

FROBOZZ

Issue #47

October 31, 1987

I hope you all had a happy Halloween. Mine was just fine, until the gremlins decided to do me in, that is. I was minding my own business, typing the zine into my computer, when the doorbell rang. It was the Karate Kid, demanding a trick or treat. I gave him a Milky Way bar, and he thanked me and departed. It all seemed normal enough, but the gremlins must've snuck in when I opened the door. For when I returned to the computer room, I was greeted by a pungent odor that I can only describe as something like electrified Clorox. The gremlins had entered my computer and done it serious damage (smells like a shorted-out transformer). Whatever the problem is, I can't use the wretched thing till I get a chance to have it repaired, which means that I am now experiencing the thrill of typing this up at the office. It also means that I am behind schedule again and unlikely to finish this in time to get a November 1 postmark. But we'll see. I might just make it yet...

1986D has ended this issue in a three-way draw. However, I am not going to open another game right away. As I've mentioned, I've been feeling a bit overworked carrying six games. I'm cutting back to five for a little while at least. Please be patient; I will open another game within three months.

Standby pool: Geryk, Peters, Heinowski, Kurucz, Acheson, Richter, Gonsalves, Davis, Gibson, Sellers, Hood, Zarse, Lilleht, Lange, Townsend, Bakken, Noble, Vaporis, Holley. Does anyone want on or off the list?

1986CF

The Philosopher's Stone

Summer, 1907

Rus: A tyo r VIE.

Fall, 1907

ENGLAND (*Gonsalves*) A den-PRU, F NTH H, F nwy-STP(NC), F BAL C A den-PRU, A RUH S French A bur-MUN, A stp-LVN, F BOT S A stp-LVN.

FRANCE (*Vaporis*) A bur-MUN, A mar-BUR, A sil-war(d,a), A BER S English A den-PRU, A TYO-tri, F nap-TYN, F WES S F nap-TYN, F TUN S Italian F apu-ion(nso), A TUS H(U).

GERMANY (*cd*) No units.

ITALY (*Bakken*) A VEN S French A TYO-tri, F ADR S French A TYO-tri, F apu-NAP.

RUSSIA (*Drane*) A VIE S Turkish A TRI, A BOH S A pru-SIL, A war-GAL, A pru-SIL, A lvn-war(d,a), A sev-MOS.

TURKEY (*Rothchild*) A TRI S Italian A VEN, A SER S A TRI, F ION S Italian F apu-NAP, F GRE S F ION, F AEG S F ION, F EAS S F ION.

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EST Friday, November 27, 1987. The following draws are proposed: E-F-T, E-F-R-T.

1986CF supply center chart - 1907

ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, hol, nwy, den, swe, stp.....	8, +1
FRANCE	par, bre, mar, spa, por, bel, tun, kie, mun, BER.....	10, +2
GERMANY	ber.....	0, out
ITALY	rom, nap, ven.....	3, even
RUSSIA	mos, war, sev, rum, bud, vie.....	6, +1
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, ser, gre, tri.....	7, +1

PRESS — Italy to Turkey: Hey, I'm sorry. But you did it *again*. Your division of France gives you the three easiest centers and I have to take Paris and Brest!! Just how many chromosomes do you think I was born with anyway?

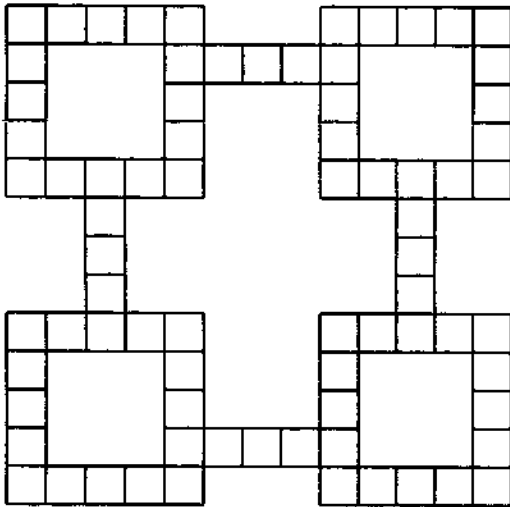
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Puzzle Challenge

Here the solution to last issue's puzzle:

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371246
417791
+514377
2129896
  
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Solve each of the twenty clues to the right with a common 5-letter English word and write each word in the corresponding blank. As a solving aid, you'll find that the 5-letter words are in alphabetical order. Then transfer each word to fit in the diagram above. Deadline for solutions is Friday, November 27, 1987.

