

# LIFE OF MONTY

#17

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That's the way this thing looked when it first came out back in September, only it was slightly larger back then. Yes, it's time to break out your magnifying glasses again and try to read this LIFE OF MONTY (yes, that's the name this time), the first of the new year, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 802 Ida Sproul Hall, 2400 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94720, phone (415) 643-2185. (Appropriate hours to call are 4-5 and 5:30-11:30 Tuesday through Thursday, 4-5 and 5:30-10:30 Monday, 9-11 Sunday, and, at (415) 461-2692, 5-12 Friday and Saturday and 12-6 Sunday.)

I'm sure most of you noticed the pages were miscollated last time. Blame it on a new printing service. If it happens AGAIN, I'm going back to the old guys. Actually, the pages were misCOPIED, not miscollated; the latter is much easier to fix.

Time for some news from the LOM newsdesk.....

Dateline: ALBANY, NY, AND CHESAPEAKE, VA.....Strangely enough, the latest issue of THE VOICE OF DOOM and the final issue of VOLKERWANDERUNG never made it here. Is it mere coincidence? Could the fact that Linsey and Arnett have been known to feud (e.g. Linsey vs. Caruso and Arnett, although Bob took a back seat on that one) have anything to do with this delay? No, it never stopped them before. Postal delays? The latest WHITESTONIA took TWO DAYS to get here! Can the USPS be blamed? Anybody who puts out a Christmas stamp that can't be mailed to foreign countries can be blamed for anything!

Dateline: VALENCIA, CA.....A recent BLACK FROG has disclosed the latest gossip on Bruce Linsey as told by Jack Masters and friends, and an upcoming issue will contain the inside story on the famous BLACK HOLE game run by Bruce in his 'zine in which, according to Jack (I never saw this happen myself - my VOD sub began after this occurred), Bruce threw a player out of the game because the player violated a VOD house-rule which says that the GM has the right to throw a player out of the game if said player lies to the GM.

Jack has asked me, as well as other pubbers out there, to let you know that this BLACK HOLE expose is available NOW for 40¢ in stamps (remember that December mail likes to take its time, and "C", "Christmas 1981", and "Season's Greetings" stamps are not good for mail from the US to foreign countries, including Canada, but James Hoban and John Hansen stamps are). Send the stamps to: BLACK HOLE ISSUE, Jack Masters, 25711 N. Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355.

As is the usual LOM policy, any stuff printed in LOM about these feuds is always preceded (preceded?) by a WARNING in large letters (see LOM #5 for an example), so you know just which pages to skip if (for example) you're a KINGMAKER or EMPIRES fan.

Dateline: BERKELEY.....Yes, the new LOMSHIRTS are out! Even Kathy Byrne and John Caruso wear these things (OK, so they didn't pay). Unlike ordinary Dip T-shirts, these can say whatever you want them to! These shirts are available in 4 sizes in gold, red, blue, white, purple, black, maroon, and brown, with lettering in black, blue, gold, white, and maroon, in large or small letters/numbers. Cost? \$7.50 postpaid (first class) PLUS 10¢ per small letter or 15¢ per large. Also available: "Rainbow Letters" at 40¢ each. Get yours today! Some colors not available in some sizes.

This is PAGE 1, also known as "the cover"  
of LOM #17.

Time for a new season...."Debbie Osborne, from Detroit, MI....  
Marion Bates, from the trout capital of the universe, Kalkaska, MI....  
Glenn Overby, from Hazel Park, MI....Herb Barents, from Zeeland, MI....  
those are the varsity dippers from the MICHIGAN DIPPERS.....  
Mike Conner, from Austin, TX....Peggy Gemignani, from St. Petersburg,  
FL....Gary Coughlan, from Memphis, TN....John Daly, from Rockwell, NC....  
and these are the varsity dippers from the STARS & BARS!" (Whistle &  
usual music) "It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's  
favorite game that should have wooden blocks, the varsity sport of the  
mouth,

