

Magus

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This has been one of the busiest months of my professional life. Definitely a case of biting off more than I can chew. Except that I haven't exactly bitten. I've been put in charge of the CRI production team, which I handled a few months ago without too many problems. That was then... Now, Blue Cross (my client in all this) has just lost its other government contract, so all the stuff that was being shared between the two groups has suddenly become mine. Complicating that, we have just discovered that we have been losing History records for the past two and a half months.

But enough about my work problems (I realized that was just getting started, and was already boring).

The keyboard has cleaned itself up a bit. I suspect that the problem was that Chris (who would never ever eat while using the computer) spilled some food or drink on the keys, thus affecting the contact. The I key and the '[' key are the worst affected, and they are getting better with use. In fact, I have only had to overtypa a dozen or so "i's" so far. Last month it was more like a dozen overtypes per "i".

I just heard a brand new translation of 'Mack the Knife' and it gave me chills. I don't get chills very often, especially from songs. It's part of the latest version of "The Begger's Opera" that is slated to open on Broadway in a month or so. Sting has the song, and although I am a Sting fan, that wasn't why I felt the chills. The phrasing makes it the new Dip theme song. Trust me on this one.

Summer had one last glorious fling last week. Seattle logged a day in the 90's. The hottest day for that day of the year since they started keeping records. It was part of a week of sun and clear skies. Just as suddenly (and unexpectedly) as it came, it passed, and now we are into Autumn. Cold days and light rain. The sort of weather that made Seattle famous.

We are still camping out here in our own home. The carpet man's broken wrist put him so far behind schedule that he still hasn't gotten around to us. It has been so long, that we sort of lost track. Yesterday Daf and I suddenly realized just how long it has been, and decided to try to hire an alternative carpet layer. Maybe by the time #97 comes out we will have everything moved back into the kid's rooms. We had better do something soon, the kitchen table and chairs are just about due in.

Our home has become dog central...again. Winston must throw some really interesting parties when we are out. When the boys got home from school there were six dogs visiting her. She's been spayed, so that isn't it. By the time I got home, an hour later, we were down to three. I saw a couple others wending their way down the street as I drove up. They don't dig the place up, and they don't raid the dog food, so there is no real down side. I imagine any intruder would think several times before trying to break in. Still, I wonder what the attraction is.

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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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, and Rick Kohman,

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ZAT for the game will be October 27, 1989.

1987 AL Euro Style Spring 1913

If you actually happen to be following this (players don't count), you might be a bit confused about who is playing and how did the French units get to where they started from. There is a simple explanation...I screwed up. Ricko was not NMR...I just adjudicated a week early last time. I did a readjudication for the players alone and we are taking it from there.

Both concessions failed to pass. F/G and R/T draws are proposed.

1987 AL Euro Style Fall 1913

FRA (Rick Kohman 11) A PIE-Tya(fails), A Rom-VEN, A BUR-Mun(fails),
F Ion S F GRE(disl;R OTB), F WES S F Spa(sc)-MID, F Eng-PIC,
A Ven-TRI, F ADR S A Ven-TRI, F GRE S F ALB, F ALB S A Ven-TRI,
F Spa(sc)-MID
GER (Bob Slossar 15) A TYA-Mun(fails), A LVN S A Sil-WAR, F Nth-BEL,
A VIE S A GAL, A STP S A LVN, F Lon-NTH, F Bot-BAL, F NAT H,
A GAL S A Sil-WAR, A SER S FRE A Ven-TRI(cut), A BUD S A SER,
A Tri-Tya(disl;R OTB), A PRU S A Sil-WAR, A Sil-WAR, A Mun-RUH
RUS (Jim Burgess 3) A MOS S GER A PRU-War(fails;nso),
A War-Gal(disl; R UKR), A SEV S A MOS
TUR Larry Botimer 5) A RUM-Ser(fails), A BUL S A RUM-Ser,
F BLA-Rum(fails), F Eas-ION, F AEG S F Eas-ION

1987 AL Winter 1913 Supply Center Chart

FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lon Tun Rom Nap Ven Gre TRI	+1; builds A PAR A BRE
GER	Ber Kie Mun Den Bel Hol Edi Lpl Vie Swe Nwy Tri(lost) Bud Ser War STP	+0; builds A MUN,
RUS	Mos Stp(lost) Sev	-1; removes A MOS
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Rum	+0; even

1987 AL Euro-Style Press

GERMANY-FRANCE: As a symbol of our long term alliance we are happy to present you with the city of Trieste.
TURKEY-GERMANY: Surely you jest.
BOB-JIM, LARRY: I proposed the F/G and I'll vote for the F/G.
RIKKO to BOB and BO(T): Okay, which one of you cute guys proposed the F-solo? Since it was printed before Steve received my orders...???
GM to RIKKO: Sure, rub it in why don't you???
RIKKO to STEVE: So, what is there to remember about the early '70s? Watergate? Tony Orlando & Dawn? Howard Cosell? WHAT?
STEVE to RIKKO: I was single, had money, and rode a red motorcycle.
RIKKO to ALL: NEW CONTEST! Somebody name One Significant (Positive) Thing that happened between 1970-75! (The "end of Vietnam" don't count - it's a result of the efforts of us Sixties-Muthas, and the pull-out is overshadowed by the POWs/MIAs left behind--and are STILL being ignored!)
STEVE to RIKKO: Sort of stream of concioused your way through that one, didn't you?
BOOB MUSES: How many confused aging hippies does it take to send out a szine on time?
GM to BOOB: I know, I know (waving hand to attract attention)...I know the answer to that one.

BOOB ANSWERS: Three, one to send out the results, one to remind the one sending out the results that the deadline has passed, and one to remind the one sending out the results that it hasn't passed. Unfortunately we only have two. Rick can't be two and three...which will he choose this time?

GM to BOOB: Let me give you a clue, this is the Friday following the ZAT and I'm still typing in press.

RIKKO to BOOBIE: You're right! //Hey, hold on there...we could get by with just one if we wrote notes to ourselves...// Your penmanship out-craps mine -- and it even noses out Bo(t)'s! In the future, please have your correspondence hand-delivered by an interpreter. //Oh...//

LARO-RIKKO: It's a long way to Berlin but it's possible if it's not over. //Have you never heard the term...stalemate line?///

TURKEY - RUSSIA: Well lets hope we can keep you alive a long time.

GM to TURKEY: BOOB has a true knack with tiny countries. If you don't watch him closely, he will end up owning the game.

RIKKO to "The B-Team": Two of ya gotta change your names: between Bob, Boob, and Bo(t); I can't keep my allies/enemies straight...

GM to RIKKO: That's part of the appeal of the game for some, you can't keep anyone straight.

BERLIN: The Kaiser announced today that Germany is in favor of peace based on the original goals & terms spelled out in the Franco/Prussian treaties.

GM to RIKKO nad BOB: I guess Kathy had the two of you figured out, didn't she?

BOB - GM: I'm not sure how but I'm convinced that this is all Don Williams fault!

GM to BOB: Careful, he might read this, and then...Well, just let me remind you that Bob Olsen took him on a while back, and look at Olsen now...exiled to Southern California.

du Bouillabaisse to Baron Schlock: France laid first claim to Iceland. Germany has continuously blockaded our access. Your Master-Plan is now evident -- first deny us any Icelandic Cod, and then attack our Catholic provinces on a Friday! Can you also cut off Kamchatkan vodka and Afghanistan hashish?

GM to du Bouillabaisse: Wicked mixture you are proposing there...if I were you I'd cut way back. And London isn't Catholic...votes Labor though...