

FROBOZZ

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A merry Christmas from all (one) of us here at Frobozz to all of you. And my thanks go to the many people who expressed concern about my work situation. I've decided to accept a position in a different department of the company. I'm very hopeful that this will fix the problems I've been having, or at least most of them. My new job starts January 7. If it goes well, I expect to announce game openings two issues hence.

Standby pool for regular Diplomacy: Townsend, Petersen, Early, Harris, Wood, Henry, Rauterberg, Dycus, Jensen, Milewski, Kendter. For WWIIb: Kay, Jensen, Riley.

1984CC

Silverball

Fall, 1903

AUSTRIA (Jensen) A TRI S A gre-SER, A VIE S A TRI, F ALB S A TRI, A BUD-rum, A gre-SER.

ENGLAND (Peach) F nat-LVP, F ENG S F NTH, F NTH H.

FRANCE (Riley) F IRI S F spa(sc)-MID, F spa(sc)-MID, A mar-PIE, A GAS H, A BRE H.

GERMANY (Wood) A sil-PRU, A mun-SIL, A kie-MUN, F DEN S F HOL-nth, F HOL-nth, A BEL H.

ITALY (Kiersz) F tyn-ION, A VEN-tri, A TYO S A VEN-tri, F ADR S A VEN-tri.

RUSSIA (Baker) F bar-NWY, F nwy-SKA, F SWE S F nwy-SKA, A stp-LVN, A RUM S Turkish A bul-ser(nso), A gal-WAR, F BLA S A RUM.

TURKEY (Harris) F AEG S A bul-GRE, A bul-GRE, A con-BUL, F SMY-aeg.

Deadline for Spring, 1904 is 9PM EST Friday, January 11, 1985.

Temporary COA: Robert Wood, 6 Deerwood, Texarkana, TX 75503, until Jan. 10.

1984CC supply center chart - 1903

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|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| AUSTRIA | vie,tri,bud,ser, gre | 4, -1 |
| ENGLAND | lon,lvp,edi..... | 3, even |
| FRANCE | par,bre,mar,spa,por..... | 5, even |
| GERMANY | ber,kie,mun,den,hol,bel..... | 6, even |
| ITALY | rom,nap,ven,tun..... | 4, even |
| RUSSIA | stp,mos,war,sev,rum,swe,nwy..... | 7, even |
| TURKEY | con,ank,smy,bul,GRE..... | 5, +1 |

PRESS - St.Petersburg: The czar is pleased to announce the birth of an heir, Gabriel Jordan, on Oct. 17, 1984. The surname of the ruling house will henceforth be changed from Romanov to Bakerov.

Ann Arbor: My congratulations to the czar.

The winter palace: After reviewing last season's moves, the czar has decided that in the future he will no longer write orders at 2AM while holding a crying baby.

Austria to France: Come on, Frog, come and get me. I dare yah. I double dare you. I'm sure Italy won't mind if you take Tunis on the way. Oh, that's right, I forgot, you are worried about that dangerous England. After all, you know he will just forget about protecting himself to get you, and Germany will be ready to fight both Russia and you. So, we are allies, but you ~~won't~~ can't send any aid, and Santa Claus is real also...

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1984AU

Ragnarok

Winter, 1903

Aus: Builds F TRI. Eng: Builds F LVP. Ger: Builds A MUN.
 Rus: A war r MOS; removes F bla, F sev, A lvn.

