

Issue #28

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Last month you all had the pleasure of reading my ravings about how much I hate noisy neighbors and wasting money on rent. Well, it looks like I'm really doing something about it, as I've agreed to buy my first house. All that remains is getting the loan approved, and I'll be joining the ranks of lawn-mowers and snow-shovelers. What fun. So, get used to sending mail to my post office box; I won't be at Platt much longer, maybe another couple of months.

Enclosed with this issue you'll find a ballot for the Marco Poll, and information on MadCon IV. I'm going to try to attend this one.

Standby pool for regular Dip: Holley, Townsend, Fleming, Drane, Peters, Henry, Frueh, Hugh Christie. For WWIIIb: Langley, Frueh. Does anyone want to be added to or removed from either list?

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Summer, 1907

Ger: A kie r DEN, F swe r NWY. Rus: F con r otb.

Fall, 1907

ENGLAND (Milewski) F iri-ENG, F MID S F iri-ENG, A LON H, F MAR H.

FRANCE (Frueh) F eng S German F hol-nth(nso)(d,r pic,wal,otb), A par-BRE.

GERMANY (Townsend) A BUR-mun, A den-kie(d,a), F HEL S A den-kie, F hol-BEL, F nwy-nth(d,r bar,otb).

ITALY (Jensen) F rom-TYN, F NAP'S F rom-TYN.

RUSSIA (Howard Christie) A boh-VIE, A GAL S F BLA-rum, F BLA-rum, F ska-NWY, F NWG S F ska-NWY, F EDI-nth, A kie-DEN, F BAL S A kie-DEN, A SWE S A kie-DEN, A BER-mun, A lvn-STP.

TURKEY (Plummer) F ANK-bla, A CON S F BUL(SC), F BUL(SC) S A CON, F alb-GRE, F tyn-ION, A ven-TYO, A SER-rum, A BUD S A SER-rum.

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EDT Friday, May 30, 1986. See Mark Frueh's press below for his COA.

1985V supply center chart - 1907

ENGLAND	lvp,por,spa,mar,LON	5,	+1
FRANCE	bre, par	2.	even
GERMANY	kie,ĥol,bel,¼øø,≴ø∉	3.	-1
ITALY	rom,nap	2.	even
RUSSIA	stp, mos, war, sev, rum, nwy, vie, edi, ber, mun, den, øøn, bull, SWE	12.	+1
TURKEY	ank, smy, gre, tri, ven, tun, bud, ser, CON, BUL	10,	+2

PRESS — Turkey to England: Any year is fine with me.

France to England: Waste your time by driving me will only insure Russia's victory. It would be wiser to move north.

France to Germany: Tell me what you want.

France to all: COA effective 5/5/86 - 4320 Wallace St., St. Louis, MO 63116 - taking Horace Greeley's advice - "Move West, young man" — about 200 feet due west. Hosting a small con Labor Day weekend.

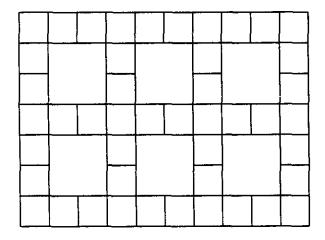
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Puzzle Challenge

The answer to last month's geometry problem is 110°. I'd prove it to you, but I don't know how. I bet I could have done it fifteen years ago, but now I'm just a mathematical has-been. I'd use Steve Langley's proof, had I not misplaced it. I could use Bruce Linsey's proof, but my failing brain doesn't understand it all, so I'd better not. No one else tried to prove his answer. Cowards. Did all of you guys dig out your protractors and do it the easy way? Or were you just too lazy to write down the proof, since it wasn't required? In any event, if you want the proof, you could try writing Steve or Bruce. I can't promise they'll answer, but I know I can't...

Onward to the next puzzle. Jim Lawniczak says that since three solvers still have perfect scores, I should make the puzzles harder. Very well:



Your task this time is to place the below letters in the diagram, one letter per box, to form common English words reading across and down. No capitalized, hyphenated, dialect, obsolete, slang, or archaic words are allowed. I only know of one solution, but if you can find more than one, you'll earn extra credit. If you can't solve the puzzle completely, you'll still get some credit if you can find any words that fit.

