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# BORIS THE SPIDER

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Raw Power, and Naked Greed



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## HAPPY EASTER!!

That about says it all. Not much happening here in Sunburn City, other than the annual influx of obnoxious tourists from Alabama. The semester will be over in few weeks, so I'll be able to cut the turn around time on the next four issues by a day or two.

### BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** Alliances are held together by fear, not by love.

--Harold MacMillan

*Cogniscenti* is a new 'zine offering a plethora of games. For a sub fee of \$1 issue, you can play DIPLOMACY, US DIPLOMACY, CIRCUS MAXIMUS, FACTS IN FIVE, LIFTOFF!, SET, SWASHBUCKLER, TUP-ABET, STOCKS & BONDS, FOOTBALL STRATEGY, BUMPER CARS, MSPL FOOTBALL, SCOTLAND YARD, CIVILIZATION, ADEL VERPFlichtet, SILVERTON, POSTAL STRIP POKER, BOGGLE, SEA OF DESPAIR, CANDIDATE, ATTACK SUB, and THE STOCK MARKET GAME. The following are offered with additional game fees (due to multiple mailings or subcontracted GMs) ORIGINS OF WWII, DAYTONA 500, ILLUMINATI, IMAGE, DIVINE RIGHT, DUNE, STAR FLEET BATTLES, PIPELINE, SCRABBLE, ACQUIRE, MYTHOLOGY, COSMIC ENCOUNTERS, NUCLEAR WAR, AXIS & ALLIES, VEGAS, TYRANNO EX, and ENTERPRISE ENCOUNTER. About another two dozen games are possible. I suspect no more than about 16 games will actually end up being run. *Cogniscenti* will publish every six weeks and run 24 pages. If interested, contact Randy Cox, PO Box 1144, Clemson, SC 29633-1144 and tell him BORIS sent you.

Enclosed is a copy of the Runestone Poll voting sheet for those who might be interested in such things.

Thanks go to Don Chinnery for a photo of the new 1856 game. It looks like the board covers Ontario from Detroit/Windsor and Port Huron/Sarnia in the west, Lakes Erie and Ontario in the South, Toronto in the east, and Georgian Bay in the north.

Bret Wilson is screaming for standby DIP players for his 'zine *Vertigo*. If interested contact him quickly at his address listed in the sub list. Hurry! He's skipping town for Chicago soon!

Nominations are being accepted for the 1993 Rusty Bolt Awards (not Rusty Nail as I had it last time) for the following categories. If so inclined, send your nominations to Doug "W.P." Kent 54 Cherry St #211, Rahway, NJ 07065.

- 1) Bernie Oakley Memorial Award for worst diplomatic skills.
- 2) Dumb Idea of the Year Award for the most moronic idea of 1992.
- 3) Ms Har Award for most entertaining game press.
- 4) Fast Trax award for the most unreasonably delayed zine.
- 5) Black Splotch Award for the ugliest DIP zine.
- 6) Been There, Done That Memorial Award for the most eagerly awaited fold.
- 7) ACQUIRE Number Custodian Award for the most unnecessary hobby service.
- 8) Paul Milevski Award for the most boring topic in hobby correspondence.
- 9) Steve Sulzby/Jones Johnson Award for the nastiest game press.
- 10) Ego Trip Award for silliest hobby debate topic.
- 11) Rookie of the Year Award for the best new DIP zine of 1992.

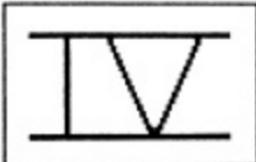
### BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madams Bolduc Press Excellence Award goes jointly to Jack Shacklett for his Edinburgh Bagpipe article in BORIS IV and to Ron Fisher for his article datelined Vienna in BORIS V.

This month's Ms Har Super-Suds Bomb goes to Flapjack McHugh for his insipid Monty Python imitation in BORIS VI.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS NOON (CDT) 8 MAY 93

# TURKEY ELIMINATED!! WORMTONGUE WAKES!



Fall 1906

**CLIFFHOME**--Turkey becomes the first empire to fall to the expansionist cravings of its neighbors, but it surely won't be the last. Tsar Paul's only use in Wormtongue's scheme of things is as a means to open a northern naval front against England via STP(nc). A quick deal with Germany would be enough to deny him that card. President Rezzarday doesn't even have that much bargaining leverage and should soon be summing himself in exile in Tahiti. We can be sure that Wormtongue will not be content with mere equality with Lord One-eyed, so an Anglo-German alliance in the Northwest would seem to be in the cards to counter the Austro-Italian League in the Southeast. Germany and Italy are the key players now. Should either sell out to the other side, he would reap the greatest benefit. This is particularly true of Italy. The Grand Turk, however, has one more opportunity to affect world affairs. Should he order A SMY to retreat to ARM he would guarantee the destruction of English A SEY and expedite his conquerors' timetable of conquest by eliminating a raider in their hinterland.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS

Germany retreated A DEN to KIE; Turkey retreated A CON to SMY.

AUS (Frying): A Con S ITA F Aeg-Smy, A Gal-War, [A Rum-Sev], A Sil S A Gal-War, A Ukr S A Rum-Sev, F Gte H.  
 ENG (Shacklett): [A Sev-Mos](r-??), [A Wal-Los], F Bot-Lvn, F Den S F Hel, F Hel S GER A Kie-Hol, F Iri-Eng, F Nth S F Iri-Eng, [F Por-Spa(sc)], F StP(sc) S F Bot-Lvn;  
 FRA (Rezzarday): A Bel-Pic, [A Hol S GER A Ruh-Kie](nso, r-??), [A Spa-For], [F Eng-Lon](r-??);  
 GER (J. Fisher): A Ber S A Mun, A Kit-Hol, A Mun S A Ber, A Ruh S A Kit-Hol;  
 ITA (Klausus): [A Pit-Ven], A Tua H, F Aeg-Smy, F Alb-Tii, [F Ion-Eas], F Tya-Lyo;  
 RUS (Saunders): A Mos H, F Ank H;  
 TUR (Tsuk): [A Smy H](r-??), [F Adr-Yen], [F Eas S A Smy].

