

# Herelandra

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The Doom

that Came to Sarnath

H. P. Lovecraft

There is in the land of Mnar a vast still lake that is fed by no stream, and out of which no stream flows. Ten thousand years ago there stood by its shore the mighty city of Sarnath, but Sarnath stands there no more.

It is told that in the immemorial years when the world was young, before ever the men of Sarnath came to the land of Mnar, another city stood beside the lake; the gray stone city of Ib, which was old as the lake itself, and peopled with beings not pleasing to behold. Very old and ugly were these beings, as indeed are most beings of a world yet inchoate and rudely fashioned. It is written on the brick cylinders of Kadatheron that the beings of Ib were in hue as green as the lake and the mists that rise above it; that they had bulging eyes, pouting, flabby lips, and curious ears, and were without voice. It is also written that they descended one night from the moon in a mist; they and the vast still lake and gray stone city Ib. However this may be, it is certain that they worshipped a sea-green stone idol chiseled in the likeness of Bokrug, the great water-lizard; before which they danced horribly when the moon was gibbous. And it is written in the papyrus of Ilarneq, that they one day discovered fire, and thereafter kindled flames on many ceremonial occasions. But not much is written of these beings, because they lived in very ancient times and man is young, and knows but little of the very ancient living things.

After many sons men came to the land of Mnar, dark shepherd folk with their fleecy flocks, who built Thraa, Ilarneq, and Kadatheron on the winding river Ai. And certain tribes, more hardy than the rest, pushed on to the border of the lake and built Sarnath at a spot where precious metals were found in the earth.

Not far from the gray city of Ib did the wandering tribes lay the first stones of Sarnath, and at the beings of Ib they marvelled greatly. But with their marveling was mixed hate, for they thought it not meet that beings of such aspect should walk about the world of men at dusk. Nor did they like the strange sculptures upon the gray monoliths of Ib, for those sculptures lingered so late in the world, even until the coming of men, none can tell; unless it was because the land of Mnar is very still, and remote from most other lands, both of waking and of dream.

As the men of Sarnath beheld more of the beings of Ib their hate grew, and it was not less because they found the beings weak, and soft as jelly to the touch of stones and arrows. So one day the young warriors, the slingers and the spearmen and the bowmen, marched against Ib and slew all the inhabitants thereof, pushing the queer bodies into the lake with long spears, because they did not wish to touch them. And because they did not like the gray sculptured monoliths of Ib they cast these also into the lake; wondering from the greatness of the labor how ever the stones were brought from afar, as they must have been, since there is naught like them in the land of Mnar or in the lands adjacent.

Thus of the very ancient city of Ib was nothing spared, save the sea-green stone idol chiseled in the likeness of Bokrug, the water-lizard. This the young warriors took back with them as a symbol of conquest over the old gods and beings of Ib, and as a sign of leadership in Mnar. But on the night after it was set up in the temple, a terrible thing must have happened, for weird lights were seen over the lake, and in the morning the people found the idol gone and the high-priest Taran-Ish lying dead, as from some fear unspeakable. And before he died, Taran-Ish had scrawled upon the altar of chrysolite with coarse shaky strokes the sign of DOOM.

After Taran-Ish there were many high-priests in Sarnath but never was the sea-green idol found. And many centuries came and went, wherein Sarnath prospered exceedingly, so that only priests and old women remembered what Taran-Ish had scrawled upon the altar of chrysolite. Betwixt Sarnath

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and the city of Ilarneke arose a caravan route, and the precious metals from the earth were exchanged for other metals and rare cloths and jewels and books and tools for artificers and all things of luxury that are known to the people who dwell along the winding river Ai and beyond. So Sarnath waxed mighty and learned and beautiful, and sent forth conquering armies to subdue the neighboring cities; and in time there sate upon a throne in Sarnath the kings of all the land of Mnar and of many lands adjacent.

The wonder of the world and the pride of all mankind was Sarnath the magnificent. Of polished desert-quarried marble were its walls, in height three hundred cubits and in breadth seventy-five, so that full five hundred stadia did they run, being open only on the side toward the lake where a green stone sea-wall kept back the waves that rose oddly once a year at the festival of the destroying of Ib. In Sarnath were fifty streets from the lake to the gates of the caravans, and fifty more intersecting them. With onyx were they paved, save those whereon the horses and camels and elephants trod, which were paved with granite. And the gates of Sarnath were as many as the landward ends of the streets, each of bronze, and flanked by the figures of lions and elephants carved from some stone no longer known among men. The houses of Sarnath were of glazed brick and chalcidony, each having its walled garden and crystal lakelet. With strange art were they builded, for no other city had houses like them; and travelers from Thraa and Ilarneke and Kadatheron marvelled at the shining domes wherewith they were surrounded. [...]

Each year there was celebrated in Sarnath the feast of the destroying of Ib, at which time wine, song, dancing and merriment of every kind abounded. Great honors were then paid to the shades of those who had annihilated the old ancient beings, and the memory of those beings and of their elder gods was derided by dancers and lutanists crowned with roses from the gardens of Zokkar. And the kings would look out over the lake and curse the bones of the dead that lay beneath it.

At first the high-priests liked not these festivals, for there had descended amongst them queer tales of how the sea-green eikon had vanished and how Taran-Ish had died from fear and left a warning. And they said that from their high tower they sometimes saw lights beneath the waters of the lake. But as many years passed without calamity even the priests laughed and cursed and joined in the orgies of the feasters. Indeed, had they not themselves, in their high tower, often performed the very ancient and secret rite in detestation of Bokrug, the water-lizard? And a thousand years of riches and delight passed over Sarnath, wonder of the world.

