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I vowed not to complete this until the Panthers won another football game. Little did I know they were going on a three game losing streak. Luckily for you, today's game was against the New Orleans Ditka's. 13-0 shut out. I'll take it and you get this finished.

Things are hoping here. Valerie is very close. A matter of days, as I understand it. Wish us luck. We've been getting the house ready (technical term = nesting), and that has taken some time and officiating football takes some of my weekends away.

What can you say about the Panthers? They have been weak for the first seven games. Finally their defense is coming around, which is similar to what happened last year. If Kerry Collins can keep his mouth shut and throw to the right color jerseys, we may make the playoffs yet. My first love, the NY Giants, are now atop the NFC East! Incredible! Can you say Parity?

Midnight Madness was last Friday and while I pay that no attention, it does signal the coming of a new year of college B-Ball. The ACC looks to be back to normal with the Duke Blue Devils and the UNC Tarheels the pre-season favs. Right behind are the Clemson Tigers and my Demon Deacons. In the cellar are the UMD Terps, the NCSU Wolfpack, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and the UVA Cavaliers. I think there could be some surprises.

The Charlotte Hornets are looking good after the pickup of David Wesley and Bobby Phillips. J. R. Reid returns, but this time as a backup, where he should be useful. We are no match for the Bulls, but the other teams in the East (Knicks, Heat, etc.) should watch out.

Anyway, back to the 'zine. Still waiting on we are still waiting on two people to pay the game fee so we can start the next Gunboat Dip game. Please take a look and see if you are the culprit.

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GAME OPENINGS: \$5 refundable game fee. \$ = paid.

Game

Players

Colonial Dip: Bigge\$, Lurz\$, Boyum\$, Narhi\$, Packard\$, need 2.
Gunboat Col Dip: 5, need 2.
Migraine Dip: Free! Crandlemire, Rothenheber, Cain, Hood, Morrison, need 3.
Mach. 2nd Ed. Narhi, Kinsel, Wilke, Wilson, Packard, need 3.
Necromancer: Narhi, Carpenter, Morrison\$, Crandlemire, VGalarneau, Veer
 need 2.
Chinese Chess: 1, need 1.

SUB LIST: Let me know if you want on or off the list.

Dip: Gonsalves, Narhi, Rothenheber, Kent, Milewski, Leaman,
 Boyum, Lurz, Packard

Col. Dip: Boyum, Gonsalves, V. Galarneau, Rothenheber, Kent, Leaman,

Mach: Packard
ALL: Hurley, Narhi, Rothenheber, Leaman, Packard
 Rothenheber, Leaman

SUB-CALLS: Don Leaman as Canada in Gryposaurus.

GAME STARTS: We have one game start where everyone has paid (Reg. Dip.) and one possible game start. There is a \$5 refundable game fee for each player. If you play the game to completion, I will either give you a credit or refund, your choice.

Gunboat Dip: Seven players signed up, three have paid. You are signed up if a box is checked. You have paid: Yes: No:
 As soon as all players have submitted their fees, I will assign countries in this game. Please submit preference lists if you have not.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steve Bernosky: I regret to inform you and the players that I will have to resign my positions currently pending in Diplodocus. The rigors of maintaining a solo practice is overwhelming my leisure time and I have had no opportunity to diplomacize either through snail mail or email. I would still like to remain a subscriber, . . . I hope that this will not be a block to me joining games in the future.....

I am sorry you have to bow out of so many games! You are a good player, and your are welcome back to active status at any time!

Don Leaman: Good luck with your Panthers! I'm still routing for the Bengals, and they still suck. If they don't learn how to run the ball they'll be lucky to have another 8-8 season.

Yeah, see my opening comments. Bengals are struggling as well, but both still have a chance to make the season a success.

Morry Veer: Do you prefer email, normal mail, or do you care for submitting moves, getting requests, asking questions, etc?

I prefer e-mail, especially for press. I can import it directly into the 'zine, whereas with postal letters, I must re-type everything.

FOR LOVERS OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN AND WATCHERS OF "XENA; WARRIOR PRINCESS."

by Kevin Wald

Submitted by Eric Schlegel

[We join our operetta already in progress. The infamous Pirates of Pergamum have just seized a bevy of beautiful Mytilenean maidens, and are attempting to carry them off for matrimonial purposes. Gabrielle intervenes, with a recitative (well, it's better than a pan flute solo):]

Gabrielle: Hold, scoundrels! Ere ye practice acts of villainy
Upon the peaceful and agrarian,
Just bear in mind, these maidens of My-TIL-ene¹
Are guarded by a buff barbarian!

Pirates: We'd better all rethink our cunning plan;
They're guarded by a buff barbarian.

Maidens: Yes, yes, she is a buff barbarian.

[Xena leaps in from the wings, with a tremendous war cry, does a mid-air somersault, and lands on her feet on the Pirate King's chest.]

Xena: Yes, yes, I am a buff barbarian! *[The orchestra starts up.]*
I am the very model of a heroine barbarian;
Through Herculean efforts, I've become humanitarian.
I ride throughout the hinterland-at least that's what they call it in
Those sissy towns like Athens (I, myself, am Amphipolitan).
I travel with a poet who is perky and parthenian²
And scribbles her hexameters in Linear Mycenian³
(And many have attempted, by a host of methods mystical,
To tell if our relationship's sororal or sapphistical).

Chorus: To tell if their relationship's sororal or sapphistical!
To tell if their relationship's sororal or sapphistical!
To tell if their relationship's sororal or sapphisti-phistical!

Xena: My armory is brazen, but my weapons are ironical;
My sword is rather phallic, but my chakram's rather yonical⁴
(To find out what that means, you'll have to study Indo-Aryan⁵).
I am the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Chorus: To find out what that means, we'll have to study Indo-Aryan-
She is the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Xena: I wake up every morning, ere the dawn is rhododactylous⁶
(Who needs to wait for daylight? I just work by sensus tactilis⁷.)
And ride into the sunrise to protect some local villagers
From mythologic monsters or from all-too-human pillagers.

I hurtle towards each villain with a recklessness ebullient
 And cow him with my swordwork and my alalae ullient⁹;
 He's frightened for his head, because he knows I'm gonna whack it-he's
 Aware that his opponent is the Basileia Makhetes!

[The music crashes to a halt, as the Chorus stares at Xena in utter confusion. She sighs.]

It's "Greek". It means "Warrior Princess"!

[Light dawns on the Chorus, and the music resumes.]

Sheesh . . .

Chorus: He knows that his opponent is the Basileia Makhetes!
 He knows that his opponent is the Basileia Makhetes!
 He knows that his opponent is the Basileia Makhe-makhetes,

Xena: Because I've got my armor, which is really rather silly, on
 (It's cut so low I feel like I'm the topless tow'rs of Ilion,
 And isn't any use against attackers sagittarian⁹).
 I am the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Chorus: It isn't any use against attackers sagittarian-
 She is the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Xena: In short, when I can tell you how I break the laws of gravity,
 And why my togs expose my intermammary concavity,
 And why my comrade changed her dress from one that fit more comfily
 To one that shows her omphalos¹⁰ (as cute as that of Omphale¹¹),
 And why the tale of Spartacus appears in Homer's versicon¹²,

[She holds up a tomato]

And where we found examples of the genus Lycopersicon¹³,
 And why this Grecian scenery looks more like the Antipodes,
 You'll say I'm twice the heroine of any in Euripides!

Chorus: We'll say she's twice the heroine of any in Euripides!
 We'll say she's twice the heroine of any in Euripides!
 We'll say she's twice the heroine of any in Euripi-ripides!

Xena: But though the kinked chronology, confusing and chimerical
 (It's often unhistorical, but rarely unhysterical),
 Would give a massive heart attack to any antiquarian,
 I am the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Chorus: 'Twould give a massive heart attack to any antiquarian-
 She is the very model of a heroine barbarian!

[As the orchestra plays the final chords, a wild Xenaesque melee ensues, and the curtain has to be brought down.]

Notes:

[1] Actually, "Mytilene" would properly be accented on the third syllable; Gabrielle always did have trouble with rhymes. (Mytilene, incidentally, is a city on the isle of Lesbos-the hometown of the poet Sappho, as a matter of fact. It is not clear what, if anything, Gilbert is trying to imply here.)

[2] parthenian: virginal.

[3] Linear Mycenaean: Mycenaean is the ancient dialect of Greek which was written in Linear B (a form of Greek writing that predates the adoption of the alphabet). The implication is that Gabrielle does her writing in Linear B; if Xena takes place around the time of the Trojan war, this is chronologically reasonable.

[4] yonical: "Yonic" is the female counterpart to "phallic".

[5] Indo-Aryan: The language group consisting of Sanskrit and its close relatives. Both "chakram" and "yonic" are of Sanskrit derivation.

[6] rhododactylous: rosy-fingered. (Homer makes frequent reference to rhododaktulos eos -- "rosy-fingered dawn".)

[7] sensus tactilis : Latin for "the sense of touch".

[8] "Alalae" are war-cries (the Greeks spelled a Xena-like war cry as alala or alale) and "ululent" is a coined term, apparently meaning "characterized by ululation".

[9] sagittarian: archer-like.

[10] omphalos: belly-button.

[11] Omphale: Legendary queen of Lydia. From context, we must assume that she had a cute belly-button; however, no known classical source seems to address this vital issue.

[12] versicon: a coined term, apparently meaning "collection of verse".

[13] Lycopersicon : the biological genus to which tomatoes are assigned. (The tomato is a New World plant, and was entirely unknown in the Old World in pre-Columbian times. Thus, having tomatoes in a Xena-ish context is an even greater anachronism than having Homer tell the tale of Spartacus.)

STRANGE BUT TRUE . . .

Submitted by Marc Rosenthal:

Stewardesses and reverberated are the two longest words (12 letters each) that can be typed using only the left hand. The longest word that can be typed using only the right hand is lolipop. Scepticisms is the longest word that alternates hands.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not re-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle, a group of geese in the air is a skein.

The underside of a horse's hoof is called a frog. The frog peels off several times a year with new growth.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments

The "save" icon on Microsoft Word shows a floppy disk, with the shutter on backwards. (ok - how many of you just looked at your toolbar????)