Spring, 1904

AUSTRIA (*James Early, 3705 Uruguay Dr., Pasadena, TX 77504*) F tri-ADR, A bud-TRI, A gal-UKR, A RUM S Turkish A CON-sev, A BUL S A RUM, F GRE S Turkish F AEG-ion(nso), A tyo-VEN.
 ENGLAND (*Terry Ross, 2939 Van Ness St. NW #845, Washington, DC 20008*) A STP S Russian A MOS, F bar-NWY, F SWE S F bar-NWY, F lvp-IRI, F mid-POR, F ENG-bre.
 FRANCE (*Dave Bruss, TCU Box 30644, Fort Worth, TX 76129*) A PAR-bur, A BRE-pic, A MAR S A PAR(imp.otm), F TYN-nap, F tun-ION.
 GERMANY (*Jim Petersen, 614 Fountain, Albert Lea, MN 56007*) A BEL-pic, A HOL-bel, A ruh-BUR, A MUN S A ruh-BUR, A WAR S Austrian A gal-UKR, A SIL S A WAR, F den-HEL.
 ITALY (*Paul Milewski, resigns*) F NAP-tyr, A PIE-mar, A ROM H.
 RUSSIA (*Len Kay, 24 Maple Terrace, Belmont, MA 02178*) A ukr-sev(d.a), A MOS S A ukr-sev.
 TURKEY (*Kevin Turner, 1204 29th Street Rd. #101, Greeley, CO 80631*) A CON-sev, F BLA S A CON-sev, F AEG-bul(sc).

Deadline for Fall, 1904 is 9PM EST Friday, January 11, 1985. Will Fred Townsend, 1715 N. Mohawk, Chicago, IL 60614, please take over as Italy. One of you has requested that the Fall, 1904 negotiating period be eight weeks long; the game would not appear here next issue. It seems to me that this would be a needless delay, but if all seven of you request this, I will grant it. All of you should submit orders by January 11, in case this proposal is defeated (and I hope it will be).

PRESS - Italy to Europe: I have seen a lot of outrageously tasteless press and received many bizarre letters, but I have learned never to discount the obvious. In this case, the person who appears to be in need of psychiatric help may already be on a day-release program. Fond farewell, you who know who you are.

TCU to Turner: Do you exist? Contact me.

TCU to England: Four more years of Ronnie? I don't think I could take it.

TCU to Petersen: Do we work, or do we fight?

Berlin to France: I

Berlin to France: could

Berlin to France: write

Berlin to France: short

Berlin to France: press,

Berlin to France: too -

Berlin to France: and

Berlin to France: beat

Berlin to France: you both.

Berlin to France: This makes 24 - putting me in the running.

Berlin to Ann Arbor: Sorry to have to do that to you, but David's (really exciting) rundown of TCU's (who?) schedule deserved it. (25)

Berlin to London: North Sea looked inviting for my "swimming armies", but I somehow resisted Russia's immense powers of persuasion.

1983AZ

MD-1

Winter, 1906

Aus: Removes A rom. Eng: Builds F LVP. Fra: Builds F BRE.
 Rus: Builds F STP(SC), A MOS, A WAR, A SEV.

Spring, 1907

AUSTRIA (*Dodge*) A boh-MUN, A TYO S A boh-MUN, A PIE S A TYO, A VEN S A TYO, F tyn-TUS, F wes-TYN.
 ENGLAND (*Meinel*) F lvp-NAT, F DEN S German F SKA-swe, F NTH S F DEN, F EDI S F NTH.
 FRANCE (*Barents*) F bre-MID, F mar-LYO, F lyo-WES, A par-GAS, A ruh-BUR.
 GERMANY (*Winslow*) A mun-RUH, A BEL S A mun-RUH, A HOL S A mun-RUH, F SKA-swe.
 ITALY (*cd*) F TUN H.
 RUSSIA (*Lincoln*) F bar-NWY, F NWG S F bar-NWY, A SWE S F bar-NWY, A FIN S A SWE, F stp(sc)-BOT, A ber-KIE, A pru-BER, A war-SIL, A mos-STP, A sev-RUM, A gal-VIE, A ser-TRI, F ion-NAP, F adr-ION.

Deadline for Fall, 1907 is 9PM EST Friday, January 11, 1985. I thank Lee Kendter for submitting standby orders. I am pleased they were not needed.

1984CB

Arrakis

Fall, 1903

AUSTRIA (*Browner*) A ukr-RUM, A BUL S A ukr-RUM, A gal-BOH, A bud-TRI, F GRE-ion, A WAR H.
 ENGLAND (*Patrick*) F den-kie(d,r ska,nth,otb), A hol S F den-kie(d,r ruh,otb), F eng-BEL, F mid-POR.
 FRANCE (*Juggeloff*) NMR. F BRE H, A GAS H.
 GERMANY (*Sandelin*) A PAR S French F BRE, F bal-DEN, A kie-HOL, F HEL S A kie-HOL, A BER-kie, A bur-MUN.
 ITALY (*Sheffield*) A ven-TYO, A rom-VEN, F tyn-TUN, F lyo-TYN, A SPA S A MAR, A MAR S A SPA.
 RUSSIA (*Jensen*) A stp-FIN, F SWE S German F bal-DEN, A rum-ANK, F BLA C A rum-ANK, F SEV H.
 TURKEY (*Johnston*) A smy-CON, F con-AEG, F EAS-ion.

