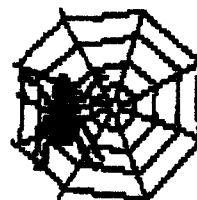


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 Raw Power, and Naked Greed
 "Oh, what a tangled web we weave
 When first we practice to deceive!"
 --Sir Walter Scott--



19 Sep 04

(#229)

IVAN STRIKES!

Hurricane Ivan hit us Wednesday night and we were without power for 66.5 hours. Then -- cruel fate -- the cable was out so we couldn't watch the ND-MSU game on ESPN which was just about to kick off. Lost a few roof shingles, parts of trees, and a section of fence knocked down. Would've been MUCH worse if we had been ground zero instead of Mobile. As it is, the snail mail version ought to get into the mail only two days later than usual.

Congratulations to Rick Copeland for a swift win in our second offering of *AIR BARON*. And he managed it with going into fare wars but once, and sealing the victory by merely buying the last available domestic spoke (CMH) which just happened to give him control of DTW and the 20 MS needed for victory. Shall we go again?

Sharp eyed readers will have noticed a slight change in our format last month. Last time we did this using *Mac Publisher Pro* instead of *Mac Publisher*. This month we're using *Desktop Publisher Pro*, the latest incarnation. Some of my favorite fonts, although allegedly True-type, don't seem to want transfer from machine to machine. Need to experiment a bit I guess.

IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

DUNE: BG is available.

Gunboat MACH: Need one more to start! See p 3 for details.

1870: Have Zieske, Hanna, Fruch need 1 to 3 more.

JUNTA: Have 4.5, starts this time. Have room for more. See p 5 for details.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "I don't know anything about luck. I've never banked on it, and I'm afraid of people who do. Luck to me is something else: hard work - and realizing what is opportunt and what isn't." --Lucille Ball

Tom Butcher and his 18xx-heavy zine *Blut und Eisen* have a new e-mail address: thomas-butcher@sbcglobal.net. Jack Shacklett also has a new e-address.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) this month goes to Kevin Wilson for his dispatch to the Pope in *MACHIAVELLI*.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Hurricane Ivan for severe delay of zine.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 8 Oct 04



BOTH SPREAD THE GLOOM

Spring 1985

XVII
2003F

MINAS MORGUL: Neither Russia nor Turkey, singly nor together can avert elimination this year should Italy and Austria defend properly. Is Germany coming to England's succor or merely appropriating the fruits of France's efforts?

TROOP MOVEMENTS

English F ENG retreats to IRI. Austria builds A BUD & A VIE. England tears F TUN. Germany builds A BER & F KIE. Italy builds F NAP. Russia tears A ARM.

AUS: (Rick Copeland) A Gal-War, [A Bul-Rum], [F Aeg S TUR F Eas-Ion]nsu, [A Ser-Rum], A Mos S A Rum-Sev, A Ukr S A Rum-Sev, A Rum-Sev, A Bud-Gal, A Vie H;

ENG: (Jack Shacklett) [F Iri-Wal], F Lon S F Iri-Wal, F Edi-Cly;

FRA: (Kevin Wilson) [A Bur S A Bel], [A Lpl S GER A Nwy-Edi]nsu, [F Wal S F Eng], F Eng S F Wal, [A Bel H]r-???, F Spa(sc)-Wes, F Mid S F Spa(sc)-Wes.

GER: (Rudy Zodda) A StP H, A Hol S A Nwy-Bel, F Bal-Den, [A Mun-Bur], A Nwy-Bel, F Nth C A Nwy-Bel, A Ber-Kie, F Kie-Hel;

ITA: (Ron Fisher) A Smy S F Con-Ank, A Rom H, F Eas-Ion, F Con-Ank, F Nap-Tyn;

RUS: (Dave Anderson) [F Bla S A TUR A Ank]otm;

TUR: (Cary Nichols) [A Ank-Con]r-???

Orders in brackets fail; d= destroyed, otb = off the board, nsu = not so ordered, r-??? = must retreat somewhere. Full transcript of game and the latest Map are on the Website.

French A BEL must retreat otb or to RUH or PIC. Turkish A ANK must retreat otb or to ARM.

Orders for the retreats and for Fall 1905 are due next time.

EMBASSY BEAT

Holy Roman Emperor to all -- Gentlemen, your silence is deafening!



MACHIAVELLI

So Close!
Fall 1517

2003 D

pn10

Ragnocitt! *La Belle France* has made little progress towards the elusive three centers she needs to win. Venice continues to be ground into the dust, mostly to the benefit of the Pope and the Turk. Austria is reconsolidating around its Kingdom of the Two Naples.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

French A TYR retreats to SWI.

AUSTRIA (Wilson, 1d): F GoL S F TS, [F Dur-Alb], F TS S F Nap, F Sal S F Nap, [F IS-LA], F Cor S F TS, F Nap S F TS, F Sar S F TS, A Bari H;

FRANCE (Scott, 2d): [A Mod S A Ber-Mil]imp, F Sie S F Pio, A Cre S A Ber-Man, A Ber-Man, [A Swi-Tyr], F Pio S F Pio, F LS-Pro, A Mil-Como, A Mar-Avi, A Mon B, F Pro-Mar.