The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

The verb "cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms which are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order, as does arsenious, meaning "containing arsenic."

The shape of plant collenchyma cells and the shape of the bubbles in beer foam are the same - they are orthotetrachidecahedrons.

The word 'pound' is abbreviated 'lb.' after the constellation 'libra' because it means 'pound' in Latin, and also 'scales'. The abbreviation for the British Pound Sterling (£) comes from the same source: it is an 'L' for Libra/Lb. with a stroke through it to indicate abbreviation. Same goes for the Italian lira which uses the same abbreviation ('lira' coming from 'libra'). So British currency (before it went metric) was always quoted as "pounds/shillings/pence", abbreviated "L/s/d" (libra/solidus/denarius).

Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.

The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead".

Pinocchio is Italian for "pine head."

Camel's milk does not curdle.

In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.

An animal epidemic is called an epizootic.

Murphy's Oil Soap is the chemical most commonly used to clean elephants.

The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.

Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.

All porcupines float in water.

Hang On Sloopy is the official rock song of Ohio.

Did you know that there are coffee flavored PEZ?

The world's largest wine cask is in Heidelberg, Germany.

Lorne Greene had one of his nipples bitten off by an alligator while he was host of "Lorne Greene's Wild Kingdom."

Cat's urine glows under a blacklight.

If you bring a raccoon's head to the Henniker, New Hampshire town hall, you are entitled to receive \$.10 from the town.

St. Stephen is the patron saint of bricklayers.

The first song played on Armed Forces Radio during operation Desert Shield was "Rock the Casba" by the Clash.

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

Non-dairy creamer is flammable.

The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)

Texas is also the only state that is allowed to fly its state flag at the same height as the U.S. flag.

The only nation who's name begins with an "A", but doesn't end in an "A" is Afghanistan.

The names of the three wise monkeys are: Mizaru: See no evil, Mikazaru: Hear no evil, and Mazaru: Speak no evil.

When opossums are playing 'possum, they are not "playing." They actually pass out from sheer terror.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that

would occupy the building.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

MIR SCIENTISTS STUDY EFFECT OF WEIGHTLESSNESS ON MORTAL TERROR

Submitted by Margie Koehler.

KOROLYOV, RUSSIA -- U.S. and Russian scientists are increasingly excited about the Mir space station project, which promises to reveal more than has ever been known about the scientific relationship between weightlessness and mortal terror.

"By stranding our scientists on a dilapidated space station with faulty wiring, loose hardware, and malfunctioning air systems," NASA head Daniel Goldin said, "we have created extremely favorable conditions for learning about spaceborne panic."

The two Russians and one American on board the station are reportedly terrified beyond lucidity.

Among the groundbreaking experiments conducted on board Mir: a June 25 collision with a cargo craft that depressurized the Spektr module; last week's emergency power shortage, caused by a disconnected cable; and the periodic release of "dry ice" steam that simulates a shipboard fire. All have been deemed a huge success by agency heads.

"They are in a constant state of what aerospace scientists term 'mind-shattering terror,' frightened for their very lives," Russian mission director Vladimir Solovyov said. "And we have not even used the hull-mounted Alien puppet that taps on the window yet. We have also taken huge leaps in our understanding of the patterns created when one wets his pants in the weightlessness of space. The urine spreads out in an expanding sphere, something we did not expect."

Taking a break from his busy schedule, astronaut Michael Foale told ABC News reporters: "Where is my Mommy?"

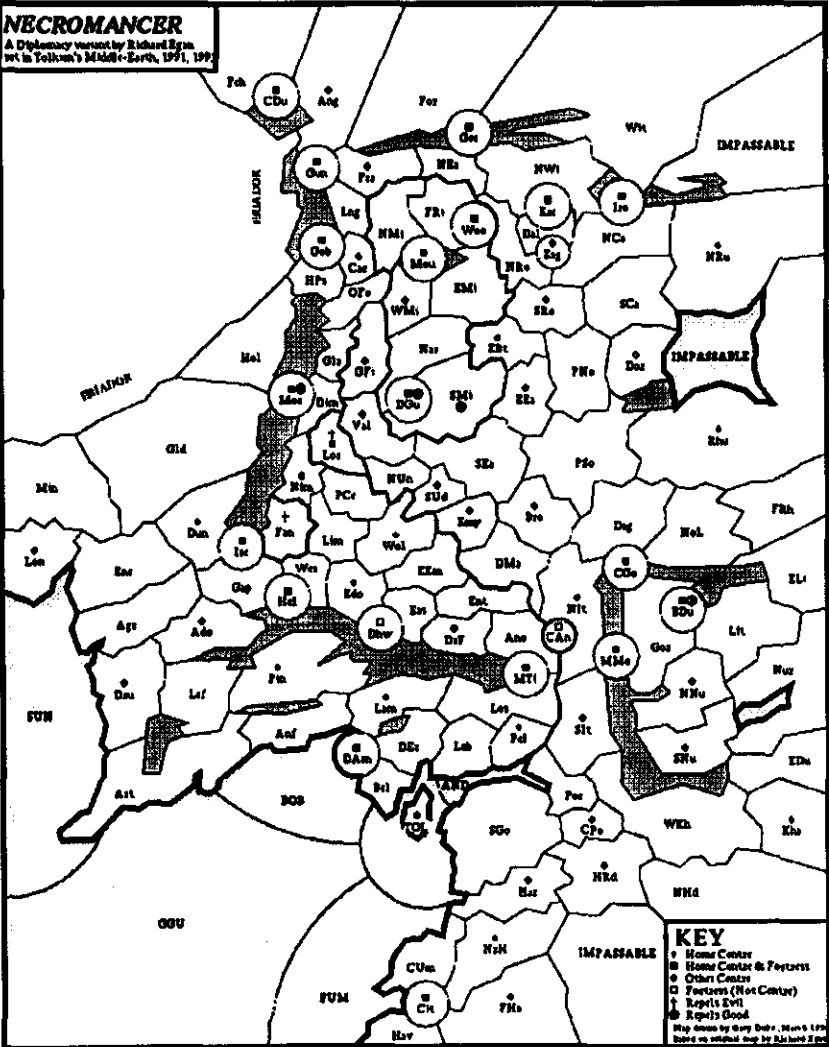
"Please tell me the access code to the Soyuz capsule," Russian cosmonaut Aleksandr Lazutkin said. "I would like to return to the chaotic government and widespread hunger of my homeland."

Scientists expect to gain even more useful data during an experiment at 3 a.m. tomorrow. As the astronauts sleep, whirling red siren lights will flood the cabin while an ear-splitting klaxon alarm jolts them awake. Detailed scientific data will then be collected on such variables as open weeping, defecation and hair loss.



NECROMANCER V 0.4

Necromancer is a Diplomacy variant by Richard Egan, with help from John Cudmore, Andy Bate, and Mike Lay.



Signed Up Already:

Narhi, Carpenter, Morrison\$, Crandlemire, VGalarnau, Veer need 2.

Questions from Morry Veer:

- Q. Do the "thick" lines represent mountains over which units cannot pass? Or are they merely boundary markers? If they are mountains and therefore impassible, how does the Elven unit in Lorien ever leave?
- Q. Assuming only the large, jagged areas are mountains (the ones not marked impassible), can the Nazgul therefore move from Anco to Lef in one movement? Actually I'm being difficult - I suspect that's impossible, but some spaces are not clear as to whether they are "adjacent" over the mountains - such as Gap and Lef, or Gap and Pin.
- Q. Standing Units - if not yet controlled by Sauron are they assumed unordered and therefore do not gain the protection of their fortresses?

I have sent these on to the powers that be, and hopefully will have responses before the game starts.

Would anyone mind if I played in this one and GM'ed as well?

MIGRAINE DIP^o

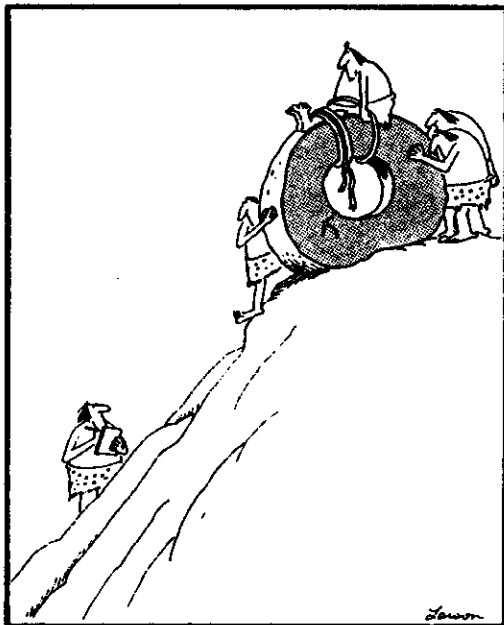
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by

Stephen D. Koehler

Free! Signed Up Already:

Crandlemire, Rothenheber, Cain, Hood, Morrison, need 3.

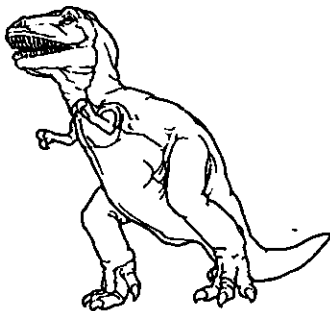


Early experiments in transportation

MIND TRAP!

LAST MONTH'S GAME: This is getting to be a habit! Pitt Crandlemire wins!