Letters:

A A A C C C C E E E E E E H H I I I I I I L M N N N O O O P P R R R R S S S S T U U U V Z

1985AC Saint Cleve Spring, 1905

AUSTRIA (Peacher) A ven-tri(d,a), A ROM-ven, A apu-ALB, F ION C A apu-ALB, A SER S Turkish A con-bul(nso), A GRE S Turkish A con-bul(nso).

ENGLAND (cd) A EDI H.

FRANCE (Peters) A par-BUR, A MAR S A par-BUR, F ENG-mid, F wal-LON, A tus-VEN, A PIE S A tus-VEN, F tyn-WES.

GERMANY (Chen) A BUD-ser, A mun-TYO, A kie-HOL, F den-NTH, F nth-YOR, F BEL S F den-NTH, A tyo-TRI, A VIE S A tyo-TRI, A ruh-MUN.

RUSSIA (Geryk) F NAT-mid, F lvp-IRI, F stp(nc)-BAR, A mos-SEV, A sev-ARM, F BLA S A BUL, F RUM S A BUL, A BUL H.

TURKEY (Kendter) A ANK H, A con-SMY, F aeg-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1905 is 9PM EDT Friday, May 30, 1986. I thank Mark Frueh and Lu Henry for submitting standby orders, and am pleased they were not needed.

PRESS — Berlin to world: In cooperation with our French friends, the German armies have been ordered to quiet the turmoil caused by the Austrian aggression against Italy.

Winter Palace Public Relations Dept. (from Vladivostock): News has reached St. Petersburg of a stunning Russian naval victory over the Japanese at the battle of Tsushima. Admirably led (no pun intended) by Admiral Boris Gerykovskii, the Baltic Squadron completely routed the numerically superior Japanese. Landings on the home islands themselves are scheduled for later this month.

Czarist Rules Question Dept. to GM: Conquering Japan is worth at least three extra centers, don't you think? GM to CRQD: You'd think so, but I can't find anything in the rulebook to allow this.

Puzzle Champions

Lots of people took a shot at the geometry problem. Steve Langley, Bruce Linsey, Matt Chen, Pete Kurucz, and Joel Peacher all got the right answer, earning 100 points each. Paul Milewski and Jim Lawniczak scored 90. The current standings:

1/3. Matt Chen - 400 points

4. Jim Lawniczak - 325 points

7. Joel Peacher - 100 points 8. Paul Milewski - 90 points

1/3. Steve Langley - 400 points 1/3. Bruce Linsey - 400 points

5. Chuff Afflerbach - 210 points

6. Pete Kurucz - 180 points

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WWIIIb

Winter, 2005

AUSTRALIA (Russ Rusnak, 900 N. Rohlwing Rd. #333, Addison, IL 60101) F caribbean sea r GUYANA; builds A WESTERN AUSTRALIA, A NORTHERN TERRITORY. Also has F PANAMA, F ECUADOR, F GULF OF PANAMA, F GALAPAGOS SEA, F EAST PACIFIC, F GULF OF MEXICO, F SOUTH PACIFIC, F SOUTH INDIAN, F GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT, F EAST INDIAN, F BAY OF BENGAL, F SUMATRA, A BURMA, A PRADESH, A ASSAM, A NEPAL, A KAMCHATKA, A TIBET.

BRAZIL (Paul Rauterberg) NRR. F united kingdom r otb, GM removes F bay of biscay. Has F CARIBBEAN SEA, F CUBA, F MOUTH OF THE AMAZON, A HAITI, F BERMUDA TRIANGLE, A PARAGUAY, A VENEZUELA, A COLOMBIA, A NAPO, A LA PAMPA, A RIO NEGRO, A BAHIA, F LIBYA.

CANADA (Jim Petersen, 614 Fountain, Albert Lea, MN 56007) F saudi arabia(wc) r otb. Has F LABRADOR SEA, F GREENLAND SEA, F NORTH ATLANTIC, F ICELAND, F NW ATLANTIC, A CALIFORNIA, A TEXAS, A MEXICO, A DIXIE, A NEW ENGLAND.