# DIP BOWL

The opening game of the 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT comes to you very close to LIVE from the usual place. Let's get right to the opening whistle.....(TWEEET) and there's the whistle to start the game. You're playing for a 25-point bonus. Here's the tossup: as usual, the DIP BOWL tournament always starts off with a Dip question. Here's this year's: for the first 10 points, which of the seven major powers starts off with the fewest home provinces?" (RRRING)

"Michigan, Osborne....England"

"No, can you take it, Stars & Bars?" (BUZZZZ)

"S&B, Daly....Turkey"

"That's right, and the Stars & Bars take the early lead. Here's the bonus worth 25 points: for the whole 25 points, name the three "open towns" in KINGMAKER." (Talk amongst the players, then captain Coughlan gives the answer) "Frankly, we don't (slight pause accompanied by cold stares from the audience), uh, know"

"Well, they're Cardigan, Hereford, and Kingston. No points there. The next bonus is worth 30 points, and here's the tossup: most people remember THE CREATURE THAT ATE SHEBOYGAN, but few people seem to recall the three games released with it. For 10 points, name ANY of these three games. (Pause) (Longer pause) Well, to tell you the truth, we didn't exactly know either."

Well, the tape broke here, and, when it was pieced back together, it was in the final moments of play...."with the score 310 for the S&B and 150 for the MD, the next bonus is worth 30 points, here's the tossup: there's a game for your friendly neighborhood home computer called GLOBAL WAR, but, instead of looking like SPI's old GLOBAL-" (BUZZZ)

"S&B, Gemignani.....RISK, and it's a poor copy, too"

"I'm glad somebody agrees, and here's the 30 point bonus: you couldn't come up with TITAN STRIKE, STARGATE, and VECTOR 3 beforehand, so here's an easier one: for 10 points each, name SPI's first games which dealt with air-to-air combat, each dealing with a different time period." (Coughlan answers:) "FLYING CIRCUS, uh, LUFTWAFFE, and AIR WAR"

"You got FLYING CIRCUS for 10; the others are SPITFIRE and FOXBAT & PHANTOM. Here's the next tossup: for 10 points, name Avalon Hill's first game which dealt with a historical-" (BUZZZZ)

"S&B, Coughlan.....AFRIKA KORPS"

"Five point penalty-" (RRRING)

"Michigan, Overby,....GETTYSBURG"

"Long time, no hear from Michigan, but that's right, and here's a 20 point bonus: this game was supposed to be available back in 1977, but it got put back on the development line, and finally disappeared. No, I'm not talking about THE RISING SUN, but what?"

I think this is PAGE 2, but these  
new copiers probably do these at  
random.

"CHOPPERSTRIKE"

"Uh, I'll have to ask the big bosses.....no, huh?...well, the answer is AIR CAV, insofar as the name was changed before intended release."

"WHAT???"

"You heard me the first - where is your team going? Hello? Uh, well, what do I do now? Look, just because JIHAD! has postal DIP BOWL doesn't mean that (TWEEEEET) Well, that ends the game....it's official! The final score is 160 for the Michigan Dippers to 330 for the Stars & Bars. The South strikes back!"

NEXT MONTH, another opening-round match, pitting the NEW YORK & THERE-ABOUTS GANG against the defending world champion SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPSY-DOODLERS.