Deadline for Spring, 1904 is 9PM EST Friday, January 11, 1985. France now lapses into permanent civil disorder. The GM will remove the French A GAS in Winter, 1903.

1984CB supply center chart - 1903

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| AUSTRIA | vie,tri,bud,ser,gre,war,RUM,BUL..... | 8, +2 |
| ENGLAND | lon,lvp,edi,bel,POR..... | 5, +1 |
| FRANCE | bre, par | 1, -1 |
| GERMANY | ber,kie,mun,den,hol,par..... | 6, even |
| ITALY | rom,nap,ven,tun,mar,spa..... | 6, even |
| RUSSIA | stp,mos,sev, arm ,nwy,ANK,SWE..... | 6, +1 |
| TURKEY | con, ank ,smy, par | 2, -1 |

PRESS - Vienna to St. Petersburg: (*Cackling laugh*) It is as it always has been. Fools and imbeciles who cannot come to the realization that there is no place for them in the natural order of things invariably do as you have done. Those who are unable to fend for themselves fall back on ridiculous labels such as "DARKNESS", "EVIL", and "GOOD" in the hope that society will protect them. Your prattling will not be heard. Make your own way in the world or die. (Signed) The Warlord.

The Darkness part two: Why is it different? Dark but not cold, dark but not closing, dark but not dominating. Why? I think it has something to do with understanding of it. Its dominance will not stand, but it will trap me. So I search for an exit, the light. My one thought: Destruction of the Warlord, Death! I shall destroy him! Search, destroy... Wait, how do I kill him? I'm weak, what am I thinking? The light. But how? I wasn't searching. It's as if something is pushing me. NO MORE TIME FOR THINKING. TIME FOR ACTION. WARLORD DIE. And I reached into the light... I was there again, and things had changed. I looked first at Eric, who had collapsed but looked at peace. Keaton GET THE WARLORD NOW! Yes, that is my mission. Wait, who said that? ACTION. I AM YOU AND YOU ARE ME. Yes, you are right, I'll get him. My eyes are blurry, but he was there, the Warlord. But something seemed wrong. He looked like Matt KILL. My lunge bit deep, as the last words pushed me over the edge. I did it, I killed the Warlord. He is a minor power, dead. I leaned over to gaze at the fallen foe, my eyes blurred, and I saw Matt lying there. Noooo... The Warlord laughed softly.

Turkey to Italy: Sorry, Bub. You're going to have to earn everything on this side of the board, unless you do what the whole world has been asking you. STAB AUSTRIA. Well, everyone except Austria. The army in Venice moved to Trieste, I hope.

England to Germany: I didn't expect any of this to tell you the truth. Well, while I am here, save some beer.

Germany to England: Likewise I don't care for English forces anywhere near Germany.

Berlin: In an attempt to maintain his position, the Kaiser has announced that beer and schnitzel disposal will be given to the armed forces assuming positive results in the upcoming battles.

England to Russia: The current state of affairs is quite ridiculous. Let's patch this all up, O.K. old chap?

Germany to Russia: It may not look the same, but the results will be; believe me.

Turkey to world: Merry Christmas!

1981KF

Ivanhoe

Winter, 1915

AUSTRIA (*Kendler*) Builds F TRI, A VIE, A BUD. Also has A LVN, A BER, A KIE, A MOS, A UKR, A RUM, A CON, A WAR, F GRE, F ALB, A ROM, A NAP.
 ENGLAND (*Rusnak*) Even. Has A STP, A DEN, F BOT, F HEL, F HOL, A LON, F MID, F ENG, F SPA(SC), F WES.
 FRANCE (*Lawniczak*) A hol r BEL, removes A ruh. Has A MUN, A BEL, A PIC, A GAS, F LYO.
 TURKEY (*Kiersz*) Removes F tyn. Has F AEG, F ION, A SEV, A ARM.

