): 2A @ Strathclyde.
Picts (1): 2A @ Alban, Caithness, Dalriada, Dunedin, Mar, Moray.
Caledonians (2.5): 2A @ Orkneys.
Irish (2.5): 2R @ Atlantic; 3A @ Gwynedd; 1A @ Devon.
Scots (2): 2A @ Skye.
Norsemen (1.5): 2R @ Atlantic, Irish; 2A @ Hebrides.
Dubliners: 5A, 2R @ Irish.
Danes: 4R, 2A @ North; 3A, Bros @ Pennines; 2A @ N Mercia; 1A @ Avalon, Lindsey; 1R @ Frisian.
Saxons (2.5): 1A, Alfred @ Downlands; Edgar @???

Score: Green 85, Purple 66, Blue 65, Red 41.

PICTS (1): Grow 3.5 pp. Add 1A @ Dunedin. 2A Dunedin-Lothian-Galloway.

CALEDONIANS (2.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Add 1A @ Orkneys. 1A Orkneys-Caithness (3:6, 1 -1 Caledonain).

IRISH (2.5): Grow 1.5 pp. Add 1A @ Devon. 1A Gwynedd-Clywd, 2A Atlantic-Cornwall (4, 2:6; 4:1, 1:6 -2 Irish), 1A Devon to Dyfed.

SCOTS (2): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

NORSEMEN (1.5): Grow 0.5. 1R Atlantic-Irish-Icelandic, 2R Irish-Icelandic-Skye, 2A Hebrides-Skye (6, 5, 4, 2:5, 1; 6, 2, 2:4 -2 Scots, -1R, 1R w-Irish). Scots extinct. Score 0.5 tourist VP.

DUBLINERS: ...

DANES (0): Bros retire. Grow ...

SAXONS (2.5):

Score: Green 85, Purple 66, Blue 65, Red 41.5.

Board:

Welsh (0): 2A @ Gwent, Powyss.
Brigantes (2.5): 2A @ Strathclyde.
Picts (1): 2A @ Alban, Caithness, Dalriada, Galloway, Mar, Moray; 1A @ Dunedin.
Caledonians (0): 2A @ Orkneys.
Irish (1): 2A @ Gwynedd; 1A @ Clywd, Devon, Dyfed.
Norsemen (2): 1R @ Atlantic, Icelandic, Irish; 2A @ Skye.
Dubliners: 5A, 2R @ Irish.
Danes: 4R, 2A @ North; 3A, Bros @ Pennines; 2A @ N Mercia; 1A @ Avalon, Lindsey; 1R @ Frisian.
Saxons (2.5): 1A, Alfred @ Downlands; Edgar @???



DUNE New Harkonnen! Turn 4c



BOARD:

Atriedes (Wilson): 4T @ Arrakeen, 12R, 5L, 19S, (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, 13S, 2C.
Harkonnen (Fisher): 10T @ Carthag, 4R, 4L, 6C, 13S.
Spice: Red Chasm(6).
Storm: Sector 2
Tanks: B Raban, A 2T, H 6T.

TURN 4

4.3 Bidding: There are three cards available. A sees them, but can't bid, having four already.
Card 1: G&H bid 3S. G gets _____ on 2nd tie break (-3S).
Card 2: G&H bid 3S, F bids 1S. H gets _____ & _____ on Spice tie break (-3S).
Card 3: G bids 3S, F bids 1S. G gets _____ (-3S).

4.4 Movement:

Revival: A & H revive 2T each for free.
Shipping: A ships 6T to Arrakeen (6S to G). H ships 1T to Tuek's Sietch (1S to G). G ships 1R to Shield Wall(s9) (-1S).
Movement: H moves 4T Carthag-Plastic Basin(s14). G plays "Hajr" and moves 2T False Wall South-Cielago North-(can't move to Wind Pass North due to Storm in Sector 2, so ...) Polar Sink.

