

# East of Eden



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EAST OF EDEN is a Diplomacy Zine, dedicated to the prompt publication of games otherwise carried in BLACK FROG. EoE is available at no charge to players in BF Diplomacy games (donations are always welcome), and it is otherwise unavailable.

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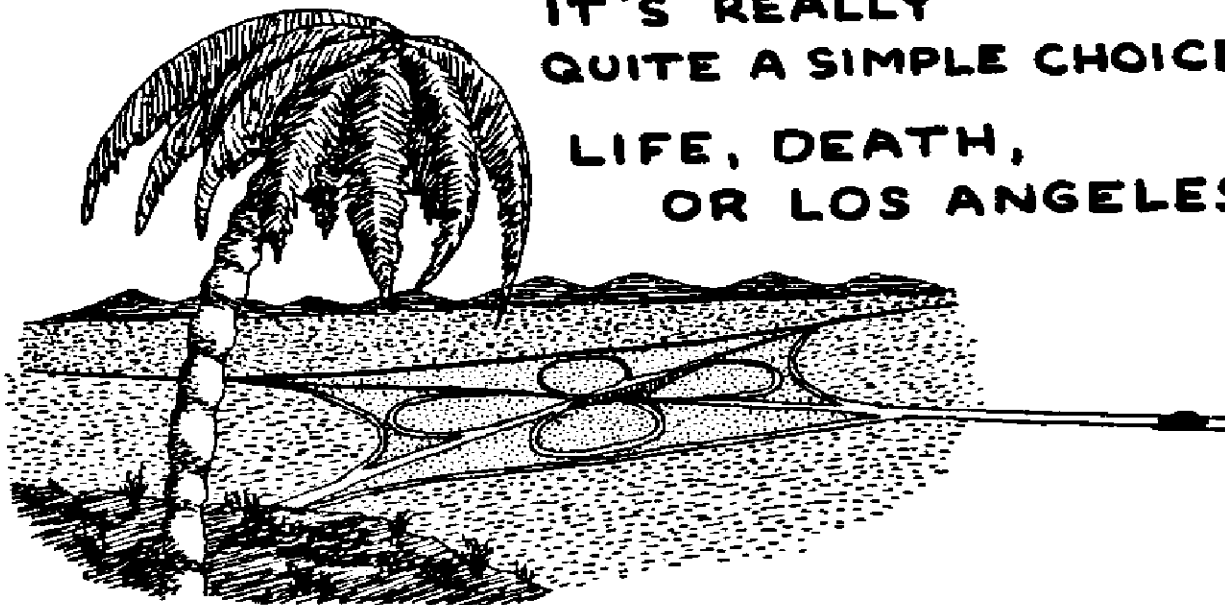
Diplomacy is a multi-player war game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and currently owned by Avalon Hill Co.

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Cosmic Encounter is a multi-player science fiction game published by Eon Products, Inc. This issue of East of Eden features the gamestart of the first postal game of Cosmic Encounter ever. This game will be concluded, and new postal games of Cosmic Encounter started in the new zine ROMA.

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IT'S REALLY  
QUITE A SIMPLE CHOICE:  
LIFE, DEATH,  
OR LOS ANGELES.



80hs

Famine

8'04

Italy pulls out of Balkans to meet French threat; Germany steals Belgium; Jenny fails to submit orders; Turkey may be looking for a direction to go in; not quite dead yet, England can still spoil it for somebody. AN INTERESTING GAME!!!