-STANTINOPLE-CON-2-PRESIDENTS'-DAY-WEEKEND-I'VE-GOT-ONE-ANY-MORE-TAKERS-HURRY-UP----

Latest news.....seems that KATHY BYRNE is steamed up, since some pubber sent her a shirt for her birthday which was 3 sizes too big! To make up for it, I sent her a correctly-sized shirt for John Caruso's birthday (yes, I was the culprit - now J & K have a matched set!).... recent issues of BLACK FROG have taken 3-4 days to travel some 400 miles, while WHITESTONIA takes 2 days to go over 7 times as far.... All you poly-sci types out there: how are we supposed to get a republican elected in a district where the brother of the incumbent (democrat) decides what the district's boundaries are?.....Rumor has it that the latest addition to his family (his 15-year-old daughter), among other things, is pushing JACK MASTERS to the point where his hobby involvement is taking up too much of his time (no, I did NOT just say that Jack's daughter is directly asking/begging/forcing/etc. him to leave the hobby, but let's face facts - Jack now has to commute to who-knows-where in the heart of Southern California, which takes out some 3 hours a day, to get to his new job (it's 90 minutes to get there and 90 back), so he had enough trouble beforehand); subscriptions to BLACK FROG can only be accepted for 6 more issues (including the BLACK HOLE issue).... it seems that BRUCE LINSEY had some trouble getting out the latest VOICE OF DOOM, so the stuff about the hobby feud on page one (Linsey and Arnett) is false, for those of you who took it seriously (remember, there are people here who are in it for SPIES! or EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES and don't give a damn what DIPLOMACY is). The Masters-Linsey feud is still hot, from what I've heard lately....of course, I could be wrong about BLACK FROG and about Masters/Linsey....well, after a 2-9 season which followed a 3-8 one, UC-Berkeley head coach Roger "Run & Shoot" Theder was fired on November 23, two days after his 42-21 loss to Stanford. Latest rumor is that San Jose State coach JACK ELWAY (father of Stanford quarterback JOHN) is on the top of the list for the new Cal coach....STANTINOPLE-CON 2 is coming soon (February 13-15, if there's no tournament in Sacramento) to Berkeley - RSVP is requested but not required for attendance - there may even be a full-blown Dip tournament this year sometime (with a little help from the campus and your ~~scholarship~~ entry fees)....do you know how hard this is going to be to stretch into 8 pages, much less 12?

DICK MARTIN'S BISMARCK DEPARTMENT: I just had to walk 12 city blocks in the middle of the night in the middle of the low-rent district after my brother's car suffered a slight case of ruptured radiator hose (first the repair guys say that it's a hole in the radiator, then a broken thermostat, and now this). We used to have FOUR CARS (a '76 Fairmont wagon, an '80 Mazda RX7, the '76 Capri I wrecked at ORIGINS, and the car in question - a '76 Mustang Mach 1) - now we have 2, and neither are 100%. Next summer, there'll be 5, and all of them will work - just my luck.....

All the way to page 3 already? Go back and reread 1 and 2 first.

You're probably asking yourself, "So why is this issue a little late?" Well, I'm right in the middle of studying for final exams in classes where I'm getting EXACTLY what I need to insure a spot among the computer science majors in the class of 1984, so it's extra-hard studying going on (since I need mostly A-) here. ANYWAY, there's another address change:

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FROM DECEMBER 14 UNTIL JANUARY 6, THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERED TO 802 IDA SPROUL HALL IN BERKELEY - ALL MAIL ADDRESSED THERE WILL BE HELD UNTIL JANUARY 7-10, WHEN IT WILL BE SORTED AND DELIVERED. ALL DEADLINES (with the possible exception of 1980G) WILL BE AFTER JANUARY 10, SO MAIL ADDRESSED TO BERKELEY BY MISTAKE WILL BE ACCEPTED - ACTUALLY, I WOULD PREFER HAVING ORDERS MAILED TO BERKELEY DESPITE THE BACKLOG. ANY MISTAKES, COMMENTS, ZINES, ETC. THAT NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION (MAINLY 'ZINES WITH GAMES THAT I AM PLAYING IN) SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS FROM DECEMBER 10 UNTIL JANUARY 10:

142 ELISEO DRIVE  
GREENBRAE, CA 94904

GOT THAT STRAIGHT?

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THIRD REICH DEPARTMENT: Due to the sudden workload experience, along with Mark Matuschak's heavy load at Columbia Law which forced his resignation, the Third Reich game has been abandoned (moan). There probably won't be a new game for a long while.

I've been informed by CLARK RENOYOLDS that there will be NO "ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE" Diplomacy Tournament this year in Sacramento. The "RIVER CITY TOURNAMENT" will become an annual event held somewhere near Columbus Day - Clark sez "If Columbus can find it, so can you!" There should be a full-page ad for STANTINOPLE-CON 2 (that's Grabar and Renyolds attending so far) somewhere in here. There ARE hotel rooms in Berkeley, if you look hard enough, but there's no guarantee as to their availability, especially around Presidents' Day, when the con will be held.

GRABAR-CON.....Dave Grabar, 1583 Truman Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610, is planning a con somewhere around the end of December, but no specifics were given, so call him for details.