4.5 Combat:

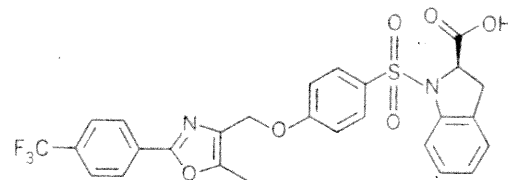
Tuek's Sietch: G (@ 5T vs H 1T.

Due next time: Orders for Combat, Spice Collection, Storm and Spice Blow.

BOARD:

Atriedes (Wilson): 10T @ Arrakeen, 8R, 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 @ Polar Sink, 1T @ Red Chasm, 1T @ Shield Wall(s9), 13R, 5L, 14S, 3C.
Harkonnen (Fisher): 6T @ Carthag, 4T @ Plastic Basin(s14), 1T @ Tuek's Sietch, 6R, 4L, 8C, 9S.
Spice: Red Chasm(6), Wind Pass North(6).
Storm: Sector 2
Tanks: B Raban, H 4T.

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



Cevoglitazar

Proposed drug for type 2 diabetes



SILVERTON

TURNS 11B-12A



Nichols declines #2 & 52. Morrison declines #101, buys #19 (-\$1000). Zieske declines #82 & #97.

PLAYER STATUS:

#1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$23,700, S+2.S.P.P. #14, #65, #15, #56(3 C), #66, #67(1 C), #3 (0.5 Au), #7 (0.5 Au), #20.
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$8,350, S+1.S.P+1.P. A3, A2, B9, A1, #33(1 L), #19
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$14,850, S+1.S.P+1.P. A20, B22, B21, #83, #38 (1 L), #42(3 L), #39(3 L), #80(1 Ag), #93
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$25,200, S.S.P+2.P. #53, A5, #35, #55(3 C), #44(19 C), #30, #54(4 C), #12(1.5 Ag), #106(4 Cu), #13 (2 Ag), #24

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

2 Marysville (Au: \$600/\$200) 25 Silverton (Ag: \$700/\$200)
 52 Craig (C: \$400/\$100) 77 Lake Valley (Ag: \$700/\$100)
 82 Cuba (Cu: \$400/\$150) 90 Mc Gaffey (L: \$200/\$150)
 91 Paxton Springs (L: \$500/\$200) 97 York Canyon (C: \$500/\$150)
 99 Gallup (C: \$300/\$200) 101 Capitan (C: \$400/\$100)
 PAX: A4, A6, A19, B7, B10, C14a, C16a, C18 The Deck

Turn 11b

#1: Operate #66 (-\$200: 10 = 4 C) #67(-\$150: 8 = 3 C). Deliver 4 C each from #66 & 67 to Pueblo (+\$3200).
 #2: Operate A2 (+\$250), A3 (+\$400), B9(+\$1350), A1 (+\$100), #33(-\$100: 7 = 1 L), #19(-\$250: 2+6 = 1 Ag). Deliver 2 lumber to Pueblo (+\$1200).
 #3: Operate A20 (+\$300), B22 (+\$700), #83 (-\$250: 6 = 1 Cu), #38 (-\$150: 11 = 3 L), #42 (-\$150: 5 = D), #80 (-\$250: 12 = 2 Ag), #39 (-\$250: 5 = 1 L) #93 (-\$250: 3+6 = 2 L). Deliver not.
 #4: Operate #30(-\$200: 11 = 4 L), #53(-\$100: 7 = 3 C), #44(-\$100: 11 = 5 C), #12(-\$250: 8 = 1 Ag), #106 (-\$400: 5 = 1 Cu), A5(+\$100), #13(-\$200: 9 = 1 Ag), #54 (-\$200: 10 = 4 C), #55 (-\$200: 7 = 3 C). Deliver 16C from #44 to Denver (+\$4,800), 8 C from #54 to SLC (+\$4,000).