UofSA (Vince Springer, 5422 E. 77th St., Indianapolis, IN 46250) F pradesh r MADRAS; builds F MOZAMBIQUE, F TRANSVAAL, A ANGOLA. Also has F EGYPT, F EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, F SAUDI ARABIA(EC), F PERSIAN GULF, A PAKISTAN, A MAHARASHTRA, F GULF OF ADEN, F WEST INDIAN, F GABON, F SE ATLANTIC, A SANTA CRUZ, F FALKLAND SOUND, F BUENOS AIRES.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711) Builds F GEORGIA. Also has A SIBERIA, A IRAN, A IRAQ, A AFGHANISTAN, A KASHMIR, A RUSSIA, A UKRAINA.

WARSAW PACT (Pat Jensen, 712 Minnesota Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007) Builds A POLAND. Also has A AUSTRIA, A CZECHOSLOVAKIA, A BYELORUSSIA, F UNITED KINGDOM.

WAF (Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandview Pl., Montclair, NJ 07043) A austria r HUNGARY. Also has A TUNISIA, A CAMEROONS, F MID ATLANTIC, F CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F SW ATLANTIC, A CORDOBA, F GULF OF GUINEA, F SPAIN(SC), F FRANCE(SC), F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, F SYRIA, A YUGOSLAVIA, A RUMANIA.

Deadline for Spring. 2006 is 9PM EDT Friday, May 30, 1986. A separation of seasons is granted. Fred Hyatt is the new player for West Africa. The proposals were defeated. The A/C/UofSA/USSR/WAF draw is again proposed. Will Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825 please standby for Brazil. Note the COA for Russ Rusnak.

PRESS — Sevastopol: Striding down the pier, he breathed in deeply the pungent sea air. The sea had an inexplainable attraction to him, and had since he'd be the son of the Tsar. The lake at the summer palace had fond memories, and his successful establishment of St. Petersburg had opened up possibilities in the Baltic. But the Black Sea was what exhilirated him. This is where the action would be! Peters the Great looked proudly over his new fleet. And this was just the beginning. There would be more to follow, and...

"Hey, you there!" came a belligerent voice in a strange accent. Foreigners were common in 19th century Russia, due to Peters' westernization program. An uncivil tone to the Tsar was not. He wheeled around, but the rebuke died on his lips. How alien this stranger! His skintight one-piece suit glistened in almost painful brilliance. The stranger wore a sidearm, but it was of a strangely smooth metal and was almost featureless.

"Regret for choppin' in on yo hightrip. But yer not cognin' with yo skull! This 'flict yer shouvin' those floaters off fer is happenin' in my timeslot. Painin' to bring yer narcotrip to such a rude wakeup, but the year is 2005, not the 19th century."

"You babble!" cried Peters the Great, drawing his sword. "You are surely insane, and probably dangerous!" He swung down, but the arc was cut off in midflight by a blast from the stranger's gun. The Tsar stared in disbelief at his sword, hewn cleanly halfway down the blade.

"Regret fer this, yer Royalty," smiled the stranger, "but there's room fer only one High Proctor of Sovstates, and that's me." The gun blazed once more.

Eng: F bre r PIC. Tur: NRR. A smy r otb.

Fall, 1903

AUSTRIA (Langley) A ROM S F ion-NAP, A VEN S A vie-TYO, F TRI S A VEN, F ion-NAP, A vie-TYO, A GAL S Russian A war-SIL, A GRE H, A CON H.

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie) A NWY S German F fin-STP(SC), F BAR S German F fin-STP(SC), F swe-BAL, F BEL S F PIC, F PIC S F eng-BRE, F eng-BRE, F nth-ENG.

FRANCE (Jensen) A bre h(d,a), A gas-PAR, F TUN H, A SPA-mar.

GERMANY (Ross) A tyo-MUN, A sil-PRU, F fin-STP(SC), A bur-GAS, F bot-LVN.

ITALY (Springer) F mid-POR, A PIE-mar, F tyn-LYO.

RUSSIA (Kurucz) A stp h(d,a), A MOS S A stp, A war-SIL, A ukr-WAR, F arm-ANK, A SMY-Shores of Tripoli.