Here is your next challenge:

1. In flight
2. Musical instrument
3. Footlocker
4. Heavenly sight
5. Great destruction
6. Military award
7. Righteous; moral
8. Extreme fear
9. Pit-bearing fruit
10. Wall adornment
11. Discarded morsel
12. Page
13. Flexible handle
14. Crown
15. Gin's adjunct
16. Incisor
17. Olympic symbol
18. European flower
19. Open (a bottle)
20. Requests strongly

The Scoreboard

I try to vary the difficulty of the puzzles somewhat, having them range from medium to very difficult. (I avoid making them too easy, for I believe most of you prefer the puzzles to be challenging). Last issue's puzzle was supposed to be pretty tough. And indeed, Melinda Holley commented, "Jeff — This one was hard!" But, Bruce Linsey said, "Easy one this time. I'll bet 6-8 people get it right." Hmm. I guess it isn't possible to set a very specific "difficulty factor". Anyway, Bruce was wrong, but not by much; five people submitted the correct solution. Melinda, Bruce, John Ricotta, Ted Davis, and Steve Langley each add 100 points to this year's score. Coming down the homestretch, it looks like no one can catch Steve:

1. Steve Langley - 764 points
2. Bruce Linsey - 676 points
3. Ted Davis - 671 points
4. Melinda Holley - 440 points
5. Pete Kurucz - 436 points
6. Jim Lawniczak - 347 points
7. Rory Noble - 312 points
8. Paul Milewski - 200 points

9. John Ricotta - 167 points
- 10/13. Scott Drane - 100 points
- 10/13. Alan Stewart - 100 points
- 10/13. Bob Acheson - 100 points
- 10/13. Jeff Zarse - 100 points
14. Brady Richter - 98 points
15. Mark Lilleleht - 80 points

1986CG

The Eye of Agamotto

Summer, 1907

Ita: A tri r VEN.

Fall, 1907

AUSTRIA (Milewski) F ADR-ven, A TRI-bud, A ser-tri(d,r alb,otb).ENGLAND (Geryk) A MOS H, A LVN S A MOS, F HOL S F BEL, F BEL S F HOL, F BRE H, F SWE H, F SPA(SC) S F MID, F MID S F SPA(SC).GERMANY (O'Brien) F KIE-hol, A TYO-tri, A VIE S A gal-BUD, A gal-BUD, A sil-PRU, A boh-GAL, A PIE-mar.ITALY (Ricotta) F LYO-mar, F TUS-lyo, A VEN H.TURKEY (Noble) F TUN S F ion-TYN, F ion-TYN, F aeg-ION, F bla-RUM, A SEV S F bla-RUM, A WAR S English A LVN-pru(nso), A GRE S A bul-SER, A bul-SER, A ROM S Italian A VEN.

Deadline for Spring, 1908 is 9PM EST Friday, November 27, 1987. An E-G-T draw is proposed. My thanks go to Michael Vaporis and Melinda Holley for submitting standby orders. I am pleased they were not needed.

1986CG supply center chart - 1907

AUSTRIA	bud, ser, xdm , TRI	1, -2
ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, nwy, stp, por, bre, mos, hol, bel, swe, spa	12, +4
GERMANY	ber, mun, den, par, mar, vie, kie, BUD	8, +1
ITALY	nap, xxx, xdm , VEN	2, -1
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, gre, sev, tun, war, xen , RUM, SER, ROM	11, +2

PRESS — Austria to the hordes crawling all over the rotting carcass of Austria like maggots: Greetings. I submit this (unofficial) tabulation of seasons in which orders were not received from one or more of the Great Powers. Not a game year has passed in which orders for moves, retreats, or builds have not been received from at least one player from whom they were due. The overwhelmingly superior positions right now of England and Germany relative to the other Great Powers are to a significant extent attributable to those two having sent in orders when others did not.