The Market: (IDN = 4)

Au: 3 + (0x4) = 3	+1 5000u	EP L: 9 + 0 - 4 = 5	+1 600
Ag: 10 + (0x2) - 4 = 6	nc 1000	Den C: 9 + (16/2) - 4 = 13	-3 150
Cu: 1 + 0 = 1	+3 1000u	SLC C: 9 + (8/2) - 4 = 9	-1 400
Den L: 8 + 0 - 4 = 4	+1 400	Pueb C: 10 + 8 - 4 = 14	-3 200
SLC L: 6 + 0 - 4 = 2	+2 1200	SF C: 9 + 0 - 4 = 5	+1 600
Pueb L: 8 + 2 - 4 = 6	nc 600	EP C: 6 + 0 - 4 = 2	+2 700
SF L: 8 + 0 - 4 = 4	+1 800		

DEPLETIONS: #6, #10, #16, #18, #41-43, #51, #57, #62, #75, #78-79, #84, #103-104.

Turn 12a (SNOW)

#1: Prospect #97 (-\$500). Survey Santa Rosa-Vaughn (-\$400) & Las Vegas-Lamy (-\$1100).
 #2: Prospect deck twice (#17 & #81). Survey(+1) Buena Vista-Leadville (-\$400).
 #3: Prospect(+1) #82 (-\$400) & 91 (-\$500). Survey(+1) Carrizozo-Alamogordo (-\$700), El Vado-Lumberton (-\$400).
 #4: Prospect #52 (-\$450), deck (#17). Survey SLC-Bingham (-\$600) and Provo-Eureka (-\$700).

PLAYER STATUS:

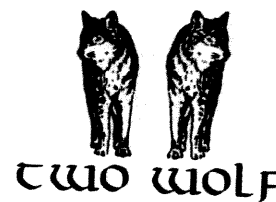
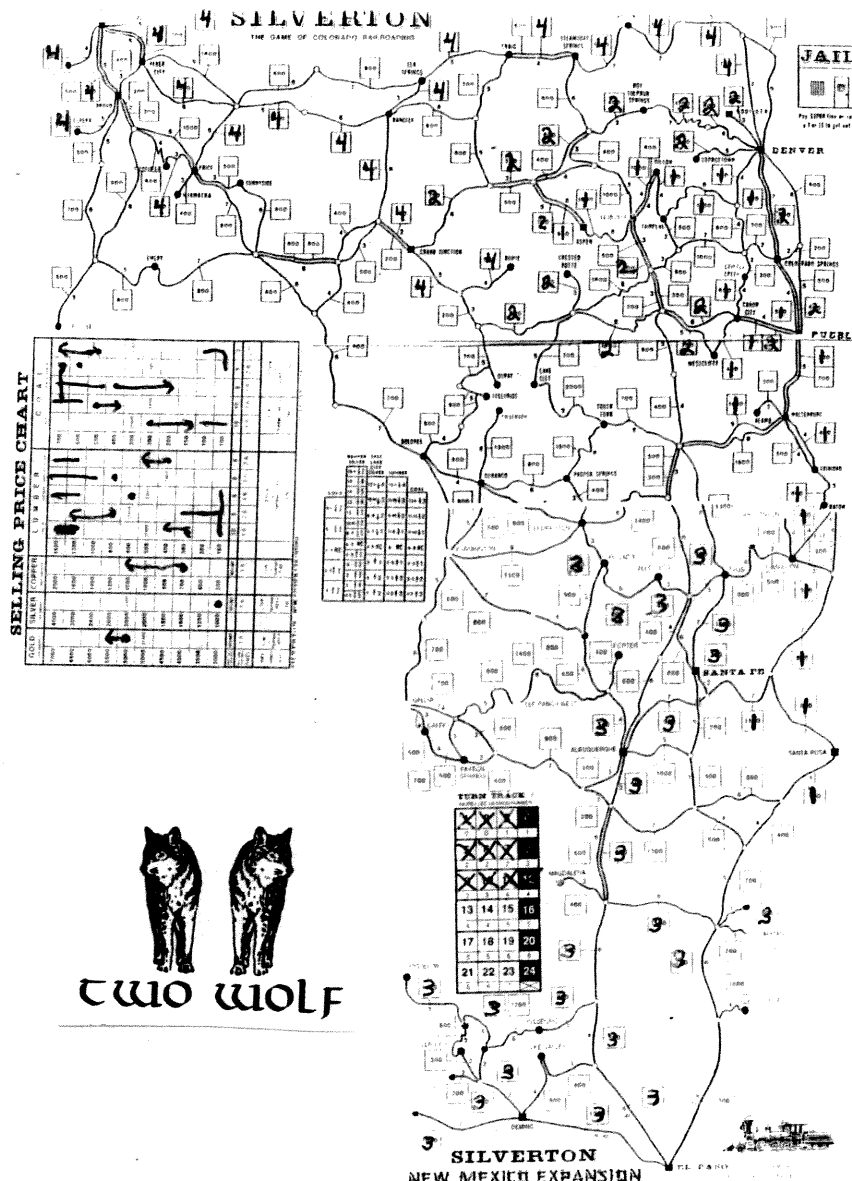
#1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$25,550, S+2.S.P.P. #14, #65, #15, #56(3 C), #66, #67, #3 (0.5 Au), #7 (0.5 Au), #20, #97.
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$10,900, S+1.S.P+1.P. A3, A2, B9, A1, #33, #19(1 Ag), #177 #817.
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$12,550, S+1.S.P+1.P. A20, B22, B21, #83(1 Cu), #38 (4 L), #42(3 L.D), #39(4 L), #80(3 Ag), #93(2 L), #82, #91.
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$30,700, S.S.P+2.P. #53(6 C), A5, #35, #55(6 C), #44(24 C), #30(4 L), #54(8 C), #12(2.5 Ag), #106(5 Cu), #13 (3 Ag), #24, #52, #457