1. If you were to put a coin into an empty bottle and then insert a cork into the neck, how could you remove the coin without taking the cork out or breaking the bottle? **Answer: Push the cork into the bottle (Cain, Crandlemire, Leaman, Narhi, Treasure).**
2. What are the next two letters in the following series? A E F H I K L M ... **Answer: NT, because they are made with straight lines. (Cain, Crandlemire).**
3. A survey was conducted of all the various mechanical modes of transportation people use to get to work each day. What did it find was the most common method of transportation? **Answer: An elevator. (Crandlemire, Kent).**
4. In Okmulgee, Oklahoma, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not? **Answer: You need a camera, not a wooden leg. (Crandlemire, Rkoehler, Schlegel).**
5. If you were blindfolded and placed in front of a large bowl containing \$50, \$20, \$10, and \$5 bills, and you were allowed to take one bill at a time until you have taken four bills of the same denomination, what would be the largest amount of money you could draw? **Answer: \$305 (Cain, Crandlemire, Kent, Rkoehler, Leaman, Narhi, Schlegel).**
6. When asked how old she was, Suzie replied, "In two years I will be twice as old as I was five years ago." How old is she? **Answer: 12 (Cain, Crandlemire, Kent, Rkoehler, Leaman, Narhi, Schlegel).**
7. If Sid Shady is 80 cm plus half his own height, how tall is he? **Answer: 160 cm (Cain, Crandlemire, Kent, Rkoehler, Leaman, Narhi, Schlegel).**
8. If you were given a can of soda that was 97% caffeine free, how many cans of soda would you have to drink in order to consume the same amount of caffeine found in a regular cola? **Answer: 33 1/3 (Rkoehler, Schlegel, Treasure).**



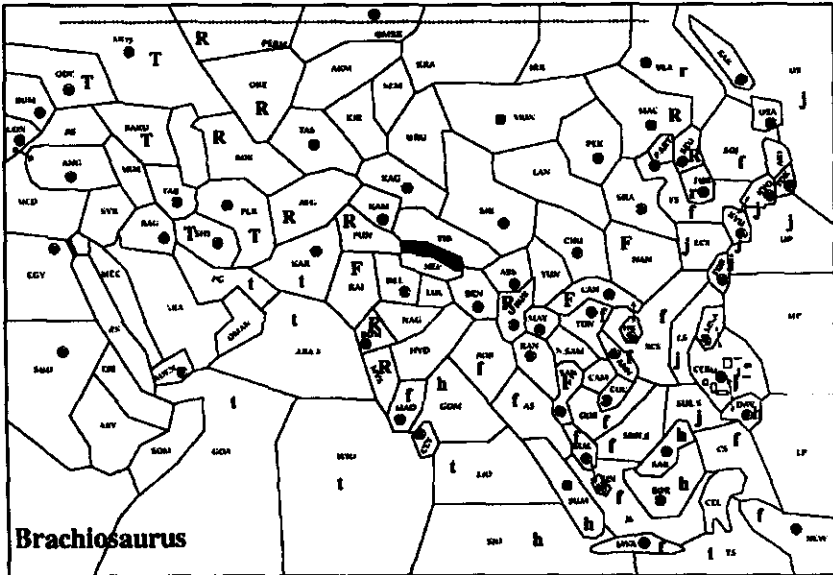
STANDINGS AFTER 7 of 8 GAMES:

Scoring system: You get 1 point for playing. You get 3 for getting a right answer solo. You get 4 a point for getting an answer right. And you get y/x for winning, where y is the number of participants and x is the number of winners. For each 20 points you get a free issue! * = Awarded Free Issue this game.

1. Pitt Crandlemire	39	8. Andy Kutzy	17.5
2. Robert Koehler	37	9. Ward Narhi	16.5
3. Dennis Cain	33	10. Xenia Hsiao	10.5
4. Doug Kent	28.5	11. Joe Payne	7
5. Don Leaman	26	12. Don Treasure	5.5
6. Eric Schlegal	25.5	13. Kevin Wilson	4
7. Margie Koehler	18.5	14. Rich Goranson	3
		15. Wayne Morrison	1

NEXT GAME:

- Captain Frank and Prof. Quantum player chess. They played seven games, each won the same number of games, and there weren't any draws or stalemates. How could this have happened?
 - Two identical tanks full of water are being drained at the same time. One of the tanks has a one two-cm circular drain outlet and the other has two one-cm circular drains. Which tank will empty faster, or will they empty at the same time?
 - Hardy Pylar was washing windows on a high-rise office building when he slipped and fell off a sixty foot ladder onto the concrete sidewalk below. Incredibly, he did not injure himself in any way. How was this possible?
 - What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
 - What is the third hand on a watch or clock called?
 - A man and a boy who are walking together step out with their right feet first. The boy walks three paces while the man walks two. When will they both put their left feet forward together?
 - JFK was the youngest person elected to the presidency. How is it that he is the second-youngest man to hold this office?
 - In Hawaii, if you drop a steel ball weighing five pounds from a height of 45 inches, will it fall more rapidly through water at 20 degrees Fahrenheit or water at 40 degrees Fahrenheit, or will it make no difference?
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BRACHIOSAURUS: 1898 Adjustments 1995Lea04
(Colonial Diplomacy)

1898 Adjustments:

France (Kinsel):

Builds F-ANN; also has F-YS, F-SOJ, A-MAD, F-BOB, F-AS, F-JS, F-MAL, F-JAV, F-NEW, F-SUN, F-SCS, F-GOS, F-TON, A-CAN, A-NAN, A-BAN, A-RAJ.

Holland (Gonsalves):

<F-JS-Bor>; Removes F-Sar; has F-GOM, F-SIO, F-BOR, F-SUM, F-DAV.

Japan (MGalarnau???)

<F-Soj-Kyu>; Builds F-KYO; also has F-UP, F-SUL.S, F-ECS, F-LS, F-OS, F-FOR, F-KYU.

Russia (Irby):

NBRI!! Plays two short; has F-VLA, F-FUS, A-SEO, A-MAC, A-MYS, A-BOM, A-ORE, A-PER, A-BOK, A-AFG, A-PUN, A-UBUR.

Turkey (R. Koehler):

Has A-MOS, A-ODI, A-BAK, A-PER, A-SHI, F-KAR, F-PG, F-ARA.S, F-GOA, F-WIO, F-EIO, F-TS.

OLD Proposal:

R/F Draw:

Fail!

NEW Proposal:

1. R/F Draw:

2. R/T/F Draw:

Vote with next Orders.

NVR = No

NMR = Yes

Notes: Seasons Separated by Request. Mike Galarnau returns! Thanks anyway to Don Leaman for submitting moves for Japan. 1900 Moves

are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press: None

CARNOTAURUS: End Game Statements BN 1993HZ (Regular Diplomacy)

Don Leaman (Germany): When I took over this game in 1912 it was clear that France could have taken the game if he had wanted it. Germany was short units and several of the ones on the board would have been better off somewhere else. Another problem was that the stalemate line between Germany and France was right down Germany, and I could only bring on one unit at a time. It seemed that Turkey was holding on in the hopes that when Morrison had to leave the game that the new German player would attack France. I decided the best move was to continue the alliance and play for a draw.

Dan Devine (Turkey): I wish Franch had elected to win the game, which he quite clearly could have done. Isn't that the purpose of the game? So what if he had to renege on an agreement with Germany: This is only a game.

This game has lasted at least three years, but I remember the early years quite clearly. I elected to attack Italy, hoping to draw Austria or Russia into the fray with me. Austria (Will Nesbitt) was neutral for the longest time and the early Russian made mistakes, making it a tactical struggle with Phil Cooper's Italy, which was very exciting and new to me, in that this was the first game I've ever played.

Eventually I gained a slight tactical edge on and got into the Ionian Sea and still Austria dallied.

I don't remember much else. I stupidly stabbed Joe Payne's Russia; stupid because it didn't work and had no chance of working. I remember Joe made a series of very clever (guessing?) moves to keep Austria all tied up. The replacement for Italy came in and made threatening moves toward me, when France was all over him and when I was willing at that point to ally with him. I didn't trust him after that. Germany was a sphinx the entire game and my relations with France were very good. Either one could have gotten help from me but both were more interested in this draw.

Having said that I disagree with the Michael Cunningham's aims, he executed that strategy very well. Congratulations to him.

A thank you is due the late Fred Hyatt, who got me started in this game and was very gracious.

EDMONTOSAURUS: Spring 1909 1995rb32 (Gunboat Diplomacy, White and Grey Press)

Winter 1908 builds and Spring 1909 Moves:

ENGLAND: <F-Yor-OTB> ; F-SKA-Bal (Imp.)

FRANCE: <F-Mao-Por> ; F-POR-s-F-Spa(sc)-Mao, F-Spa(sc)-MAO, F-

GERMANY: MAR-Spa(sc), A-GAS-Mar, A-BUR-s-A-Gas-Bur.
Builds A-Ber; A-Ber-PRU, A-MUN-Tyl, A-BOH-s-A-Mun-Tyl, A-SIL-s-A-Boh, A-Hol-BEL, F-Cly-NAO, A-DEN-Swe, F-NWY-Swe,
F-Edi-NTH, F-Nth-LON, F-STP(sc)-Holds (n.o.).

ITALY: F-NAP-s-F-Ion, F-ION-s-F-Gre, F-GRE-s-A-Bul, A-BUL-Holds
(N.O.), A-RUM-s-A-Bud-Gal, A-VEN-Tyl, A-VIE-s-A-Ven-Tyl, E-PIE-Mar,
F-GOL-s-F-Pie-Mar, F-WME-Spa(sc), F-Mao-Gas (Dis. Ret. Naf, Bre, Eng, Iri, OTB).

RUSSIA: NMR!!! A-LVN, A-MOS, A-SEV all hold.

TURKEY: F-AEG-s-F-Con-Bul(sc), F-CON-Bul(sc), F-EME-s-F-Aeg.

Notes: **Game Delayed.** This game is delayed for two reasons. First, Italy has been playing with one too many units since Fall 08. The extra unit was the one listed as A-UKR. In addition, last turn, a second extra unit was accidentally added in BUD, which moved to GAL. Both the unit in UKR and GAL are removed.

Second, Germany's F-STP(sc) was missing from from the written report last time.

My apologies for the delay.

Fall 1909 Moves are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press:

Germany-France: don't worry, we'll hold that swarthy Italian back.

Germany-Russia: Moving to help you against Italy. He is going fo rthe win and I will help you from losing any more to his depredations.

Rome - Moscow: Sorry about this but I need to take SEV to get at Turkey. I have no intention to take the rest of your units.

England-France: No hard feelings whatsoever. You do what you gotta do, bunny.

England-Germany: Um. Yeah. Right. Whatever. Who am I to interfere with another person's rich and detailed fantasy life?

England-Germany II: By the way, sorry to go pirate on you, but good form demands it.