Orders in brackets fall; d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, nso = unit not so ordered, oth = off the board, out = unit on the move, r-?? unit must retreat, u = unordered. English A SEY must retreat oth or to ARM. French A HOL must retreat oth or to BEL. French F ENG must retreat oth or to BEL, BRE, or MID. Turkish A SMY must retreat oth or to ARM or SYR. Note that if both A SEY and A SMY attempt to retreat to ARM, neither do and they will both be eliminated. Likewise if both A HOL and F ENG attempt to retreat to BEL.

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud, Vie, Ser, Gte, Rum, Bul, +Con, +Sev, +War	(9) Build 3*
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hwy, Sve, Bre, -Mos, Por, -Sev, +Den, +StP	(9) Even**
FRA: Par, Spa, Bel, -Hol	(3) Tear 1 ***
GER: Ber, Kit, -Den, Mun, +Hol	(4) Even
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tua, Tri, Mar, +Smy	(7) Build 1
RUS: -War, -StP, +Ank, +Mos	(2) Even
TUR: -Ank, -Con, -Smy	(0) Tear all OUT

\* Will play at least one unit short, as only two vacant home centers are available.

\*\* May build one if A SEY retreats oth or is eliminated trying to retreat to ARM.

\*\*\* If either A HOL or F MID retreat oth, will not have to tear. If both retreat oth or to BEL, France may build A PAR.

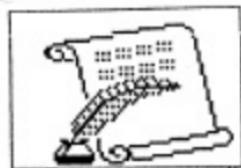
Due next time are orders for Winter 1906/07 and Spring 1907. The latter may be conditional on the former. Note new phone number for Italy. Note COA for Germany effective 1 May.

## EMBASSY BEAT

**BERN**--A well-placed source within the Moscow Kremlin has made discrete inquiries into sanctuary here in Switzerland. The source claims to have heard the Tsar muttering in his cups, "I've sold my soul to the Devil to no avail. When will he harvest my soul? This year, or next? May God forgive me! Glug, glug, glug."

## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

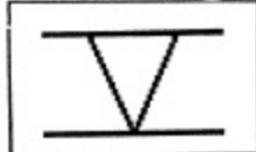
**Hibernian Bagpipe**--The congress of clans today issued a severe condemnation of the purchasing  
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AUSTRIA CRUSHED!

BRITS ATTACK RUSSIA!!

FALL 1906



**ERRORS:** France actually ordered [A Mar-Pie], F Por-Mid, F Spa(sc)-Wes, F Wes-Tun last time.

Muskwood--And now there are four. Soon there will be but three as Flapjack cannot long stand alone and has no real counterplay; Emperor Charles can at least harass the Tudor King by retreating F MID to IRI or NAT. Czar Jack is close to wrapping up the war as the British Army is grossly outnumbered by the Russian hordes. Still, a stalemate line runs between the two empires and the Czar cannot hope to regain his capital in order to launch a northern naval campaign. The coming year will be critical.

#### VELOC MOVEMENTS

Italy retreated F ION to NAP.

AUS (R. Fisher):	[A Pie-Mar], [A Tri-Mun], [A Vie S ENG A Mun-Boh](d);
ENG (Morrison):	[A Bur-Mun], A Kle-Ber, [A Mun-Boh], A Hwy-StP, [A Par-Bur], F Bal S
	A Kle-Ber, F Bre S F Eng-Mid, F Edi-Nth, F Eng-Mid, F Hol-Kie, F Nth-Den;
FRA (Haans):	[A Mar-Pie], [F Mid H](r-??), F Tun S F Wes-Tyn, F Wes-Tyn;
ITA (McHugh):	A Tus-Rom, [A Vie S AUS A Pie-(out)], F Nap S A Tus-Rom;
RUS (Shacklett):	A Alb-Tri, [A Boh-Mun], A Bud S A Gal-Vie, A Con-Bul, A Gal-Vie, A
	Gre-Alb, A Rum-Ukr, A Ser S A Alb-Tri, F Aeg S F Has-Ion, [F Ber-Kie](r-??), F
	Has-Ion, F Ion-Adr.

Orders in brackets fall; d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; nso = unit not so ordered; nsu = no such unit; otb = off the board; otm = unit on the move, r-?? = unit is dislodged and must retreat; u = unordered. French F MID must retreat otb or to GAS, IRI, NAF, NAT, POR, SPA(sc), SPA(nc), or WES. Russian F BER must retreat otb or to PRU.

#### SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: -Bud, -Vie, -Tri, -Ser	(0) Tear all = OUT
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hwy, Bel, Den, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, +Ber, +StP	(13) Build 2
FRA: Mar, Spa, Tun, Por	(4) Even *
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven	(3) Even
RUS: Mos, Sev, -StP, War, Rum, Sve, Ank, -Ber, Bul, Smy, Con, Gre,	
+Bud, +Ser, +Tri, +Vie	(14) Build 2**

\* If France retreats F MID otb, France may not build due to lack of empty home center.

\*\* If Russia retreats F BER otb, Russia may build three.

Due next time are orders for Winter 1906/07 and Spring 1907. The latter may be conditional on the former.

#### KINGSLY'S SEAT

LONDON--Envoys from France, Austria, and Italy were welcomed today at Whitehall to discuss the overwhelming move of the Russian hordes westward. The English government does not wish to see the collapse of the cradle of Western Civilization destroyed and has promised immediate aid to Austria and an invasion of North Russia to try and slow the Russian juggernaut down.

The King has asked for a united front but a consensus has not been reached as to how this will be done. If an agreement is not reached soon the Med will be a Russian lake and all the beaches will be polluted by the unwashed Russian armies!

VIENNA--So the worm turns (I thought he was in the other game?). Alright! Do your worst! I'm ready for ya! I'll show how a country can die like a man. And when a country dies the man gives it a state funeral. I suppose old Flapjack will jump back into TRI now, huh? Not to mention the blasted frogs hogging the beach in MAR. And don't get me started on the crummy Limies overrunning Europe. The Empire may be doomed but the people live on. OH, TWIST THAT BLADE ONCE MORE! ADMIT IT! YOU NEEDED AUSTRIA TO WIN!