PAPACY (Anderson, 16d): F Pisa H, A Bol-Flo, A Aqu-Anc, A Fer B2, F Ven H(u), A Man-Bol;

TURKEY (McConnell, 4d): A Carin S A Trent, A Fri-Ver, F LA-Alb, A Tre S A Ver-Pad, [F UA-LA], A Trent S A Fri-Ver, A Her S F LA-Alb, A Ver-Pad, [A Tyr-Swi];

VENICE (Nichols, 4d): [G Fer = A]d, [A Pad S G Fer = A]r-???

Autonomous: Luc, Mon.

Orders in brackets fail. b = besieged, d = destroyed, imp = impossible, no = not owned, nsu = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, otb = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = must retreat otb or elsewhere, u = unordered.

Venetian A PAD must retreat otb or into garrison. If he r-otb, he is eliminated.

Supply Chart: Variable income roll is "4".

AUS (1+31d): BARI MES PAL SAR 1st Tur Cor -ver sla tun otr +Dur +NAP +sal;

FRA (2+42d): AVI pro SALZ Gen -Nap Pav Swi como for MAR Mil Mod Sav ber Cre -Tyr +Pio +Sav +Man;

PAP (16+32d): BOL pat PER ROME spo urb Are Flo aqu cap Pisa Ven Anc -Man +Fer;

TUR (4+26d): bos her HUN TUN(c) car Cro Dal Rag Aus carin fri -sal Tre Trent +Alb +pad +Tyr +ver

VEN (4+9d): PAD(c?) -TRE(c) -Dur -Alb -Fer(c);

Autonomous: Luc Mon -Pio -Sie.

Orders for Spring 1518 are due next time. And Press. Ms Nar craves Press. Game transcript and map are on the website.

EMBASSY BEAT

Austria to the Pope: Since you seem to have so much influence over the Turk, why not use some of that persuasive ability or coercive ability or divine intervention to get him out of my homelands! Would the protector of Christianity support the heathen Muslims against the loyal, supportive (an Christian I might add) court exiled from Vienna? What say we join forces in our own crusade and push the Turk out of the Adriatic and liberate Austria and Hungary?

Austria to France: Oops. Sorry. I hope this makes up for it.

France: AH HA! The old alliance is back working together, Aust & Turkey... wonder why I am not



Gunboat MACHIAVELLI

No Start Yet?



Only three responded, there's a check here ____ if you were one. So if interested give me your druther anent:

1. Scenario (default is Scenario 1, "Struggle For Dominance, Pt 1")
2. Country (default is random selection)
3. Rules to be used (default is all rules except "12. Excommunication")
4. Press or no Press (default is Press allowed)

Press

Make it true Gunboat. No Press.

Enlightenment VIII

March 18th - 20nd, 2005

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Hunt Valley, MD



A four-round swiss format of *Age of Renaissance* using a special best three-out-of-four scoring system that encourages fast play and keeps most players in contention throughout.

AoR

THE KNIGHTS TALE

All Seaworthy!
Turns 5.4 - 5.6 & 6.1-6.2



The Cast (in Tiebreak Order)

BARCELONA (Buttitta): \$103, 15C, 2K, 150M, SV-10, 10t
VENICE (Hanna): \$98, 13C, 1K, 150M, SV-10, 10t
GENOA (Copeland): \$106, 11C, 2K, 150M, Gal-8, 30t
PARIS (Frueh): \$136, 13C, 1K, 175M, 32t

Advances

N.R.S.X
A.I.R.S
A.E.N.R.W
A.E.I.N.R.W

5.4: PURCHASE PHASE

B (10t) buys "Ocean Navigation" (T: \$70, 50 cr), "Urban Ascendancy" (V: 40 cr), "Caravan" (I: \$10, 10 cr), Stabilization (\$3).
V (10t) buys "Patronage" (E: \$30, +1 ML, 10 MR), "Written Record" (N: \$30, 5 MR) and "Urban Ascendancy" (V: 20 cr, 5 MR), & \$3 for stabilization. Pay \$5 + 20 MR = -1 ML to 150 M.
G (30t) buys "Seaworthy Vessels" (S: \$60, 20 cr, 5 MR), "Holy Indulgence" (F: \$40, 20 cr, +1 ML), "Urban Ascendancy" (V: 20 cr, 5 MR), & Stabilization (\$3).
P (32t) buys "Holy Indulgence" (F: \$40, 20 cr, +1 ML), "Urban Ascendancy" (V: 20 cr, 5 MR), "Seaworthy Vessels" (S: \$60, 20 cr, 5 MR), & Stabilization (\$1). Pay \$15 + 10MR = -1 ML to 175 M.