- AUS (Lew)            A VIE-Gal; A BUD(s)TURKISH A Ser-Rum/nso;  
                         F GRE-Bul(sc).
- ENG (Colombo)      F NTH-Yor; F Iri-NAT.
- FRA (Albrecht)     A Mar-PIE; A Gas-MAR; F Mao-SPA(sc); F  
                         Eng-IRI; F WAL(s)F Eng-Iri; F Bre-ENG;  
                         A LON-Yor.
- GER (Kuszynski)   F BAL-Gob; A Sil-PRU; A Mun-SIL; A Swe-  
                         FIN; A Hol-BEL; F NWY(s)RUSSIAN F Gob-  
                         Stp(sc)/imp.
- ITA (de Vries)     A Tun-NAF; A Tri-VEN; F Nap-TYR; F AEG(h);  
                         F Eas-ION.
- RUS (King)         NMR! (neutral orders by Apple Computer)  
                         F Nwn-BAR; F GOB(h); A WAR(s)A Gal; A RUM  
                         (s)A Gal; A GAL(s)A Rum.
- TUR (Hart)         F Con-BUL(sc); A SER(s)F Con-Bul(sc); F  
                         Bla-CON; A ANK(s)F Bla-Con; A SMY(s)F Bla-  
                         Con.

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Fall 1904 orders are due on Tuesday April 7th at 12:00 noon PST.  
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LIVERPOOL: If Italy doesn't know by now what France is up to, he deserves what he gets.

LIVERPOOL to ST PETERSBURG: Alas, poor Jenny, I knew her well.

AUSTRIA to GM: Steve Colombo's "valiant play ... without an alliance"? Well first he just NMR'd, hardly valiant; and second he has me for an ally, don't you read the press?

TRS-80 to APPLE JACK: Can you do Cosmic Encounter too?

APPLE II to TRS-80: I could of course, but Black Jack will only let me deal the cards for it. Why don't you sign up for a game?

..... and now, the first ever postal game of Cosmic Encounter.....Cosmic Encounter games in BF publications will be named after Comic Book characters.

# Batman

81/ce/1

LOOK OUT: MONTY PYTHON HAS THE VIRUS !!!

Player "A"	CLONE	Kevin Buckalew, 25711 N. Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355.
Player "B"	PARASITE	Al Rodriguez, 2112 Roosevelt, Bakersfield, CA 93304.
Player "C"	MACRON	Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Park, MI 48030
Player "D"	INSECT	Eric Masters, 8126 Santa Inez Drive, Buena Park, CA 90620.
Player "E"	SORCEROR	Bernard Sampson, 123 Sixth St., Middlesex, NJ 08854.
Player "F"	VIRUS	Don del Grande, Priestley Hall #208, 2400 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94720

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Players will find their initial 7 card draw taped in this area!  
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I have no idea how much negotiation will take place in this game. I will call the orders for the first round of play on Wednesday April 1st, 1981 at 12:00 noon PST. As the game progresses, please let me know if three week deadlines are about right or if you want them longer or shorter.

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FIRST ROUND ATTACKS: A-B; B-C; C-D; D-E; E-F; F-A.  
All attacks are on the first planet of the respective solar systems (see postal rules.)  
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## Notes:

(1.) Kevin Buckalew is the GM's stepson and lives at the same address. He will have no unfair advantage in this game, but I suggest you send your orders in an envelope and not a post card.

(2.) Excluding the PARASITE, there are no allies in round 1 of attack. Don't forget to ask for allies for round 1(b) and thereafter.

(3.) Rule 15 on ALLIES needs a bit of clarification. All players, including the PARASITE, may send their tokens to only one cone as an ally per round of attack.

(4.) In the case of two players attempting to use the same power (e.g. the SORCEROR and the INSECT) the offensive player has first option at using the power.

(5.) In any round where the INSECT is attacking or being attacked by the PARASITE, he may use the PARASITE'S power to send tokens anywhere he wants as an ally. In other cases where the INSECT copies his opponents power, he may use that power only against that opponent.

(6.) For each players convenience and information, a copy of how the Alien Powers were assigned is included with their copy of the zine.

## *Robin*

81/ce/2

Game set to start soon .....

Tom Heflin, David Buckalew, Dave Grabar and Tom Swider have signed up (I need preference lists from Swider and Grabar) and the game will start as soon as I get two more signed up. Bob Olsen and Thom Burnett, how about it?

