

Magus

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Coming to you from beneath six inches of snow, it is MAGUS again. Burned out, but still continuing on in its relentless fight to bring you... Then again, with the water out, burned out is probably a good thing. The pipes froze and burst near the washing machine. It took a bit of looking to find the main valve. Luckily, the water was all in the garage, and quickly froze. We still have chip it out, but it isn't as big a hassle as it could have been.

We are not alone in this. The emergency plumbers are booked solid until the middle of next week.

The boys are celebrating that they don't have to take baths. I am really looking forward to going to work and standing down wind.

On the bright side, this doesn't happen all that often. The previous big snow was in 1982. This one isn't as bad as that one, at least according to all of the natives who were around for both. Except for the burst pipe, and watching pickup trucks lose it on the freeways, this isn't all that bad. So, maybe the natives are right. Then too, maybe they are glamourizing the good old days.

We got a Nintendo for Christmas. Even as I type, Chris is defending the galaxy...wouldn't you know it, he left the galaxy undefended to run the Gauntlet. If we all are invaded by a huge war armada from distant stars, you'll know who wimped out.

We are down to one dog. Grabar took a run after a car and never came back. We have searched for two days now. But she hasn't shown up. The remaining dog is staying quite close. She has been given a short dispensation on sleeping indoors. The temperatures in the garage are low enough to freeze water instantly. According to the weather reports, this will extend on into the middle of next week. By then, we will probably have an indoor dog.

Nothing more boring than the weather, yet it is the hot topic of conversation just now. The two days I made it to work since the snow started, Wednesday, we had about 65% attendance, and all those who made it in spent a lot of the time there talking about the weather. My favorite part was watching the ducks in the frozen duck pond. No, not frozen into the pond, but walking around on the top, looking for a way to get to the water.

The dogs were no smarter. We have a pond to the rear of our back yard, and when it froze, the dogs ran around on the surface until they broke through. Come to think of it, Chris was with them.

That was before we got down to one dog. Every dog I see on the street looks like Grabar, for a moment or two. I've done that with people before but this is the first time it has happened with a dog. Dumb dog, just had to chase a car in the middle of a cold snap.

This is the list of those who are getting MAGUS. To be on this list, you have to play, standby, or have some other quality that makes me want to send this to you. What that quality might be, I leave to your imagination.

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This is the place you should look if you want to find out if there are any changes of address in the above. Oh, by the way, if you want me to change your address, tell me so.

Standby list: Mark Keller, Dick Martin, Melinda Ann Holley, Jim Burgess, Tom Hurst, Bill Quinn, Don Williams, Mike Pustilnik, Larry Botimer, Andy Lischett, Richard Hurley, Rick Kohman, Glenn E. L. Petroski, and Derek Levison.

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ZAT for the games will be March 3, 1989.

1987 CV New Kids Fall 1906

All proposals have been defeated. Still, there are some more for you to vote upon with next season's orders. Concession to Austrai, A/F, A/R/F are all proposed. And thanks once more to Bob Olsen. Will Derik Levison please submit standby orders for the French units?

AUS (Russ Rusnak 12) F Adr-APU, A Gal-WAR, A Bud-RUM, A Ven-PIE,
A PRU S A Gal-WAR, A Bul-CON, F Aeg-SMY, A SIL S A Gal-WAR,
A Rum-UKR, F EAS S F Aeg-SMY, F Ion-AEG
ENG (Don Williams 4) F Iri-NAT, A DEN-Kie(fails),
F Nwy-NTH(fails), F Wal-LPL
FRA (NMR Steve Emmert 10) F ENG H(u), A PIC H(u), F MID H(u),
A BUR H(u), A MAR H(u), A MUN H(u), A KIE H(u), A HOL H(u),
F EDI H(u), F NTH H(u)
RUS (Ron Cameron 5) A MOS S A War, A Ukr-GAL, F Bla-SEV,
A War S A Ukr-GAL(cut, dislodged), A STP-Nwy(fails)
TUR (Mark Weseman 3) F Con-BLA, F ANK S F CON-BLA, A Smy-ARM

1987 CV New Kids Winter 1906 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud Tri Vie Ser Bul Gre Ven Rom Tun Rum Nap Ber	+3; builds 4
	WAR CON SMY	
ENG	Lon Lpl Den Nwy	+0; even
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel Mun Hol Edi Kie	+0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War(lost) Swe Sev	-1; removes 1
TUR	Ank Con(lost) Smy(lost)	-2; removes 2

1987 CV New Kids Press:

DON to ALL: Yeah, I'm a sorry slob, I know it. Sorry...