5.5: EXPANSION PHASE

B (10-4t) plays 1t in Kam, 2t(c) Sar, buy a card for 3T
V (10-4t) play 2t(c) @ Kle, 4t(=c, B:W,G = 4:1,4) Smy.
G (30+4t) play 8t(=c, 4:6,5 no) @ Alep, 6t(1:2,2 no) @ Erz, 4t(=c, 6:5,1) @ Salo, 4t(=c, 5:2,2) @ Val;
buy a card (6t); play 4t(=c, 5:4,3) @ Gra, 2t (2:3,5 no) @ Kaf.
P (32+2t+\$2) buy card (9t), play 6t(=c, 3:6,2; 4:2,6) @ StM, 8t(=c, 2:5,6; 6:4,5) @ Gra, 6t(3:6,1 no) @ Cyp, 1t @ Salz, Jer, Bre, Tar and eat 1t.
V gets the expansion bonus card (2c) by virtue of going earlier in the turn.

5.6: INTEREST & PROFIT PHASE:

P (16C) earns \$79. B & V (13C) earn \$67. G (12C) earns \$63. There is as shortage of Gold and Ivory (6+6,2) so B & P get cards. There is a surplus of Fur (6+3,4) but no majority holder.

6.1 & 6.2: DRAW/BUY CARD PHASES:

All receive a card. G & V pay \$10 for another.

The Cast (in Tiebreak Order)

BARCELONA (Buttitta): \$87, 13C, 5K, 150M, SV-10
VENICE (Hanna): \$97, 13C, 6K, 150M, SV-10
GENOA (Copeland): \$56, 12C, 5K, 175M, SV-10
PARIS (Frueh): \$89, 16C, 4K, 175M, SV-10

Advances

I.N.R.T.V.X
A.E.I.N.R.S.V
A.E.F.N.R.S.V.W
A.E.F.I.N.R.S.V.W

THE BOARD:

B: C @ Alg Ang, Basq BAR Cal Con Fez Lis Sar Sev Tan Tol Waf; 1T @ Kam Ora.
G: C @ Bel Bor Gen Lyo Mar Nap Rom Skc Tri Tun Val Var.
P: C @ Acr Alep Basl Bru Col Dj Flo Gra Mil Nur PAR Pra Salo StM Str Sue; 1T @ Bre Jer Lev Salz StG Tar
V: C @ Alex Bud Cre Cyp Dub Erz Kle Mon Pot Smy Tre VEN Vie; 1T @ Gal, Kaf.

Due next time are orders for Token Bid and Card Play phases. Your cards are:

LEGEND: c = white circle, C = colored circle, K = cards, M = misery, ML = misery level, t = white token, T = colored token. See website for transcript and map.



AIR BARON

"Boston"
HL Wins!
Turn 8



ERRATA: ORY scored \$40 for HL in Turn 7.

The Cast

Rick Copeland: Hindenburg Lines (Orange), \$68, BWI, ORF, PIT, RDU (DCA), BOS, BUF, PHL, PVD, SJU, SYR, ORY (JFK), CLE, DAY (DTW) SLC 200 MS.
Cary Nichols: TransCon Air (Green), \$1, ELP, ABQ, TUS (PHX), MCI, OMA (DIA), LIT, OKC, TUL (DFW), BNA, BHM 100 MS
Rudy Zodda: Trans Tucan (Red), \$9, MCO, PBI, TPA, NAS (MIA), AUS, MSY, SAT (HOU), CVG 100 MS
Paul Barrett: Barrett Airline Retro Transportation (Purple), \$2, MKE, MSP, STL, IND, NRT (ORD), MEM, CLT 120 MS

TURN 8:

BART is out of fare wars, draws ORY (\$40 to HL) and CLT (BART +\$6), buys JAX (-\$1).
HL is out of fare wars, draws OKC (\$1 to TCA) and CLE (\$3 to HL), buys CMH (-\$2) +20 MS. Has 220 MS + \$109 = 329 VP and wins.

Press:

BART to HL: Too much paperwork dude. How about all your unwanted cash for Charlotte?

The Cast

Rick Copeland: Hindenburg Lines (Orange), \$109, BWI, ORF, PIT, RDU (DCA), BOS, BUF, PHL, PVD, SJU, SYR, ORY (JFK), CLE, CMH, DAY (DTW) SLC 220 MS.
Cary Nichols: TransCon Air (Green), \$2, ELP, ABQ, TUS (PHX), MCI, OMA (DIA), LIT, OKC, TUL (DFW), BNA, BHM 100 MS
Rudy Zodda: Trans Tucan (Red), \$9, MCO, PBI, TPA, NAS (MIA), AUS, MSY, SAT (HOU), CVG 100 MS
Paul Barrett: Barrett Airline Retro Transportation (Purple), \$7, MKE, MSP, STL, IND, NRT (ORD), MEM, CLT, JAX 120 MS

Due next time are any end of game statements. Shall we go again?



JUNTA

Two Nominations for El Presidente!