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

2 Marysville (Au: \$600/\$200) #5 Leadville (Au: \$500/\$100)
 177 Leadville (Ag: \$600/\$250) 25 Silverton (Ag: \$700/\$200)
 457 Scoville (C: \$200/\$150) 77 Lake Valley (Ag: \$700/\$100)
 817 Silver City (Ag: \$200/\$200) 90 Mc Gaffey (L: \$200/\$150)
 99 Gallup (C: \$300/\$200) 101 Capitan (C: \$400/\$100)
 PAX: A4, A6, A19, B7, B10, C14a, C16a, C18 The Deck

Due next times are your orders for Turn 11b operations and deliveries and Turn 12a (SNOW) prospecting and surveying.

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.





MERCHANT OF VENUS

"Graw"

Turns 18.1-20.3



The Cast:

Ms Nar: Eepeeep, \$276, Clipper, Deeds = \$600
Debbie Anderson: Brego the Wynom in *Secretariat*, Clipper, \$262, Deeds = \$600
Ron Fisher: Why the Gossuth in *The Thunderbolt Greaseslapper GTO*, Freighter, \$20
Bob Dowrey: Nik, \$610, Clipper, Deeds = \$200.

NOTE: Ms Nar has graciously agreed to play the Eepeeep position until someone takes it over. We have amended the Eepeeep Turn 17 buy to include a shield (-\$60).