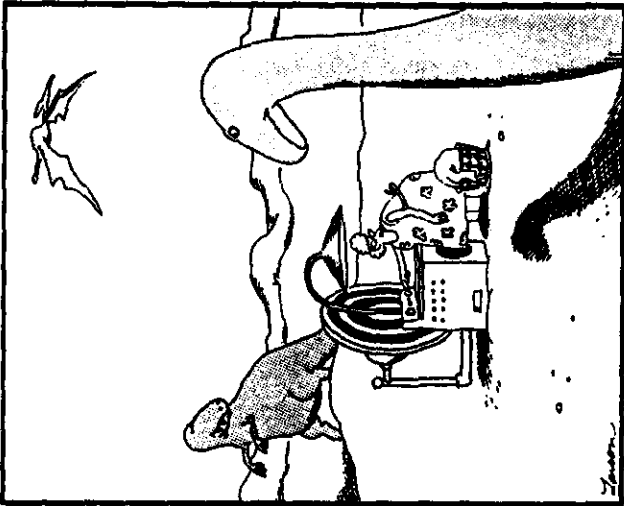
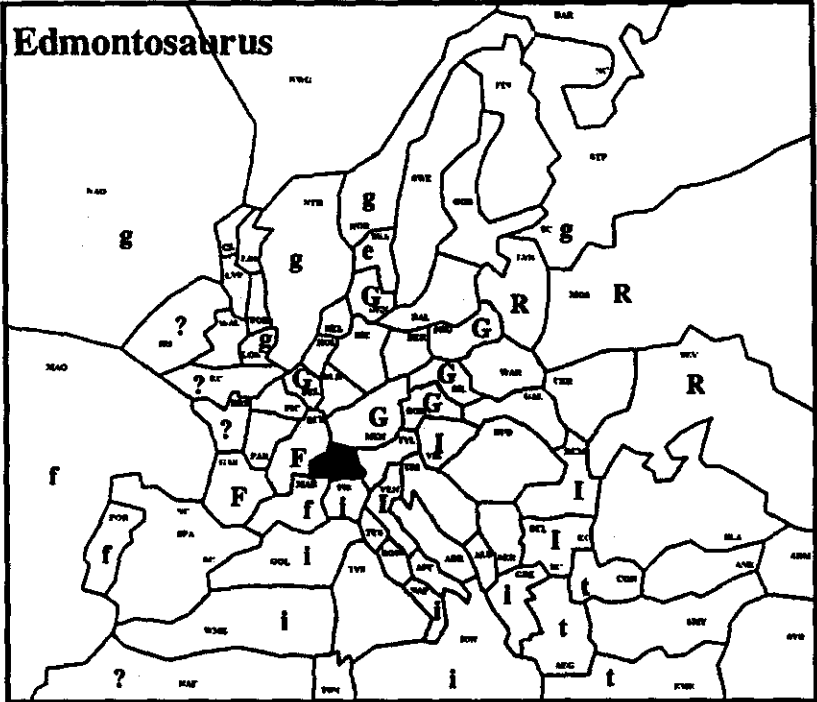
France--Germany: I gambled on you being in the Channel. If you are there please support my A Gascony to Brest. If A Gas is no longer A Gas please support my F MAO in.

France--Germany: I will try to hold the corner as best I can until you send your fleets to prop me up.

France-Italy: I sincerely hope that you are enjoying yourself.

Bob Marley--France: "...when did it all begin, when will it end. Well it seems like total destruction the only solution. And there ain't no use, no one can stop them now..."





Disaster befalls Professor Schnabel's cleaning lady when she mistakes his lime machine for a new dryer.



GRYPOSAURUS: Spring 1867

1995Jna05 (War in North America)

Spring 1867 Moves:

Texas (Boyum): Builds A-San; A-OKL-s-A-Gal, A-GAL-s-A-OkI, A-San-ELP.

Rebels (Gonsalves): <A-Jac-Oza>; Removes A-Oza, A-Fla; F-Sac-Nac (Dis. Ret. Cub, OTB).

Union (Kinsel): F-Ny-NAC, F-CB-s-F-Ny-Nac, F-Ric-SAC, F-SAV-s-F-Ric-Sac, F-Mb-GOM, A-No-SAB, A-Ten-OZA, A-Jac-FLA, A-App-RIC, A-CHG-s-A-Mis, A-MIS-s-A-Ten-Oza.

Mexico (Narhi): Removes A-Nic; A-MEX-Holds, F-Ao-BES.

Indians (Rothenheber): Builds A-Apa; A-DUR-s-Chh-Tam, A-Chh-TAM, A-CAL-Holds, A-SHO-s-A-Sio, A-COM-s-A-Sio, A-Apa-PEC, A-SIO-Holds (N.O.).

Canada (Weiss?): NBR!!! Plays 3 short; NMR!!! A-CRO, A-ORE, A-KAN, F-NPC, A-CHE, F-CAS, F-HIS, A-SPO, F-SPC all Hold.

Old Proposal: U/C Draw Fails due to NVRs.

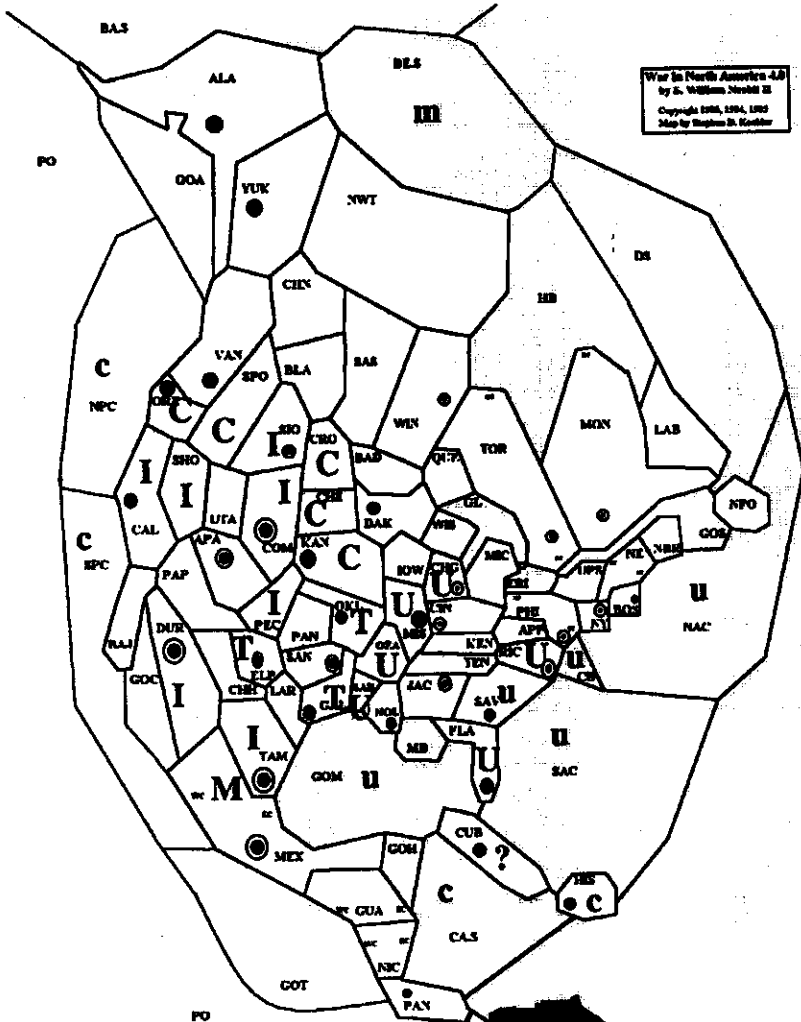
New Proposal: U/C draw.

Vote with next orders. NMR = yes, NVR = YES!!!

Notes: Will Don Leaman please submit standby orders for Canada? Winter 1866 and Spring 1867 Moves are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press: None.





Gryposaurus

HYPACROSAURUS: 1896 19950es04

(Colonial Diplomacy)

This game is delayed because of a GMing error last time. As you can see from the listing below, Russia supported the attack of A-Akm-Kir with A-Tas-s-A-Akm-Kir. Thus, A-Akm-KIR should succeed. The Chinese unit A-Kir attempted to move to Kag. Russia's A-Afg also went to Kag, so these two should have bounced. Therefore, the results should have had Russian Armies in Kir and Afg, and China's Army retreating out of Kir to either Uru, Sem, or OTB.

Sorry for the delay.

1896 Moves:

- Britain (Schlegel): Builds A-Bom; F-Raj-BOM, F-Som-Goa (Dis. Ann.), F-MYS-s-(H)-F-Wio, F-Mad-HYD, A-RAN-s-(H)-A-May-Ubur, A-Bom-NAG, A-DEL-s-A-Bom-Nag.
- China (Weiss): <F-Ys-Up>, <A-Tas-Bok>; A-NEP-s-A-Kam-Pun, A-Sik-ASS, A-NSI-s-A-Ubur-Ran, A-TON-Coc (imp.), A-BOK-Mos, A-Kir-Kag (Dis. Ret. Uru, Sem, OTB), F-UP-Mp, A-Ubur-Ran (Dis. Ann.), A-Mac-P.ART, A-Kam-PUN, A-Can-MAY, A-YUN-s-A-Can-May, A-Mon-MAC, F-SHA-Ys, A-Tib-BEN.
- Holland (Rothenheber): <A-Can-May>; Builds F-Sum, F-Jav, F-Bor; F-Jav-SIO, F-Eio-GOM, F-Gom-BOB, F-WIO-s-(B)-F-Mys, A-May-UBUR, F-AS-s-(B)-A-Ran, A-Sin-MAL, F-Bor-SAR, F-Coc-ANN, F-FOR-Mp, F-ECS-For, F-YS-Kvu, F-KYO-Kvu, F-TOK-Holds.
- Japan (Bernosky/Boyum): NMR!!! F-VLA, F-SEO(ec), F-SOJ, F-OS all Hold.
- Russia (Wilson): F-Bs-ARM, A-Akm-KIR, A-TAS-s-A-AKM-Kir, A-AFG-Kag, F-FUS-s-(H)-F-Kvo-Soj (nso), A-Kra-TSR-Mos (Stops in PERM).
- Turkey (Narhi): F-KAR-s-F-AraS., F-PG-s-F-AraS, F-ADEN-s-F-Goa, F-RS-s-F-Goa, F-Eri-SOM, F-GOA-s-F-Eri-Som, A-Ang-CON, A-Bag-SHI, A-Tab-PER.

