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The odds are against getting even with people
because the odds are they'll get even with you.

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Okay, so I don't live a very exciting life. The only thing of interest I can think to report this month is that little Stephen has finally gotten the hang of crawling. About a month ago, at age 5 months, he began to lift himself off the floor on his hands and knees, but any attempt to move landed him flat on his face. He would then look up at mama and daddy to judge the severity of his fall by the expressions on our faces and would cry or laugh accordingly. About two weeks ago, Stephen figured out how to move without falling, but he could only move backwards. Inevitably, he would get stuck in a corner or under a table and would scream in frustration. I didn't want the kid to get discouraged with his new found mobility since his being afraid to move would force him to spend the rest of his life on his belly in the middle of the floor, so I decided to give him crawling lessons. The first thing I did was to explain to little Stephen the difference between crawling and groveling: crawling at this point in time was a means of locomotion; crawling later on would be groveling and should be reserved for certain situations at work and on the Diplomacy board. Stephen responded with his "yo comprendo" look, so we started the lesson. I crawled around him a couple of times as a demonstration of the technique, which amused him so much that he flopped to the floor in a giggling fit with his arms and legs thrashing. Next, I got a little physical with the boy. I set him on all fours, grabbed his knees and pushed them forward, one at a time. All that succeeded in doing was pushing Stephen over on his face, which got me a look that said, "I could have done that by myself." My next tactic was to set him on all fours again, but this time I grabbed his arms and pulled them forward. At first, he let me just drag him across the floor, but after a while the carpet burns got to his knees and he began to pick them off the floor. From there it was just a matter of time before Stephen got himself coordinated. He is now an official "rug rat".

I think I mentioned in an earlier issue that Betty and I were getting ready to build a house down on the farm. I'm doing the contracting work myself to try to save a few bucks and to have better control over the project, and that means for the next few months I'm going to be very busy. Of course, DOGS will still receive my full attention at deadline time, but I'll probably have to work more on it at night and less on it during daylight hours. Please try to avoid waiting until the last minute to phone in orders because there's a good chance that I won't be home. We "break ground" tomorrow.

CHINESE ASTROLOGY

The Chinese Zodiac consists of a twelve year cycle. Each year is named for a different animal that gives distinct characteristics to its year and many Chinese believe the year of a person's birth is the primary factor in determining his personality traits, his physical and mental attributes, his success and happiness throughout life.

Whether you are a believer or not, you can determine your animal sign by finding your year of birth below. If you were born before 1924 or after 1971, add or subtract 12 to find your year.

- *DOG (born in 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970): You are loyal and honest and work well with others. You're generous yet stubborn. Compatible with the Horse or Tiger. Watch out for Dragons.
- *BOAR (1935, 1947, 1959, 1971): You are noble and chivalrous. Your friends will be lifelong, yet you are prone to marital strife. Avoid other Boars. Marry a Rabbit or a Sheep.
- *RAT (1924, 1936, 1948, 1960): You are ambitious yet honest. Prone to spend freely. Seldom make lasting friendships. Compatible with Dragons and Monkeys. Least compatible with Horses.
- *OX (1925, 1937, 1949, 1961): Bright, patient and inspiring to others. You can be happy by yourself and make an outstanding parent. Marry a Snake or a Cock. The Sheep will bring trouble.
- *TIGER (1926, 1938, 1950, 1962): Tiger people are aggressive, courageous, candid and sensible. Look to the Horse and Dog for happiness. Beware of the Monkey.
- *RABBIT (1927, 1939, 1951, 1963): Luckiest of all the signs, you are also talented and articulate. Affectionate, yet shy, you seek peace throughout your life. Marry a Sheep or a Boar. Your opposite is the Cock.
- *DRAGON (1928, 1940, 1952, 1964): You are eccentric and your life is complex. You have a very passionate nature and abundant health. Marry a Monkey or Rat late in life. Avoid the Dog.
- *SNAKE (1929, 1941, 1953, 1965): Wise and intense with a tendency toward physical beauty. Vain and high-tempered. The Boar is your enemy. The Cock or Ox are your best signs.
- *HORSE (1930, 1942, 1954, 1966): Popular and attractive to the opposite sex. You are often ostentatious and impatient. You need people. Marry a Tiger or a Dog early, but never a Rat.
- *SHEEP (1931, 1943, 1955, 1967): Elegant and creative, you are timid and prefer anonymity. You are most compatible with Boars and Rabbits but never the Ox.
- *MONKEY (1932, 1944, 1956, 1968): You are very intelligent and are able to influence people. An enthusiastic achiever, you are easily discouraged and confused. Avoid Tigers. Seek a Dragon or a Rat.
- *COCK (1933, 1945, 1957, 1969): A pioneer in spirit, you are devoted to work and quest after knowledge. You are selfish and eccentric. Rabbits are trouble. Snakes and Oxen are fine.