CAMERON to EMMERT: I may write strange letters, but at least I write. You are close to a win here, but can't even see it. Even Langley sees it, but won't comment. Even Olsen sees it and he's Daf, Dumb and Blind.

GM to CAMERON: What do you mean ... "even"?

MOS to VIE: This one is all yours.

MOS to LON: Welcome to SWE.

MOS to PAR: Welcome to BER and LON.

MOS to GM: I will now vote yes to all proposals. A very well GM'd game.

GM to MOS: I suppose that's why you said, "even".

1982 CH The Aliens' Game Autumn and Winter 1929 and Spring 1930

Both the AEIR and EIR draws were defeated and repropoed, again.

AUS (Steve Dorneman 1) A Ser R BUD; A Bud-Rum(fails, dislodged)
ENG (Jeff Martin 17) A Stp-MOS, F HEL H, A Mun-TYA, F NTH H,
A SIL S A Boh-GAL, A Boh-GAL, A BER H, A PRU-War(fails),
A LVN S A Stp-MOS, F BAL H, F BOT S A LVN, A Bur-MUN, A MAR H, F
NAF S F WES, F SPA(sc) S A MAR, F MID S F WES, F WES H
ITA (Jim Burgess 11) A VIE S A Tya-BOH, A Gal-Sil(fails, dislodged),
A Tya-BOH, F Gre-ALB, F BUL(ec)-Rum(fails), F PIE-Mar(fails),
F TUN S F TYH, F TYH S F GOL, F ION S F TUN, F GOL S F PIE-Mar,
A TRI S RUS A Ser-BUD
RUS (Andy Lischett 5) builds A SEV; A SEV-Mos(fails), A Ser-BUD,
A WAR H, A Mos-Lvn(fails, dislodged), A UKR S A WAR

1982 CH The Aliens' Press

ITALY to GM: We can do without your quick wit. I've been struggling with this game for a long time. If England wins, he will deserve it, but I won't give up until the 18th dot is in the bag.

GM to ITALY: Try doing without my quick wit. Send your moves to someone else for a change.

ITALY to AUSTRIA: It would have been nice if you made it easy for us and if you did you have my genuine thanks.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: Actually, in this game you could have said it, and I would have helped you. Now I hope England gets the win, and would have done whatever he asked - if he had asked.

JIM to STEVE: I know you are bored, but look at it this way, it's the longest postal dip game I've even seen. Take pride in that.

STEVE to JIM: It was around before you were. It was almost around before I was. The first game I joined was opened just before this one. If you don't shape up, I may just outlast it, too.

AUSTRIA - HOME PLANET: Beam me up, Scotty. There's no intelligent life here, and the Alien's are going home.

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Winter 1905 and Spring 1906

The SC chart was in error, Austria, not Turkey owns Warsaw. The E/F/A/T draw was defeated but has been repropoed. Oh, and will da Toadfadder please send in an order for the Italian unit again?