## *Alley Oop*

81/ce/3

A Blind encounter with undisclosed Alien Power

Six players are needed. Players in "Batman" or "Robin" may be in this one. Let me know and send in a new preference list.

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There will be no gamefee for the first four games of Cosmic Encounter. Postal Rules of play were published in Black Frog #37. I would appreciate all zine publishers plugging my openings in Cosmic Encounter!

# *Sohu Pestilence*

*w'03*

A brief lull as the Great Powers and lessor  
puppets rebuild for 1904 .....

AUS (Giddings)	Remove A Bud & F Alb. Has A GAL.
ENG (Townsend)	Build F LON. Also has F NWY, A SWE, F SKA, F NTH.
FRA (Gallagher)	Build F MAR & F BRE. Also has F TUN, A BOH, A BUR, A BEL, A PIC.
GER (Rodriguez)	A Mun retreat OTB, remove F Hel. Has A HOL & A KIE.
ITA (Schwartz)	NMR! (Neutral builds by Apple Computer) Build A VEN & ROM. Also has F TYR, A SER, A TRI, A VIE.
RUS (Connors)	Build F STP(nc) and A WAR. Also has F RUM, F BAL, A DEN, A FIN, A MUN, A BER.
TUR (Hartman)	Build F SMY. Also has A BUL, F GRE, F ION & A CON.

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Spring 1904 orders will be due on Tuesday April 7th,  
1981 at 12:00 noon PST.  
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This is the second NMR in a row for Norm Schwartz.  
His Fall 1903 orders arrived in the mail one day late.  
Hopefully he will remain with the game.

There is no Pestilence press!  
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*81k*

*GREED*

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Game start gets a one week delay!!

The spring 1901 deadline for this game has been  
extended to Tuesday March 17th, 1981 at 12:00 noon PST.  
I have orders on file for Quinn, Arnott, Beck and Stephens.  
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(excerpts of a letter from Al Rodriguez)

Hello Black Jack,

Thank you very much for the "Black Jack Award." It's very much appreciated. I have always enjoyed our FTF get-togethers..... I really enjoyed your last issue and wish other publishers would voice their opinions on their favorite zines, least favorite GM's etc. It makes for very interesting reading. Your awards are the equivalent to baseball's hot stove league. A loyal fan voicing his opinion and backing it up. Enclosed you'll find another donation for BF.

Our Diplomacy outing in Sacramento was interesting. ((Al is referring to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre at the Games People Play Store.)) I would classify the competition about the same as PACIFICON. The players are generally inexperienced and Immature. The Tourney was spoiled by the contestants playing the scoring system rather than the game. To be quite frank I really don't know if I will play in many more DIP tourneys. There are so few players that I enjoy gaming with that it can often be a more frustrating experience rather than a fun one. Both Ron and I ((Ron Brown)) wish you would have been there, we both missed you. Don't mention this to Grabar ((Dave Grabar, and I am afraid I just have Al)) but from now on I am going to make it a requirement to attack him first. That sucker is so damn unpredictable that you're asking for trouble when you let him live. A few parting comments on the tourney. The scoring system was interesting (I've enclosed the tourney rules) especially the part about being penalized. Both Ron and I were docked points for infractions. Once I was talking to another player during a retreat season, which is in violation of the rules, and was docked. Our conversation had nothing to do with the retreat, but I was docked like a school boy talking when he should be listening. Docked points for talking! Hard to believe!

I've dropped out of all but about four games now. Now I can get back to staying on top of those games the way a person should. In fact if things work out, I may even try to start another game later this year. It was getting so bad, my being overwhelmed, that I chose simply to ignore all DIP. It's a miracle that I'm in any games at all. Sorry that I NMR'd in BF, it will not happen again. I hope that I'm still welcome to start another game with BF should the opportunity arise.

Both Tom Heflin and myself were happy to read you've decided to try a game of COSMIC in BF. Please sign both Tom and myself up. I'm anxious to start and look forward to seeing more info in BF soon.