THE CAST: (and Table order)

Rick Copeland (Martini glass)
Chuck Hanna (Sunglasses)
Wayne Morrison (unassigned)

D&D Anderson (unassigned)
John Buttitta (unassigned)

Copeland and Hanna have nominated themselves for *El Presidente*. To simplify things, we'll make this a simple majority vote between the two candidates; Juan and David may not be nominated unless the first round vote ends in a tie. Vote for either Ricardo of Martini Glass or Carlos of Sunglasses. Voting order is Ricardo, David, Carlos, and Juan. We still have room for more players (e-mail capable only this first game); these would vote after Juan. Wayne will probably be playing as I can get him a set of rules no problem.

Press:

Come on compadres, lets get that foreign aid flowing!



BRITANNIA

"Devon"
Turn XV



The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson
Purple: Rudy Zodda

Green: Rick Copeland
Red: Peter Boyum

Turn XV

Board

Welsh (1): 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed; Gwent, Gynnedd, Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

Brigantes (1): 2A @ Dunedin, Lothian, Mar, Pennines; 1A @ Cheshire.

Picts (0.5): 3A @ Caithness; 2A @ Skye; 1A @ Alban, Dalraida, Hebrides.

Caledonians (0.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Norsemen (2): 2A @ Moray.

Dubliners (0): 3A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cheshire, Cumbria, Galloway.

Danes (1): 4A @ Hwicce, S Mercia; 2A @ Essex, N Mercia; 1A @ Avalon, Bernicia, Lindsey, Norfolk, York.

Jutes (1.5): 2A @ Kent.

Norwegians: Harald, 10A @ North.

Saxons (1.5): 2A @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands; Harold @ ???.

Normans: Willie, 6A, 4C @ Channel.

Score: Green 112.5, Red 79.5, Blue 52, Purple 44.5.

Norwegians: 1st Wave: 2A, Harald @ North-York (4+1, 1:3 -1 Dane), 2A @ North-Bernicia (3, 1:1; 6, 3:6 -1 each), 2A North-York-N Mercia (1, 1:1 Dane r-Hwicce), 2A North-Frisian-Norfolk (5, 1:3 -1 Dane), 2A North-Frisian-Suffolk (5, 4:5 -1 each). 2nd Wave: 2A N Mercia-York, 1A Norfolk-N Mercia.

Saxons (1.5): Grow 1.5 pp. Add 1A, Harold @ Downlands. 1A Wessex-Downlands.

Normans:

Score: Green 112.5, Red 79.5, Blue 52, Purple 44.5.

Board

Welsh (1): 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed; Gwent, Gynnedd, Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

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Caledonians (0.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Norsemen (2): 2A @ Moray.

Dubliners (2.5): 2A @ Cheshire, Galloway; 1A @ Cumbria, Strathclyde.

Danes (0.5): 6A @ March, 3A @ Hwicce; 2A @ Lindsey; 1A @ Avalon, Essex, N Mercia, S Mercia.

Jutes (2.5): 1A @ Kent, Sussex.

Norwegians: Harald, 4A @ York; 1A @ Bernicia, N Mercia, Norfolk; Suffolk.

Saxons (1.5): 3A, Harold @ Downlands; 1A @ Wessex; .

Normans: Willie, 6A, 4C @ Channel.

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = legion or leader, pp = population point, R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, (*) = in melee, _#_ = attack by/against cav/legion

Current map and game transcript can be found on the website.



BRITANNIA

"Frisian"
Turn V



The Cast: Nations in Italics are extinct, in parentheses are not yet in play.

A (Hanna): Romans, (R-Bs, Norsemen, Norwegians)

B (Anderson): Welsh, Jutes, (Normans)

C (Butitta): Brigantes, Caledonians, (Danes)

D (Boyum): Picts, Irish, Angles

E (Frueh): *Belgae*, Scots, Saxons, (Dubliners)

Board:

Romans (A): 2L @ York; 1L, F @ Cheshire, Essex, Kent, March, S Mercia, Suffolk; 1L @ Hwicce, Norfolk; F @ Alban, Avalon, Bernicia, Dunedin, Lindsey, Lothian, N Mercia, Sussex.

Welsh (B, O): 3A @ Downlands; 2A @ Dyfed, Gwent; 1A @ Clwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Gwynedd, Powys.

Brigantes (C, 2.5): 4A, L @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway.

Picts (D, 2): 2A @ Caithness, Mar; 1A @ Dalriada, Moray, Skye;

Caledonians (C, 1): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Hebrides.

Irish (D, O): 4R @ Atlantic.

Scots (E, O): 1R @ Irish.

Jutes (B, O): 4R @ Channel.

Saxons (E, O): 3R @ Channel, 3A @ Wessex.

Angles (D, O): 5R @ Frisian.

Score: W(24), C(23), E(9.5), D(9), B(9)

Caledonians (1): Grow 1 pp. Hold.

Irish (O): 4R Atlantic-Dyfed (6, 5, 3, 1:3, 3 -2 Welsh, w-Atlantic, +2 DVP).

Scots (O):

Board:

Romans (A): 2L @ York; 1L, F @ Cheshire, Essex, Kent, March, S Mercia, Suffolk; 1L @ Hwicce, Norfolk; F @ Alban, Avalon, Bernicia, Dunedin, Lindsey, Lothian, N Mercia, Sussex.