AUS (Gary Behnen 9) builds A VIE; A SIL-Mun(fails),
A TYA S A SIL-Mun, A BOH S A SIL-Mun, A WAR-Sil(fails), A
PIE-Mar(fails), A VEN S F ROM, A MUN-Kie(fails), F ROM S TUR F
ION-Tyh, A Vie-GAL
ENG (Mike Pustilnik 8) NBR, plays one short; A YOR H, F Hel-NTH,
A KIE H, A STP H, A FIN S A STP, F BAL S A KIE, F BAR S A STP
FRA (Richard Hurley 7) F SPA(sc)-Gol(fails), F NAF S ITA A TUN,
F MAR S F SPA(sc)-Gol(cut), A HOL S A RUH, A BUR S A RUH,
A RUH S A HOL, F WES S F SPA(sc)-Gol
ITA (NMR Steve Emmert 1) A TUN H(u)
TUR (Kathy Caruso 9) F CON-Aeg(fails), A MOS S A LVN-Stp,
F ION-Tyh(fails), F TYH-Gol(fails), A PRU S A BER,
A LVN-Stp(fails), A BER S AUS A MUN-Kie, F AEG-Ion(fails),
F TUS S F TYH-Gol

1987 HX Slimey Dogs Press:

TURKEY - AUSTRIA: For an old guy, you are awfully mouthy.

ENGLAND to A/T: You guys are right, I guess. Lets end this boring farce.

TURKEY to GMS: Now you know very well what Faz says - Better to be in than out!

GMS to TURKEY: In and out is better yet...and in and out and...

PARIS to TUNIS: Please support the draw, I'd hate to feed you to Kathy.

TURKEY to E/F: Look, vote for the draw, France is too wishy-washy to stab for blood. He'd probably faint and England is too busy sticking people in Brooklyn to care about fake blood here!

PARIS to VIENNA: I've got a really interesting move for you.

AUSTRIA to GMS: You mean, I show you mine and you'll show me yours?!

AUSTRIA to DODGER: OK, who is the scum, as if we didn't know....

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: You bet, you're safe with me. With the big, bad duck out to do me in, well, no more stabbin' for this farmboy!

AUSTRIA to FRANCE: Now, really, you would've hit England if I hit Turkey a few seasons back?

AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: Why you chose a 4-way rather than a 3-way (at worst) only Hurley knows.

AUSTRIA to ALL: I trust this game won't continue much longer!

GM to AUSTRIA: I can remember saying the same thing about Aliens, back in 1985, or was it '86?

1987 AL Euro Style Spring 1910

F/G/T and F/G/R are both defeated. F/G/R is reproposed.

AUS (Kathy Caruso 2) A Vie S A TRI(cut, R OTB), A TRI S A Vie(cut)
FRA (Rick Kohman 9) A Spa-TUS, F NAP S F Tyh-ION, A GAS H(u),
F GOL C A Spa-TUS, F TUN S F Tyh-ION, F BRE-Mid(fails), F Tyh-ION,
A PIE S GER A MUN-Tya(nso), F Apu S F Tyh-ION(cut, R OTB)
GER (Bob Slossar 9) A Mun-TYA, A Kie-RUH, F Hel-NTH, F Bal-PRU,
F NAT-Mid(fails), A BOH S A Tya-VIE, A GAL S A Tya-VIE(cut),
A VEN-Tri(fails), A Tya-VIE
RUS (Richard Hurley 5) A LVN H, A MOS S A UKR-Sev, A WAR S GER A GAL,
A UKR-Sev(fails), A NWY H
TUR Larry Botimer 9) F ADR S F Ion-APU, A ARM-Sev(fails),
A SER S A Sev-RUM, A Sev-RUM, F BLA S A ARM-Sev, A BUD-Gal(fails),
F EAS-Ion(fails), F Ion-APU, F Smy-AEG

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

KATHY to ST.P.: Mickey Mouse has nothing on me. Bo(t) says when I turn 40, he'll buy me a Richard Hurley Wrist Watch.

GM to KATHY: But will they still be making them in 11 years? Don't forget, a Quayle on the wrist is worth two Turkies in the promise...or something like that.

AUST - RUSSIA: F/G/R! You really do have rocks in your head!

KATIE - GM: Now you take that back - I am not braindead - I get moves in (no matter how stupid - I even make moves for Mushbrain every other month!)

GM to KATIE: I'm sorry. I take it back. Too bad you couldn't get the Mushbrain moves in on the months he misses. What chaos that would bring to the game.

RIN TIN - KATIE: Well, I wonder how the latest of my braindead storms did? /Froze everything around here/

RIN TIN - F/G/R: I take it you three are of the opinion I don't deserve a piece of the draw. Why?