Notes: Peter Boyum is the new player of Japan. 1896 Orders are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

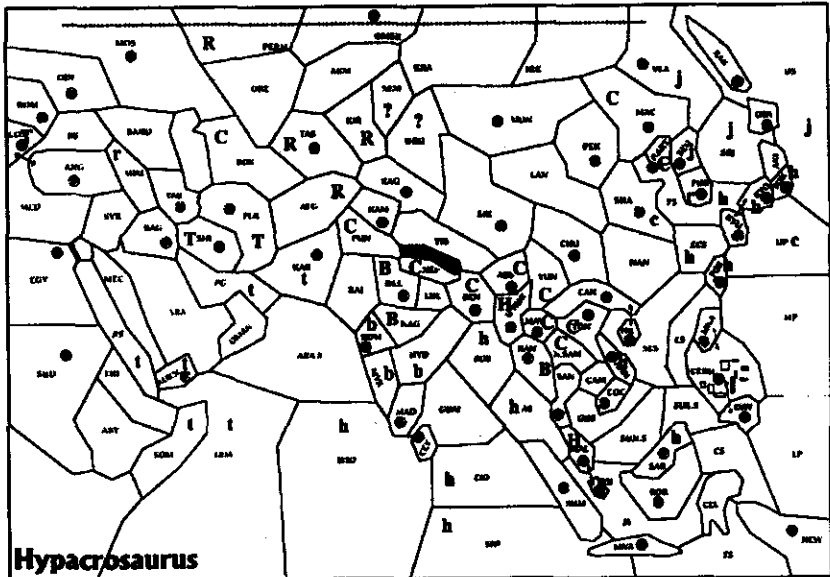
Press:

- Turkey-China: Hey, I was all for Russia letting you in on our alliance and him moving into India with me. It came as a surprise when he stabbed you but I stand by my allies. I wasn't happy, but what is a guy to do?
- Turkey-All: email me at narhiw@diebold.com
- Britain-China: I totally disagree with you assessment of the game. Of course there are strong and weak positions, just like in Diplomacy, but the outcome is not preordained and depends more on the diplomatic and tactical skills of the individual players. In your case, I think your situation was created by you

several cycles ago when you alienated all potential allies and not by the game system. Also, I still think that your whining is a diplomatic ploy. Stop complaining about the hole you've dug for yourself and use your diplomatic skills to convince Turkey to stab Russia.

Britain-GM: How was Dixiecon? I was vacationing in England, but I'll be there next year.

Britain-Turkey: Alright, you can have GOA and ARA.S, but that's it.



IGUANODON: Spring 2007 1995Udm04
(Africa Dip)

Spring 2007 Moves:

- Libya (Boyum):** F-ION-Holds, F-BEN-s-F-Ion, F-TUN-s-F-Ion, A-TAN-Ugg, A-TRI-s-F-Ben.
- IC (Gonsolves):** <A-Cha-Nga>; Removes F-Abi; F-NAO-s-Wrme-Spa, F-Wrme-SPA, A-Esd-CHAD, A-NGA-s-A-Esd-Chad, A-NGR-s-A-Esd-Chad, F-Gog-GAB, F-GOC-s-F-Gog-Gab, F-MAO-s-F-Goc.
- S. Africa (Kent):** A-PEL-Cap.
- S. Arabia (Rothenheber):** A-GRE-Holds, F-ITA-Ion, F-EME-s-F-Ita-Ion, F-RS-s-A-Egy, A-EGY-Holds, A-MEC-s-A-Egy.
- Ethiopia (Leaman):** Builds A-Dji; A-Add-SUD, A-Dji-ADD, A-Som-KEN, A-

CEN-s-A-Add-Sud, A-Chad-s-A-Cen (Dis. Ret. Cam, WSD, Kor, OTB), F-Cap-Kal (Dis. Ann.).

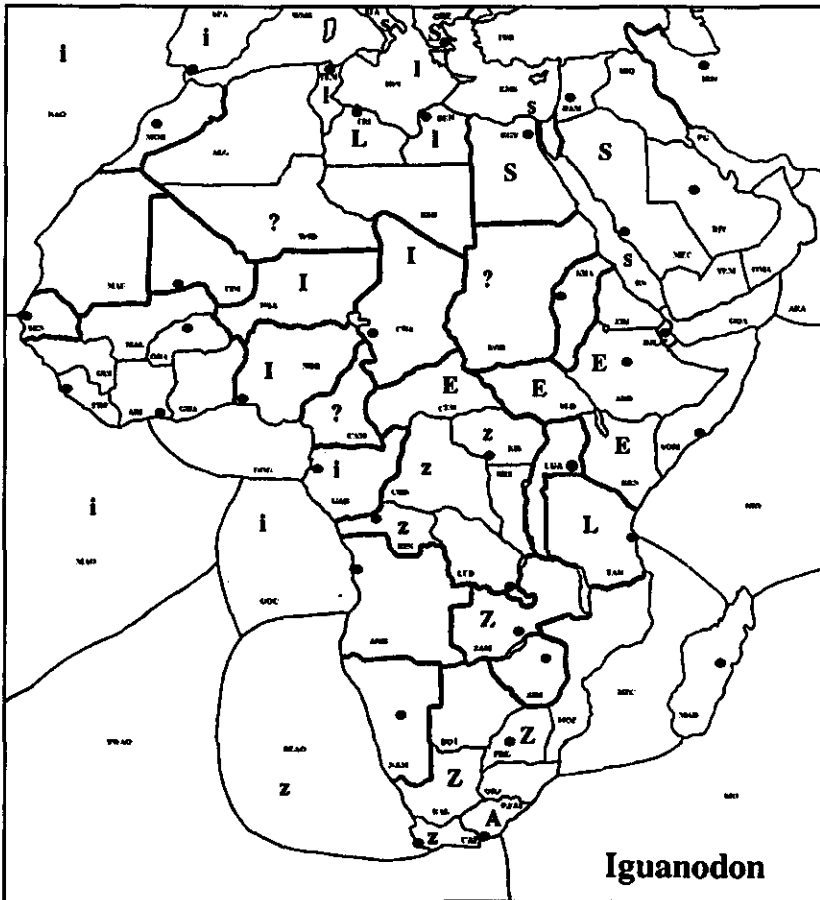
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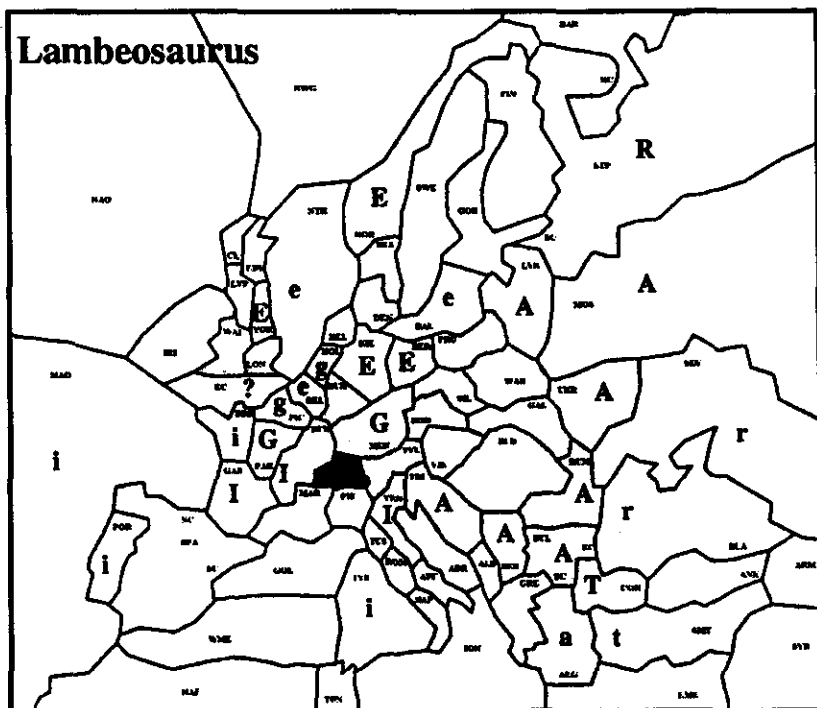
A-KAL-s-A-Ore-Pre, A-Ore-PRE, F-SEAO-s-F-Swao-Cap, F-Swao-CAP, F-KIN-Holds, A-CON-Cen, A-KIS-Uga, A-ZAM-Uga.

Notes: Mike Gonsalves is now the player of record for IC. Winter 2006 and Spring 2007 Orders are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press:

Ethiopia - Saudi Arabia Trying to hold off the hoard from the south. How about peace between us?





LAMBEOSAURUS: Spring 1906 1996A0
(Regular Diplomacy)

Spring 1906:

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|------------------------|---|
| Italy (Boyum): | A-Mar-BUR, A-GAS-s-F-Mao-Bre, A-VEN-Holds, F-Mao-BRE, F-TYS-Holds, F-Spa(sc)-POR, F-Naf-MAO. |
| Germany (DDevine): | A-PAR-s-A-Bel-Pic, <u>F-HQL-Nth</u> , A-Bel-PIC, <u>A-Kiel-Holds</u> (Dis. Ann.), A-Bur-MUN. |
| England (Gonsalves): | Builds A-Edi; A-Edi-YOR, A-Den-KIEL, A-BER-s-A-Den-Kiel, A-BAL-s-A-Den-Kiel, A-NWY-Holds, F-Ech-BEL, <u>F-NTH-s-F-Ech-Bel</u> . |
| France (Lurz): | <F-Ech-Pic>; Removes A-Bre; <u>F-Pic-s-(E)-F-Ech-Bel</u> (Dis. Ret. Ech, Otb). |
| Russia (Milewski): | <u>A-STP-Lyn</u> , <u>F-BLA-Rum</u> , F-SEV-s-F-Bla-Rum, <u>A-Mos-Ukr</u> (Dis. Ann.). |
| Turkey (Narhi): | F-SMY-s-A-Con, <u>A-CON-s-F-Bla-Bul</u> (nso, and cut). |
| Austria (Rothenheber): | <u>A-LVN-Stp</u> , A-War-MOS, A-UKR-s-A-War-Mos, A-TRI-Holds, <u>A-RUM-s-A-Bul</u> , A-SER-s-A-Rum, A-BUL-s-F-Aeg-Con, <u>F-AEG-Con</u> . |

Notes: Fall 1906 Orders are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press: None.