LATEST BERKELEY GOSSIP: What person named E. Kinikin who isn't on speaking terms with a certain 'zine pubber has something going with said pubber's roommate named Bob? Just my luck.....unlucky in cards, love, AND Diplomacy - what's left?

Five-digit ZIP codes are on the way out.... I just saw something with a 9-digit code. (This is PAGE 4, by the way.)

# STANTINOPLE- CON 2

Northern California's ONLY con outside of Columbus Day, STANTINOPLE-CON 2 will be held FEBRUARY 13-15 at IDA SPROUL HALL somewhere near the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

This year, STANTINOPLE-CON 2 will include such names as CLARK RENVOLDS (of the RIVER CITY DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT) and Dave Grabar (of NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST fame). I must admit that Diplomacy will be the main event here, although there may not be a full-scale tournament due to the inavailability of rooming overnight here (there are a few hotels here, but most are filled with students, parents visiting students, and the occasional "street person"). Berkeley IS supposed to be a big Diplomacy area (at least it used to be), so there should be a number of students who are up on their stabbing that might happen to show up to face the bigshots of this game, and there might even be a big-time tournament (complete with entry fees and prize money - send no money now, but bring some spare bucks to the con just in case) in the works here.

You say you don't like Diplomacy? How about KINGMAKER? SPIES? EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES? You name it, we'll set it up if we've got it. But, after all, the title of the con does indicate Diplomacy (none of the other mentioned games even HAVE a "Constantinople" - the closest is SPIES's Istanbul and Constanta).

WHERE'S IDA SPROUL HALL?? Well, find I-80, and take it to the University of California exit (that's north (it's called "eastbound", though) of the San Francisco exit and south (westbound) of Golden Gate Fields racetrack). From there, head east (if you soon find yourself in front of San Francisco Bay, turn around) down University Avenue. Turn right on Shattuck, then left on Durant, then up Durant past Dana. Between Dana and Telegraph, there's a large brick building - that's one of very few places where you can park your car in Berkeley, albeit at 50¢ an hour (up to \$3.50 a day). Right next to that building is Unit 3 - which include the infamous Priestley and Ida Sproul Halls. If you look hard enough, you'll find Ida Sproul Hall (if you're in front of Priestley's front door, turn right; in front of Norton, turn around; in front of Spens-Black, Norton is on your left and Priestley is behind you). If you can't get in, try calling 32185 on the phone outside the door.

BECAUSE of the recent attacks made by "intruders" in dorms, I'm asking that you let me know if you're attending, and who you happen to bring along - I don't have THAT much pull around here, you know.

YES - I'm coming to STANTINOPLE-CON 2 despite the fact that DUALDRACON is the same weekend.

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DIPLOMACY OPENINGS! Yes, there are openings out there. However, I'm having enough trouble as it is! Just ask somebody in 1980G or 1981AS, or perhaps somebody who survived 1981CP. There are plenty of GMs out there who can handle "one more game" a lot better than I can - I also give plugs to the new guys that I've seen recently.....

EREBOR, by Ken Halpern, 11 Bellingham Road, Great Neck, NY 11023, subs 10 for \$5, game fee \$2, openings in DIPLOMACY KINGMAKER MACHIAVELLI YOUNGSTOWN (a Dip variant) THIRD REICH PANZERBLITZ/LEADER (Avalon Hill is planning to come out with a combined version of the two) and OTHER DIPLOMACY VARIANTS.

ANDUIN, by Eric Kane, 109 Hicks Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024, subs 9 for \$5, game fee \$2, has DIP, MACHIAVELLI, YOUNGSTOWN, and KINGMAKER. If you sub to both of these 'zines, you get a \$2 rebate per year (i.e. one year of each is \$17).

COAT OF ARMS, by Tom Mainardi, 1403 Lawrence Road, Havertown, PA 19083, subs 12 for \$6, game fee \$3, openings in Diplomacy and Gunboat Dip. COA is actually three minizines in one: Tom's BERSAGLIERI, DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY by Steve Arnawoodiam (remember him from the late lamented 81CP?), and IT'S MY NICKEL by Steve Langley (currently the only pubber in Northern California besides myself and Dave Grabar). When these three get their stuff together, it's always a big issue (unlike LOM, which seems to be shrinking.....)