Turns 18.1-20.3

- 18.1** Eepeeep: Roll 1,5,5,5. Move OP-B-o-R-B-B-R30(-\$10)-B30(-\$10)-R30(-\$10)-Y30(-\$10)-B-R-A-o-A-B.
18.2 Wynom: Roll 1,3,4,6. Use 6 as Pilot. Move Wetlanding(p)-R-B-R-B-Y-NC-R20-MGS-NC-Y-B-R-A-R.
18.3 Gossuth: Roll 3,3. Use Mulligan gear (3->1). Move Poison Port(s)-(o)-R-B.
18.4 Nik: Roll 1,1,2,3. Move Titans Tower(o)-s. Buy Titan's Tower (-\$200).
19.1 Eepeeep: Roll 3,5,5,6. Move B-o-R-B-Y-B-R-B-Y-R-B10-R10-B10-Y10-R-B-Y-B-R-B.
19.2 Wynom: Roll 1,3,5,6. Move R-Y10-Y30(-\$10)-R-B-Y-o-A-R10-ACE-(B10)-ACE. Buy Airhome (-\$200).
19.3 Gossuth: Roll (AP=4),6. Move R-B-Y-B-R-B-Y-R20-B20-A-R.
19.4 Nik: Roll 1,1,4,5. Move Titan's Tower(s)-p. Sell two videos (+\$200+20, draw Demand for Paperweights @ 10 & Servomechanisms), buy two liquors (-\$80+8).
20.1 Eepeeep: Roll 2,3,4,5. Move B-Y-B-R-(R30-\$10)-Y-B-(TG3)-A-o-Jellybeast Landing. Buy Jellybeast Landing (-\$200).
20.2 Wynom: Roll 1,4,5,5. Move ACE-R10-A-Airhome. Sell spice with 2 demands (\$160+16, draw videos and grease), spice (+\$120+12, draw Spice, demand for Spice @ 4b), buy two videos (-\$240+24).
20.3 Gossuth: Roll (AP=4),4. Use 4 as Pilot. Move R-B-Y-NC-MGS-...?

PLAYER STATUS

Player	Nar	Anderson	Fisher	Dowrey
Race	Eepeeep	Wynom	Gossuth	Nik
Ship	Clipper	Clipper	Freighter	Clipper
Cash	\$26	\$230	\$20	\$558
IOUs	--	--	2,4a	--
Hull	Shield	Shield	R Shield, M Gear	R Yellow Dr, Shield
Hold 1	Wine	Video	Furniture	Liquor
Hold 2	Wine	Video	Sculpture	Liquor
Hold 3	xxx	xxx	Furniture	xxx
Hold 4	xxx	xxx	---	xxx
Hold 5	xxx	xxx	---	xxx
Deeds	\$600	\$800	---	\$400

