



Magus

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This is quite a bit later than I had planned. I'm not referring to the November issue that should have been # 98. There wasn't a whole lot I could do about that. I am referring to the December issue that was to have followed up the issue I didn't do in November. The trip to the hospital was over, and I was starting to be healthy enough to sit up at the terminal just about the time the delayed ZAT was set for. And...the WordWriter program wouldn't load. I fiddled with it and with my copy routine (in an attempt to rescue the program), until I finally figured out that none of my software was loading properly. This was especially frustrating, since the game disks that Chris was still using with the joystick were loading without trouble. I felt somewhat put upon and just about gave up on the concept of Kharma.

I am still of the opinion that what was wrong with the computer had a direct link to the spaghetti sauce he had splattered all over the keyboard (while attempting to eat and RoboCop all at the same time). As it turned out, it was only the keyboard which wouldn't work. Both the WordWriter and the copy program relied on keyboard interface instead of joystick. Thus I was out of a computer, while Chris was still able to play all of his games.

I found a repairperson who estimated that he could possibly fix the keyboard (no guarantees) for an estimated price of a new computer. You will no doubt all come to the same conclusion I did. But, alas, they don't sell C128s anymore. At least not that I could find in Seattle. I got a few salespeople to tell me that the Amiga is a better buy, and that the new Colt will do what I want...et al. Finally I found an old C128D that really would do all that I wanted. So, after plunking down a bit more than the repairperson wanted, I have a new computer to do this with, and (not that I turned out to need it) a new copy of WordWriter to run on it. On the upside, the C128D has a very inconveniently placed joystick port. In fact, the way this computer desk is constructed, along with the way the computer fits, it is almost impossible to use a joystick. Maybe this one will survive without taking a saucing.

I did try to move over to the IBM clone, but came to little joy there, either. A while ago Daf bought me a mouse for the clone, and I bought the serial port to mount the mouse, and installed the port myself. I mention this only because I feel that it is directly related to the fact that the floppy disk drive in the clone no longer works. Since I don't have a printer on the clone, I figured I would type you all up on the clone, download it to a floppy, and get Daf to print it at her work. But, no way Jose.

I have tested the printer and, the new disk drive (the C128D comes with a very fast drive) and so I feel that I really am in business here. And that's the rest of the story about why I am late.

1987 AL Euro Style Fall 1914

All draws were defeated. Now we have F/T, F/T/R proposed.

FRA (Rick Kohman 12) A PIE-Tya(fails), A VEN S A TRI,
A BUR-Mun(fails), F Wes-MID, F ENG C A PIC-Lon, F Mid-NAT,
A TRI S A PIE-Tya(cut), F ADR S A TRI, F Gre-Aeg(fails, R OTB),
F Alb-Ion(fails, R OTB), A PIC-Lon(fails), A PAR-Pic(fails)
GER (Bob Slossar 15) A TYA S A BUD-Tri(cut), A Lvn-MOS, A War-SIL,
F BEL S F NTH, A VIE S A TYA, A STP S A Lvn-MOS, F BAL H,
F NTH C A DEN-Lon, A DEN-Lon(fails), F Nat-IRI, A GAL H,
A BUD-Tri(fails), A RUH S F BEL, A MUN S A TYA(cut)
RUS (Jim Burgess 2) A RUM S A Sev-UKR, A Sev-UKR
TUR (Larry Botimer 5) A SER S F Ion-ALB, A BUL S F Aeg-GRE,
F BLA S RUS A RUM, F Ion-ALB, F Aeg-GRE

1987 AL Winter 1914 Supply Center Chart

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

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BO(T) ~ RIKKO: Actually what I remember of the "70's" wasn't that bad. Unfortunately, what I don't remember was probably a lot better than what I do.

RIKKO to BOB: Sheesh! To hear you tell it; I'm the Bad Guy for being such a loyal ally that I allowed you to gain 5 extra centers -- just so I could "sucker" you into stabbing me! I didn't know I was that clever! Everyone here knows who the alliance-breaker is...so give it a rest.

RIKKO to BOOB: Are you still out there somewhere? Or do we have another non-writer-soon-to-NMR-out'er?

RIKKO to STEVE: Hey, I was a charter subscriber to 'Heavy Metal'! Great stuff -- Rich Corben ('Den'), Jeff Jones ('Idyll'), et al. Never could get into Moebius, though.

RETURN-OF-THE-SON-OF-RIKKO-AND-KATHY to RIN-TIN: So, did you do it your way again, or did you do it RIGHT? (Abuse courtesy of Deja Vu Enterprises...)

BOOB to BO(T): What now?

BOOB to RIKKO & STEVE-O: The other players have accused me of being an aging hippie too. I don't think so. I'm too young.

RUSSIA to ALL: Stop with the draw proposals already. Let's play this out.

RUSSIA to GERMANY: You might as well give up now, we have you surrounded! //Sounds like a draw proposal to me.//

JIM-BOB to STEVE: I read Daf's whole letter! I didn't skip to the bottom!! Seriously, I hope you're feeling better. It sounds like you had a relatively pleasant encounter with modern medicine.....

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