MAIASAURA: 1884

(Gunboat Colonial Diplomacy)

1884 Moves:

- Turkey: F-ODE-Holds, F-Med-RS, A-EGY-Holds, A-ADEN-Holds, A-PER-Shi, F-PG-Shi, A-Bag-TAB, A-ARM-s-A-Bag-Tab.
- Britain: <F-Per-Kar>; F-Bom-ARA.S, F-KAR-s-F-Bom-Ara.s, F-Mad-GOM, F-Rs-SUD, F-EIO-s-F-Mad-Gom, A-HYD-Ben, A-Kam-KAG, F-SIN-s-(H)-F-As-Mal.
- Japan: F-Mp-UP, A-CEBU-Holds, F-Sul.s-LS, F-Ls-FOR, F-Ecs-KYU, F-For-ECS, E-Scs-Hk (Dis. Ret. Can, Sul, Gos, OTB), F-Fus-SOJ.
- France: <F-Scs-Hk>; F-Hk-SCS, F-ANN-s-F-Hk-Scs, F-Gos-COC, A-May-TON, A-UBUR-Ben, A-RAN-s-A-Ban, A-BAN-s-F-Mal, F-MAL-s-A-Ban, F-Sun.s-s-F-Mal (Dis. Ret. Gos, Sul, OTB).
- Holland: F-AS-Mal, F-Js-SUN.S, F-SAR-s-F-Js-Sun.s, F-Cs-JS, F-SUM-s-F-Cs-Js, A-DAV-Holds.
- Russia: <A-Kra-Omsk>, A-OMSK-s-A-Akm-Kra, A-Akm-KRA, A-MOS-s-A-Tab-Baku, A-Kag-TAS, A-Tab-BAKU.
- China: NMRI!!! F-NAM, F-YS, F-SHA, A-MON, A-KIR, A-ORE, A-TIB, A-BEN, A-ASS, A-SEO, A-VLA, A-LAN All Hold, A-Kra-Holds (Dis. Ret. Irk, Uru, Sem, Otb).

Winter 1884 Supply Centers:

- Turkey: Home(3), Egy, Aden, Rum, Ode, Shi, +TAB, +PER = 10, build 2.
- Britain: Sin, Mad, Bom, Del, Sud, Kar, Kam, [Per], Cay, +KAG = 9, build 1.
- Japan: Home(4), For, Fus, Sac, Cebu, +CAN? = 8 or 9, even or build 1.
- France: Home(3), Ban, May, Mal, Ubur, Hk, Ren = 9, even.
- Holland: Home(3), Sar, Dav, New = 6, even.
- Russia: Mos, Omsk, [Tab], [Kag], +TAS = 3, remove 2.
- China: Home(5), Mac, Vla, Ass, Mon, PArt, Seo, Ben, [Tas], [Can?] = 12 or 11, removes 1 or 2.
- Neutral: Mna = 1.

Notes: China, Russia and Britain have been replaced.

The following countries have NOT paid the game fee:

Japan France

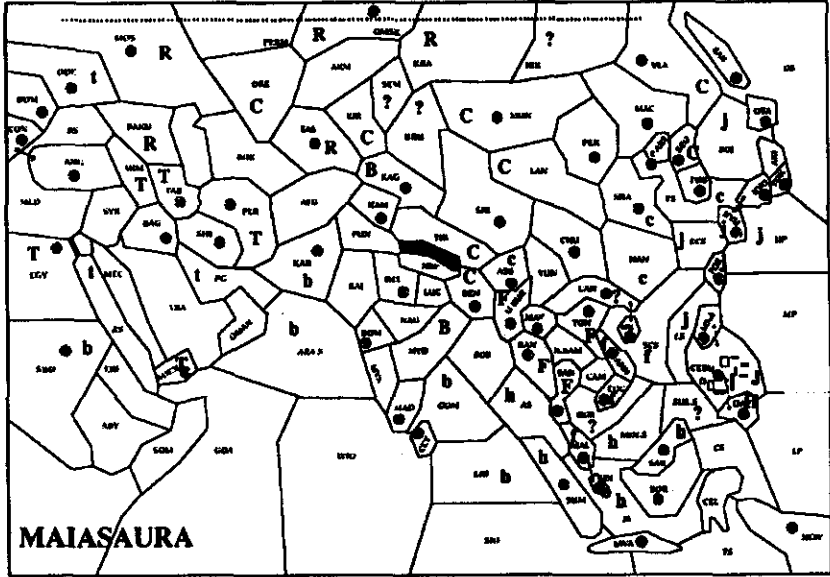
Please pay the \$5 game!

1880 Builds and 1882 moves are due Friday, November 21, 1997.

Press:

Japan-Holland: While I was perfectly happy to honor your request of last turn, that's not an option.

Japan-World: Hello. China's dangerous and we don't understand them. Let's squash them like bugs.



NANOTYRANNUS: Fall 1903

(Gunboat Diplomacy)

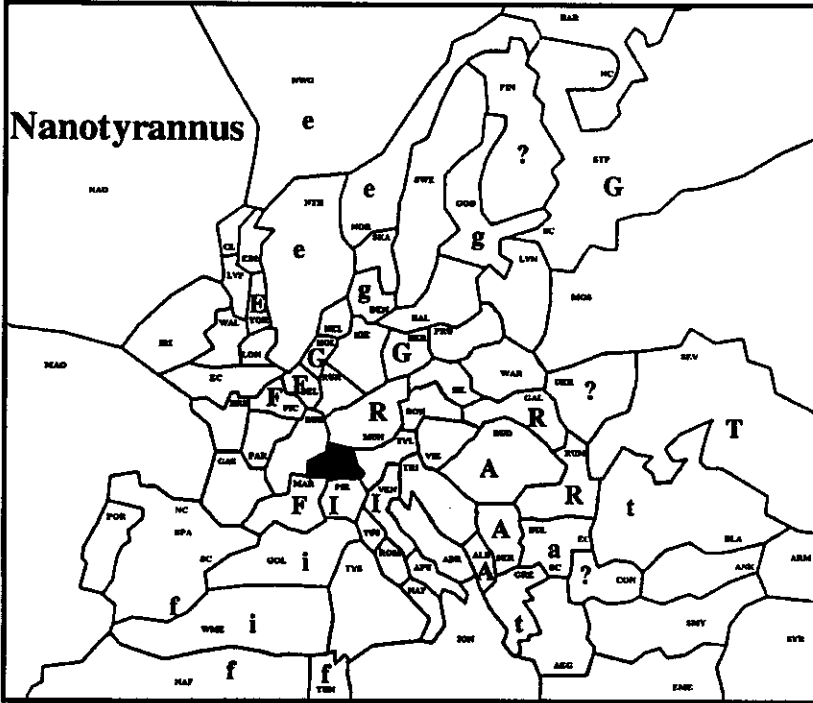
Fall 1903 Moves:

- Germany:** A-Mun-BER, A-HOL-Holds, A-Lvn-STP, F-GOB-s-A-Lvn-Stp, F-Swe-DEN.
- France:** A-BEL-Holds, A-PIC-s-A-Bel, A-Gas-MAR, F-SPA(sc)-s-A-Gas-Mar, F-Wme-TUN, F-NAF-s-F-Wme-Tun.
- England:** F-NWY-Stp(nc), F-NWG-Nwv, F-NTH-Holds, A-YOR-Holds.
- Italy:** F-Tys-WME, F-GOL-s-F-Tys-Wme, A-PIE-Holds, A-Tus-VEN.
- Turkey:** A-Arm-SEV, F-BLA-s-A-Arm-Sev, A-Rum-Bud (Dis. Ret. Ukr, OTB), A-Bul-Ser (Dis. Ret. Con, OTB), F-Aeg-GRE.
- Russia:** A-Sev-RUM, A-GAL-s-A-Sev-Rum, F-Stp(sc)-Holds (Dis. Ret. Fin, OTB), A-Sil-MUN.
- Austria:** F-Gre-BUL(sc), A-SER-s-F-Gre-Bul, A-BUD-Rum, A-Tri-ALB.

Winter:

- Germany:** Ber, Kiel, [Mun], Hol, + STP, + DEN = 6, build 1.
- France:** Home, Bel, Spa, Por, + TUN = 7, build 1.
- England:** Home, Nwv = 4, even.

Italy:	Home, [Tun]	= 3, remove 1.
Turkey:	Home, [Rum], [Bul], +SEV, +GRE	= 5, even.
Russia:	Mos, War, [Sev], [Stp], +RUM, +MUN	= 4, even.
Austria:	Home, [Gre], +SER, +BUL	5, build 1.



Notes: I failed to note Germany's F-Swe last time and I did not pick up on the error until after the deadline. Germany moved it anyway, and, given the moves, I have decided that the error does not require a delay.

The following countries' leaders have NOT paid the game fee!

England Austria

Please pay the \$5 game!

WinterFall 1903 moves due November 21, 1997.

Press:

Ita-Ger:	I hate to sound disrespectful, but I wasn't in Tyrolia last turn.
Ita-All:	Banzai!
Ita-Ger:	I think you need to consider helping me against France.
Ita-Eng:	It is something you should consider also.
Turkey - Austria	The Budapest Star was in error, I said that all nations starting with an A were to be annex . . .

OVIRAPTOR.