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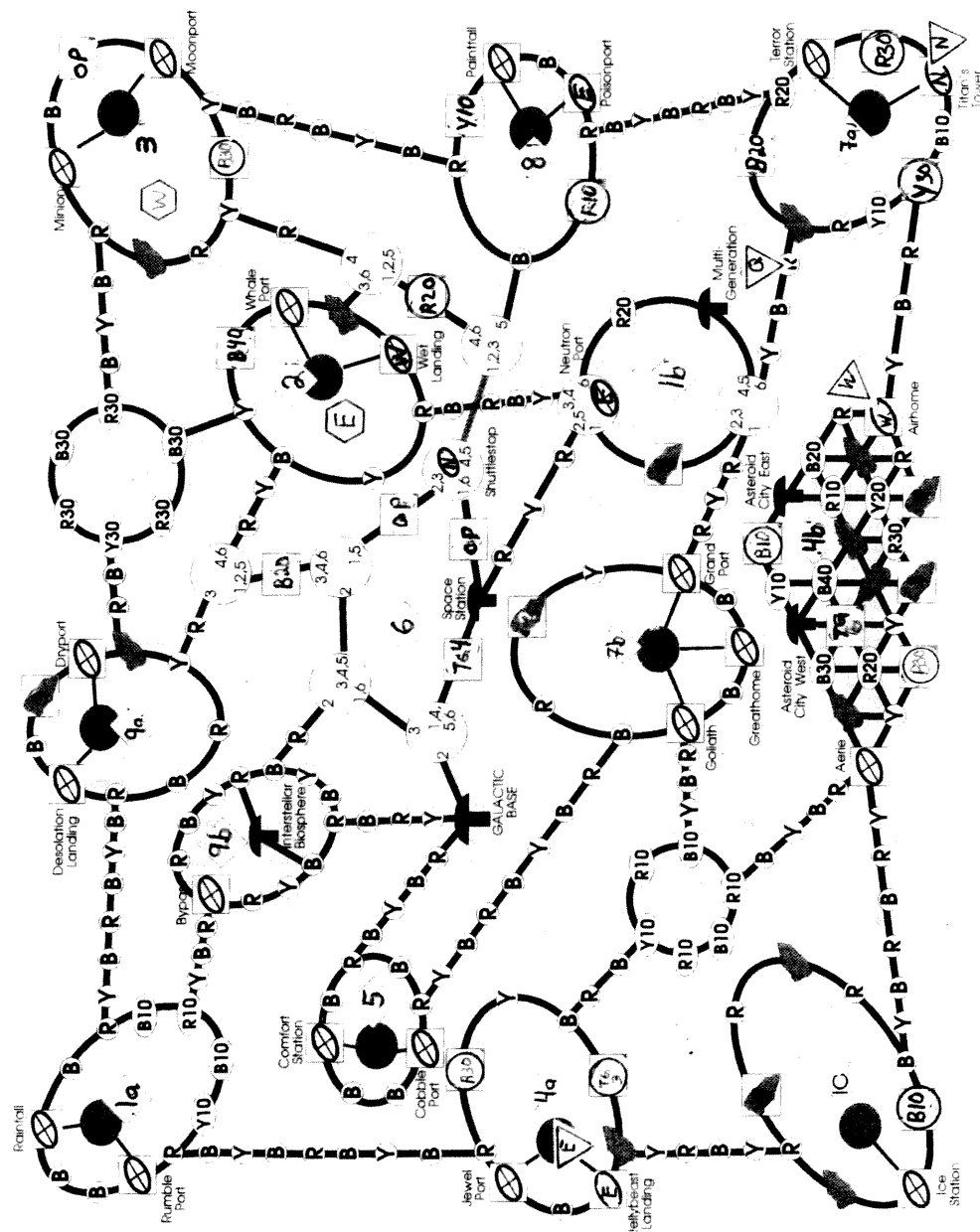
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Tinkerers	Galactic Base	---	---	Fares-2,4a,9a
1a Nillis	Rogue Planet	Perfume(x4)	Available	---
1b Volois	MultiGeneration Ship	Silk(x2)	Available	---
2 Graw	Water World	Spice(x0)	Sold, yes	Fare-10
3 Niks	Inhabited Moon	Wine(4)	Sold, no	Perfume
4a Dell	Jungle World	Dust(x6)	Available	2xWine, Fare-Base
4b Humans	Asteroid System	Videos(1)	Available	Spice
5 Shenna	Colony World	Pelts(x6)	Available	Wine, Fare-Base, Dust
6 Yxklyx	Space Station World	Grease(x4)	Available	Pelts
7a Zum	War-Torn System	Liquor(2)	Available	2xDust
7b Eepeeeps	Giant Planet	Servomechs(x3)	Available	Dust, Grease, Fare-Base
8 Wynoms	Polluted Planet	Furniture(x0)	Available	---
9a Cholos	Desert World	Genes(x4)	Available	Liquor, Grease
9b Wollow	Interstellar Biosphere	Paperwts(x4)	Available	---

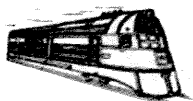
10 Gossuth Ice Planet

Sculpture(x3)

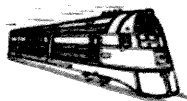
Available

Fare-Base. Paperweights





RAIL BARON Rover!



