

The Prince

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Game Openings: No

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"Nothing makes a prince so much esteemed as
great enterprises and setting a fine example."

Machiavelli

The Prince is a postal diplomacy zine published every three weeks by Jim Meinel, 628 Whitworth Lane So. Renton, WA 98055. Phone (206) 228-7802. There are no game openings right now but standbys are welcome. Subfee is 10 issues for \$5.00.

No, I didn't get my typewriter fixed. This is my sister's friend's typewriter that I am borrowing. The ribbon is also borrowed - it is looking very faint right now - I probably should have gone out and bought another one. Too late now.

I got a postcard from Eric Diamond while he was in Israel this month. A picture of Jerusalem. Thanks, Eric. He says the West Bank is "just a lot of rocks and hills, no big deal." It makes sense; religion corrupts.

Dragonflight is a yearly wargaming convention here in Seattle and will be held August 26-28 at Seattle University. Registration is \$15.00 for the three days. I went last year to play dip - managed to scrape up enough players for the "tournament"; two boards for the first round and one final round board. Probably three quarters of the people were there to play D&D but a lot of other games were represented. If you are in this area and are interested write to Dragonflight P.O. Box 417 Seattle, WA 98111 for info on games, lodging and registration. I'd go if I was going to be here.

We started packing some items this week for the big move and my zines were not among those items. I've got two boxes of all my zines that I'll sell to whoever wants them for just postage. I'm keeping my DW's and Everything's but everything else is going. Box A has all digest size zines in it. 135 copies with 24 different titles including Europa Express #10-24, Diplomacy Digest #48-71, Magus #15-25 and thirty copies of Black Frogs and East of Eden's. Box B is just full-sized zines, 139 copies with 42 different titles including Appalling Greed #26-44, Cheesecake #23-44, North Sealth West George #1-9 and Europa Express #3-9.

First person (or people) to write or call for these boxes will get them. You tell me how you want them shipped (UPS, first class, third class) and I'll send them and then you send me a check for the postage amount. The boxes are about ten pounds each so you can estimate how much it will cost you.

We have a tentative date set to fly up to Anchorage, Monday July 25th. (the day after my birthday) Next deadline will still be three weeks, Thursday July 21st. But because everything is going to have to be packed and everything by Saturday or Sunday and the general atmosphere that of a Chinese fire drill how about laying off the press just this one season? I know some of you are really getting into it and quite frankly some of it is funnier than hell. But if you can limit yourself to a couple lines this time it will make my job a whole lot easier. Thanks a bunch.

So, what's the first thing that happens when a college graduate ventures out into the big, wide world? I'll tell you what, Citibank sends you a nice shiny new Visa card with a thirteen hundred dollar limit. Combined with a wife (and yours truly) who feels she's been deprived during the six years in school it wasn't long before we hit a grand in newfound consumer debt. I can't really complain though, I built a model for the first time in seven years (a Panzer I) and picked up a couple books I've had my eye on (WWII German Army Handbook, How to Make War, and German Small Arms). And Patrick got a Tonka for picking up on the pottey game so quickly. No, we didn't piss away all that money on bubble gum, I had to get a couple suits for work and we got a kitchen table and some chairs. Add a couple nights on the town and you'll know what this month's statement will look like. Mommy and Daddy's new game that we picked up on quickly: do you take Visa?

BULLETIN: There is a small chance that we may be moving before the next deadline date (July 21). In that case I'll mail out flyers telling you what's happening. However, if things go according to schedule, the next issue will be the last from this address. About a week or so (maybe 2 weeks) after that issue I will send out an issue from Alaska with our new address and the new deadline. So the next deadline will be from 4-5 weeks long, then back to three weeks after that.

Player Reliability Rating

Everything #56 is out and this is the latest update of the postal players with five or more games completed without dropping out. Players marked with (*) have at least one resignation (not included in the total). Games from E 43-56 are included, which are all games completed since about March 1980.