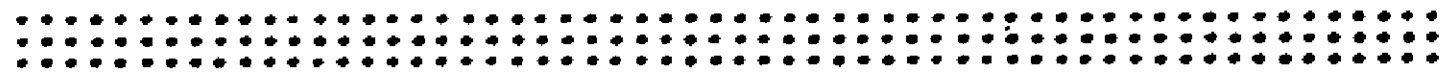
I noticed that the "Big Timer" ((Dan Kuszynski)) got a special citation Golden Frog Award for "Vacation Diplomacy." This bugs me a little bit because the design for VD is almost just as much mine as it is his. I thought of many of the cards and locations of the "vacationing units." I don't feel that Dan has really shared the honors (?) and credit (?) for what has to be the variant of the year. I'd appreciate it if when you have the chance that you mention in BF how VD is actually designed by me and was pirated by Dan. That's sure to get his goat! ((This was done last issue and did get Dan's goat.))

Oh, I did spot one other error in your last issue. Your Golden Frog Award for Zine of the Year should have went to Black Frog! You are light years ahead of the rest. Even Ron would agree. Let's organize some FTF DIP for we "good guys" soon.

Always my best,

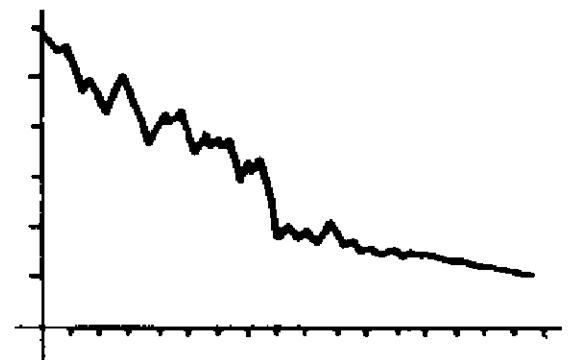
Alfred Rodriguez

((I much enjoyed your letter Al, and am glad you decided to let me share it with others.))



# CHEER UP!

THINGS MAY BE  
GETTING WORSE  
AT A SLOWER RATE.





From an idea that I got a year ago in Dave Grabar's Italiano Pribe, I had 100 sets of the "all purpose Diplomacy letter" (at right) printed up and distributed them to most of my friends in the hobby at that time.

Apparently a few of these are still in circulation as Mark Lew has recently inquired about them.

I have no more available Mark, but if enough people are interested, I could have some more printed up. It would cost \$20.00 to have a 1000 printed, which would supply 20 people with a pad of 50.

If a dozen people or more would be interested in a pad of 50 for \$1.00, I will have some printed.

Send no money now, but let me know.

*all purpose Diplomacy letter*

Game: 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zine: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: A E F G I R T (circle one)  
FROM: A E F G I R T (circle one)

Dear King Emperor Czar Kaiser Pope Sultan President Ally Friend Neighbor Enemy Nurd Puppet (circle one).

Welcome to the new ( )game ( )season. I am your ( )northern ( )southern ( )eastern ( )western neighbor. I would like to propose that we  
( ) ally with  
( ) declare a truce with  
( ) sign a nonaggression pact with  
( ) fight with  
( ) help  
( ) lie to  
( ) cooperate with  
( ) cheat  
( ) love  
( ) screw  
( ) stab  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
each other.

Please ( )write ( )call ( )drop dead ( )NMR ( )tell me your plans ( )move to \_\_\_\_\_ ( )support \_\_\_\_\_ ( )convoy \_\_\_\_\_.

Pardon my style. I will try to be less personal next time.

( )Sincerely ( )Respectfully ( )Hardly ( )Up  
Yours

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Contains game results for:

- ( ) 1980HR "War"
- (X) 1980HS "Famine"
- (X) 1980HU "Pestilence"
- ( ) 1980ID "Death"
- ( ) 1980KJ "V.I.P."
- ( ) 1981K "Greed"
- ( ) 1981\_ "Lust"
- ( ) 1981\_ "Diplomacy"