Gorgeous beyond thought was the feast of the thousandth year of the destroying of Ib. For a decade had it been talked of in the land of Mnar, and as it drew nigh there came to Sarnath on horses and camels and elephants men from Thraa, Ilarneke, and Kadatheron, and all the cities of Mnar and the lands beyond. Before the marble walls on the appointed night were pitched the pavilions of princes and the tents of travellers. Within the banquet-hall reclined Nargis-Hei, the king, drunken with ancient wine from the vaults of conquered Pnoth, and surrounded by feasting nobles and hurrying slaves. There were eaten many strange delicacies at that feast: peacocks from Implan, heels of camels from the Bnazic desert, nuts and spices from Sydarthrian groves, and pearls from wave-washed Mtal dissolved in the vinegar of Thraa. Of sauces there were an untold number, prepared by the subtlest cooks in all Mnar, and suited to the palate of every feaster. But most prized of all the viands were the great fishes of the lake, each of vast size, and served upon golden platters set with rubies and diamonds.

Whilst the king and his nobles feasted within the palace, and viewed the crowning dish as it awaited them on golden platters, others feasted elsewhere. In the tower of the great temple the priests held revels, and in pavilions without the walls the princes of neighboring lands made merry. And it was the high-priest Gnai-Kah who first saw the shadows that descended from the gibbous moon into the lake, and the damnable green mists that arose from the lake to meet the moon and to shroud in a sinister haze the towers and the domes of fated Sarnath. Thereafter those in the towers and without the walls beheld strange lights on the water, and saw that the gray rock Akurion, which was wont to rear high above it near the shore, was almost submerged. And fear grew vaguely yet swiftly, so that the princes of Ilarneke and of far Rokol took down and folded their tents and pavilions and departed, though they scarce knew the reason for their departing.

Then, close to the hour of midnight, all the bronze gates of Sarnath burst open and emptied forth a frenzied throng that blackened the plain, so that all the visiting princes and travellers fled away in fright. For on the faces of this throng was writ a madness born of horror unendurable, and on their tongues were words so terrible that no hearer paused for proof. Men whose eyes were wild with fear shrieked aloud of the sight within the king's banquet-hall, where through the window were seen no longer the forms of Nargis-Hei and his nobles and slaves, but a horde of

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indescribable green voiceless things with bulging eyes, pouting, flabby lips, and curious ears; things which danced horribly, bearing in their paws golden platters set with rubies and diamonds and containing uncouth flames. And the princes and travellers, as they fled from the doomed city of Sarnath on horses and camels and elephants, looked again upon the mist-begetting lake and saw the gray rock Akurion was quite submerged. Through all the land of Mnar and the land adjacent spread thetals of those who had fled from Sarnath, and caravans sought that accursed city and its precious metals no more. It was long ere any travellers went thither, and even then only the brave and adventurous young men of yellow hair and blue eyes, who are no kin to the men of Mnar. These men indeed went to the lake to view Sarnath; but though they found the vast still lake itself, and the gray rock Akurion which rears high above it near the shore, they beheld not the wonder of the world and pride of all mankind. Where once had risen walls of three hundred cubits and towers yet higher, now stretched only the marshy shore, and where once had dwelt fifty million of men now crawled the detestable water-lizard. Not even the mines of precious metals remained. DOOM had come to Sarnath.

But half buried in the rushes was spied a curious green idol; an exceedingly ancient idol chiseled in the likeness of Bokrug, the great water-lizard. That idol, enshrined in the high temple at Ilarne, was subsequently worshipped beneath the gibbous moon throughout the land of Mnar.

## Vital Statistics

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The following brave individuals have volunteered to standby for games in Perelandra: J.R. Baker, Gary Behnen, Jason Bergmann, John Cannon, John Crosby, Jim Diehl, Greg Ellis, Steve Emmert, Evans Givan, Tom Hurst, and Daf Langley. If you want on or off this list just let me know--and by all means feel free to specify which games you can standby for. Standby orders gain you one free issue--if you play a standby position out to game's end, you earn two more.

And now, a game any reader can play for free:

## Literary Quiz

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LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: Q147B: In fiction, detectives often come in pairs. Besides Holmes and Watson, there are the following detective teams. Can you identify them?

a. They keep Siamese cats and live in New York's Greenwich Village. [This was the easy bait to try to get some response. Mark Lilleleht, Rod Walker, and Matt Kazur all answered correctly WITH Pamela and Jerry North, whose books were by Frances and Richard Lockridge.]

b. She weighs over 200 pounds and he is a pipsqueak. [I'm not much of a mystery fan myself but I had this right, and so did Mark L.: Bertha Cool and Donald Lam, creations of Erle Stanley Gardner.]

c. One is the "brains," while the other is the "legs." [I thought I might throw some folks off since I can think of three candidate teams, but all three entries got Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin (by Rex Stout), in addition to Rod's alternative, Prince Zaleski and M.P. Shiel.]

Mark gains 1½ issues, Rod and Matt 1 issue each. For next month and a free poster to the first correct answer (½ issue to all other right entries):

T414C: The year before he and Friedrich Engels published the "Communist Manifesto," Karl Marx wrote a seminal essay attacking Pierre Proudon's "Philosophy of Poverty." Name the essay.

**PLAYERS IN PERELANDRA:** As you know, I sometimes use orders which arrive after deadline if they were postmarked before it. Since it may take as long as ten days for me to turn the zine around, this is both feasible and fair. Don't count on this delay, though, and don't ever expect me to accept phone orders late. Remember, you will always have four weeks from mailing to deadline.