*Lee Kendter, Sr.	29	*Mark Berch	9	Mike Mazzer	6
Dave Carter	28	John Daly	9	*Jeff Noto	6
*John Caruso	26	*Dwayne Shreve	9	Gerry Paulson	6
Dick Martin	26	*Mike Barno	9	Peter Reese	6
*John Michalski	26	Scott Hanson	8	*Vern Schaller	6
*Kathy Byrne	22	Bob Kluge	8	Don Tinker	6
Gene Boggess	20	Rick Kassel	8	Kevin Tighe	6
*Jack Masters	17	Eldon Nichol	8	Bill Bryg	5
Ron Brown	16	Tom Ripper	8	H.D. Basset	5
*Bob Sergeant	16	Tom Thornsen	8	Joe Clement	5
George Pyfrom	15	Pete Ashley	7	Bart Denny	5
*Dan Stafford	15	Uli Baumeister	7	Gregory Dick	5
*Konrad Baumeister	14	Mark Fassio	7	Chris Edwards	5
Keith Sherwood	14	Doug Landon	7	Ron Foster	5
Randolph Smyth	14	Mike Lariton	7	Gary Howe	5
Arturo Guajardo	13	Mark Larzelere	7	Barry Hichey	5
Doug Karnes	13	Kevin Mooney	7	Roy Hendricks	5
Bob Olson	13	Dan MacLellan	7	*John Hendry	5
Ben Schilling	13	Clark Reynolds	7	David Hard	5
Bill Schiwautz	13	Mark Rowell	7	Garry Hamlin	5
*Jon Michal	12	Tom Swider	7	Tom Kissner	5
*Al Pearson	12	Fred Townsend	7	Eric Kane	5
Lee Kendter, Jr.	11	John Aicken	6	Jim Lawniczak	5
George Leritte	11	Gerry Austin	6	Bob Lipton	5
Don Swartz	11	Ken Baker	6	Andy Lischett	5
Steve Arnawoodian	10	Steve Berrigan	6	Anna Moraitis	5
Doug Beyerlein	10	Mike Conner	6	Michael Mills	5
*Ken Iverson	10	Bill Drakert	6	Dave Marshall	5
Bryan Jurkowski	10	Stanley Dunn	6	Don Sigwalt	5
Richard Kovalcik	10	Pete Fuchs	6	Bill Young	5
Larry McCloud	10	Greg Haskew	6		
David Pierce	10	Guy Hail	6		
Paul Rauterberg	10	Fraser MacLeod	6		

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Spring 1902

RUSSIANS INVADE NORWAY

Austria (R.Winslow)	A Vie-BOH, A Tri-SER, A BUD S A Tri-Ser, A Ser-GRE, F Gre-AEG
England (T.Washburn)	F Lon-NTH, F BEL H, A Nwy-SWE, F Nrg-BAR, F Edi-NRG
France (E.Givan)	F Por-MID, F BRE H, <u>A BUR-Mun</u> , A Par-PIC, A Spa-GAS
Germany (G.Milewski)	F DEN S ENGLISH A Nwy-Swe, <u>A SIL-War</u> , A MUN H, A KIE S A Mun
Italy (M.Frueh)	A TYO S AUSTRIAN A Vie-Boh, A TUN takes a leak in the Western Med (H), <u>F ION-Eas</u> , <u>F NAP-Ion</u>
Russia (R.Delzer)	A StP-NWY, <u>F BOT-Swe</u> , <u>A WAR-Sil</u> , <u>F SEV S A Rum</u> , A RUM H
Turkey (C.Braxis)	A BUL S AUSTRIAN A Bud-Rum(nso), <u>F BLA-Sev</u> , <u>F SMY-Eas</u> , A CON H

The deadline for Fall 1902 orders will be Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT.

Press:

Fra-Ita: Here it is SO2 and you haven't stabbed anybody yet! What is happening? The reputations of the Gang of Three are on the line. Mark "The silent" to Evans "Mr.Trust-me!": Sure! I'll bet! (NO PROBLEM!) Just defend yourself from the English. Not the poor, weak, forgotten Italians. Do you want support into Munich in the Fall or did you take the Ruhr and Burgundy and no longer need my assistance.

Eng-Rus: I accept in principle the Plan for Peace Among All Nations you outlined in your communique. Let future generations know that you and I did not let this golden opportunity for a new way slide through our fingers. Let's reach out and grab it!

Arm-Ita: Our turkish neighbors may smell, little man, but they smoke great hash and annihilate brave warriors by the millions. Thus, don't look back, cuz you about to become one skinny maggot-sandwich.