Deadline for Spring, 1916 is 9PM EST Friday, January 11, 1985. A separation of seasons is granted. The proposed draw was defeated. The following are now proposed: a concession to Austria, an A-E-F draw, and a 4-way draw. Press will be held till next issue.

Contest Puzzles

Here are the answers to last month's contests. Chuff Afflerbach submitted the winning answer, with a score of 115:

tIDAl
zePHYr
sCYThe
kIDNey

offBEat
quORum
mAJOr
cANVas

oCEAn
eLIXir
tRUAnt
aLiBi

aXIom
daRKNESS
eTHic
OUTWit

Chuff wins the three issue prize. As far as I can tell, this was the maximum score possible. I had a record response to this contest, so I've decided to run another round of it. Same rules, same prizes, different deadline, namely January 11, 1985.

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| _____YHO_____ | _____KPA_____ | _____NGH_____ | _____TNU_____ |
| _____NET_____ | _____KRU_____ | _____FUE_____ | _____TNI_____ |
| _____SIQ_____ | _____CEB_____ | _____IOU_____ | _____JAC_____ |
| _____FUR_____ | _____THM_____ | _____WOL_____ | _____ZER_____ |

The bridge puzzle was also well received. Jim Lawniczak submitted the correct solution. He wins five free issues. Fred Townsend was close enough that I've decided to award him three free issues. Here is the solution, with the hands rotated to make South declarer:

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|---|--|--|
| ♠ J 10 9 7 3 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 10 ♣ K 10 8 3 | ♠ K 10 3 ♥ A J 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ A K ♥ A J 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q J 7 6 5 4 | ♠ Q 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 9 7 6 5 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ _____ |
|---|--|--|

South, declarer at a contract of three notrump, can guarantee his contract regardless of the distribution of the enemy cards. South should play as follows: Win the spade lead, shedding a diamond from dummy. Next, enter dummy with the diamond ace to lead the two of clubs from the North hand. If clubs prove to be 2-2 or 3-1, South will have no problem establishing the suit, and he will end up taking at least ten tricks. Similarly, should East hold all four clubs, declarer will have little problem. East must either win his king at once (leaving South with the three top clubs which can extract East's remaining clubs), or play low (allowing South to win the first club with the queen). In the latter case, South continues with a club to the ace and a third club from dummy, limiting East to one club trick.

South's task becomes more complicated if West holds all four clubs. South puts up the queen on the first round of clubs, and West does best to let the queen win. (If West wins the first club, he must either lead diamonds (establishing them for declarer), lead a major suit (giving South an extra hand entry which allows him to finesse against West's club ten and later run the rest of the suit), or lead clubs (providing South with an opportunity to finesse; he later returns to his hand with the heart ace for the remaining club winners)). After the club queen holds, South continues with a low club toward dummy. Let's say West plays low (it does not help him to play the ten), allowing dummy's nine to win. Declarer then cashes the club ace and makes the key play: He leads the heart king from dummy and *overtakes it with the ace*. He then exits with a club to West's king. West now has his choice of losing options: He can lead a spade or a heart, giving South an entry for his club winners. Or he may have diamonds to lead. This does not embarrass South, for dummy's diamonds will become established by this defense; South can afford to discard a heart if West is able to cash two diamond tricks. If South is forced to discard a heart, he can no longer be sure of reaching his hand should West then shift to hearts. But South won't mind winning a heart play in dummy, since the diamonds are now good. Similarly, if West plays a diamond when in with the club king, and East wins it, the diamonds become established at once; South can safely win a heart shift from East in either hand.

Note the importance of the overtake play in hearts. Were South to play a *small* heart to the ace at that point, West would sometimes have a safe heart exit when on lead with the club king. South would be unable to force an entry to his clubs in this case and would have to rely on a fortunate division of the red suits to make his contract.