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space. Submarines move and support (including into coastal provinces) in the same way that regular fleets do, but cannot convoy. Also, if a submarine ends its turn in the same sea space as a regular surface fleet, the submarine may torpedo the fleet at the start of the next turn (before other movement) in which case the fleet is destroyed without possibility of retreat. Since the torpedo attack occurs before movement, an army ordered to be convoyed through the sea space holds rather than being sunk.

#32--THIS RULE. Anybody who does not vote for this rule is eliminated from the game (voting "for" is defined as casting more "yes" votes than "no" votes).

#33--BORDERS. Each time a unit crosses a border of one of the great powers, it must pay a duty tax of one critter, or if it carries no critters, it is disbanded.

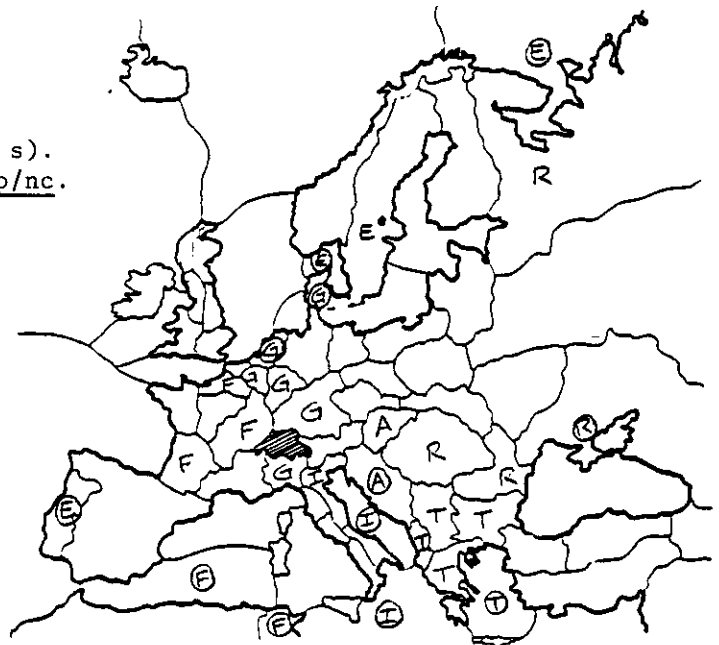
Press!!

- Irishman to Glome: Thanks very much to J.R. and Daf for standby orders in this game. It's been very difficult to find volunteers, so they were drafted, and they came through great!
- Olsen to Boone and Geryk: Such language! Does your mother know you talk like that?
- GM to Olsen: Oh you kid. Listen, Pat Boone as a Bad Boy? The mind boggles...
- Olsen to PJGIV: You're quite right. You were a "good boy" before it was fashionable. But give me credit--it took Bob Olsen to forge niceness into a political weapon!
- France to England: If we could coordinate no one could stop us...except I don't know how to play Titan...Zarse taught me. Tell me what to do, Titanmaster!
- England to France: Me?!?!?!? Agree with you? Never!
- England to GM: I'm not concerned with the Titanization of Europe. I'm only interested in making this game a GMing nightmare for you!
- GM to England: Well, you're way down the list of troublemakers at this point. Burgess leads the band, with all the nmrs right behind.
- England to Germany: Here's a lip sound effect for you: Neener, neener, neener!
- GM to England: Maybe I should have said, "Raspberry."
- Boob to Sludge: That's telling the musically uninclined one! "Saving Grace" is a sublime dance song.
- England to gm: You're right, the candidates have been subjected to a degree of unfair criticism (then again, considering the praise they'll heap on themselves when the campaign really starts it all evens out), and people's expectations are perhaps too high. I guess the people will just never be satisfied with anyone less than me. (Don't you DARE make that crack!) [There IS nobody less than you.]

## ZEMBA

### FALL 1903 -- DENTS IN THE RUSSIAN ARMOR

- Austria: f tri s ger a tyo-ven /nso/ (a vie & ita s).
- England: f mid-por, a nwy-swe (f ska s), f bar-stp/nc.
- France: a bur s a pic (a pic & a gas s),  
f tyn-tun (f wes s).
- Germany: f den-swe, f hol-bel, a bel-bur (a ruh & a mun s), a tyo-pie.
- Italy: f ion-tun, a alb-tri (a ven s), f adr s aus f tri.
- Russia: f swe-nwy (a stp s) /f swe to bal bot fin otb/, f sev-rum, a rum-ser, a ser-tri (a bud s) /a ser ann/.
- Turkey: a bul-ser (a gre s(f aeg s)), a con-bul.
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|---------|---|-----|
| Austria | vie tri . . . . .   | 2/2 |
| England | lon lvp edi nwy SWE . . . .                                 | 4/5 |
| France  | bre par mar <del>ph</del> spa TUN . . . .                   | 5/5 |
| Germany | kie ber mun den bel hol . . . .                             | 6/6 |
| Italy   | ven rom nap <del>ph</del> . . . . .                         | 4/3 |
| Russia  | mos stp war sev <del>ph</del> rum <del>ph</del> bud . . . . | 8/6 |
| Turkey  | ank con smy gre bul SER . . . .                             | 5/6 |



Retreat (rus) and adjustments (eng, ita, rus, tur) AND SPRING 1903 due by next deadline!