Betty is a Rat and I'm a Monkey, so we were made for each other. Stephen is also a Rat, so that should make for a harmonious family. I find this sort of thing amusing, but I can't really believe things are that simple.

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GERMANY ENTERS THE MID
The Draws Fail

WINTER 1906
SPRING 1907

FRANCE (Eric Kane): Even; f LVA hold; f pic-BRE; a lon-YOR.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): Even; f eng-MID; f bel-ENG; a BUR-gas;
a PAR s FRENCH f pic-bre; a RUH-bur.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): Build F Rom; a SMY hold; a BUL hold;
a SER s a bud; a BUD hold; a TRI s a tyo; a VEN s a tyo;
a TYO hold; a MAR s f gas; f CON hold; f AEG hold; f rom-TYH;
f SPA(nc) s f bre-mid; f mid-NAF; f GAS s f bre-mid; f bre*mid.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): Even; f NAT s GERMAN f eng-mid; f RUM hold;
f IRI s GERMAN f eng-mid; f NTH s GERMAN f bel-eng; f ank-BLA;
a MUN s a vie-tyo; a BOH s a vie-tyo; a VIE-tyo; a UKR s f rum;
a war-MOS; a GAL-bud.

The Italian F Bre is annihilated. Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m.
on Friday, August 24. Please vote again on the F/G/I/R draw proposal.

FRANCE (ENGLAND) to THE ICK MAN: What am I? Chopped liver? No, don't
tell me: chopped liverPOOL, right? Hey, I worked for a part of this
draw...I hope!

JOHNS' HOPKINS to M.I.T.: Bluejays do it better!

ITALY to WORLD: I expect that the three way draw passed. If so,
congratulations all around. If not, fight on MacDuff, and damned be
the one who first cries, "Hold, enough!"

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NOW WHAT, GUYS?

FALL 1901

ENGLAND (Stan Johnson): f ENG-bel; f NTH c a yor-nwy; a yor-NWY.

FRANCE (Vincent Manna): a mar-SPA; a bur-BEL; f mid-POR.

GERMANY (Jake Walters): a MUN hold; a kie-DEN; f HOL s FRENCH a bur-bel.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): a TYO s a ven-tri; a ven-TRI; f ion-TUN.

AUSTRIA (Terry Richwine): a SER s RUSSIAN f sev-rum (nso); f ALE-gre;
a VIE-tri.

RUSSIA (Doug Baker): f bot-SWE; a war-GAL; a ukr-RUM; f SEV s a ukr-rum.

TURKEY (Steve Cooley): f ank-BLA; a arm-ANK; a BUL-gre.

E - home, <u>nwy</u>	(4) build 1
F - home, <u>spa</u> , <u>bel</u> , <u>por</u>	(6) build 3
G - home, <u>hol</u> , <u>den</u>	(5) build 2
I - home, <u>tun</u> , <u>tri</u>	(5) build 2
A - vie, bud, <u>ser</u> , tyo	(3) even
R - home, <u>rum</u> , <u>swe</u>	(6) build 2
T - home, <u>con</u>	(4) build 1
neutral - gre	(1)

Winter and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Friday,
August 24 unless at least two people request separation of the seasons,
in which case only Winter orders will be due. Of course, you can make
your Spring orders conditional upon the builds of other players.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Because "English Stream" or even "English Wash"
wouldn't sound as impressive. Or maybe cause no one else will
claim it.

TURKEY to RUSSIA: I really hope we can straighten out this problem
with "the pool".

BOB NEWHART: Life is like a merry-go-round; they both have horses.

Following Spring moves Austria retreated A War to Ukr.

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): a mar-PIE; a TUN-nap; f TYH c a tun-nap;
f wes-LYO; a BUR s GERMAN a ruh-mun; f CON hold.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): a WAR s a sil-gal; a PRU s a war; a mun-BOH;
a sil-GAL; a ruh-MUN; a Nwy-stp; a FIN s a nwy-stp; f SWE-nwy;
f BOT s a nwy-stp; f NTH s f swe-nwy; f NWG-bar.