RIN TIN - GM: I can tell I'm going to accept less than my just reward here simply to be rid of these guys. But I won't forget, you can be damn sure. GM to EURO STYLE: You read it here, Bo(t) has a memory that transcends the game. Cross Gamer! Cross Gamer!

GM to ALL: What's it going to be, gang, white space, or shall I fill the space with my ready wit. I take it that's your final word.

1986 A Slowtime Fall 1912

The R/T draw failed to pass. Thanks to GELP for the unused orders.

ENG (Tom Hurst 4) F Bre R OTB; F NAT H, F IRI H, F ENG H
FRA (Bill Quinn 4) A PAR-Pic(fails), A BRE H, A PIC-Bel(fails),
F POR S TUR F MID
ITA (Larry Botimer 1) A Tun-NAF
RUS (Don Williams 14) A Mun-BOH, A Nwy-EDI, F Stp(nc)-Nwy(nsu),
F NWG C A Nwy-EDI, A Den-LON, A Hol-RUH, A Rum-SEV, A Bur-MAR,
F NTH C A Den-LON, A PIE S A Bur-MAR, A BEL S A Hol-RUH, A Ruh-MUN
TUR (Flash Fassio 10) A GRE H, A Rom-VEN, F Ion-TYH, F Tyh-GOL,
A Ven-TRI, A Tri-VIE, F WES S F MID, F MID H, A BUD H

1986 A Slowtime Winter 1912 Supply Center Chart

ENG	Edi(lost) Lon(lost) Lpl Bre(lost)	-3; removes 2
FRA	Por Mar(lost) Spa Par BRE	+0; even
ITA	Tun	+0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War Rum Bud(lost) Vie(lost) Swe Ber Mun Kie Nwy Den Hol Bel EDI LON SEV MAR	+2; builds 5
TUR	Ank Con Smy Sev(lost) Bul Ser Tun Gre Tri Rom Nap Ven BUD VIE	+1; builds 3

1986 A Slowtime Press:

ENG-WORLD: I DID get my moves in before the deadline. I guess that the USPS got me again. In any case, what the hell difference did it make?

KINGNOME-FATFACE: I gave this up long ago. Don't look at me for one who is preventing the draw! As for the rest, I'll not forget this. The more you grind it in, the more I'll remember it. /as the actress said to the bishop/ Cross-gaming is one thing. Remembering who is an asshole is another! There comes a time when opening your fat mouth does more harm than good. Have you learned just when that is yet?

RUSS SB - MUSHBRAIN: Either play this damn game or give your country to me before you have less centers than Bo(t).

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: At long last it's come to this. Russian marines in the streets of London and/or Edinburgh. The lights in England are slowly going out...

RUSSIA to ITALY: I trust you are enjoying the show.

RUSSIA to FRANCE: Sorry, Quill, but let's say I somehow needed to avenge my ill-fated fleet. Even?

GM to RUSSIA: I think even is yet to come...in spades!

RUSSIA to TURKEY: Well, my friend, the Russian war machine is in gear. Let's hasten this - victory awaits!

RUSSIA to GM: Hope everything goes well with you, Daf and clan.

(ANK) Hurry, hurry, step right up, ladies and gentlemen! See the Amazing Shrinking Man! Guaranteed to go from 4 centers to 1 or 2, right before your eyes! It's amazing, it's stupendous, it's Hurstian Logic at it's finest. From the men who gave you the "fight to the last round" logic of the Eastern Front, we now give you "England: The Shrinking Violet." Come one, come all, but come quick, before he's gone. (The preceding was a paid political ad by the "We're tired of trying to convince Tom to surrender with honor" committee, Turkey and Russia, Co-Chairmen).

(FazWhan to Bro(t)): Avast there, Lorenzo of Tunis! Prepare your men for the sea voyage we're about to undertake in the next game year...assuming there's any coastline left to invade, chortle. GM to

Flash: Sorry Flash, but there is no time left to type the rest.