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RULES IN EFFECT FOR GLOME / DEVIANT DIPLOMACY as of 1 July 1988

MAIN RULE. Each turn, each remaining player may propose a rule change. All proposed changes will be offered to the players, anonymously, and votes on the proposals will be due with the next game deadline. Each player will have as many votes as he owns supply centers and may divide these votes among the proposals as he sees fit, or not cast them at all, in a secret ballot. The proposal which receives the most votes will be put in effect following the deadline of the vote. If two or more proposals tie for first place, all such tied proposals shall be put into effect.

#1--PLAYLIST. With each set of orders, each player must submit a playlist, or he will be considered to have nmred. Example: a pru-ber, a sil s a pru-ber, f bal-kie, a hol-ruh; Roxy Music, Avalon; New Order, Substance; Miles Davis, Sketches of Spain. Selections may be either individual songs or entire albums.

#9--"NO" VOTES. Players may use any of their normal allotment of votes to vote "no" instead of "yes." One "no" vote cancels one "yes" vote.

#13--MARSHES. All non-supply-center land provinces become marsh provinces. Marshes are traversible in the normal manner both by armies and fleets. Fleets can move into (SC) regular land provinces normally but (in accordance with normal rules) cannot move from one "coast" to another, e.g., F Kie-Ruh-Bur-Mar but not then F Mar/nc-Lyo, nor could it support a move in that province.

GM'S NOTE: Thus, the following provinces will now require coastal designations from time to time: spa, mar, rom, ven, mun, nwy, stp, mos, sev, rum, tri.

#22--CRITTERS. Each time a unit enters a marsh province, it may recruit a critter: an ogre any time; a troll if it has two ogres or a troll; or a ranger, if it has two trolls or a ranger. A unit possessing critters is stronger than a unit without, e.g. fo bre-pic, a bel-pic. They are also stronger in regard to supports, but convoys are not affected.

GM'S NOTE: You may "muster down."

#23--AUSTRIAN HOCKEY RINK. All Austrian provinces become slippery ice. Units in an ice space haven't enough footing to move or support but may hold. A unit in a non-ice space may spend one spring or fall turn "melting" an adjacent ice space, which negates the effect of ice there permanently.

#25--TUNNEL. There is a tunnel under the English Channel connecting Brest with London. Armies in either province may move directly to the other, but may not offer support into the other.

#28--TIME WARP. All orders in Spring and Fall seasons are subject to random time warps. For every move a six-sided die is rolled by the gm.

On a 1 or 2: the move warps back to the previous Spring or Fall season.

On a 3 or 4: no effect.

On a 5 or 6: the move warps ahead to the next Spring or Fall season.

A warp places the move as a legitimate move in that season and removes the unit entirely from the present season. Conditional orders based on changes effected by movements backward in time are permissible. A unit cannot be multiple warped (i.e. if warped into the future, it is not subject to warp in that future season).

#29--MOUNTAIN CRITTERS. A unit which has acquired a troll via rule 22 can recruit higher Mountain Critters if it enters such spaces--specifically, Tyrolia, Greece, Wales, Norway, and Bohemia. Two trolls can get a Minotaur, two Minotaurs a Giant, and two Giants recruit a Colossus. A Colossus is so big he's the same size as an army, so thus army+colossus is the equal of two armies.

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### SPRING 1905 -- We Finally Get Rolling Again

England--Steve Emmert, 1752 Grey Friars Chase, Virginia Beach, VA 23456--a edi-lvp, f nts-edi.

France--Melinda Holley, Box 2793, Huntington WV 25727-2793--a par-bur, a bur-mun, a gas-mar, f bel-nts, f nwg-edi (f cly s), f wal-eng, f lon-eng.

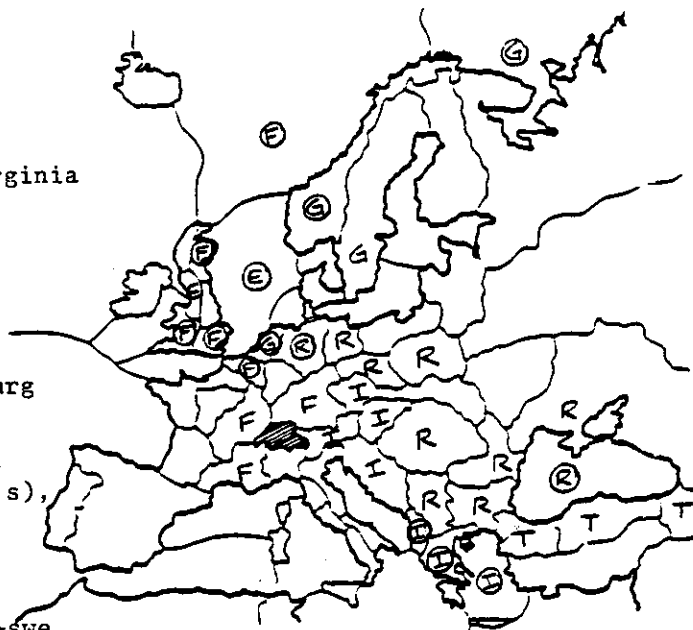
Germany--Tom Hurst??? 2686 Richardson Dr., Fitchburg WI 53711--nmr. f hol h.

Italy--Rex Martin, Avalon Hill Game Co., Box 5002, Glen Arm MD 21057--a boh-gal, a tri-bud (a vie s), a tyo s fre a bur-mun, f alb-tri, f ion-gre (f aeg s).

Russia--Gary Behnen, 13101 S. Trenton, Olathe KS 66062--f den-kie, a ber s fre a bur-mun, a nwy-swe, f stp/nc-nwy (f bar s), a mun-sil, a war-sil (a bud s (a ser s)), a mos-sev, a sev-rum, a bul s ita f ion-gre (f bla s).