THE VOICE OF DOOM.....No openings for the next 10-12 months

BLACK FROG.....No new subscriptions allowed; there MAY be game openings in EAST OF EDEN, the sister 'zine to BF - write to Jack Masters, 25711 N. Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355 for details.

EUROPA EXPRESS, by Gary C of Memphis T (Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118), sub & game fees not listed anywhere (50¢ for a sample). One of my ALL-TIME FAVORITE KILL RATHER THAN HAVE MY SUB LAPSE (if it wasn't for the fact that I trade LOM for EE) ok, RATHER THAN HAVE MY TRADE STOP (better) 'ZINES, even if the guy is a southerner, EE is always worth reading through, for those of you who don't like warehouses like THE DOGS OF WAR. Looks like Gary's "short letter" column beats out the late BRUTUS BULLETIN and the still-active VOICE OF DOOM - face it, both of those 'zines can bore you with long letters talking about nothing in particular, but EE is different, more or less.

Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854, publishes a 'zine worth reading even without the games, for all of 80¢ per double-issue (new subbers should - er, MUST - write a letter talking Dick into this rate or you pay \$1.60 per double-issue). Did you ever wonder why LOM never has any articles? Anyone who writes an article always thinks of sending it to Dick's 'zine first - you wouldn't BELIEVE how many articles are in one of those things! What's the name of the 'zine? Your guess is as good as mine. (The next issue will probably be called YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, since I just said it.)

DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS--DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS----

Well, it seems that I've gotten myself into another controversy. It deals with 1981AS. It started when Dave Carter sent in a set of orders for the game, but labelled the game as "1980 G", another game I'm running that he's in. I blindly stuck the orders in the 1980 G box. It seems that 1980 G was delayed for some reason, but 1981 AS wasn't. Normally,

STOP! Play no further. We suggest that you read this PAGE 6 before going on to the next page.

I would have noticed the misplaced orders when I adjudicated 1980 G. I didn't look through the 1980 G orders because of the delay, so I never noticed the 1981 AS misplaced orders, and Dave received an NMR in 1981AS.

A couple of weeks back, I received a letter from Dave with a copy of his orders, along with a copy of his orders for 1980 G and 1981Prb21 (Second Chance Dip), and a request that 1981AS be re-adjudicated with these "new" orders. Noticing that the orders were in the 1980 G box, and that THEY DID INDEED SAY "1980 G", I sent a letter and the copy of the orders to Randolph Smyth, the NADF ombudsman. His ruling just came in; although he feels that it's an individual GM decision, he would stick with the NMR, mainly because the other players have been negotiating for a month based on this adjudication.

Here's how I see it: in an FTP game, if Dave would have given his orders to the wrong table (in a tournament situation, e.g.) and nobody noticed until it was too late, it would be an NMR - and, also, house rule #1 says that all orders should include Boardman Number, and the correct number is inferred. (For those of you who claim that this is "sticking too close to the HRS", this was a Randolph Smyth opinion.) Based on this, the NMR stands. Sorry about that, Dave, but that's what happens when you start to get over-extended....

There's another matter: assuming I'd re-adjudicate, Dave forgot to send in orders for the next season. Is it another NMR? Decisions, decisions. No, it's not an NMR - the game was delayed. Since his orders were all sent in at the same time, and 1981Prb21 wasn't an NMR, then I guess he figured that I received the orders (I did).

OK, you know how I dealt with this situation - now, may I ask some of you bigshots out there what you would do in this situation?? Would you have accepted the original orders and re-adjudicated? Would you do what I did? Or maybe you'd give 2 NMRs and not delay the game.... There's a free issue of LOM for each response I get by the next publishing date (one per GM, if you don't mind).

THAT'S ALL for this month - there's NO WAY I'm coming up with a 12-pager this month! The cost is 35¢ plus games and additional postage, if any. Next month, the usual DIP BOWL, plus (hopefully) an article or two. Who knows - a whole new hobby feud could begin right here! Details next month....

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