By the way, my attack on the Italian A Tri was to repay the Italian scum for his treachery of S'04. Had it not been for that foul deed, the Turk would not have recovered from his 1901 and 1902 NMRs.

	AUS	ENG	FRA	GER	ITA	RUS	TUR
F'01	NMR	...	...	...	...	...	NMR
S'02	...	...	...	...	...	...	NMR
F'02	...	...	NMR	...	...	...	...
F'03	...	...	...	...	NMR	...	...
S'04	...	...	NMR	...	...	NMR	...
			+ NRR				
F'04	...	...	cd*	...	...	NRR	...
F'05	...	...	out	...	...	NMR	...
S'06	...	...	out	...	...	cd**	...
F'06	NMR	...	out	NRR	...	out	...
W'06	...	NBR	out	...	...	out	...
S'07	...	NMR	out	NMR	...	out	...
	*no units			**only one unit			

Italy to Austria: No! No! No! It's supposed to be us against Germany, not each other!

1987F

The Blue Parrot

Spring, 1905

AUSTRIA (Rusnak) A rum-BUD, F bul(sc)-GRE, A SER S F bul(sc)-GRE, F ALB-ion, A VIE-boh.

ENGLAND (Ricotta) A wal-LON, A YOR S A wal-LON.

FRANCE (Richter) F lon-NTH, F bre-MID, F NAF-tun, F LYO-tyu, F WES S F LYO-tyu, A MAR-bur, A BEL-bur.GERMANY (Hood) A MUN-boh, A kie-HOL, A BER-mun, A sil-GAL, A WAR S A sil-GAL, A MOS S Turkish A arm-SEV, F nwy-NWG, F DEN H, F stp(sc)-BOT.ITALY (Chen) F TUN-tyu, F TYN-wes, A PIE-tyo, A TRI-tyo, F NAP S F TUN-tyu, F gre-ion(d,r aeg,otb).

RUSSIA (Barents) A sev-RUM.

TURKEY (Davis) A arm-SEV, F con-BLA, F aeg-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1905 is 9PM EST Friday, November 27, 1987.

PRESS — Italy to France: Any progress in the Mediterranean yet?

1986D Flying Carpet Fall, 1910

ENGLAND (Holley) A lvp-MAR, A lon-DEN, A hol-RUH, A KIE S A MUN, A STP H, A swe-PRU, A BER S A swe-PRU, A tyo-BOH, A MUN S A tyo-BOH, F MID C A lvp-MAR, F NAT C A lvp-MAR, F NTH C A lon-DEN, F NAF S F WES, F BAL C A swe-PRU, F LYO C A lvp-MAR, F BAR S A STP, F WES C A lvp-MAR.

GERMANY (Townsend) A vie-TRI, A WAR H, A GAL S A WAR.

TURKEY (Baker) F TYN-wes, F TUN S F TYN-wes, F nap-ROM, F ION S F TUN, A MOS H, A LVN S A MOS, A SEV S A MOS, A PIE-tus, A VEN-tus, A con-BUL, A SIL-boh, A boh-VIE, F aeg-GRE, A ALB S German A vie-TRI.

The proposed draws were defeated. However, no supply center has changed hands, nor has anyone declared a plan or an intention to break the deadlock. Therefore, the game is declared a 3-way draw under house rule 16. Deadline for endgame statements is 9PM EST Friday, November 27, 1987.

1986D supply center chart - 1910

ENGLAND lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bre, por, spa, par, bel, swe, hol, kie, mar, den, stp, ber, mun..... 17, even
GERMANY war, tri, ser..... 3, even
TURKEY con, ank, smy, bul, rum, bud, ven, vie, nap, tun, mar, gre, sev, rom..... 14, even

PRESS — Germany to Turkey: Just playing it safe when I did not hear from you. I will still do my part in the stalemate line.