Turkey-- Guy Hail, 911 Blanco #208, Austin TX 78703--a con-bul, a ank-arm, a smy-ank.

Per my houserules, no standby will be called for Germany (has fewer than three centers). Deadline for Fall 1905 is on the back cover.



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### WINTER 1903 -- Yes, Germany owns ber, not bre

Austria--Larry Botimer, 13833 NE 11th St. #3, Bellevue WA 98005--removes f alb. Still has a vie, a ser.

England--Rich Miller, 266 S. Oak Knoll #6, Pasadena CA 91101--builds f lvp. Also has f den, f ska, f nts.

France--Jim Diehl, 10530 W. Riverview Dr., Eden Prairie MN 55347--builds f bre. Also has a ven, a bur, a pic, f iri, f eng.

Germany--John Crosby, 9031 Cardiff Rd., Richmond VA 23236--removes f bal. Still has f hel, a bel, a ruh, a kie.

Italy--Matt Kazur, Box 5492, Washington DC 20016--Has a sil, a tyo, a tri, f adr, f ion.

Russia--Gary Behnen, 13101 S. Trenton, Olathe KS 66062--builds f stp/nc & a war. Also has f nwy, f swe, a ukr, f rum, a bud, a arm.

Turkey--Jim Nickel, 429 E. Columbia St., Falls Church VA 22046--builds a smy. Also has a bul, f con, f gre, f bla.

Spring 1903 orders are on hand from three nations. AND there's a bit of press...

The Prime Minister to The Czar: Et tu, Brutus? [GM: I don't know what suffix to use there...]

Vienna to Moscow: You've done it again, Greedy, found two more suckers.

Vienna to Rome: So nice to hear from you last year.

Vienna to Turkey: And now the chickens come home to roost, you turklet.

Vienna to Venice: Enjoy your cruise around the canals and listen to the strangled noises emanating from Rome. I know I will.

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WELL WORLD -- POSTAL TITAN -- turn twentyone

Green Gem should have been listed last turn as moving to Woods (W39)...Zarse and Geryk have COAs...note that Jeff's subscription is up, so he's at Bruce's mercy to get game reports...

## Look Out--Geryk is Headed Up the Middle! More Headaches for Red and Green!

BLACK LEGIONS (Mark Freuh, 4320 Wallace, St. Louis MO 63116-1330) rolled a 1. Bolt of Revenge moves to Marsh M103; Scorpy moves to Tower 300; Grave Head moves to Swamp S14; Pirate Jack moves to Tower 600 and splits with Mothers-in-Law (that is, battle axes).

BLUE LEGIONS (Bruce Geryk, 836 W. Lakeside #2W, Chicago IL 60640) rolled a 2. Crescent Moon moves to Marsh M8; Burning Candle moves to Marsh M136.

BROWN LEGIONS (Jeff Zarse, same address as Geryk) rolled a 4. Hourglass moves to Jungle J5; Bell moves to Brush B120; Pawprint holds at Brush B130; Spider moves to Marsh M122; Frow moves to Jungle J126; Ram moves to Mountains MTN3000; Stein holds at Plains P15\*.

GREEN LEGIONS (Gary Behnen, 13101 S. Trenton, Olathe KS 66062) rolled a 6. Scales moves to Plains P105; Dagger moves to Marsh M112\*\*; Lobster Claw moves to Brush B106; Hoopsnake moves to Marsh M108; Gem holds at Woods W39; Hook moves to Plains P29; Fleur de Lis moves to Plains P15\*; Frog moves to Brush B10.

RED LEGIONS (Ed Wrobel, 6204 Bardu Ave., Springfield VA 22152) rolled a 4. Spin holds at Tower 500; Star moves to Marsh M27 and splits with Heart; Fist holds at Tower 100; Scimitar moves to ~~Marsh M112\*\*~~ Harlequin moves to Plains P6.

E23: Black Pirate Jack defeats Brown Sceptres (2 Gargoyles, 3 Gorgons die); 78 points to Black.

E25: Red Cross defends against Green Harp at Marsh M117.

E26: Brown Hourglass defeats Red Salamander (Gorgon, Troll die); 17 points to Brown.

E27: Red Torch defends against Brown Chest at Marsh M108.

E28: Brown Stein defends against Green Fleur de Lis at Plains P15 (def. enters 1-15-14)

E29: Red Scimitar defends against Green Dagger at Marsh M112 (def. enters 1-15-14)

Point Count: Brown 290, Green 273, Black 198, Red 151, Blue 116

Musters This Turn: 2 Rangers, 2 Gorgons, 1 each Behemoth, Guardian, Lion, Serpent, Wyvern.

Creatures Remaining: 7/18 Angels, 6/6 Archangels, 5/18 Behemoths, 8/25 Centaurs, 10/10 Colossi, 0/25 Cyclopi, 18/18 Dragons, 0/21 Gargoyles, 17/18 Giants, 6/25 Gorgons, 15/18 Griffons, 1/6 Guardians, 10/10 Hydrae, 3/28 Lions, 7/21 Minotaurs, 0/25 Ogres, 1/28 Rangers, 4/10 Serpents, 1/28 Trolls, 6/12 Unicorns, 16/21 Warbears, 6/6 Warlocks, 16/18 Wyverns.

Red Ed to Glome Pudge: Borrowing a page from a darker episode in the post-Golden Age of Dipdom, do you know Mr. Geryk's "commanding officer's" (er--perhaps, it would be "senior partner's") name and address? No doubt Bruce's career would achieve a substantial boost toward Audi-dom if his KGO Zine Directory were professionally circulated. Actually, I found the new ZD a rather refreshing departure from the usual bland pollyana-ism that prevades such semi-official Hobby Projects. (And that's no knock on Ken--the world has enough cynics and could use a few more effusive pollyanas.)