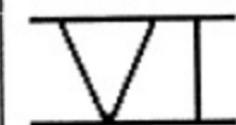
--last official press release of ex-foreign minister R. Fisher

#### BONNIE WORLD PRESS REVIEW

*Swedish Chronical* (Stockholm)--The Scandinavian countries are bracing for the annual invasion

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**KRÖNER & MARK SOAR!!**  
**AUSTRIA & RUSSIA**  
**COOPERATE!**  
**FALL 1901**



**WALL STREET JOURNAL**--Investors have calmed down over French prospects as the franc posted a modest 33% gain on the dollar instead of the hoped for 100% or the feared loss. The mark and kroner fared best at 67% gains, the ruble at 50%, with the pound and lire also gaining 33%. Analysts believe the franc has good prospects for further growth, but worry about British inaptitude unfavorably affecting the pound and Austro-Russian expansionism stunting the dinar.

**TROOP MOVEMENTS**

AUS (Vandine):	A Bud S RUS A Gal-Rum, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, F Alb-Gre;
ENG (McHugh):	[A Yor-Bel], [F Eng C A Yor-Bel](imp), F Hth-Nvy;
FRA (Rezzarday):	A Par-Bur, A Spa-Mar, F Mid-Por;
GER (Ford):	A Kie-Den, A Mun-Ruh, F Hel-Hol;
ITA (Cameron):	A Pis S PRE A Spa-Mar, A Tus-Tun, F Tyn C A Tus-Tun;
RUS (Egivedt):	A Gal-Rum, A StP-Fin, [F Bla-Con], F Bot-Swe;
TUR (Cohn):	[A Ank-Con], [A Bal-Rum], [F Con-Bla].

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, aso = unit not so ordered, off = off the board, onm = unit on the move, r-?? unit must retreat, u = unordered.

**SUPPLY CENTER CHART**

AUS: Bud, Tri, Vis, +Gre, +Ser	(5) Build 2
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Nvy	(4) Build 1
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, +Por	(4) Build 1
GER: Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den, +Hol	(5) Build 2
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun	(4) Build 1
RUS: Mos, Sev, StP, War, +Rum, +Swe	(6) Build 2
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, +Bul	(4) Build 1

Due next time are orders for orders for Winter 1901/02. The Bourse is open this season.

**EMBASSY BEAT**

LONDON--The new Earl of Flap slept contentedly at his desk in 10 Downing street when the phone rang loudly. Angrily the PM reached for his phone.

"I told you I wasn't to be disturbed while sleeping in conference."

"It wasn't my idea," said Puppy, the PM's secretary. "It's the publisher of our zine, All Paul Bolduc."

"Okay put him through," said the Flap with a resigned shrug. Hearing the heavy breathing of our illustrious editor the Flap said, "Well, All Paul, what do you want? Ready to tell me where the game start is?"

The Sultan had difficulty containing himself. "Listen you East Coast Cliquer I put the announcement on the front page of the issue before last. Have you been talking to Bwad Wilson again? I told you to stay away from him, he's bad for you!"

"I always talk to Bwad! Leave him out of this, you bloodsucking Civil Servant. Hey, how'd you get Bwad to stop doing the Colonial game--I was enjoying kicking your butt too!"

"Never mind that now, where are your moves, I got a game to put out! Besides that I promised Ms. Nar I spend time with her tonight--you know how it is when you're in demand ... or actually you don't do you? Heh heh heh!"

The Earl of Flap bit his tongue in self control. "Look I'll give you my moves if you tell me where the game announcements are!"

"I put it on the front page of last issue you, you silly Limey," said the now bored All Paul. "I really must be going you annoying English type person. There is a love bomb I'm working on for Ms. Nar."

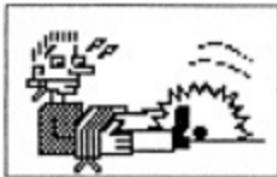
And with that the line, like the Flappers chances, went dead. "It is going to be a long game," thought the Flapper.

ST PETERSBURG--The Tsar of all the Russias called upon his fellow Christian leaders to finally rid the Holy Lands of the Islamic occupation by the Satanic forces of Sultan Martin Attaboy. The Tsar fully intends to return Hagia Sophia to the purpose for which it was originally designed.

VIENNA--The Emperor has been forced to react to the brutal oppression of the Bulgarian people  
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# CRUELTY IS IN HANNA RUNS AMOK WHEN/IF A DIESEL?



**REGATA:** The B&O, NYNH&H, and C&O have \$10, \$121, and \$513 in treasury respectively.

## PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$ 670, 5 C&O(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) <Priority>  
 Klausutis: \$1166, 6 PA(Prez), 3 B&O(YP), 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(YP), 1 Erie, 1 NYC  
 Frueh: \$1077, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O, 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Pres), 4 PA(YP), 3 Erie  
 Hanna: \$ 988, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 6 ERIE(Prez), 2 B&M

**REG 8:** (\* indicates at certificate limit)

Morrison buys 1 C&O (\$670-120 = \$550).

Klausutis sells 1 NYC, buys 1 CP from Pool (\$1166+80-100 = \$1146 \*).

Hanna buys 1 NYNH&H (\$988-130 = \$858).

Frueh sells 1 C&O, buys 1 NYNH&H (\$1077+120-130 = \$1067 \*).

Morrison buys 1 NYNH&H (\$550-130 = \$420 \*).

Klausutis passes. Hanna buys 1 NYC at par (\$858-67 = \$791).

Frueh, Morrison, and Klausutis pass. Hanna buys 1 NYC (\$791-67 = \$724).

Frueh, Morrison, and Klausutis pass.

Hanna buys 1 then sells 2 NYC (\$724-67+160 = \$817).

Frueh, Morrison, and Klausutis pass. Hanna buys 1 C&O (\$817-120 = \$697).

Frueh, Morrison, and Klausutis pass. Hanna buys 1 CP (\$697-100 = \$597 \*).

All pass.

All players are at their certificate limit. NYNH&H is sold out so its price rises to C155. Due next time are orders for OR 8.1 and as much of ORs 8.2 and 8.3 as you can anticipate. Wayne retains the Priority Card. Note new phone number for TJ.

## PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$ 420, 6 C&O(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez), 6 CP(Prez), 1 NYNH&H <Priority>  
 Klausutis: \$1146, 6 PA(Prez), 3 B&O(YP), 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(YP), 1 Erie  
 Frueh: \$1067, 2 NYNH&H, 2 B&O, 6 B&M (Pres), 4 PA(YP), 3 Erie(YP)  
 Hanna: \$ 597, 5 B&O(Prez), 2 NYNH&H(YP), 6 ERIE(Prez), 2 B&M, 1 NYC, 1 C&O, 1 CP

## CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A250	0	0	n/a	\$10	45	0
NYNH&H	C155	0	0	n/a	\$121	5	0
ERIE	A142	0	0	n/a	\$140	5	1
PA	A126	0	0	n/a	\$24	46	2
C&O	D120	3	0	n/a	\$513	4	2
B&M	A112	0	0	n/a	\$0	6	0
CP	B100	0	2	\$100	\$306	6	3
NYC	F80	3	0	n/a	\$330	4	2

## TRAINS AVAILABLE: DDDDDDD

The Bank has \$7,326.

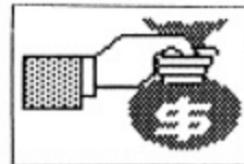
**TELES AVAILABLE:** #2(1), #3(2), #4(2), #7(2), #8(4), #9(3), #14(1), #15(1), #16(1), #18(1), #19(1), #20(1), #23(1), #24(3), #27(1), #28(1), #40(1), #41(2), #42(2), #43(2), #44(1), #45(2), #46(2), #47(1), #55(1), #57(4), #58(1), #59(2), #64(1), #65(1), #76(1)

# GREED IS GOOD

## ERIE FLOATS!

### In the O's We Trust!

### Canucks Too!



**ERRATA:** We overpaid the NYNH&H dividends last time; correct is (JB +\$65, NYNH&H +\$52, PZ +\$13).

#### PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$126, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 5 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 1 B&M, 1 CP
Morrison:	\$250, SVN&R, 1 PA, 5 NYC(YP), 3 CP(YP)
Bliss:	\$305, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 5 CP(Prez) <PRORITY>
Kuntz:	\$87, 5 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)
Paffenberger (G&D):	\$128, 4 B&O(YP), 4 B&M(Prez)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$111, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 PA, 2 B&M

#### STOCK BOUGHT 6: (\* player at certificate limit)

Bliss buys 1 NYNH&H (\$305-120 = \$185).  
 Kuntz buys 1 PA from Pool (\$87-71 = \$16).  
 Paffenberger buys 1 C&O (\$132-82 = \$50).  
 Chinnery sells 1 PA (price drops to P65) buys 1 B&M (\$111+67-90 = \$88).  
 Zieske buys 1 C&O (\$226-82 = \$144).

Morrison sells 5 NYC (price plummets to P67), buys Pres share of Erie @ \$100 (\$250+500-200 = \$550).

Bliss buys 1 B&M (\$185-90 = \$95).  
 Kuntz & Paffenberger pass. Chinnery buys 1 NYC (\$88-67 = \$21).  
 Zieske buys 1 NYC (\$144-67 = \$77 \*).  
 Morrison buys 1 Erie (\$550-100 = \$450).  
 Bliss, Kuntz, Paffenberger, Chinnery, and Zieske pass.  
 Morrison buys 1 Erie (\$450-100 = \$350).  
 Bliss, Kuntz, Paffenberger, Chinnery, and Zieske pass.  
 Morrison buys 1 Erie (\$350-100 = \$250).  
 Bliss, Kuntz, Paffenberger, Chinnery, and Zieske pass.  
 Morrison buys 1 Erie (\$250-100 = \$150). Erie floats!  
 Bliss, Kuntz, Paffenberger, Chinnery, and Zieske pass.  
 Morrison buys 1 C&O (\$150-82 = \$68 \*); C&O sold out!  
 All pass.

B&O, C&O and CP are sold out so their prices float to A160, B90b, and C82 respectively. Due next time are orders for ORs 6.1 and 6.2. We will stop the action if a 6-train is bought or if a player's tile laying orders can't be followed in OR 6.2. Jim has the Priority Card.

#### PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$77, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 6 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 1 B&M, 1 CP, 1 C&O
Morrison:	\$68, SVN&R, 1 PA, 3 CP(YP), 6 Erie(Prez), 1 C&O
Bliss:	\$95, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) <PRORITY>
Kuntz:	\$16, 6 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)
Paffenberger (G&D):	\$50, 4 B&O(YP), 4 B&M(Prez), 1 C&O
Chinnery (TRC):	\$21, 5 B&O(Prez), 3 B&M, 1 NYC

#### CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A160	0	0	n/a	\$ 570	3	0
NYNH&H	D120	3	0	n/a	\$ 124	34	0, C&SL
Erie	A100	0	4	\$100	\$1000	--	3
B&M	B90a	0	2	\$90	\$ 420	34	1
C&O	B90b	0	0	n/a	\$ 520	4	2
CP	C82	0	0	n/a	\$ 330	4	3
PA	E71	1	1	\$76	\$ 409	3	3, C&A
NYC	F67	3	0	n/a	\$ 680	3	3, D&H

**TRAINS AVAILABLE:** 555666DDDDDD.

The Bank has \$7,620.



## 16 TONS 4-TRAIN BOUGHT! ROUND HALTED!



**ESSENCES:** NYNH&H has but one share left in the Bank and has \$340 in treasury. C&O's price should be D76 since Frueh sold one share; it has \$820 in its treasury.

### PLAYER SCORES

Rick Egtvedt:	\$20, D&H, M&H, 3 B&O, 1 PA
Mark Frueh:	\$22, C&A, 5 C&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H
Paul Zieske:	\$46, 5 B&O(Prez) <Priority>
Mike Puffenberger:	\$ 0, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 1 B&O
James Bliss:	\$58, 5 PA(Prez), 2 N&W(Prez)
Don Chinnery:	\$ 6, C&SL, 1 B&O, 3 NYNH&H, 2 PA

### OPERATIONAL NOTES

Privates pay RE (\$15+20 = \$35), MMF (+\$25), PA (+\$5), and DC (+\$10).

**B&O:** Lay Tile #7 in I13(nw). Play token in J14 (\$500-40 = \$460). Run J14-I15 (\$70), I15-I17 (\$60), I15-H14-H10 (\$90). Pay dividends (PZ +\$110, RTE +\$66, MP +\$22, DC +\$22); stock soars to A126. Buy 3-train (\$460-180 = \$280).