Cmdr. Oliver Perry-Barbary Pirates: Sing, sing unto the heavens, "Daring to laugh with God, we embrace the Universe"

Ita-Sicily: Drop dead you German vagrant!

Lon-Eer: We deliver.

Mos-Lon: Will there be peace in our time?

Eng-Ita: Glad your exams are over - now it's my turn - have fun at MadCon.

Vatican-Rome: Moniti meliora sequamur.

John Lennon-Earth: Imagine there's no country, a brotherhood of man. RSVP I'll give all I have and more.

Mark-Georgie-one-Kanobi: Fly off lazer breath! Our starfighter has already ruffled my fine feathers!

Par-Lon: Well, I sort of waffled a little. Indecision is the bane of all frogmen. Assassination is the extreme form of censorship. Done valid without this seal.

Aus-Gre: Napoleonic Cognac?!? We don't waste that shit on you smelly Greeks. You guys are quite mistaken.

Voice of Israel: The "New Aushwitz" trains shuttling between Berlin and Moscow will be annihilated just as the Arab invaders were. Re-elect Begin and Reagan, the Lords of the Universe.

Trenchtown-Hawaii: People are driving cars and going to Mars.

Lon-Par: This is it: love, hate, peace, war, I don't want to down you, but they're all part of the same dream called humanity. Let's get it together, now.

Malta-Naples: Poulet-merde, you can't lepanto, the frogs are going to fry your fleeing gangreneous emetic legs - you're not even funny. I'm going to the bathroom.

Ita-Ger: As I said before - I'll protect you! My favorite two words to you are - Trust me!

Ire-Belfast: Let's give peace a chance, get high, and watch the tube.

Con-Rom: Your insulting remarks only betray your own insecurity. At its best the Italian temperment is a mixture of volatility with grace and creativity. Unfortunately, you only seem to possess the former trait.

More Machiavelli press on page 11

SEALION SUCCESSFUL

Austria (D.Martin) A SER S A Tri, A TRI S RUSSIAN A Vie-Bud, A BUL-Gre,
 F AEG S A Bul-Gre
 England (R.Delzer) A LON H, F Edi H(dis, ret-Cly,Yor,OTB, F Mid-NAF
 France (P.Conlon) NMR! A POR, F SPA(sc), F BRE, F ENG, A PIC all hold
 Germany (G.Ellis) A Boh-VIE, A Mun-TYO, A SWE H, A Hol-EDI, F NTH C A Hol-
 Edi,F Den-KIE
 Italy (E.Diamond) A Apu-VEN, A ALB-Ser, F ADR-Tri, A Bud S F ADR-Tri(dis,
 ret-Gal,OTB), A GRE S A Alb-Ser, F ION S A Gre
 Russia (B.Orloff) F NRG S GERMAN A Hol-Edi, A NW S GERMAN A Swe-Ska(nso),
 A MOS-Sev, F SEV-Bla, A RUM S A Vie-Bud, A Vie-BUD
 Turkey (K.Sesler) A CON-Smy, F ANK-Bla, A ARM-Smy

Winter 1903 Supply Center Chart

Austria	Ser, Bul, Vie , Bud , TRI	3	remove 1
England	Lon, Liv, Edi	2	remove 1
France	Home, Por, Bel, SPA	6	build 1
Germany	Home, Hol, Den, Swe, EDI, VIE	8	build 2
Italy	Home, Tun, Gre, Vie	5	remove 1
Russia	Home, Rum, Nwy, BUD	7	build 1
Turkey	Home	3	even

The deadline for Autumn retreats, Winter builds and Spring 1904 moves will be Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT. Seasons separated on three requests. Will Mark Frueh, 309 N.Livingston St. Apt #1 Madison, WI 53703 please submit standby orders for France? Thanks, Mark.

Press:

Ellis-Conlon, GM: If I read your press correctly, then you both wish to bet me \$50 that your particular team will have a better record than any one of the other three mentioned. ((not exactly what I meant-jm)) If this is indeed the case, I accept. As I am sure that Jim will be hard pressed, I mean with a kid, new job, and moving to Alaska he will probably be broke, then I will gladly accept payment in the form of a sub extension through 1990. ((H!)) Pat, on the other hand, will have to pay me cold cash, in light of the fact that he will simply be returning my taxes the government has been throwing at him. How do you sleep at night, Patrick, living off a government check?