TURKEY (cd) No units.

Deadline for Spring, 1904 is 9PM EDT Friday, May 30, 1986. An A-F-R draw is proposed.

1985CX supply center chart - 1903

	vie, tri, bud, ser, gre, ven, bul, con, ROM, NAP		
	lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bel, bre, den		
	par, mar, spa, por, TUN		
	ber, kie, mun, hol, swe, STP		
	¢фм, мар, хим, РОR		
	≰tp,mos,war,sev,rum,ank,SMY		
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PRESS — London to Displaced Italy: How could you ever accuse Germany and England of hating each other? As cousins, we have the deepest respect for one another; pity that our cousin in Russia doesn't feel any of our family loyalty. London to Moscow: If Ice Cutter Minsk ever washes ashore in England, we'll be sure to display it in St. Petersburg, a gift to the Russian people from the ((illegible)) that cost you St. Petersburg.

Ann Arbor to London: Have you considered printing your press releases?

Berlin to Vienna: Could this be peace breaking out????

Berlin to world: The German Foreign Legion continues to make its way to the Sahara via Gascony. Next stop, Spain.

Italy: King Victorio Emanuel, with his shattered forces, retreated into France to meet up with the Italian Fleet somewhere in the Atlantic. The king hopes to up with the fleet somewhere in Iberia. With the still intact fleet, Italian forces will return to their homeland.

Austria to GM: If you are fleeing noisy neighbors, don't move next to people who keep peacocks for pets.

Ann Arbor: Yes, aviaries and kennels I can do without.

St. Petersburg to London: Our intelligence sources indicate that you have just crossed our Line of Death (Nwg/Barents border). So DIE, Churchhill face!!!

Russia to Germany: You have left me no choice.

Russia to France: Parlez-vous po-russky?

Tsar's Mount Arafat Expedition: Upon discovering what we believe to be the remains of Noak's Ark, our team found some documents, allegedly written by Noah himself, lining the bottom of the horses' stalls. The only writing we could decipher read: "F Arm-Smy".

1984CC Silverball Winter, 1911

Fra: A bur r PAR, removes F lon. Rus: Builds A SEV, A MOS. Tur: Builds F SMY.

Spring, 1912

ENGLAND (Peacher) A EDI S A LVP, A LVP S A EDI.

FRANCE (Petersen) A SPA-mar, A BRE S A PAR, A PAR S F PIC, F PIC H.

RUSSIA (Baker) A SEV-bul, F BLA S A SEV-bul, A RUM S A SEV-bul, A MOS-sev, A hol-LON, F NTH C A hol-LON, A ruh-BUR, A BEL-pic, A bur-GAS, A MAR S A bur-GAS, F mid-POR, F nat-MID, A pie-TYO, A gal-BUD, A VIE S A gal-BUD, F ENG S A hol-LON.

TURKEY (Howard Christie) A ARM-sev, A ven-TRI, F tri-ADR, A rom-VEN, A nap-ROM, F tyn-LYO, F WES S French A SPA(otm), F CON-bul(ec), F SMY-con, A ANK S F SMY-con, A SER S F CON-bul(ec), F gre-AEG.

Deadline for Fall, 1912 is 9PM EDT Friday, May 30, 1986. An F-R-T draw is proposed.

PRESS — Paris to Turkey and Russia: All right, I'll let you into the draw. I'll vote for a three-way this season.

AUSTRIA (Springer) A TRI-tyo, A VIE S A TRI-tyo, A SER-tri, F GRE-ion, A bud-GAL.

ENGLAND (Holley) A bel-PIC, F lvp-NAT, F lon-ENG, F NTH S F lon-ENG, F nwy-STP(NC).

FRANCE (Geryk) F BRE-eng, F por-MID, A PAR S A mar-BUR, A spa-GAS, A mar-BUR.

GERMANY (Plummer) A MUN-bur, A hol-RUH, A KIE-mun, F ber-BAL, F SWE S F ber-BAL.

ITALY (Petersen) F tun-ION, F NAP S F tun-ION, A TYO S German A MUN-boh(nso), A VEN S A TYO.

RUSSIA (Early) F BOT-bal, A UKR S A SEV, A SEV H, A war-SIL.