THE CAST

Brad Martin (Blue), 98.5 k\$, CB&Q, B&M, C&O, L&N, NP, D&RGW, N&W, Sch
Chris Bailey (Purple), 156 k\$, NYNH&H, AT&SF, NYC, GN, SOU, B&O, CRI&P, Sch
Andy York, (Green), 63 k\$, C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL, T&P, UP, SL&SF, IC, GM&O, Sch
Ron Fisher, (Red), 225 k\$, PA, WP, CMSP&P, MP, SP, GM&O, Sch

TURNS 78.1-

78.1: Blue rolls 11+?. Moves on CB&Q to Chicago (-1 + 22 k\$). Rolls 6-odd (choice = NW), 8-odd = Rapid City. Red die out = 6. Moves on CB&Q to Omaha.
78.2: Purple rolls 8+4. Moves on AT&SF to 5N of El Paso (-1 k\$).
78.3: Green rolls 7+3. Moves on UP to 4NW of Pocatello (-1 k\$).
78.4: Red rolls 9+4. Moves on SP to 2W of Phoenix (-1 k\$).
79.1: Blue rolls 7+?. Moves on C&NW to Rapid City (+9 k\$; 10 k\$ to Green. Rolls 5-even, 7-odd = Birmingham. Red die out = 3. Moves on C&NW to 3S to CB&Q then 4E of Casper (-1 k\$).
79.2: Purple rolls 12+?. Moves on AT&SF to El Paso (-1 + 20.5 k\$). Rolls 12-odd, 7-even = Washington. Red die out = 3. Move on AT&SF 3N.
79.3: Green rolls 8+5. Moves on UP to Portland (OR) then on SP to SF (-1 + 27 k\$; 10 k\$ to Red).
79.4: Red rolls 7+?. Moves on SP to LA (-1 + 30 k\$). Doesn't declare. Rolls 8-odd, 8-even = Philadelphia. Red die out = 5. Moves on SP to Phoenix.
80.1: Blue rolls 7+5. Moves on CB&Q to Chicago, then 2SE on C&O (-1 k\$).
80.2: Purple rolls 6+1. Moves on AT&SF to 4W of Kansas City (-1 k\$).
80.3: Green rolls 6-even (choice = SE), 10-even = Tampa. Rolls 3+6. Moves on AT&SF to UP (10 k\$ to Purple) then on UP to 2 NE of Las Vegas (-1 k\$).
80.4: Red rolls 4+4. Moves on SP to 3W of San Antonio (-1 k\$).
81.1: Blue rolls 10+?. Moves on C&O to L&N then L&N to Birmingham (-1 + 14.5 k\$). Rolls 10-even, 5-odd = Seattle. Red die out = 6; move on L&N to Louisville.
81.2: Purple rolls 7+5. Moves on AT&SF to Chicago then 3E on B&O (-1 k\$).
81.3: Green rolls 7+2. Moves on UP to 2 NW of Denver (-1 k\$).
81.4: Red rolls 6+3. Moves on SP to San Antonio then on MP to 2 SW of Little Rock (-1 k\$).
82.1: Blue rolls 4+3. Moves on L&N to Cincinnati, then on C&O to Chicago, then on CB&Q to 3E of Omaha (-1 k\$).
82.2: Purple rolls 7+?. Moves on B&O to Washington (-1 + 20.5 k\$). Doesn't declare. Rolls 8-even, 10-even = Rapid City. Red die out = 3. Moves on B&O to 1E of Pittsburgh.
82.3: Green rolls 8+2. Moves on UP to KC then 1S on SL&SF (-1 k\$).
82.4: Red rolls 4+6. Moves on MP to St Louis, then on PA to Indianapolis (-1 k\$).
83.1: Blue rolls 10+3. Moves on CB&Q to 1S of Billings (-1 k\$).
83.2: Purple rolls 7+6. Moves on B&O to Chicago, then on CRI&P to Omaha (-1 k\$).
83.3: Green rolls 10+6. Moves on SL&SF to Birmingham, then on ACL to 1N of Tampa (-1 k\$).
83.4: Red rolls 11+?. Moves on PA to Philadelphia (-1 + 30 k\$). Doesn't declare. Rolls 7-even, 5-odd = San Diego for alternate. Red die out = 1. Moves 1W on PA.
84.1: Blue rolls 9+2. Moves on CB&Q to Billings, then on NP to 1W of Spokane (-1 k\$).
84.2: Purple rolls 12+?. Moves on C&NW to Rapid City (+18 k\$, 10 k\$ to Green). Does not declare. Rolls 7-even, 7-even = Los Angeles. Red die out = 6; moves on C&NW to Omaha.
84.3: Green rolls 10+?. Moves on ACL to Tampa (-1 + 31.5 k\$). Roll 8-odd, 8-even = Philadelphia. Red die out = 2, moves on 2N on ACL.
84.4: Red rolls 7+6. Moves on PA to ...