1986D Final

Zine: Frobozz. GM: Jeff Richmond. A: Vince Springer (drop F02), cd. E: Melinda Holley (draw F10). F: Bruce Geryk (out F07). G: Stan Plummer (drop W08), Fred Townsend (draw F10). I: Jim Petersen (drop S05), Lu Henry (drop S06), Michael Gonsalves (out F08). R: James Early (drop F06), cd. T: Doug Baker (draw F10).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
AUSTRIA	5	3	0							
ENGLAND	5	6	7	7	7	10	13	17	17	17
FRANCE	5	5	4	4	3	2	0			
GERMANY	5	6	6	6	7	5	5	3	3	3
ITALY	4	6	6	6	5	3	2	0		
RUSSIA	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	0		
TURKEY	5	6	9	9	10	12	13	14	14	14

1987CA The Corner Guard Spring, 1903

AUSTRIA (Noble) A VIE S Italian A tyo-gal(imp), A tri S A VIE(d,r ven,otb).

ENGLAND (Davis) F LVP-iri, F LON-eng, F NTH S F LON-eng, F SWE H, A YOR-wal.

FRANCE (Milewski) A por-SPA, A PIC-wal, F ENG C A PIC-wal, F IRI S A PIC-wal, F BRE S F ENG.

GERMANY (Anderson) F kie-BER, F BAL-pru, A MUN-sil, A HOL-kie, A BEL-hol.

ITALY (Christie) A tyo-TRI, F ADR S A tyo-TRI, F ION-eas.

RUSSIA (Townsend) F BOT-bal, A PRU S A WAR-sil, F DEN-kie, A WAR-sil, A rum-GAL, A BUD S A rum-GAL, F SEV H(U).

TURKEY (Heinowski) A ser-ALB, F GRE S A ser-ALB, A bul-SER, A con-BUL, F smy-EAS, F AEG S F smy-EAS.

Deadline for Fall, 1903 is 9PM EST Friday, November 27, 1987. The proposed draw was defeated. Now proposed: an R-T draw, and an F-G-I-T draw. Hugh Christie is the new player for Italy.

PRESS — Austria to Italy: What's up with you? I'm bored with this war! Wanna go out for a beer?

Kaiser to Kaiser: Drop me another line at your convenience. Let's talk. ((Austrian press))

Austria to world: 1903! And I'm still in the game? Never say die!!

France to England: I know, I know, I'm vile, loathsome, and repugnant. No hard feelings, okay?

Germany to E/R: Good guessers can beat the best strategy!

1987HF

Benwick

Spring, 1902

AUSTRIA (Gibson) A VIE-gal, A BUD S A VIE-gal, A SER S Italian A tun-GRE, F ALB S Italian A tun-GRE.ENGLAND (Johnson) F nwy-SWE, F NTH-nwy, F LON-nth, A YOR-lon.FRANCE (Ricotta) F BRE-pic, A por-SPA, A PIC-bur, F ENG-bel.GERMANY (Rusnak) A mun-SIL, A ber-PRU, F kie-BAL, A DEN S English F nwy-SWE, A BEL-bur, F HOL-bel.

ITALY (Noblin) A tun-GRE, F ION C A tun-GRE, F nap-TYN, A VEN H(U).

RUSSIA (Vaporis) F STP(NC)-nwy, F swc S F STP(NC)-nwy(d,r ska,bot,fin,otb), A WAR S A GAL, A GAL S A ukr-RUM, A ukr-RUM, F rum-BLA.TURKEY (Sellers) A gre-ser(d,a), F bul(sc)-AEG, F smy-EAS, A con-BUL, A ank-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1902 is 9PM EST Friday, November 27, 1987.

COA: Ernest Johnson, 5300 SW 180 Ave. #1, Aloha, OR 97007.

COA: Dan Sellers, 4647 Easthaven Dr., Charlotte, NC 28212.

PRESS — Wien - Intelmerito Free Press: Pres. Gibby recently visited by spacecraft from one of Jupiter's moons! And it took him neighbor-peeking, on a nine hour trip, too! Found Czar Michael host to Sultan Dan, gobbling sauerkraut in the Kremlin, and Mike telling Dan, "I guess this kraut is the only taste of Deutschland we'll ever get." Found Paris in turmoil, paper headlines like, "Krauts are Coming!" and "A Million Parisians Fleeing to Spain." In London found Kaiser Rusnak having tea with King Ernie, and both agreed Sweden must be liberated, and probably Warsaw, too.