(Pax Britannica GM: Mark Franceschini)

I (Steve) have heard nothing from Mark and he has not returned my calls. Oyl

PINACOSAURUS: Spring 1901

(Regular Diplomacy)

Spring 1901 Moves:

Austria (Leaman):	A-Bud-SER, F-Tri-ALB, <u>A-VIE-Gal</u> .
England (Manns):	F-Lon-NTH, A-Lvp-YOR, F-Edi-NWG.
France (Koffman):	F-Bre-ECH, A-Par-GAS, A-Mar-SPA.
Germany (Packard):	F-Kiel-HOL, A-Ber-KIEL, A-Mun-RUHR.
Italy (Schlegel):	A-VEN-s-A-Rom-Apu, A-Rom-APU, F-Nap-ION.
Russia (Boyum):	F-Stp(sc)-GOB, F-Sev-RUM, <u>A-WAR-Gal</u> , A-Mos-UKR.
Turkey (Treasure):	A-Con-BUL, F-Ank-BLA, A-Smy-ANK.

Notes: I misspelled Ric Manns' name last time. Sorry! Fall 1901 moves due November 21, 1997.

Press:

Austria - Russia These starting positions look familiar.
Ita-Tur: Sorry I didn't get back to you. I like your ideas.
 We'll have to discuss them further.

Sultan to World: Many thanks to the President of France and the Kaiser of
 Germany for their friendly communications discussing the world
 situation. Such early and open communication deserves to be
 rewarded.

Turkey to Austria: Being in the middle position, I would have thought that you'd
 have wanted to talk to me. The offer I outlined to you is still
 possible.

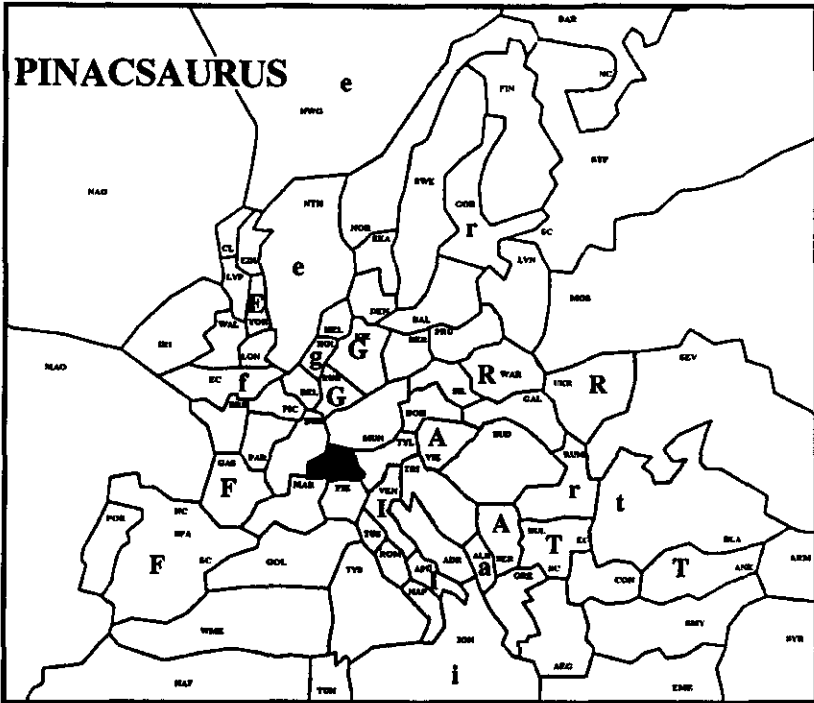
Turkey to Russia: Can we begin talking so we can avoid a stalemate over the
 Black Sea?

Ankara to Rome: If we talk, we can work something out. If we don't talk, we
 will both have all kinds of problems!

Tunis Tattler-- The Prince of Wales was seen covorting with Norwegian
 tourists on a nudist beach in Germany. . . is this just a hobby or
 a strategic statment?

-- The Sultan of Turkey was visiting the Pope in Rome last week
 in an effort to unite the Catholic and Islamic faiths. The Syrian
 Warlord Yessir Imfat pulled out of his harem lon enough to vow
 that he would be revolting if the plans go foward.

-- The Czar of all the Russias was last seen heading east to
 negotiate with Japan . . . He may be involved in Colonial
 Diplomacy.



RHAMPHORHYNCUS: 1898 1995Kea04
(Colonial Diplomacy by Andy Marshall)

CNN Far East News: *Little agreement among Asian powers as war spreads, becomes donnybrook. Civil unrest in China. International wires hot with diplomatic insults.*

Proposals:

The Russia/Holland draw proposal fails.

The Russia/Holland draw is repropoed. Please vote with your orders.

GM Note:

China NMR'd. Since the position is down to one unit, I'm not going to bother with a standby.

Results:

- Britain:** Removes F RS, F Som. F EGY S Russian F Med-Rs, <F GOA-Wio>, <F ARA S F Goa-Wio>, A Bom-HYD, A MYS S A Bom-Hyd, A LUC S A Bom-Hyd, A NEP S A Ben, <A TIB-Ass>, <A BEN S A Tib-Ass>
- China:** NMR. A Ton Retreats OTB. A CHU [u] H
- Holland:** Build A Bor, A Sum, F Java. A SUM H, F Js-SUN.S., <A TON-Can>, F Java-JS, F MAD S F Gom-Hyd, <F GOM-Hyd>, <F WIO S F Mad>, F EIO S F Wio, <F BOB-Ben>, A U.BUR S A May-Yun, A May-YUN, <F Ann-TON>, A Bor-SAR, <F NEW-Lp>, <F DAV-Cebu>, F SUL.S. S F Dav-Cebu
- Japan:** Build A Ota. A Ota-SEO, F SOJ C A Ota-Seo, <A VLA S A Ota-Seo> (Destroyed), <F P.ART.-Mac>, F YS S A Nan-Sha, F ECS S A Nan-Sha, <F MP-Lp>, F LS S F Scs, F MNA S F Cebu, F CEBU H, F SCS S F Ls, F HK S F Can, F CAN S F Hk, <A NAN-Sha>
- Russia:** Build A Mos. F Bs-MED, F SYR S F Bs-Med, <A Mos TSR VLA>, A MAC S A Mos-Vla, <A BAG-Ara>, F Med-RS, <A SIK-Ass>, <A URU-Sik>, <A KAG-Kam>, A Per-AFG, <A PUN-Kam>, A LAN S A Sha, A PEK S A Sha, A IRK S A Mac, A MON S A Mac, A Raj-NAG, <A SHA S Chinese A Chu-Nan> (cut, NSO)

Unit Positions:

- Britain:** F EGY, F Goa, F Ara, A Hyd, A Mys, A Luc, A Nep, A Tib, A Ben
- China:** A Chu
- Holland:** A Sum, F Sun.S., A Ton, F Js, F Mad, F Gom, F Wio, F Eio, F Bob, A U.Bur, A Yun, F Ann, A Sar, F New, F Dav, F Sul.S.
- Japan:** A Seo, F Soj, F P.Art., F Ys, F Ecs, F Mp, F Ls, F Mna, F Cebu, F Scs, F Hk, F Can, A Nan
- Russia:** F Med, F Syr, A Vla, A Mac, A Bag, F Rs, A Sik, A Uru, A Pun, A Afg, A Kag, A Lan, A Pek, A Irk, A Mon, A Nag, A Sha

Press:

- Holland-GM:** Well, it looks like the Mets are almost done for. Time to turn to football. Panthers are struggling, but then again, so is the entire league.
- GM-Holland:** Well...I think they were mostly struggling against...the Redskins?
- GM-Holland II:** By the way, we Terpish are looking forward to the Demon Deacons' lil visit to our Homecoming dance.
- GM-Holland III:** But screw football. The only season that counts is only two months away. What y'all got lined up this year now that your big fella is gone?
- Holland-Russia:** Who's moving too fast? Wait up!
- Holland-Britain:** Perhaps you are satisfied now? Head north and we can stop the juggernaut that is Russia.
- Holland-Japan:** Build armies, friend.
- Holland-China:** Hold on, good buddy, I'm here to help throw the Commies back.
- Japan-Holland:** Am willing to work with you, but am concerned in the discrepancy in supply centers. Can not let you have Cebu.

Afraid that I can not take it back and then you'd be up 4 centers. Am trying to attack Russia. With luck maybe in a couple of turns we can be voting on an H/J draw?

Japan-Russia:

Have at you!!!

London-World:

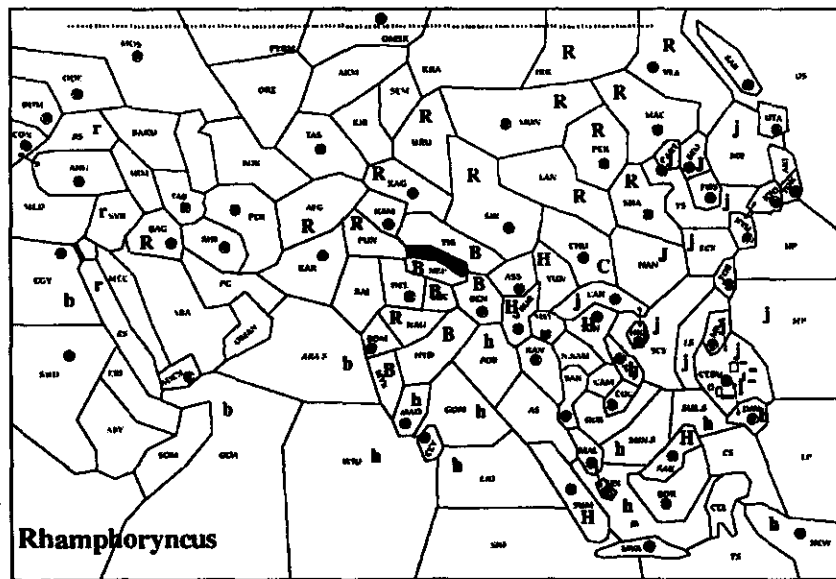
It is hard to believe the nerve of some people. Steve takes a couple of centers and says I hope you understand and would you please keep the Russian bear bottled up. I guess he feels that I am really stupid, how many times does he expect that line to work. I told Steve when I took over this position what would be the cost of his perfidy, but did he listen. I don't believe in making idle threats. I am emphatically voting against Steve's inclusion in the draw and I expect within a couple turns we will have a Russian win.

Russia-World:

Well, what a sticky wicket this is!

GM-Russia:

A wicked googly, even.



** THE RECEPTION **

If any of you guys out there have ever thought you have balls, forget about it.