**NYNH&H:** Lay Tile #2 on G17(se). Run G19N-G17-G19S (\$130) & G19N-F20 (\$80). Pay dividends (MP +\$105, DC +\$63, MMF +\$21); price moves to D90.

**C&O:** Lay Tile #57 in K13(sw). Play token in K13. No run so price slips to D71. Buys 3-train and 4-train (\$820-180-300 = \$340); 2-trains get one more use.

**PA:** Lay Tile #14 in J14(se). Run I15-J14 (\$80), I15-I19 (\$60), I15-H12-H10 (\$90). Scrap two 2-trains. Round halted here. Dividends could be: JB +\$115, DC +\$46, PA +\$23, RTE +\$23 or the PA might withhold the \$230.

We'll stop things here in the midst of PA's OR 3.1 since its order to buy a 3-train has been thwarted by the march of development. Remember, y'all get one use of your soon-to-be-scrap 2-trains. Due next time are PA's dividend decision and train buy and orders for OR 3.2 and SR4. Paul has the Priority Card. As a courtesy, Mr Bliss should consider informing his stockholders of his pay/withhold decision.

### PLAYER SCORES (As of end of C&O's turn)

Rick Egtvedt:	\$121, D&H, M&H, 3 B&O(VP), 1 PA
Mark Frueh:	\$ 68, C&A, 5 C&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H
Paul Zieske:	\$156, 5 B&O(Prez) <Priority>
Mike Puffenberger:	\$127, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 1 B&O
James Bliss:	\$ 58, 5 PA(Prez), 2 N&W(Prez)
Don Chinnery:	\$103, C&SL, 1 B&O, 3 NYNH&H(VP), 2 PA(VP)

### OPERATIONAL NOTES (As of end of PA's runs. Underlined are doomed trains!)

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A126	0	0	n/a	\$280	2233	2
NYNH&H	D90	0	2	\$ 76	\$340	223	1
N&W	D76	0	8	\$ 76	---	---	3
C&O	D71	1	4	\$ 82	\$340	34	1
PA	H67/G69	1	1	\$ 76	\$245+	3	1, SVN&RR

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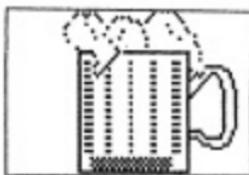
The Bank has \$17,972.

**SUPER-AGGREGATE:** #1(1), #2(0), #3(2), #4(2), #7(2), #8(9), #9(6), #14(3), #15(2), #16(1), #18(1), #19(1), #20(1), #23(3), #24(3), #25(1), #26(1), #27(0), #28(1), #29(1), #53A(1), #54(1), #55(1), #56(1), #57(6), #58(2), #59(2), #69(1)



1835

## HE Floats!! B&B Makes Move on SX!!



**Error:** #5 should've only made 150M in OR 7.2, so decrement CCH's and #5's treasures by 10M. SX should have 424M in treasury, 4 shares in the Pool, and 1 token left to play.

### Player Status:

Chuck Hanns (CCH): 748M, \$1, \$4, \$5, \$6, 6 BA(Dir), 1 WT <*Der Zug*>

Rick Egwedit (RTE): 297M, NF, OB, 5 BY(Dir), 2 WT(Dir)

Don Chinnery (Der Bahn Corp = DBC): 478M, #3, 6 SX(Dir), 1 WT

John Butitta (Volksdampfzug = Vdz): 448M, #2, Braun, Hann, PB, 5 BY, 1 WT

### Stock Bound II: (\* indicates at certificate limit)

CCH buys HE Direktorship (748M-168 = 580M). RTE buys 1 WT (297M-84 = 213M).

DBC buys 1 SX (476M-106 = 370).

Vdz buys 1 PR (448M-154 = 294M).

CCH buys 1 HE (580M-84 = 496M).

RTE buys 1 WT (213M-84 = 129M).

DBC buys 1 SX (370M-106 = 264M).

Vdz buys 1 PR (294M-154 = 140M).

CCH buys 1 HE (496M-84 = 412M).

RTE buys 1 WT (129M-84 = 45M).

DBC buys 1 SX (264M-106 = 158M).

Vdz sells 1 WT (drops to E80) buys 1 PR (140M+84-154 = 70M).

CCH buys 2 WT (412M-168 = 244M).

RTE passes. DBC buys 1 SX (158M-106 = 52M). SX sold out!

Vdz passes. CCH buys 1 HE (244M-84 = 160M \*); HE floats!

RTE, DBC, and Vdz pass.

CCH sells 1 WT (WT sinks to F74), buys 1 HE (160M+80-84 = 156M \*).

All pass.

# KREMLIN

SATIN WAVES!  
PCS EARNS 2ND WAVE!  
RANKS OF PEOPLE THIN

YEAR 6

## THE CAST

Dan Parrow: Committee of Modern Marxists into Expanding Socialism (COMMIES) <2 Waves>  
Mark Luedi: Old Red Farts (ORF)  
Mark Frueh: Marginal Mechanics Faction (MMF) <1 Wave>  
Paul Saunders: Party of Cartographic Socialists (PCS) <1 Wave>

**DEBATE** I recently completed an audit of the game and found a lot of persistent minor errors. These have been corrected below.

## POLITICIANS

Party Chief:	Satin (O), 64, ?	1 IP (PCS*)
KGB Head:	Niewitko (D), 76, ?	3 IP (PCS*)
Foreign Minister:	<Vacant>	
Defense Minister:	Schrukutov (B), 81(w), ++	2 IP (MMF*)
Ideology Chief:	Purgemoff (F), 71	
Industry Minister:	Goferbrok (C), 75, +, ?	2 IP (ORF*), 1 IP (MMF)
Economy Minister:	Protzky (U), 56	
Sports Minister:	Palavrian (G), 70(s), ++	
Candidates:	J,K,L,P(62),<Vacant>	
People:	R,T,V,W,Z	
Siberia:	I(74), M(64), N(67), Q(68, ++), Y(53)	
The Kremlin Wall:	A,E,H,S,X	

**REPLACEMENT PHASE** MMF misplays Card #46, "Rising Star in Party", trying to promote a Candidate to Foreign Minister (a 1st Level position). Satin is not amused nor is he inclined to promote anyone so Goferbrok (C) promotes to Foreign Minister by age. The 1st Level politicians decline to promote, so Talksalott (J) is promoted to Industry Minister by age. Second Level Politicians decline to promote so Nikotin (R) and Strychnin (T) are promoted by age to Candidates.