I've been asked where I get all these puzzles. The answer is I create them myself. To be sure, the concepts behind the puzzles are not brand-new, which I guess is why the puzzles look like they came from other sources. However, though the concepts are not original, the puzzles themselves are. I'm glad you enjoy them. I'm also glad to see so much interest in bridge; I've got lots of bridge hands for you pasteboard fanatics. I'll include a hand from time to time, if interest remains high.

1982Hgp03

WWIIIb

Summer, 1999

USSR: F norway r KATTEGAT, A russia r KAZAK, A iran r TURKMEN.

Fall, 1999

AUSTRALIA (*Rusnak*) F gulf of panama-ECUADOR, F EAST PACIFIC S F gulf of panama-ECUADOR, F INCA S F gulf of panama-ECUADOR, F ne pacific-GULF OF CALIFORNIA, F coral sea-SOUTH PACIFIC, A queensland-CELEBES, F ARAFURA SEA C A queensland-CELEBES, A java-SUMATRA, A kwangtung-SZECHWAN, A tsinghai-MONGOLIA, F SOUTH CHINA SEA S A kwangtung-SZECHWAN, F east china sea-PHILIPPINES, F yellow sea-HONAN, A KAMCHATKA H, F SEA OF OKHOTSK S A KAMCHATKA, F NW PACIFIC S A KAMCHATKA.

BRAZIL (*Rauterberg*) A bahia-HONDURAS, A amazonas-COLOMBIA, F porto alegre-BAHIA, F MOUTH OF THE AMAZON C A bahia-HONDURAS, A RIO NEGRO S A BUENOS AIRES, A CHILE-santa cruz, A ecuador-inca(d,r napo,otb), A ACRE S A ecuador-inca, A PANAMA S A bahia-HONDURAS, A honduras-MEXICO, A cordoba-URUGUAY, A BUENOS AIRES S A RIO NEGRO, A DIXIE-texas, F north atlantic-BAY OF BISCAY, F nw atlantic-NORTH ATLANTIC, F BERMUDA TRIANGLE-mid atlantic, F LABRADOR SEA-greenland, F ICELAND S Canadian F GREENLAND-greenland sea(nso), A ontario-DAKOTA, F CARIBBEAN SEA C A bahia-HONDURAS.

CANADA (*Petersen*) F gulf of alaska-ALASKA, A CALIFORNIA S A dakota-TEXAS, A dakota-TEXAS, F GREENLAND-labrador sea, F FRANCE(NC) S A WEST GERMANY, F UNITED KINGDOM S F FRANCE(NC), A WEST GERMANY S F FRANCE(NC), F SPAIN(SC) S WAF F western mediterranean-MID ATLANTIC.

UofSA (*Browner*) A SANTA CRUZ H, A NAMIBIA H, F GALAPAGOS SEA S Australian F INCA, F south indian-DRAKE PASSAGE, F FALKLAND SOUND S A SANTA CRUZ, F bay of bengal-BANGLADESH, A tanzania-RAJASTHAN, F WEST INDIAN C A tanzania-RAJASTHAN, F ARABIAN SEA C A tanzania-RAJASTHAN, F PERSIAN GULF C A tanzania-RAJASTHAN, A MAHARASHTRA S A tanzania-RAJASTHAN, F BLACK SEA S WAF A GEORGIA, F EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN S WAF F western mediterranean(otm).

USSR (*MacKechie*) F kattegat-SWEDEN, A KAZAK-georgia, A afghanistan-IRAN, A TURKMEN S A afghanistan-IRAN, A PAKISTAN S A afghanistan-IRAN, A SIBERIA-kamchatka, A MANCHURIA S A SIBERIA-kamchatka, F BERING SEA S A SIBERIA-kamchatka, A rajasthan-maharashtra(d,r kashmir,otb), A kashmir-PRADESH.

WARSAW PACT (*Geryk*) F east germany-DENMARK, A RUSSIA H, F BALTIC SEA S A RUSSIA, F NORWAY S F NORTH SEA, F NORTH SEA S F NORWAY, A RUMANIA H, A ITALY H.