Well World GM to Colored People: Jeff got some money in, so he gets this issue and the next. Also, I have a list of alternative musters (expanded from the original game) which Mark F. got from another gamer. If I can get this typed up, I'll publish it and consider running a postal game if there is demand. (If there is such a "variant Titan" game, I'd consider other rule amendments such as allowing legions to mix or recombine and resplit in Towers.) Terry Tallman take note: this constitutes a tentative step into your "Titan hobby," but I reserve the right to remain also a Dip zine.



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## FOMALHAUT--Game Start Announcement

Austria: Jason Bergmann 10740 Lathrop Dallas TX 75229 until August 21  
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Germany: John Crosby 9031 Cardiff Rd. Richmond VA 23236  
Italy: Vince Lutterbie 21 Paulina Dr. Hannibal MO 63401-3640  
Russia: Jim Nickel 429 E. Columbia St. Falls Church VA 22046  
Turkey: Rob Wittmond 4315 182nd St. #308 Torrance CA 90504

I will publish phone numbers on request. A copy of Perelandra's house rules should be enclosed for the players. You have a double deadline for Spring 1901--deadline will be announced in Pere #62.

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## QUWHON--Almost Game Start

American Snow Fight number 7 is ready to start, but I need pseudonyms from each player since this will be an anonymous game. Already taken are: Yuppie Yeti, Goosey Lucy, Snow Goose, and Turtle (these may, of course, be changed). THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR ONE MORE PLAYER if you have not yet signed up, but the game will start next month with or without another. Game results will be published in Fiat Bellum also. Will each player please verify that he wants to participate, send in a game name, and let me know whether he needs a copy of the rules?

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## Opinions and Editorials and Letters\_\_\_\_\_

This issue's delay was due to Dipcon XXI at San Antonio--not because we attended, but because all my time off work for two weeks was spent there, leaving just a couple of evenings to type. Cathy and I will be attending Pudgecon (Bad Boys or no Bad Boys) August 12-14 so the next issue may take a full week turnaround (deadline 8/10, mailed about 8/17).

Speaking of the Beastie Boys of Dip, we had a letter from the Dipdom's foremost proponent of the traditional view the "Fandom is Just a Goddamn Hobby," Bruce Geryk. (FIJAGH is the opposite of FIAWOL: Fandom is a Way of Life. Perelandra is strictly neutral in this thirty-year-old argument.) Bruce had many insulting things to say about us, and I wasted my time writing back to him calmly and rationally. Since then, ~~Matt~~ Bruce and his sidekick Jeff Zarse have both checked in with further denigrations. I'll send copies of the letters to anybody who really absolutely has to see them--but you pay the postage and 50 cents copying.

And speaking of Dipcon, I'll be publishing the Souvenir Booklet in about two months--photos, results, and anecdotes about what went down there. I'll be doing this for those who attended, but others who want it will be able to buy a copy (price unknown thus far).

I am looking for copies of Garrett's translations of Turgenev cheap--please get a hold of me before sending anything you may find in used or antiquarian shops. And in upcoming literary news, I look forward to the August publication of Le Comte's I, Eve--knowing his writing I will recommend it unseen.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to learn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

--Ralph Waldo Emerson



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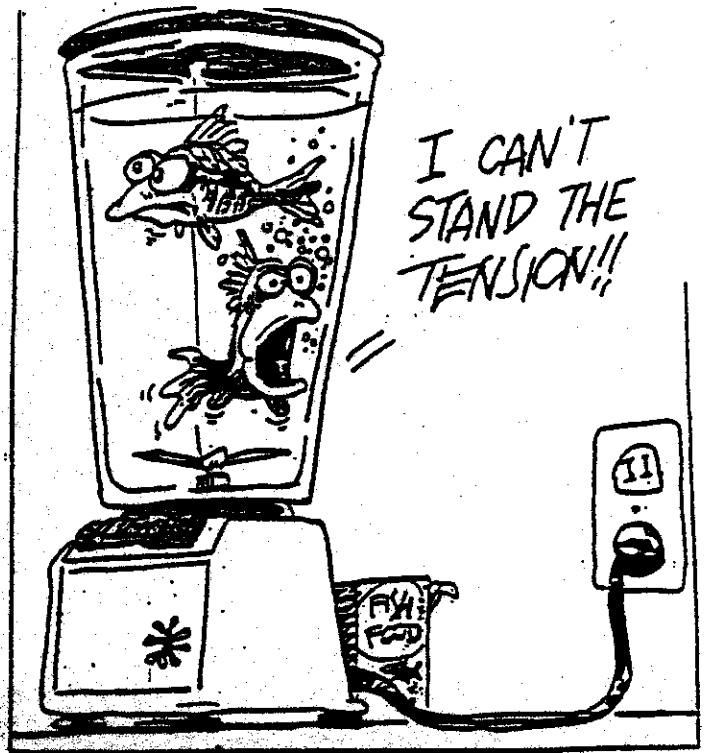
## It's Me Again

by Cathy Gaughan

Dipcon was great. I want to thank Mark Frueh for introducing me to Debi Peters--we hit it off well. We went sightseeing, laid out by the pool, played bridge, British Rails, and electronic darts in the hotel bar. The only time, maybe, that we didn't have a good time together was when she gm'ed a Dip game Sunday night. She was STRANGE. Almost Jekyll and Hyde--she got tagged "The GM from Hell" by the players for her hard-nosed attitude. Anyway, I'm glad to have met such a fun chick.