Bridge Corner

Here it comes! Despite the fact that Jeff Zarse "can't stand them", the bridge puzzle makes its triumphant return!

♠ 6 5 4
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 7 2
♣ K J 9

♠ 8 2
♥ K 5
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ Q 8 7 6 4

Matchpoints

Neither side vulnerable

Dealer West

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Your partner's two spade opening was weak, showing a sound six-card spade suit with 5-11 points. It's also worth noting that North's pass of his partner's three heart call was quite correct. Many inexperienced players would "hang" partner in this situation, raising on what appears to be substantial values. What they fail to realize is that South has not shown a strong hand. At matchpoints especially, it is usually unwise to sell out to a weak two when holding a distributional hand; most of the time partner will have enough strength that you can compete effectively. In other words, South is already bidding most of North's high cards with his three heart call. If South had had game aspirations, he would have reopened with a double before introducing his heart suit.

On to the play. Partner elects to lead the ace of clubs against the three heart contract and continues with a second club, won by dummy's king. Dummy's queen of hearts is led and wins the third trick. Then, the jack of hearts brings forth your king, South's ace, West's ten, and a smile from declarer. He then considers his options for a few moments and finally produces the nine of hearts, on which partner discards a spade. You unload a club. South next leads the eight of hearts. Partner sheds another spade, as does dummy. What will you discard? How do you plan to defend? Solution is on page 6.

Bridge Corner Solution

♠ 6 5 4
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 7 2
♣ K J 9

♠ K J 10 9 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ 8 6 5
♣ A 3

♠ 8 2
♥ K 5
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ Q 8 7 6 4

♠ A Q
♥ A 9 8 7 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ 10 5 2

This is almost a double-dummy problem, for the bidding and play have revealed much. Partner is presumed to have led from a doubleton club, is known to have held two hearts, and has shown six spades. This leaves him with three diamonds. Thus, his distribution is 6-2-3-2, and declarer's must be 2-6-2-3. Furthermore, you have an accurate count of declarer's tricks, except for those in spades. You know South has six winners in hearts, one in diamonds, and one in clubs.

South is apparently attempting to run some sort of squeeze. A little thought will show that if South holds both the ace and king of spades, or if he lacks the ace, then his attempted squeeze will avail nothing. The count has not been rectified for any ordinary squeeze, so you will have no trouble hanging on to your minor suit guards.

But when South has the spade ace and West has the king, more caution is needed. East found this out the hard way. He carelessly pitched clubs on the third and fourth rounds of trump, a fatal error. On the fifth trump, he could spare a diamond but could not afford to pitch another diamond on the last trump. (If he had pitched a second diamond, South would've then ducked a diamond to establish the suit. East would be able to cash one club trick, but that would be the last for the defense.) Therefore, on the last trump, East had to part with a spade. South then removed East's last spade by cashing the ace, and then exited with a club. East found himself on lead at trick eleven holding the K-Q-10 of diamonds; dummy had retained the A-J-7 of diamonds. East led the diamond queen, but it was allowed to hold, of course, and the ballgame was over. North-South +170.

East could have held declarer to nine tricks by discarding one low card from each side suit on the third, fourth and fifth rounds of trump. Should South continue with his last trump, East could then afford to pitch another diamond. Now South cannot gain by ducking a diamond, for East still has two club winners to cash.

West has to share some of the blame for this debacle. Anyone who leads a doubleton ace without good reason deserves the usually poor result he gets. Had West led a normal diamond, none of this would have happened.

_____ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

Dear Russ, The NWA title change sure turned out boring. All they're doing is setting up the "big rematch" Thanksgiving when Flair will obviously win. Crockett wanted to use this show to break into the pay-per-view cable-TV market, which is why McMahon is countering with the "Survivor Series." It, too, is on PPV, & cable companies that want *Wrestlemania IV* next spring have to take *Survivors* now along with the stipulation that they can't show competitors' shows for a number of weeks before & after *Survivors*. McMahon is clearly trying (successfully, it seems) to screw Crockett, but it seems illegal to me.

Best, Jeff

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