This is a true story that happened at a wedding at Clemson. This was a huge wedding with about 300 guests. After the wedding at the reception, the groom got up on stage at the microphone to talk to the crowd. He said that he wanted

to thank everyone for coming, many from long distances, to support them at their wedding. He especially wanted to thank the bride's and groom's families for coming. To thank everyone for coming and bring gifts and everything, he said he wanted to give everyone a gift from him. So taped to the bottom of everyone's chair was a manila envelope. He said that was his gift to everyone, and told them to open it. Inside the manila envelope was an 8x10 picture of his best man having sex with the bride. (He must have gotten suspicious of the two of them and hired a private detective to trail them. After he stood there and watched people's reactions for a couple of minutes, he turned to the best man and said F--- You, he turned to the bride and was similarly passionate, and then said I'm out of here. He got the marriage annulled the next day.

While most of us would have broken it off immediately after we found out about the affair, this guy goes through with it anyway. His revenge: making the bride's parents pay for a 300 guest wedding and reception, letting everyone know exactly what did happen, and trashing the bride's and best man's reputations in front of friends, family, grandparents, etc. This is his world, we just live in it.

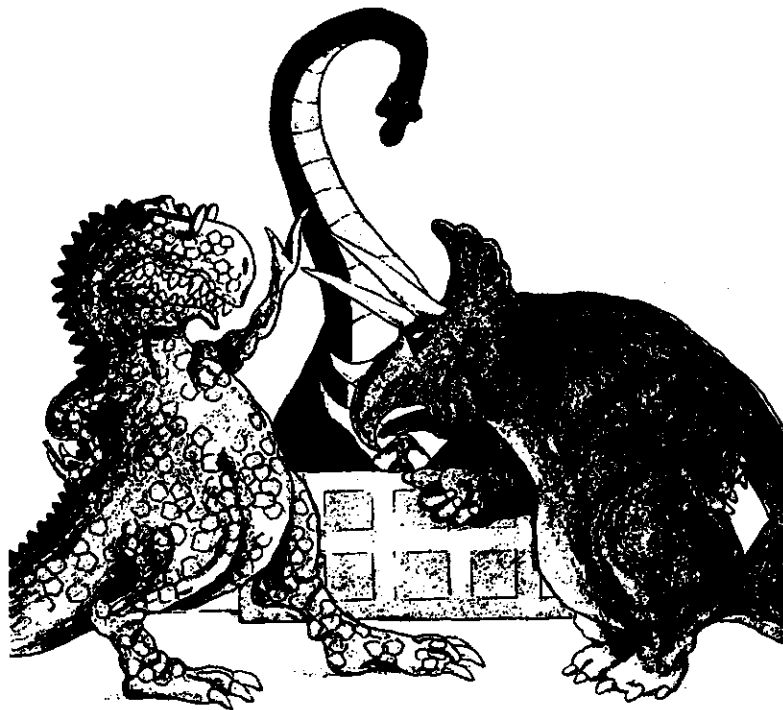
LETTERS TO WELFARE

For those unfamiliar, Welfare payments are made in the US to individuals and families with income below a certain level. The following quotations are taken from actual letters received by the Welfare Department in applications for support of receiving payments.

1. I am forwarding my marriage certificate and 6 children. I had seven but one died which was baptised on a half sheet of paper.
2. I am writing the welfare department to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?
3. Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for two years and has been visited regularly by the clergy.
4. I cannot get sick pay. I have six children can you tell me why?
5. I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead.
6. This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it.
7. Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't do anything until he knows.
8. I am very much annoyed to find out that you have branded my son illiterate. This is a dirty lie as I was married a week before he was born.
9. In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a son weighing 10 lbs. I

hope this is satisfactory.

10. I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my 3 children one of which is a mistake as you can see.
11. My husband got his project cut off about two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since.
12. Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life.
13. You have my changed little boy to a girl, will this make any difference?
14. I have no children yet, as my husband is a truck driver and works night and day.
15. I want money as quick as I can get it. I have been in bed with the doctor for two weeks and he doesn't do me any good. If things don't improve, I will have to send for another doctor.
16. In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.



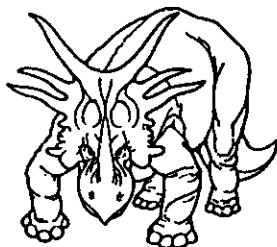
KEY:

Uppercase indicates current position. Underlined = moves failed. [] = retreat
 NMR!!! = No Moves Received. NAR!!! = No Adjustment (Build or Removal)
 Received. N.O. = Not Ordered. NRR!!! = No Retreat Received. (X) indicates
 foreign unit. OTB = off the board. nsu = no such unit. u = Unordered. nso =
 no such order. Dis. = Dislodged. Ann. = Annihilated. Ret. = Retreat options.
 Imp. = impossible.

EXTINCT SPECIES

Diplodocus Game Results

Game	Winner(s)
Carnotaurus (Reg. Dip.) BN 1993HZ	Mike Cunningham (France), Don Leaman (Germany), (Two-Way Draw).
Velociraptor (Reg. Dip.) BN 1994HC	Ed Rothenheber (France).
Allosaurus (Reg. Dip.) BN 1994HB	Chris Hurley (England), David Hood (Turkey), (Two-Way Draw).
Triceratops (Reg. Dip.)	Mike Galarneau (Russia), Robert Koehler (Turkey), (Two-Way Draw).
Dilophosaurus (Reg. Dip.) BN 1992AY	Tom Johnston (France).
Stegosaurus (Reg. Dip.)	Vince Galarneau (Germany).
Pterodactyl (Mach.)	Stephen Koehler (Turkey).
Tyrannosaurus Rex (Reg. Dip.)	Robert Koehler (France), Stephen Koehler (Russia), (Two-Way draw).



DIPLODOCUS' HOUSE RULES

1. **DISCLAIMER:** Diplomacy, Machiavelli and Colonial Diplomacy are published by the Avalon Hill Game Company of Baltimore, MD. We are currently using the newer 1992 rules of Diplomacy.
2. **DECEPTION:** Any attempt to deceive the GM will result in permanent removal from any and all games, as well as forfeiture of any game, NMR and/or subscription fees.
3. **GAME FEES:** In most games, there will be a game fee of \$5.00. This fee will be required of each player prior to assignment of countries. If the player completes the game to conclusion or elimination, the game fee will be refunded. If the player NMRs out of the game or retires, the game fee is forfeited.
- 4.1 **ORDER SUBMISSION: (Mail/E-Mail)** Orders should be clearly printed or typed with each game on a separate sheet of paper. If more than one set of orders is received, the latest date (date on orders taking precedence over postmark) will be used. Submitting orders by mail or e-mail is preferred.
- 4.2 **ORDER SUBMISSION: (Fax)** This method should be used only in emergencies. I have access to a fax machine at work, but access may be suspended or removed if abused. Friday afternoon is NOT an advisable time to send a fax.
- 4.3 **ORDER SUBMISSION: (Phone)** Phone orders, left with me or on my answering machine, are acceptable on rare occasions. Valerie, my wife, will not take orders and should not be asked to do so. No press will be accepted and please use common sense as to when you call. I will attempt to transcribe the orders carefully, but whatever I write down will stand without the opportunity for challenge.
- 4.4 **ORDER SUBMISSION: FORMAT:** Each unit must be individually ordered; no combined orders are permitted. Abbreviations may be used, but care should be taken to avoid ambiguity. All unordered units will hold. The GM will attempt to complete an ambiguous or poorly written order, but again, this is not guaranteed and not a basis for challenge. An intentionally written "bad order" should be noted as such to the GM. No perpetual orders are allowed. If a unit is given more than one valid, but conflicting, order it will hold.
5. **CONDITIONAL ORDERS:** Conditional orders may be used at any time, but must be conditional on a prior season's retreats and/or builds.
6. **RETREATS:** Units which must retreat, and for which no retreat order is given, will disband (i.e. retreat OTB).
7. **NO BUILD/REMOVAL RECEIVED:** If no build order is received in a Winter season, then the country will play short those units until the next winter season when they may be built, if still possible. If a required removal is not received in a Winter season, the unit farthest from a HOME supply center will be disbanded. If two or more are equidistant, then a random method will be used to determine the unit disbanded.
8. **SEASONS:** There are five seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, Autumn and Winter. Normally, Summer and Fall will be adjudicated together, as will the other three seasons. Except for Winter 1901, (which will automatically be run separately), it will take at least 33% of the current players votes for a season separation. The GM may separate seasons at his discretion. (The fundamental concepts for these season rules are the same for Colonial Diplomacy, Machiavelli and variants.)
9. **PRESS:** Only white and gray press will be allowed, unless otherwise announced prior to the start of the game. Press releases may be edited for length or content.
10. **NMR:** In the event of an NMR (No Moves Received), all units will be given hold orders and a standby player will be called. Two consecutive NMRs will result in the removal of the current player of the game and the standby will be given the position.
11. **MAPS:** Where a map is provided in a game, it is to be considered a convenience for the players and it is not in any way "official". Players may only rely on the unit-listings and players use maps at their own risk.
- 12.1 **ENDING THE GAME (Rulebook Win):** If, at the end of any game year single player holds the winning number of centers, he/she shall be declared the victor.
- 12.2 **ENDING THE GAME (Proposal):** A game may end by agreement of all the remaining players to a concession (one player), or a draw. A draw must include all players with as many, or more, centers than the smallest of the drawing players. Proposals may be submitted by any player. The GM will announce the proposals and call for a vote with the next set of orders. How NMRs & NVRs will be counted will be indicated. Proposals will be considered first, before adjudication, except when a fall adjudication will result in a single player controlling a winning number of centers.
13. **DEADLINES:** Deadlines from games in *Diplodocus* will typically be 9 p.m. on the Friday four weeks following the publication of the latest issue.
14. **ERRORS:** The GM has the final say in all matters relating to games in *Diplodocus* (the "my ball" rule). Any error by the GM should be brought to the attention of the GM as soon as possible. If brought to the GM's attention, he will either send out a notice to all players, or delay the game at his discretion. If it is not brought to the GM's attention before the next turn is adjudicated, then the error STANDS and will not be fixed.

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