Another person who left an impression on me was Morgan Gurley. He was funny--the poor guy came in last in the Dip tournament, so he had plenty of time on his hands. He decided to spend it in the hotel bar (which was next door to the conference room the convention was held in). After several hours he began to get really good at the sex trivia game there.

It was fun to see all the regulars (I guess those are people I've met before): Greg & Polly Ellis and their new edition, Casey Elaine; Stephen, Diana & Arron Wilcox; Gary Behnen, Mark Frueh, and Dave Frick.



What Will Bob Olsen's Next GM Error Be?

## Game Openings

SNOWBALL FIGHTING--Tom Hurst is signed up for the next free game. The rest of you see the Quwhon announcement earlier in this issue.

DIPLOMACY--Three people signed up for the next game (\$5 game fee); Bruce, your fee has been refunded to your sub balance. Everyone else, see the gamestart in this issue.

DOWNFALL OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS--Geoff Richard, Jon Fleischman, Rob Wittmond, Brian Hogan, Jason Bergmann, and John Cannon are signed up--if only we could get everyone onto this list at once! I promise, folks, I'll get this running soon.

SCRABBLE--No other interest, forget it.

OTHER GAMES--Your input, please, on whether we should run:

- 1) Another section of Titan (this time with variant rules?)
- 2) Postal Monopoly
- 3) A section of Bourse with the next Diplomacy game
- 4) M.A.D. Diplomacy (same game but with nuclear weapons that make spaces impassable)
- 5) British Rails

## Survey: 9 of 10 parents give kids allowances

The average American child gets an allowance of \$3.34 a week, with 5-year-olds starting at \$1.40 and 16-year-olds taking in a sweet \$8.13, according to a survey of families with working mothers.

"I think I'm getting gypped," grouched Blake Rosenthal, 10, of Fort Lee, NJ, who receives \$3 a week, 15 cents less than the national average for those her age.

Nine out of ten parents give their children allowances, and 70 percent of them expect something in return, like a clean room or a good report card, Working Mother magazine reported in its December issue.

Sixty-five percent of parents who give allowances are happy with the way they are spent; more than half impose no restrictions.

Among the other findings of the survey of 961 readers:

\*Most kids started getting their allowance when they were about 6½, and more than three-quarters had one by age 8.

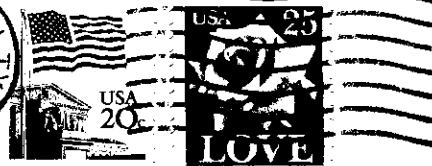
\*Boys were asked to do more chores for their allowance than girls — and more often disappointed their parents with their performance. But at age 12 girls start doing more and this continues through the teen ages.

\*Family income had relatively little bearing on children's allowances. "At each age level there is rarely more than 50 cents to \$1 difference between what the poorest and richest households allot," the magazine said. Parents with lower incomes expect children to do more for their money, the survey found.

Seventy-four percent of kids spent some or all their money on toys. They also spent their money on food (43%), gifts (39%), comics, magazines and books (38%), movies, video games and records (34%), clothes and jewelry (31%), school supplies (19%), and savings (15%). Only 4% bought candy.

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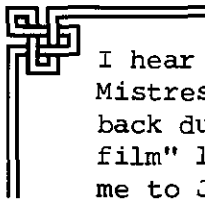
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This is a compilation of things which arrived at the Love Nest since deadline. It's been an unusual month for "late news"--typically, my mail drops dead the second day after deadline, but this month we kept getting letters...

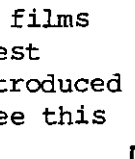
Bad news (I don't have a softer term for it) was the main reason for this page. Patty Walker sent a note saying that John Walker died last January 27, and was buried in Wichita Falls, TX. John was a really fun person. Despite having only met once (when John and Patty drove up to Conrad Minshall's place in Austin), I learned what a wonderful sense of humor and joy of life John had through his little zine and through his long letters. The Alamo City Times, it must be noted, once published the smallest Dip zine ever. It ran 16 pages, but each page was only 2"x3"!

Apparently John's experience with cancer was a typical roller-coaster ride over the last two years. Patty was with him when he left; my sympathy goes to her.

Likewise to Ben Schilling. Word travels slow in the hobby when there's no fued going on, and I just found out that Ben's father died of lung cancer about a week before Christmas. Again, Ben and I only ever met a couple of times at cons, but he was a real encouragement to me during the early Perelandras, so I hurt a little with him.



I hear a couple of Hollywood rumors--one says they're making a movie with Elvira, Mistress of the Dark. This is a good sign; Hollywood made some of its best films back during the time it was making some of its best schlock. And on the "best film" list, let's hope we see "The Milagro Beanfield War." The Langleys introduced me to John Nichols' novels a few years ago, and I love them, so I plan to see this flick as soon as it comes to Dallas.



And then we have some late press for Northpoint--


London to Paris: Allies should not be so distrustful; but don't worry, your brests are safe (I've always been a leg man).

London to Moscow: Sorry, comrade, I'll think twice before ignoring support again.

London to Munich (oops! Berlin; sorry): Does this mean the engagement between the Prince and the Kaiser's daughter is off?

London to World: If this game lasts as long as it looks like it will, the price of a stamp will be \$1.40 by the time we're done. How about a little unity somewhere?

gm to World: I like it--"Write now, avoid the price increase!" Rich, what do you do if the unity turns out to be F/G/R??