TURKEY (Baker) F rum-BLA, A bul-RUM, A con-BUL, A ARM-sev, F smy-AEG.

Deadline for Fall, 1902 is 9PM EDT Friday, May 30, 1986.

PRESS — Russia to E/F: GO! GO! Tear up the Kraut.

Russia to A/T: Off my back, please!

England to GM: Just got back from the dentist. How'd I do, chief?

Ann Arbor: Real good, champ.

Austria to Russia: You, my friend, are quite wrong. Austria has just as many chances to "eat Turkey's lunch" as much as Turkey can eat mine (no harm intended, Doug). In my opinion, an AT alliance is the best option to an EG alliance. Why don't you try it for once, I bet you never have. A novice I am not, you're the one that's getting "eaten up" from four sides. Austria to Ann Arbor: I wonder what kind of good, tasteful press I'm going to receive from Italy...

Ann Arbor: Funny you should ask...

Dm Subbos Dm to The Kaddaf: You are doomed. All the forces of Heaven (or Hell, I can never tell the difference) will be loosed upon you. Die Daily (you will). I.D.O.K. Soge. All Hail Discordia.

Camp of Demons: Enraged by the incredible gall of the Austrians — murdering Italian troops in Trieste — Dm Subbos Dm has declared a state of war to exist between the Damned Italian Empire and the Demented Holy Rollers. Calling upon the Prince of the Slavs and the Sultan to help destroy this evil that has come upon the noble face of Europe, Subbos predicted the end of The Kaddaf's rule within five years. So Said the Man in Egypt.

Venice (Canaan): In Venice, a great religious meeting took place. The greatest heroes of True Christianity met to find a way to victory in this (Un)Holy War. Pilate was there, and Saint Judas Iscariot, and Jesus Christ, King of the Jews, with the seventeen. They discussed the dire circumstances that Rome found itself in. They knew that as long as The Kaddaf had the Anti-Pope, Lucifer could not be summoned. Neither could the dead be raised, or Demons gated. Seeking what supernatural aid was available to them, they danced within the Pentagram for 23 hours, and summoned Baal to lead the Men of Israel in (Un)Holy War against the Demented Holy Rollers. 'And they were numbered 603,550 men, all able to go forth to war' (Numbers 2:46).

Albania (via Canaan): Later in the month, St. Judas was spotted in Albania. His purposes there were shrouded in secrecy, but it is known that unrest has grown among the people of the small nation, which was brutally subdued by the D.H.R. several months ago.

Greece (via Canaan): A strange case of mass hysteria was reported when several hundred people claimed to have seen Jesus Christ carry off relics of Dionysus from Athens. Poor Greece is another example of the D.H.R.'s imperialism, which is threatening to destroy the natural order in Europe.

Southern Italy: Meanwhile, A.C. continued his northward trek, getting as far as the ruins of Paestum. Here, drawing upon supernatural aid from Aiwazz, and some material components from J.C., he contacted the ancient Greek god, Dionysus. Dionysus took note of the disastrous situation in Rome. Knowing that only one thing could save the Damned Italian Empire now, Dionysus immediately set off for Tyrolia, where the Venician Army was currently making camp. He took control of the leaderless army, renamed it the Venusion Army, and told them that "only a True Venusion can truly kill a man... the afterlife is eliminated by the blade of a Venusion. You are the True Venusions." Dionysus announced that he will lead his troops out of the mountains — their mission: the rescue of the Anti-Pope from the Demented Holy Rollers. Naples: Now, A.C. decided it was time to reveal himself to the people of Italy. He moved north to Naples, built a fleet, and announced the creation of the Floating Abbey of Thelema. "Where this fleet goes, so shall go knowledge of our law: Love is the law, love under will.'... we will free the minds of the people. To Austria!" To Mega Therion immediately set off on his mission.

Tunis: But the Southern Fleet was lost in Tunis. Bereft of leadership, they wallowed in indecision. Only one thing could save the fleet now, and one man knew what that was. Drawing forth the Two of Swords, he knew that Peace was the only way. But the evil empire stood in the way of Peace, so Freeman Lysander Spooner decided that it was his duty to destroy the Demented Holy Rollers, to save the fleet. With the cry, "To Austria! To War for Peace, and for our lives," he rallied the sailors.