Welsh (B, O): 3A @ Downlands; 2A @ Gwent; 1A @ Clwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Gwynedd, Powys.

Brigantes (C, 2.5): 4A, L @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway.

Picts (D, 2): 2A @ Caithness, Mar; 1A @ Dalriada, Moray, Skye;

Caledonians (C, 2): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Hebrides.

Irish (D, O): 4R @ Atlantic.

Scots (E, O): 1R @ Irish.

Jutes (B, O): 4R @ Channel.

Saxons (E, O): 3R @ Channel, 3A @ Wessex.

Angles (D, O): 5R @ Frisian.

Score: W(24), C(23), D(11), E(9.5), B(9)

Current map and game transcript can be found on the website.

"There are lots of reasons not to use Windows, but having a state law that says you can't seems awfully prohibitive."

-Bill Guidera, policy counsel for Microsoft Corp., on proposed state laws promoting use of open-source software



FRUEH IS MISSING

Zodda Resigns; Bailey Assumes Control

SR 4 continues

FIM

ERRATA: The website transcription lost a whole subround of SR 4. It's been found.

PLAYER STATUS: (*Denotes Presidency)

Zodda/Bailey: \$145, SVNRR, D&H, 1 C&O, 1 CP, 2 B&O
 Hanna: \$94, 4 NYNH&H*, 4 B&O*
 Bolduc: \$190, B&Opc, 3 C&O*, 3 CP*
 Copeland: \$122, 2 C&O, 5 PR*, 1 CP
 Zieske: \$128, 1 CP, 5 B&M*

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
PRR	RC	B90	100	4	1	\$1000	--	(H12), 3
B&O	CH	E71	100	2	2	\$1000	--	(I15), 2
NYNH&H	CH	F71	90	3	3	\$80	2223	G19, 1 C&A
C&O	PB	H68a	--	0	5	\$50	233	F6, 2 M&H
CP	PB	H68b	71	2	2	\$170	223	A19, B16, 2 C&SL
B&M	PZ	A100b	100	5	0	---	--	E23, 1

SR #4: (continued):

Bailey sells 1 CP and buys a B&O from the pool (+\$68-71).
 Hanna buys 1 B&O from the pool (-\$71)
 Bolduc buys 1 NYNH&H (-\$71) from the pool.
 Copeland ...

PLAYER STATUS: (*Denotes Presidency)

Bailey: \$142, SVNRR, D&H, 1 C&O, 3 B&O
 Hanna: \$23, 4 NYNH&H*, 5 B&O*
 Bolduc: \$119, B&Opc, 3 C&O*, 3 CP*, 1 NYNH&H
 Copeland: \$122, 2 C&O, 5 PR*, 1 CP
 Zieske: \$128, 1 CP, 5 B&M*

CORPORATE STATUS:

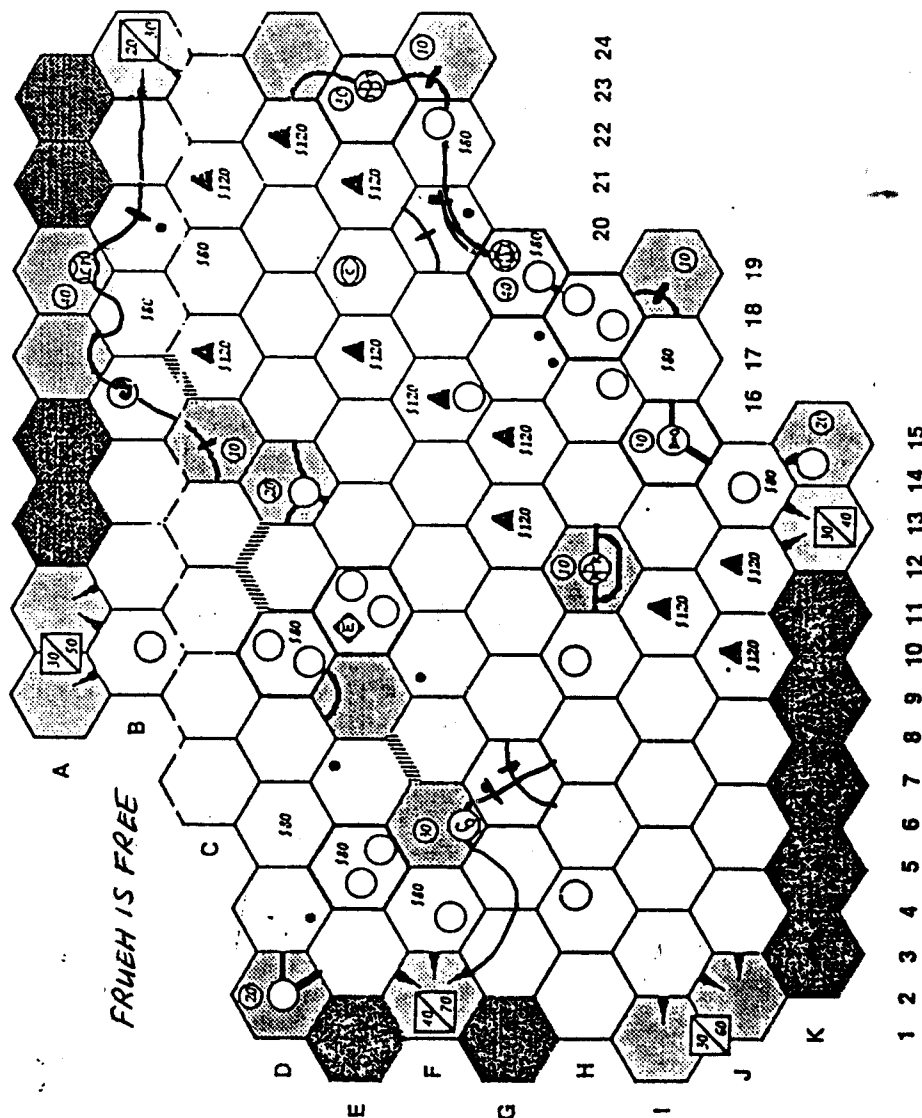
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PRR	RC	B90	100	4	1	\$1000	--	(H12), 3
B&O	CH	E71	100	2	0	\$1000	--	(I15), 2
NYNH&H	CH	F71	90	3	2	\$80	2223	G19, 1 C&A
C&O	PB	H68a	--	0	5	\$50	233	F6, 2 M&H
CP	PB	H68b	71	2	3	\$170	223	A19, B16, 2 C&SL
B&M	PZ	A100b	100	5	0	---	--	E23, 1