WAF (*Kiersz*) F CENTRAL ATLANTIC C A guinea-PORTO ALEGRE, A guinea-PORTO ALEGRE, F SE ATLANTIC S F CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F MAURITANIA S F CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F GULF OF GUINEA S F CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F SW ATLANTIC S A guinea-PORTO ALEGRE, F MOROCCO S F western mediterranean-MID ATLANTIC, F western mediterranean-MID ATLANTIC, A SAHARA S F MOROCCO, A iran S South African A tanzania-pakistan(nso)(d,r iraq,otb), A GEORGIA S A iran, A TURKEY S A iran.

Deadline for Winter, 1999 is 9PM EST Friday, Januray 11, 1985.

1982Hgp03 supply center chart - 1999

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| AUSTR | nsw,wau,nter,nze,jav,bor,pap,phil,viet,kyu,thai,hok,honan,sze, | | |
| | inca,kam,s.kor,ECU,MON..... | 19, | +3 |
| BRAZL | bel,bah,m.gro,sur,ven,hai,cub,col,napo,hond, guy , xxx ,la pam,bol, | | |
| | dix, guy ,que,ice,ont,b.air,uru,PAN.... | 19, | -1 |
| CANAD | bc,ala,grn,uk,spa,fra,sakh,honsh, pan ,CAL,TEX..... | 10, | +2 |
| UofSA | ang,tran,moz,mala,gab,zam,som,ken,sud,mad,falk is,s.cruz, | | |
| | guy ,BAN,RAJ..... | 14, | +1 |
| USSR | guy ,kaz,sib,tsin,iran, moz , pan ,pak, xxx , guy ,SWE,PRA..... | 7, | -3 |
| WPACT | yug,hun,pol,aus,rum,grc, guy ,NWY,RUS..... | 8, | +1 |
| WAF | gui,mali,niga,mor,cam,mau,tun,lib,egy,s.arab,syr,geo..... | 12, | even |

1984AT

Jack of Diamonds

Winter, 1903

Fra: F mid r NAT. Ita: Builds F NAP. Rus: A gal r WAR.

Spring, 1904

AUSTRIA (*Rusnak*) A GAL S A BUD-rum, A BUD-rum, A SER-bul, A alb-TRI.

ENGLAND (*MacKechie*) A nwy-STP, F BAR S A nwy-STP, F ska-NWY, F hol-NTH, F ENG S German A par-BRE, F mid-POR.

FRANCE (*Beyerlein*) F nat-LVP, A bre-par(d,r pic,otb), A GAS S A bre-par, A SPA-mar.

GERMANY (*Riley*) F swe-BOT, F den-SWE, A KIE H, A BUR-gas, A par-BRE, A MUN-bur.

ITALY (*Kurucz*) A PIE-mar, A VEN-pie, F GRE S F ION-aeg, F ION-aeg, F NAP-ion.

RUSSIA (*Kiersz*) F BLA S A RUM, A RUM S A WAR-gal, A WAR-gal, F bot-FIN, A stp-nwy(d,r lvn,mos,otb).

TURKEY (*Geryk*) F EAS-ion, A BUL-gre, F AEG S A BUL-gre, A CON-bul.

Deadline for Fall, 1904 is 9PM EST Friday, January 11, 1985.

PRESS - Rome: We are pleased to announce the return of Uncle Ronnie Oregano to the Senate. Upon his arrival last week, he issued his first military orders of his new term, commenting, "Gosh, we did such a great job with the last set of orders, let's do it again!"

France to Russia: Just be thankful that Germany doesn't know about the Gulf of Bothnia.

Liverpool Daily Rag: Flash! Word has just reached Albion from across the Channel of a great insect disaster in France! Not a living bug is reported to have been seen from Cherbourg to Marseilles! Rumor has it that an entire boatload of syphilitic frogs is even now en route to our fair city. When asked to confirm the rumor, the French Ambassador remarked to confidential sources: "Ees home of le beetles, ne c'es pas?"

Athens to London: It's really peaceful here, now that everyone has his own Balkan.

Russ,
I don't like short deadlines for a number of reasons. Mostly, I don't trust the USPS enough to try it. So, I'm taking what I consider the least evil - separating seasons again. Sigh - ~~well~~ we'll get this game finished yet.

Jeff

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