**REHABILITATION PHASE** No activity.

**PARADE PHASE** COMMIES declare 4 IP on Satin (O) and 1 IP on Niewitko (D). PCS declares 4 more IP on Satin to retain control. Satin automatically waves! PCS earns a second wave!

Due next time are orders for Year 6 Cure, Purge, and Spy phases.

## POLITICIANS

Party Chief:	Satin (O), 64, ?	5 IP (PCS*), 1 IP (COMMIES)
KGB Head:	Niewitko (D), 76, ?	3 IP (PCS*), 1 IP (COMMIES)
Foreign Minister:	Goferbrok (C), 75, +, ?	2 IP (ORF*), 1 IP (MMF)
Defense Minister:	Schrukutov (B), 81(w), ++	2 IP (MMF*)
Ideology Chief:	Purgemoff (F), 71	
Industry Minister:	Talksalott (J), 67	
Economy Minister:	Protzky (U), 56	
Sports Minister:	Palavrian (G), 70(s), ++	
Candidates:	K, L, P(62), R, T	
People:	V, W, Z	
Siberia:	I(74), M(64), N(67), Q(68, ++), Y(53)	
The Kremlin Wall:	A,E,H,S,X	

## PRAVDA

There's a new Sheriff in town (for as long as he lasts!).



## STELLAR CONQUEST

The Only Good Scout is a Dead Scout

'Tis War is Oblinging



### RULES INTERPRETATIONS:

1. Ships (except scouts, of course) which move outside the 8-hex range are eliminated. If they don't move after being put "out of supply" are not eliminated until they move. They could feasibly wait at a star until being "put back in supply". A ship 9 hexes out will survive if its first movement brings it back within the 8-hex limit.
2. Captured Colonies are considered "friendly" for Command Post purposes.

### PRESS:

SPACE BALL CITY--President Scroob announced that the entire Space Ball fleet has been put under the command of Dark Helmet and is being sent out to search for planets whose air can be sucked off for use on planet Space Ball.

The Portion of this star cluster encompassed by a line from Mizar to Canopus to Zosca has been annexed by the Fenachrone Empire. Unarmed escorts will be tolerated for now--warships will be destroyed on contact.

Cylons are are human-friendly -- NOT!

FLESH GORDON: (Turns 12-16)  
You are Player #

SIMON WAGSTAFF: (Turns 9-12) Please vote on Optional Rules!  
You are Player #

GOLAN TRIVIZE: (Turns 5-8) Please vote on Optional Rules!  
You are Player #

Due next time are:

FLESH GORDON-- Turn 12 Production and Movement for Turns 13-16  
SIMON WAGSTAFF--Votes, Turn 8 Production, and Movement for Turns 9-12  
GOLAN TREVIZE-- Votes, Turn 4 Production, and Movement for Turns 5-8

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### --BORIS IV (continued from p 2)

practices of the War Ministry. The congress claims that the maps provided to the Highland Division were inaccurate and were purchased at three times the normal costs. What is very suspicious is that the former Commissioner of Royal Cartography, John Sleary, now lives in a villa in Morocco. The maps were purchased from Abdul's printing in Casablanca. The coincidence has sent shockwaves through Whitehall and the Liverpool Regiment has entered the capital to encourage the public to remain calm.

*St. Petersburg Press*--Subleutenant Lord James MacIntosh has returned from the lost Highlander Division. Although the Russians patrols and Austrians were unfriendly, the bonnie lad valiantly made his way through the wilderness steppes along the Don until linking with the St. Petersburg Squadron of the Royal Navy. The brave Scotsman immediately asked for orders then turned around to take the orders to his regiment. His departure was delayed however when several side panniers on his pack horse had to be repacked the mask the clink of what seemed to be bottles. The subleutenant said they were medicinal spirits for the troops.

### CLASSIFIEDS

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.



# MAGIC REALM

## BLACK BART & AMBER ROSE ARRIVE!!

Capt Avalon Now Bat Food!



### **The Staff**

John Butitta:	"Moondoggie" the Sorceror (Bushytail, Misty)
Scott Cameron:	"Black Bart" the Black Knight
Marcel Carboneau:	"Amber Rose" the Amazon
Don Chinnery:	"Scitch" the Witch King (Ribbit Silky)
Dan Farrow:	"Woolly" the optional Wizard
Richard Price:	"Sir Jordan" the White Knight
Jack Shacklett:	"Fang Gulfwolf" the Berserker
Michael Tsuk	"Capt Avalon" the optional Captain

### **Evening 1**

#### **Monster Roll = 8**

Round 1: Capt A feels compelled to attack, spends the 1st Round alerting the bastard/broad sword, but only then notices the runes spelling "Mournblade" inscribed on the sword. "No wonder I got it so cheap!" he murmurs, followed by a stream of curses not printable here in a family 'zine.

Round 2 finds the Captain dodging astride his H7/H6\* horse, wearing Power Gauntlets and a breastplate, thrusting H4 at the uglier H F dragon. Unfortunately, the uglier one thrust H4/charges 4, while the other dragon attacks swing L4/dodge 3 and the bat came in at smash M2/duck 3. Capt A misses, the bat hits horse, and the uglier dragon kills his horse.

Round 3 finds Capt A astride the H7/M5\* horse swinging the bastard sword H4 at the uglier dragon. The monsters come at him. The bat attacks smash M2/duck 3 and is ineffective against horseflesh. The uglier dragon attacks swing H4/dodge 4 and is dispatched; the other thrusts H4/charges 4 and kills the horse.

Round 4 finds Capt A on foot swinging H5 and dodging M4\*. The dragon attacks swing H4/dodge 4, but the bat again attacks smash M2/duck 3 causing (6,3) six wounds. The dragon is killed, but not before it destroys the breastplate and causes another wound. Capt A wounds his FIGHT H6, FIGHT M5, both FIGHT H5\*, MOVE M5, MOVE M4\*, and FIGHT M4\* chits.