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): a SEV s GERMAN a war-mos (nso); a gal*war;
a UKR s a gal-war; a boh-SIL; a pie-TYO; a TUS-rom; a GRE hold;
f NAP-rom; f alb-ION; f AEG s f bul(sc)-con; f BUL(sc)-con.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): a SMY s FRENCH f con; f BAR-nwy; a MOS s a stp;
a STP s a mos; a LVA s a mos.

Austria must retreat A Gal to Bud, Rum, Vie or otb.

F - home, spa, por, tun, <u>con</u>	(7) build 1
G - home, hol, den, bel, lpl, lon, edi, nwy, swe, <u>war</u>	(12) build 1
A - home, ser, gre, bul, ven, rum, nap, rom, <u>sev, war</u>	(11) even
R - stp, mos, ank, smy, st , st	(4) remove 1

Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00pm on Friday, August 24. Please vote on the following draw proposals with your Spring orders: F/G, A/G, G/A/F, and A/F/R/G.

VIENNA to MUNICH: I accept your offer of friendship; I believe that together we can bring a swift end to the war so that we can all go home.

VIENNA to PARIS: I'm tired of trying to reason with you. If you refuse to consider defending yourself against the upcoming German invasion, I might as well join it.

1983Z WHEN THEY CAN'T BUILD, THEY DON'T HAVE TO REMOVE FALL 1909

Following Spring moves Austria retreated A Ven-Tri. The proposal for a concession to Germany failed.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): a pie-TYO; a ven*apu; a tus-PIE; f tyh-NAP;
a ROM s f tyh-nap; f TUN-ion; f lyo-TYH; f WES s f lyo-tyh;
f NTH-bel; a BUR s GERMAN a mun.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): a MOS s a pru-war; a STP s a mos; a pru-WAR;
a LVA s a pru-war; a sil*s a pru-war; a MUN s FRENCH a pie-tyo;
a KIE s a mun; f bal-SWE; f Nwy-nth; f HOL-bel.

ITALY (Stephen Lee): f APU s AUSTRIAN a tri-ven (nso);
f nap*s RUSSIAN f ion.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): a UKR s RUSSIAN a sev-mos (nso); a boh-SIL;
a GAL s a boh-sil; a tyo-VEN; a TRI s a tyo-ven.

RUSSIA (Steve Knight): NFR! f ION hold; f ADR hold; a SEV hold.

France must retreat A Ven to Tus or otb. Germany must retreat A Sil to Pru, Ber or otb. The Italian F Nap is annihilated.

F - home, spa, por, lpl, lon, edi, tun, rom, <u>nap</u>	(11) build 1
G - home, bel, hol, den, swe, nwy, stp, war, <u>mos</u>	(11) build 1
I - smy, gre, st	(2) "build 1"
A - home, ser, ven	(5) even
R - sev, rum, ank, bul, con, st	(5) "build 2"

Note that Italy and Russia can't build. ((Continued middle of p.5))

FRANCE (John Michalski): a GAS-bre; f spa(sc)*mid; f POR s f spa(sc)-mid
 GERMANY (Ken Iverson): a PIC-bre; a BUR-mar; a RUH s RUSSIAN a kie-mun.
 RUSSIA (Ed Menders): f nat-MID; f IRI s f nat-mid; f ENG s f nat-mid;
 f NTH c a nwy-bel; a HOL s a nwy-bel; a kie-MUN; a BER s a kie-
 mun; a den-KIE; a war-GAL; a vie*s a war-gal; a UKR-sev; a nwy-BE
 TURKEY (Dan Stafford): f mid*gas; f wes-SPA(sc); f LYO s f wes-spa(sc);
a MAR s f wes-spa(sc); f NAF-mid; f ion-AEG; f adr-ALB;
 a boh-VIE; a TRI s a boh-vie; a mun-TYO; a arm-SEV;
 f BLA s a arm-sev.

Russia must retreat A Vie to Bud or otb. Turkey must retreat
 F Mid to Wes or otb. The French F Spa(sc) is annihilated.