The Bank has \$9,095.

AVAILABLE TRAINS: 3 4444 555 66 DDDDDD

AVAILABLE TILES:

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





TITAN

Double Turn!

Turns 15 & 16



ERRATUM: Brown's Hourglass legion was missing from the map.

COMBAT: Red Bleeding Heart eliminates Brown Antlers. Red gains 36 VP. Red mustered an Ogre.

SLAIN TURN 14: Angel, Cyclops(2).

TURN 15

THE BOARD:

Brown (Fruch), 8-4, 208 VP, dr=5: Spider 42-41; Chest 134 holds; Hourglass 134-37; Bearpaw 200 holds; Bell 133 holds.

Blue (York), 6-4, 60 VP, dr=5: Batman 23-32. Octopus 27 hold; Anchor 20 holds, Twister 116 hold.

Red (Bargender), 8-4, 240 VP, dr=2: Heart 100-4.

MUSTERED: Minotaur, Ogre, Troll.

COMBAT: None.

FORCE POOL: Archangels (6), Angels (16), Behemoths (15), Centaurs (3), Colossai (10), Cyclops (4), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (15), Griffons (18), Guardians (5), Hydra (10), Lions (21), Minotaurs (19), Ogres (3), Rangers (22), Serpents (10), Trolls (14), Unicorns (12), Warbears (21), Warlocks (5), Wyverns (17).

DEAD POOL: Behemoth, Centaur(21), Cyclops(19), Gargoyles(10), Gorgon(4), Lion(5), Ogre(11), Ranger(3), Titan(3), Troll(8).

TURN 16

THE BOARD:

Brown (Fruch), 8-4, 208 VP, dr=2: Spider 41 holds; Chest 134-34; Hourglass 37 holds; Bearpaw 200-11; Bell 133 holds.

Blue (York), 6-4, 60 VP, dr=4: Batman 32-36. Octopus 27-31; Anchor 20-24, Twister 116 hold. Red (Bargender), 8-4, 240 VP, dr=2: Heart 4-103.

MUSTERED: Cyclops, Troll, and Warbear.

COMBAT: None.

FORCE POOL: Archangels (6), Angels (16), Behemoths (15), Centaurs (3), Colossai (10), Cyclops (3), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (15), Griffons (18), Guardians (5), Hydra (10), Lions (21), Minotaurs (19), Ogres (3), Rangers (22), Serpents (10), Trolls (13), Unicorns (12), Warbears (20), Warlocks (5), Wyverns (17).

Your Turn 17 die roll is: _____. Since there are no combats, let's see if we can do two moves or more moves ere next issue.

Current masterboard and game transcript are on the website.

Your Legions are:



DUNE

Turn 6 Bidding - Battle



ERRATA: Fremen have 2T & 1* in reserve. H has 2T in Carthag and 14R. BG have 3T in Arrakeen, 0T in Minor Erg.

The Board:

ATREIDES (Nichols): 3T @ Broken Land, 7R, 6S, 1C

BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara): 3T @ Arrakeen; 2T @ Carthag; 1T @ Tuks Sitch, Imperial Basin, 13S, 12R, 1C

BENE TLEILAXU (Butitta): 1S, 3C, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch

FREMEN (Barrett): 5T @ Sitch Tabr, 3T, 2* @ Hagg Basin, 8S, 4C, 2R, 1*R

GUILD (Anderson): 6T @ Tuek's Sitch, 3R, 1S, 2C

HARKONNEN (Wilson): 5T Carthag, 12R, 13S, 8C

LANSRAAD (R Fisher): 20R, 2S, 4C

Spice: Great Flat(10), Shihya Ridge(6).