Status:

Player	Cash	Destination	Payoff	RRs
Blue:	106 k\$	Seattle	29.5 k\$	CB&Q, B&M, C&O, L&N, NP, D&RGW, N&W, Sch
Purple:	209 k\$	Los Angeles	17.5 k\$	NYNH&H, AT&SF, NYC, GN, SOU, B&O, CRI&P, Sch
Green:	145 k\$	Philadelphia	11 k\$	C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL, T&P, UP, SL&SF, IC, GM&O, Sch
Red:	289 k\$	San Diego*	29.5 k\$	PA, WP, CMSP&P, MP, SP, Sch

*Has declared. Home is Rapid City. Alternate destination and payoff listed.



BLACKBEARD

Turns 185-187



THE CAST:

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

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	S19a	+3	5sc	29	5-2	1	889	--	--	1(11)	NPB
4	Rackham	Scnr	K20i	+3	5	8	2	8	0	200	40	--	BP
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	7sc								
3	Herdman	KC	T14	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	7sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	K11	-3	4	2	(1)	6	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M18	+3	6	5	0	5	0\$	--	--	--	--
4	Ogle	KC	DD20	3	14sc								

The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41 Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13
Merchants: 11, 51, 64, 43, 43
Warships: S8-5 @ M22, ??? @ 56 Destroyed Port: 14, 32
Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portugese (#1), Taylor (#3)
Letters of Marque: PFBP
Safe Havens: Vane(Port Royal w/839 d)

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
185	4	JR moves 6+3 K20-J14, search = 25 Remove Odd Merchants, add merchant at #31	25, 61, *B, 31 46
186	4	JR attacks N4 5+3+3-4 = 7 vs DR ¹² = 9. JR -2 Cbt, -2 Unr Uses cunning; DR ¹² = 9. JR -2 Cbt, -2 Unr, Inj 3,4 = n/e	21
187	1=4	JR captures N4 3+3+3-4 = 5 vs DR ¹² = 5. Not +8 gain 10d(?), hostage 3+4-1 < 10 so no. Declare D&R; Unr +1	22, 33 65
188	2	Move warship #56-D10i	32

With Turn 187, we begin using the three-player line, interpreting "1" as "4" = Martin.

STATUS:

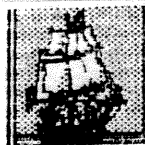
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2	Davis	Sloop	S19a	+3	5sc	29	5-2	1	889	--	--	1(11)	NPB
4	Rackham(d&r)Scnr	J14i	+3	3	16	(1)	7	0	200	40	--	--	BPN
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	7sc								
3	Herdman	KC	T14	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	7sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	K11	-3	4	2	1	6	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M18	+3	6	5	0	5	0\$	--	--	--	--
4	Ogle	KC	DD20	3	14sc								

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

ON DECK



1835: Hanna, Zleske
AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland
BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A
CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zleske, 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, Martin
LIFT-OFF: York, Dave Anderson
MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A, Teh (need 1-5 more)
PUERTO RICO: Martin
RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott, Martin
SAMURAI (AH): Copeland
WIZARD'S QUEST: Crowe(?), Fisher, Lenoir, Teh(?), Anderson?

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