F - bre, por, lon, mar , spa	(3) build 1
G - par, hol , bel	(1) remove 2
R - stp, mos, war, rum, ber, nwy, edi, lpl, den, swe, kie, bud, <u>mun</u> , <u>hol</u> , <u>bel</u> , kie , spa	(15) build 3
T - home, bul, ser, gre, tri, tun, rom, nap, ven, <u>sev</u> , <u>mar</u> , <u>spa</u> , <u>vie</u> , mar	(15) build 3

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 Friday, August 24. Please vote on a concession to Russia and an R/T draw

BREST to GM: Why a blank adhesive label with a handwritten address?
 Too much farm work?

GM to BREST: In order to get the zine in the mail right after the
 deadline, I have to preprint the address labels. But the address list
 changes so much each issue that it isn't worth typing a master and
 running copies. Simpler just to write it up.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: I did everything you asked for 13½ years and then
 you stab me.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: You warned me many times but I didn't listen.

RUSSIA to FRANCE: You also warned me.

RUSSIA to WORLD: You all warned me that Stafford would stab me. What
 can I say; you were right. But this is only my second postal game.

MORE 1983Z STUFF

Winter and Spring moves are due together at 1:00pm on Friday,
 August 24. Please vote on a G/F draw. I don't think Steve will miss
 again so no standby will be called.

DEUTSCHLAND to LE FRENCH: Ach! It appears we have our enemies up
 against the ropes, or more precisely, at the end of their ropes.
 Hangman's rope, that it.

DEUTSCHLAND to MOTHER RUSSIA: I know I shouldn't gloat, but what the
 heck.... Bah hahahahaha!!

APULIA: "We'll never eat quiche," said the little Apulians.

JUST A THOUGHT

It's too bad that the Russians didn't show up for the Olympics.
 Half the fun of watching the events is seeing us beat them. The other
 half of the fun is complaining about their "amateur" athletes when they
 beat us.

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SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS

FALL 1901

ENGLAND (Mike Cannon): a yor-BEL; f NTH c a yor-bel; f nwg-NWY.
 FRANCE (Earl Anderson): f mid-POR; a par-BUR; a spa-MAR.
 GERMANY (Greg Doyle): a mun-RUH; f DEN-swe; a kie-HOL.
 ITALY (Fred Hyatt): a pie-TYO; a ven-TRI; f tyh-TUN.
 AUSTRIA (Mark Rowell): f alb-GRE; a SER s f alb-gre;
a BUD s RUSSIAN a gal-rum (nso).
 RUSSIA (Jim Grosch): a gal-VIE; a ukr-RUM; f SEV s a ukr-rum; f BOT-swe.
 TURKEY (Terry Suitor): a BUL-gre; a CON-bul; f ANK-con.

E - home, <u>nwy</u> , <u>bel</u>	(5) build 2
F - home, <u>por</u>	(4) build 1
G - home, <u>den</u> , <u>hol</u>	(5) build 2
I - home, <u>tri</u> , <u>tun</u>	(5) build 2
A - bud, <u>ser</u> , <u>gre</u> , xxx , xxx	(3) even
R - home, <u>rum</u> , <u>vie</u>	(6) build 2
T - home, <u>bul</u>	(4) build 1
neutral - swe, spa	(2)

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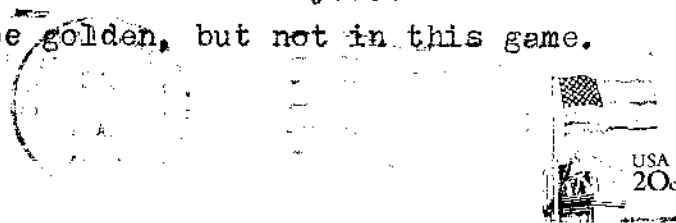
KING MICHAEL THE ONLY to THE BARBARIAN HINTERLANDS: Greetings from his most royal majesty. You amuse us with your petty squabbles by your infernal warlords over nearly worthless land, but never forget that your conquests stop at the waters' edge, for Britainia rules the waves. For now, anyhow.

THE LONDON TIMES - "GOLD FOUND IN BELGIUM!": The famous English explorer and adventurer, Mike McShuk, while spelunking near Antwerp, found a rich vein of gold. As news of the discovery hit the newstands, hordes of people from all over the British Isles swarmed toward Belgium to seek their fortune as well.

THE LONDON TIMES - "BANK OF ANTWERP ROBBED, THIEVES MAKE OFF WITH THREE MILLION IN GOLD BULLION!": Details remain sketchy....

TURKEY to ENGLAND, FRANCE: Silence may be golden, but not in this game.

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