Storm: Sector 7

Tanks: Lady J, Otheym, T Hawat, B Rabban, Dr Y, S Tuek, Guild Rep, SS Sook, A 10T, F 7T, H 4T, G 11T, BG 1T

6.3 Bidding: BG receives 2S in Charity. There are four cards available. F, H, and L have full hands. BT gives a card to BG.

Card 1: BT bids 1S, buys _____.

Card 2: No bids. Cards returned to top of the Deck.

6.4a Revival: F revives 3T for free. A & H revive 2T for free. BG & G revive 1T for free.

6.4b Shipment: A ships 3T to Arrakeen (3S to G, 1 BG accompanies). F ships 5T, 1* to Tsimpo. H ships 4T to Carthag (4S to G, 1 BG accompanies). G ships 2T to Habbanya Ridge Sitch (-1S, 1 BG accompanies).

6.4c Movement: A moves 3T Broken Land-Oh Gap. F moves 5T, 1* Tsimpo-Arrakeen

6.5 Battle:

Habbanya Ridge Sitch: G 2T & E Tuek (randomly drawn leader) vs BT Trap. G plays "Shield" vs BT "Hunter-Seeker" and survives. BT trap is discarded.

Arrakeen: A with 3T is the aggressor against F with 5T, 1*.

The Board:

ATREIDES (Nichols): 3T @ Oh Gap & Arrakeen, 6R, 3S, 1C

BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara): 4T @ Arrakeen; 3T @ Carthag; 1T @ Tuks Sitch, Imperial Basin, Habbanya Ridge Sitch, 15S, 10R, 2C

BENE TLEILAXU (Butitta): 0S, 3C

FREMEN (Barrett): 5T @ Sitch Tabr, 3T, 2* @ Hagg Basin, 5T, 1* @ Arrakeen, 0R, 8S, 4C

GUILD (Anderson): 6T @ Tuek's Sitch. 2T @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch, 2R, 7S, 2C

HARKONNEN (Wilson): 6T Carthag, 12R, 9S, 8C

LANSRAAD (R Fisher): 20R, 2S, 4C

Spice: Great Flat(10), Shihya Ridge(6).

Storm: Sector 7

Tanks: Lady J, Otheym, T Hawat, B Rabban, Dr Y, S Tuek, Guild Rep, SS Sook, A 8T, F 4T, H 2T, G 10T

Due next time are your orders for Turn 6 Battle through Turn 7 Spice Blow. Note that if F is victorious in Arrakeen, the game is over. Ms Nar craves Press. Transcript and map are posted on the website. Your cards are:

KREMLIN

APARATSCHIK DIES (NOT)!

Turn 1.2-1.4

CAST (in Table Order):

Paul Bartlett: Bolsheviki Against Russian Treason (BART), 3 cards
Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 2 cards
Dave Anderson: Decaying Licentious Antequarians (DLA), 3 cards
Rudy Zodda: Red Zealots (RZ), 3 cards
John Buttitta: Proletariat Worker's against Imperialism (PWI), 3 cards
Cary Nichols Re-Education Development Society (REDS), 3 cards

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	81+O	TCC(3)
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	65	RZ(5), PWI(5), BART(3)
Foreign Minister:	<VACANT>		
Defense Minister:	Manjak (P)	61	
Ideology Chief:	Satin (O)	62s	
Industry Minister:	Strychnin (T)	58w	
Economy Minister:	Patina (S)	58	
Sport Minister:	Krakemheds (E)	72	
Candidates:	CJMV_	People:	BDFGIKNQRUWYZ
The Wall:	HX	Siberia:	

TURN 1 (cont)

1.2 PURGE PHASE: PWI reveals 1 IP on Doberman (L), BART reveals 3 IP on L, RZ reveals 5 IP, PWI reveals 4 more IP. BART reveals 3 IP on P then plays Card #63, transferring the IP to L. RZ reveals 8 IP on L. Doberman fails to purge Strychnin "T" (6+2), ages 3 SP to 68.

1.3 SPY INVESTIGATION: BART reveals 1 IP on Defense Minister Manjak who condemns C, then opens investigations on A & S, aging 4 SP to 65.

1.4 HEALTH:

Party Chief Aparatschik sneaks "10" cigarettes a day at the San yet remains healthy.
KGB Head Doberman watches "16" executions, remains healthy.
Defense Minister Manjak runs "17" km weekly, remains healthy.
Ideology Chief Satin snorts "2" g of heroine, falls ill (++)
Industry Minister Strychnin drinks for "6" bottles of vodka, gets sick (+).
Economy Minister Patina works "15" hour days, remains healthy.
Sport Minister Krakemheds swims "14" laps daily, remains healthy.

1.5 FUNERAL COMMISSION: N/A

Due next time: Orders for Replacement through Parade Phases. Conditional orders are encouraged.