AND finally, there arrived a letter that, at least in its introduction, sums up my main emotion the last couple of weeks...take it away, STEVE EMMERT (10 March 1988):

Super Tuesday, just past, has excited the nation's political appetite. The political/economic crisis in Panama doesn't seem to want to leave the front page. The Russians are leaving Afghanistan. The dollar is ever so slowly regaining strength against the yen, providing relief to a nervous economy. Still, the dollar is near its postwar lows against many major currencies.

Never mind all that trivial nonsense. Spring training has begun in Florida and Arizona. We can all stop holding our breath now; we've made it through winter. Herewith some humble picks for the divisional races, along with a list of some of the new faces for each team.

N. L. EAST

1. Pittsburgh. Yeah, man, the Pirates. Loads and loads of great young pitching, led by Mike Dunne, Doug Drabek, and a new kid named Vicente Palacios. Jose Lind, with a good average but little power, plays dazzling defense at second.

2. New York. Kevin Elster takes over at short for Santana, who got traded from Queens to the Bronx. He's sure to be overshadowed soon (maybe 1989) by Gregg Jeffries, who tore up Double-A last year.

3. St. Louis. Rookies? Who needs rookies? With the addition of Bob Horner from the Yakult

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Swallows, the Cardinals traded their great potential freshman, outfielder Lance Johnson, to the White Sox for Jose DeLeon. First place minus Jack Clark plus Horner equals third place.

4. Montreal. Everybody in the bullpen peaked last year, most of all Tim Burke. This year, look for Jeff Parrett to be the newest bright young pitcher for a talented staff. The move of Brooks to the outfield makes for an all-rookie DP combination--Luis Rivera and Johnny Paredes, although an injury to Paredes over the winter may give the job back to Casey Candaele.

5. Philadelphia. Expect Todd Frohwirth to do very well. He looks like, throws like, and idolizes Kent Tekulve, from whom he should learn very well. If the starters are as shaky as last year, watch for Brad Brink to take a crack at joining the rotation.

6. Chicago. Last for now, but they'll be real contenders in a couple of seasons. Loads of young talent here, including first baseman Mark Grace, who may push Durham out of town; third baseman Wade Rowdon, who should take over now that Moreland has been traded, and outfielder Darrin Jackson.

## N. L. WEST

1. I hate saying this, but Cincinnati. The only new name is new second baseman Jeff Treadway, but a great battle is brewing in right field between youngsters Paul O'Neill and Tracy Jones, who have the spot to fight over now that Parker is in Oakland. A Jones-Davis-Daniels outfield features strong bats and blistering speed.

2. San Francisco. No new names here; Roger Craig has said it will be almost impossible for a rookie to make the team. As rookies go, Kirt Manwaring has the most talent, but he's a catcher, and Bob Brenly isn't going to lie down and die anytime soon.

3. Los Angeles. I wish I could put them higher. The only problem with the acquisition of Gibson and Mike Davis is that the outfield is too crowded, and that's where the Dodger's minor league talent is, with Mike Devereaux and Chris Gwynn. Expect Shawn Hillegas to take over Bob Welch's spot in the rotation.

4. Houston. Ken Caminiti and Gerald Young are only going to get better, but the 'stros need bullpen help. Unfortunately, the only promising pitcher on tap is starter Rob Mallicoat.

5. San Diego. There are lots of good kids here. Shawn Abner may win a spot in the outfield, and Roberto and Sandy Alomar could be the teams full-time second baseman and backup catcher, respectively, by the All-Star break.

6. Atlanta. Another new DP combination: Jeff Blauser and Ronnie Gant. Gant may not get the chance, however, as the Braves' management is under pressure to play high-priced Damaso Garcia, who gave them zero at-bats last year.

## A. L. EAST

1. Toronto. Lots of guns all over. They've got a great lefty reliever named David Wells on the way up, who will take some heat off Tom Henke. If there was room in the outfield, Sil Campusano would make it. There isn't. He won't.

2. Boston. The Sox are asking Mike Greenwell and Ellis Burks if they have any younger brothers. That's because, with the exception of pitcher John Leister, the well of young talent is dry. Leister will probably make the rotation, though.

3. New York. Be honest. When's the last time you ever heard of Steinbrenner's taking a chance on a new kid? Well, maybe one or two over the course of this year. Look for starter Al Leiter and outfielders Roberto Kelly and Jay Buhner to mope in Columbus or get traded for known talent.

4. Detroit. The Tigers have a great young outfielder named Scott Lusader who may get into the starting lineup before the All-Star break. Paul Gibson might grab the last spot in the rotation.

5. Milwaukee. By all accounts, the Brewers have the best minor-league organization in baseball. The talent is deep: third baseman Steve Keifer, reliever Dave Stapleton and first baseman Joey Meyer will probably contribute early and often. Next year look for outfielder Lavell Freeman.

6. Cleveland. Tommy Hinzo will start at second, and brings a fair glove and great speed to the position. Outfielder Dave Clark and third baseman Eddie Williams both have good chances which will be decided by their performances in spring training.

7. Baltimore. The O's have a kid named Pete Stanicek who is terrific. Either a second baseman or an outfielder, he has great speed. Beyond that it's tough sledding for rookies. Pitcher Jeff Ballard may make it; no one else will.

## A. L. WEST

1. Kansas City. Forget Bo Jackson. Really (unless you're a Raider fan). Gary Thurman will send Bo to the bench or the minors. No other rookies are likely to make the team, though.

2. Oakland. See the listing for the Giants, above. Walt Weiss will start at shortstop, but with the addition of Parker, Hubbard, Welch, et al., who's got room for rookies?

[The rest, and my predictions, next month!.....]