Round 5 and Capt A thrusts HS and charges M4\*; the bat counters with charge M2/3, inflicting (6,6) six more wounds and felling the Capt. He leaves the Power Gauntlets, the bastard sword, and a short sword. *Requiescat in pace, valiant warrior.*

### **Day 1B**

#### **Monster Roll = 4**

Scitch between EV1 & OW2: F(EV), F(Ru), F(LW), F(L1); reveals SMOKE M, SLITHER 3. Sir Jordan @ BV2 w/R4: H(2,1 = y), M BV5, S(Loot 5,4 - damaged helmet), S(Loot 4,1 = helmet), R

Moondoggie @ LW4: M14, S(Peer 5,2 - Clues<see Scitch>), S(Peer 6,4 = no), M LW4.

Amber Rose @ Inn: M DW2, M DW3, S(Loc 3,1 = passages), A(sword); reveal VAULT 3 and DANK M, T Troll arrives at DW3.

Fang & R7 @ : H(6,4 = no), M EV1, MEV4, M Ru2; reveals DANK C and FLUTTER 1.

Black Bart @ Inn: S(Loot 3,1 = shield), HR( Company 5,5 = x4), HR(4,4 = x3), HR(5,2 = x4 )

Woolly @ CV1: H(6,5 = no), SP(enchant MAGIC IV4\*), M L2, M L2

**BATTLE:** Rogues ignore both Sir Jordan and Black Bart. The Company "challenges" Sir Jordan; he would be well advised to lose the 5 Fame. Sir Jordan and Robin could break concealment to attack Black Bart, the Company, and/or the Rogues. Bart could attack the Rogues and/or Company. Amber Rose could break concealment and attack the T Troll, but she doesn't have a weapon capable of killing it.

**STUFF OF NOTE:** A T. Demon at Cr1, a sixpack of axe-goblins at BL2, a sixpack of spear-goblins at BL5, a Giant, a H Spider and an abandoned treasure at Cr3, a pile of stuff abandoned at BV5. The ghosts are (temporarily) dead. A giant bat guards a pile of stuff at Ru1. The Vault is open and still has two treasures therein. Borderland, Pine and Linden Woods are enchanted. All the Rogues are available for hire except R4 and R7. Bashkars and Lancers are at LCF @ LWS. The Company is at the Inn.

--Continued on p 13



## THE HUNT

Cameron Surgeon!

Wins Hunt with 12.67!



Inspired by Lipton's book, "An Exaltation of Larks", this is a word game where we propose a noun and the players are asked to propose a collective noun to fit, such as "flock" for "sheep", or "pride" for lions. Boris and Ms Nar will rank each entry for each word and the best score will be the winner, regardless of Mr. Lipton's proclamations. Each word gives a possible 1 point, but the point may be split if either more than one player suggests it or two or more words are ranked equally. The first player to score 10 points wins six free issues of this rag. The Hunt is run in "Chases" or rounds. This is the 5th Chase. To the Hunt!

### CHASE 5:

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. catchers    | crouch(*/L), grasp(N), mitt, plate, snare                         |
| 2. pitchers    | bulldog(B/N), cast, mound(2+L), windup(+)                         |
| 3. umpires     | bumble, call(*), crew(B/N), jeer, myopia(L), out                  |
| 4. infielders  | chatter, dexter, diamond(*), double play, horn(N), utility(B)     |
| 5. outfielders | clutch(N), deaf, mays, pasture(B), throw, who(*)                  |
| 6. managers    | braintrust(B), cloud, dugout, flying, shout(*), sign(N)           |
| 7. Difs.       | abomination, bouch(N), occasional, question, reserve(B), swing(*) |
| 8. batters     | arsenal(N), box, clopper, deck(L), line-up(*B), swing             |
| 9. announcers  | babble, booth(B/N), commentary, dross(*), press                   |
| 10. bases      | diamond(*), field(N), home, load, run                             |

LEGEND: B = Boris's suggestion, L = Lipton's suggestion(s), N = Ms Nar's suggestion, \* = winner, # = duplicate suggestions, + = tie for first, / = B/L/N suggested it too

Score this time: Scott Cameron 5.25, Dan Farrow 3.25, John Butitta 1.50, & Wayne Morrison 0.

Total score: Scott Cameron 12.67, Dan Farrow 11.75, Wayne Morrison 7.83, John Butitta 6.17, Dick Martin 3.33, Jason Fisher 3, Ron Fisher 2.25, Mark Luedi 1.

Congratulations to Scott who hereby wins the Second Hunt and six free issues of the 'zine. No new chase this time so that the participants can sip some brandy by the fireplace.



## THE BOURSE

RUE in Lead!



### Francophiles Trail

Company	Dollars	Kroner	Pounds	Francs	Marks	Lire	Rubles	Dinars	Yen
CCH	1	0	0	333	0	0	0	0	\$1333
JB	0	50	50	50	50	30	54	30	\$1470
MT	0	110	0	111	111	0	1	0	\$1555
PRB	0	0	0	300	32	0	1	0	\$1366
RF	0	50	50	50	50	0	100	0	\$1500
RVE	1	0	0	0	333	0	0	0	\$1666
WOMEX	1	0	0	333	0	0	0	0	\$1333
WMMNM	0	0	130	140	50	0	10	0	\$1390

LEGEND: CCH = Corporation for Currency Holding, PRB = People's Revolutionary Bank, RVE = RV Exchange, WOMEX = Wordemann's Monetary Exchange, WMMNM = WMM Network Market

The Bourse open this season and next.

--BORIS V (continued from p 3)

of British tourists on holiday. A virtual army and fleet of tourists are expected. The Czar's Board of Tourism sternly warned the Tudor King that any Rugby Rovvies will be swiftly returned to Albion. Otherwise, the British pound sterling, will spend as well as any currency with the war on.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Italy-Board: Am I missing something here or is there no alliance structure at all.

Italy-England: I got your letter in Dec. I just found it again. I'll be anyone's toady if they'll let me survive.

Italy-Russia: (Psst! You read that [points up], it goes for you too.)

Italy-Austria: We've got no recourse but to stand and fight to the death! I say we both prepare our suicide brigades for action!