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	81+O	TCC(3)
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	68	RZ(8), BART(6), PWI(5)
Foreign Minister:	<VACANT>		
Defense Minister:	Manjak (P)	65	BART(1)
Ideology Chief:	Satin (O)	62s++	
Industry Minister:	Strychnin (T)	58w+	
Economy Minister:	Patina (S)	58?	
Sport Minister:	Krakemheds (E)	72	
Candidates:	JMV_...	People:	BDFGIKNQRUWYZ
The Wall:	HX	Siberia:	C

LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, O = Cure, ? = under investigation, _ = position is vacant

SoC

Slow Going!

Turns 4.2-4.4

Ernst

The Cast: R Fisher (F) P Zieske (Z) M Scott (S) K Wilson (W) R Copeland (C)

Turns 4.2-:

4.2 (Z): Roll 7. Move robber to e4. Steal lumber from F. Trade 4 grain for 1 brick. Build road g2/h2.

4.3 (S): Roll 9: C & Z get 1 ore from d3; S gets 1 lumber in e7; C & F get 1 brick in f3. Build settlement in e5/e6/f5 (-bglw, + 1 VP).

4.4 (W): Roll 4: W collects 2 ore @ b4; Z & C collect 1 grain @ g3. No action.

4.5 (C): Roll 9: C & Z get 1 ore from d3; S gets 1 lumber in e7; C & F get 1 brick in f3. ...

COMMODITY STATUS

Player	brick	grain	lumber	ore	wool	Knights	cards	VP	Other
F	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	
Z	0	4	1	3	2	0	0	2	
S	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	
W	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	
C	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	

Development: (Robber @ e4)

F: Settlements: e3/e4/f3, b3/c3/c4, a2/b2/b3

Roads: b3/c3, e3/e4, b2/b3, e3/f3

Z: Settlements: d2/d3/e3, g3/h2/h3

Roads: d2/d3, g3/h2, c2/d3

S: Settlements: d6/e6/e7, e4/e5/f4, e5/e6/f5

Roads: e6/e7, e5/f4, e5/f5, f4/f5

W: Cities: b4/c4/c5, f5/f6/g5

Roads: c4/c5, f5/f6, e6/f5, e5/e6

C: Settlements: d3/d4/e4, f3/g2/g3

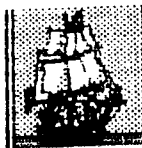
Roads: d3/d4, g2/g3, g2/h2



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BLACKBEARD: Zodda, A Bargender
BRITANNIA: Zieske
COLONIAL DIPLOMACY: Copeland, Nichols, Anderson, Boyum; need 3 more.
DIPLOMACY: Boyum, Fryling, Nichols confirmed; Curtis iffy.
GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more
HISTORY OF THE WORLD, Pt 2: Zieske, Morrison, Anderson, Wilson need 1 to 2 more.
JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna, Butitta
KINGMAKER: Deb Anderson, R Fisher, Shacklett, Scott
MACHIAVELLI (Gunboat): Have 3.
MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A
MAHARAJA: Hanna, Zodda, Anderson
MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Khaoz?
PUERTO RICO: R Fisher, Butitta
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Source of the Nile

Turn 27



The Cast:

Dan Farrow (dropped)
 (dropped?)
 Andrew York
 Anderson

Jason Bargender
 Don Chinnery

Ron Fisher
 D&D

Published: DD12 (lake, +79 acres), DD11 (lake, +75 acres), CC11 (lake, +88 acres), AA13 (veldt, river from 1 and 4 to 2), Z14 (veldt, river from 5 to 4, cataract, waterfall is 350 feet), Z13 (veldt, river from 1 to 2) and tribe L11 (the Mphahlele) in Z13. G24 (jungle, river from 3 to 6), H24 (swamp), G2 (mountain, river begins and extends to 4), H21 (desert, river from 1 to 3, oasis), E22 (veldt, river from 6 to 3), J19 (swamp), J18 (veldt), K18 (veldt), M10 (the Kimbundu) in G22, L15 (the Bagaza) in J19, M36 (the Ruanda in J18, M37 (the Maleonde) in E22. P2 (swamp), O4 (lake, +21 acres), N4 (lake, +5 acres), M1 (the Ankrans) in P2, FF8 (mountain, river from 6 to 5, cataract), FF7 (jungle/swamp), EE6 (jungle/swamp), EE9 (mountain, river from 3 to 1, 65 foot waterfall), DD8 (jungle/swamp), GG5 (veldt, river to 1), FF5 (veldt, river from 4 to 1), EE6 (desert, river from 4 to 1), DD6 (veldt, river from 2 to 2, 85 ft waterfall), DD7 (jungle/swamp), M24 (the Gadami) in FF7, and S2 (the Ngubane) in GG5.

STELLAR CONQUEST

William T. Riker: Due are Turn 41 combat to movement orders for Turn 42-44.

Kurzon Dax: Orders for Production 12 and movement to Turns 13-16 are due soonest.