Terry Ross (England): At the outset, I want to extend my thanks to Jeff for his customary superb GMing. It was certainly an interesting game, although the alliances were dictated early on when France became a continual NMR candidate. That fact dictated England's choice of a serious alliance with Germany (Jim Petersen). Moreover, it made our natural order of attack against Russia (Len Kay), because France would already be ripe for the picking it was best to proceed against our only serious initial threat. Unfortunately for Russia, the Balkans were a quagmire. No one could come to agreement. Fighting a two-front war doomed Russia's efforts, especially when faced with a persistent and solid English-German alliance.

As soon as Russia was secure, we set upon France, and England wheeled its fleets into the Mediterranean. At that point, no serious naval opposition had developed, which made me begin to feel that the long-term prospects for England were good. Turkey, through rather dour play, could not be beaten by Austria, but at the same time had no hope for a breakout. So long as Austria (Jim Early) refused (through fear of the consequences) to attack Germany, he had no way to develop.

Thus, English naval power slowly swallowed Mediterranean centers.

Finally, I convinced Austria to join in an assault on Germany. The timing was perfect in that Germany had previously moved to protect on two occasions against expected English stabs that did not occur. Thus, Germany was afraid of alienating me by protecting against an attack. As a result, our initial attack crippled Germany and forced him into a defensive posture out of which he never emerged. From there it was just a matter of feeding the animosity that had developed between Austria and Germany to prevent a last-ditch attempt to stop England. Of course, I threw some centers at Austria to appease him. Finally, I saw an opportunity for my second stab of the game and in a single turn snatched four Austrian centers to go over the top.

My compliments go to Jim Petersen for superb tactical play and to Jim Early for his play. Indeed, I got to know Jim Early quite well and (after several dispiriting Dip PBM games) have had my faith restored in Dip PBM as a way to make interesting new friends. I look forward to seeing many Frobozz subscribers at Dipcon just down the road from me here in

Alexandria.

James Early (Austria): This was my first postal game, and it probably showed. I started out in alliance with Russia and Italy against Turkey. Italy copped out almost immediately, and then Russia decided to move to Gal in Fall '01. So, I changed sides and joined Germany/Turkey against Russia. Meanwhile, I noticed that a three-way E/F/G had formed in the west. A good talk with Russia (Len Kay) made me rejoin him and attack Germany. Our strategy against Russia was containment. Unfortunately, England/Germany got a good jump on Russia and he began to crumble. After I attacked Mun and Jim outguessed me and bounced me out, I realized what a good tactician he was and that my alliance with Russia was hopeless. So, I stabbed Russia, and he fell. I got Rum and Sev, so I was happy. The new Italian player was making very strange moves, so I attacked him. By now, France had NMRed a couple of times, and England/Germany jumped him. This is when the first of my stupid mistakes came. I forgot a conditional order, and so my five units around Turkey (which could have crushed him) sat still. England took Moscow and began to attack me in conjunction with Italy, Germany and Turkey. Here I made my second dumb mistake and forgot to order A Sev to retreat. That really cost me. I thought I was a goner. But, lo and behold, England changed sides. Here we formed an alliance against Germany, Turkey, and what was left of Italy. I think the major factor in Terry's changing sides was the season. Jim (Germany) went for four centers. He was growing too fast. Anyway, I was very nervous of Terry, because his center count kept rising rapidly each year. I continued to make dumb mistakes (such as forgetting to retake Vie), and finally Terry got tired of it and took the game. Congratulations to Terry for a very well-played game. (Any England who has a chain of fleets from Nth to Eas has done a great job). I must say that this has been the poorest I've ever played. Thanks for a well-run game, Jeff!

Jim Petersen (Germany): I hope nobody took my press too seriously. My congratulations to Terry Ross, who royally stabbed me in fine fashion. Also, I thank Paul Milewski and Len Kay for being such good sports about my (sometimes off-color) press. Lastly, I say HA! to James Early. James, you warned me so many times that Terry would stab me, how could you possibly have been fooled by him as well?!?

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