Italy-GM: Be quiet you extremely smelly GM-type. Your mother was a hamster and your father smelled of elderberries. Now go away or I shall taunt you a second time!

Ms Nor to Italy: Proofread your text before sending, you heinous garlic eater. Your "Love Bomb" fell short of its goal.

--BORIS VI (continued from p 4)

by the Ottoman Empire. As a result, and at the request of responsible elements in GRE, the Austrian Navy has undertaken to begin landing troops in GRE in order to protect them from Ottoman aggression. It is the Emperor's firm belief that no organization relying on a harem to provide grand strategy can long be permitted to influence the policies of the Great Powers. Based on the events this past spring in the corrupt and debauched Divine Porte, it cannot be long before the forces of Austrian justice reside in the ancient city of Constantinople.

In a related matter, the just Russian desire to protect the Slavic peoples in RUM has been examined favorably by His Imperial Majesty, and thus warrants the Empire's full support, despite the extremely poor map reading evinced by the Russian Army of WAR earlier in the year. It is to be hoped that the Tsar will henceforth control his generals with greater skill.

**BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW**

*Naples News*--The Italian government announced today that, in response to recent disorders in Tunisia, the 4th Cavalry Division accompanied by elements of the crack 453rd All-Midget Infantry Regiment, had been ordered to TUN. This will be the first combat use of the controversial all-midget unit which was developed for employment during trench warfare. Rather than sending regular troops into no-man's land to assault enemy trenches at the cost of heavy casualties, the idea had been to throw the midgets, each wearing a tiny helmet and carrying a tiny rifle, from the friendly trench-line into the enemy trenches. Once the midgets had overrun the enemy trench-line, the regular army troops could advance in safety. Military experts have expressed doubts about the use of midgets in the low-intensity urban fighting expected to be encountered in Tunis, but government leaders have been anxious to put the midgets to use and see this situation as the perfect opportunity to do so.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

England-Board: Please excuse my lack of correspondance I managed to forget about this announcement I will be writing you all soon.

England-France: Sorry we didn't get a chance to know each other better but that's the way the old block tumbles.

Vienna to Paris -- I don't trust him either!

England-Germany: Looks like I didn't need the support after all.

England-Russia: Sorry, I didn't get back to you. Will write this turn.

Constantinople to Berlin -- Fulfil your treaty obligations or else!

England-Italy: You didn't even tell me--you're a cheeky bastard. I like that in a player.

--MAGIC REALM (continued from p11)

**PRESS:**

Moondoggie to All: Hi ho, hi ho it's under the bridge we go to see if Grandma's Pool is there.

Come on Ralph, somebody got Wulf and I gotta slash something!

GM to Sciwch: You're a frog (ribit!), not a squirrel!

AT THE INN: Having arrived at the Inn, Bart approached it warily. He knew that his friend, Wulf Ironhelm, had disappeared somewhere in the vicinity of the dwelling and so he proceeded with the utmost caution. Bart was a veteran of many fierce battles and he well understood that horrible, bloody death could leap upon him without warning.

Suddenly he paused. Had that been a movement in that clump of bushes there? He took his mace in hand and approached the spot, preparing himself to act with merciless swiftness. When suddenly he heard a low moan and parted the bushes to reveal...his friend Wolf Ironhelm!

"Wulf!" he ejaculated and knelt down beside his comrade. He quickly saw that Wulf had been terribly wounded and did not have long to live. He also saw, to his surprise, that the fatal wound had been self-inflicted!

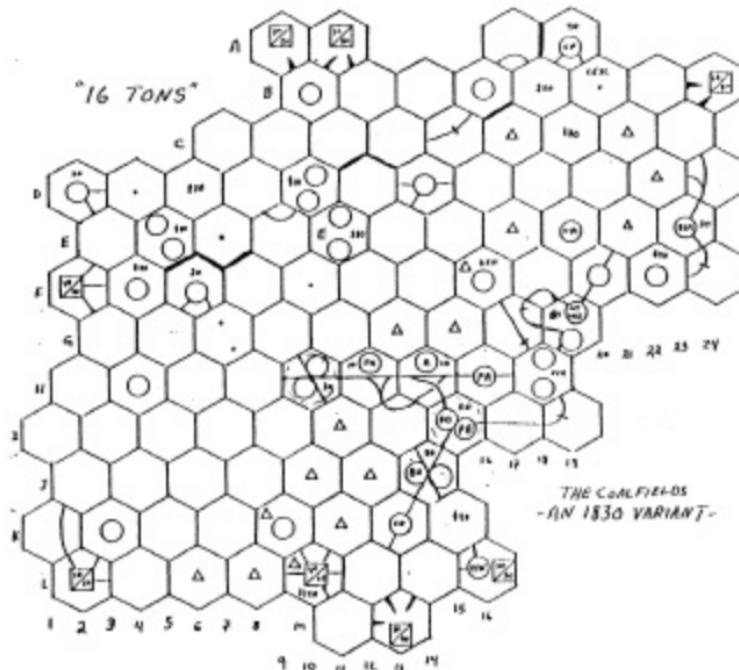
"Wulf," he said. "What happened?"

Wulf moaned and turned to face his friend. "Had to do it. Existential despair...bad grades in school...just...couldn't take the pressure."

"Don't talk. I'll get a doctor," said Bart even though he knew such help would be futile.

"I'm going fast," rasped Wulf. "There's something...something you must do. I had some horses once. Beautiful, wonderful horses. But they were stolen from me...stolen by a fiend. You must get my horses back! You must! You must!" Wulf had risen to nearly sitting position in his agitation and suddenly slumped to the ground and Bart knew that he was gone.

"I'll get your horses back, old friend," said Bart. "Wherever they are and whoever has them. Even if I have to kill everyone in the Magic Realm to do it!"



### On Deck

1830: Chinnery signed up. Alternates Chinnery, Frueh, Tsuk & Wosdelmann.

1835: Butitta, Chinnery & Zieske signed up; Chinnery and Farrow signed up for any variant.  
Alternates Frueh, Tsuk & Wosdelmann.

DIPLOMACY: Alternates Carboneau, Ford, Franz, Frueh, Morrison, Sessler, Tsuk, Wilson.

DUNE: R. Fisher, Morrison, and Tsuk signed up.

MAGIC REALM: Continuous openings.

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