GM: actually I meant for you, Greg, to offer something similiar to what Pat so rashly ventured. Why don't we make it a little more fair for all of us? Let's see, we are talking about Houston, LSU, Oklahoma and Washington, right? How about 25 bucks from each into a kitty and the winner is the one who's team ghas the best record. Bowl games to break ties? Name someone to keep the money - put up or shut up!

Dateline Berlin: On the road again with J.T.Kirk, on his five year mission! Unable to determine whether the communication problems that hurt the joint Turkish-Italian plans had originated with the Turks or the Italians, Minister Kirk embarked on a fact finding mission to Rome. It has been reported to this office that he was last seen in the Pope's waiting room with a cricifix stuffed down his throat. When asked how he got into this predicament he replied, "mmpH Erlg Pppp dd tt! Hh sd smthg abot fuss fddng Jss tme." Our source at LSU commented that these remarks were the most intelligent thing Kirk had ever said.Czar-Frenxh Maggot: Come, come now, must you refer to me as a peasant? Us Alpha-Gators have to stick together, you know.

Mun-Imperial Frog: Brian told me that genuflecting had something to do with the middle finger on my roght hand. Is that true?

Mun-Anyone: Don't listen to him, he doesn't mean it.

Rus-world: The Cubbies are on a tear! I've got \$10 that says they'll finish above .500 and in the top 3 of the NL East. ((what's with everyone wanting to give their money away all of a sudden?)) Since I know there are a ton

Atreides Press from page 10

Par-Vie: It entirely depends on what you qualify for. With warts, bulging eyes, and long legs, you're not going to make it as a lead in any love-sick horror movie, are you? Well maybe we can squeeze you in as the horrible part of that. Frankly, it looks like you're already being squeezed horribly; we'll save money on make-up, anyways.

Eng-Rus: Greetings Drip of the East. Yes, an alliance with you against France is out of the question.

Eng-Fra: Greetings Turd of the West. Again, I must respectfully refuse your offer to be a toady to me. Perhaps in that rag Thirty Miles you may find a willing ally.

Tokuqawa Press from page 13

Par-GM: Refer to me as "Froggie" once more

The JDL will pound on your door
Upon your face is what I mean, the
Star of David will clearly be seen!

GM-Par: Frenchie, froggie, bird of game
It's just a rose by any other name
Raging against what you were born
Will only earn the master's scorn

Versailles: It is Day 1 in Paris. Early this morning the police Militaire de France stormed the British Embass, taking all inhabitants to safety. It is feared that there will be reprisals by the patriotic French citizenry due to the treachery dealt by the back-stabbing, slime-sucking, cravenly, cowardice, impotent English Monarchy. The P.M.F. reported that the staff will be well cared for but they will be separated, blindfolded, and kept in closets to protect them from the over-zealous yet justifiably-so, French citizenry.

Austria-Eng: Once again I say no to the dispicable backstab of Germany.

Rus-Aus: You didn't hold to your side any more than I did, the only consolation being you didn't do so any less.

French Stand-up Comic: Q: What action does negotiating with the British most closely resemble? A: Pissing in a fan!

Timbuktu: Since I am not in Europe, I could care less about this nonsense. Press report to the United States: Today the Ambassador to Austria from Russia was declared "Persona non Grata" and given 12 hours to leave the country. No reason was given by the Austrian Press Office.

Moscow: The initial outlook from this capitol concerning the campaign thus far appears to be guarded optimism. The unsuccessful invasion of Galicia being the only setback to the initial offensive phase, all other fronts having gone as planned. There is some concern as to the roles to be played by the western powers. There was also some minor concern from the religious quarters concerning the proposed alliance with the infidels in Turkey, but that has been downplayed by the initial successes. With luck and skillful planning, these concerns of the populace at large can be dealt with. As a personal aside, the 100 ruble peek into the royal rumpus room was quite fun until this reporter found out that the penalty for being caught was awesome. I suspect that memories shall have to suffice. This is your reporter, nose for news, signing off for now.

Iceland-Mos: More vodka, quick!

Eng-Wor: Gaylord Perry has been "released". Should we keep the women and children off of the streets?

Eng-Aus: Have you lost my address?

Charles press from page 4

of people who will reply to this one, the offer is limited to the first three people to respond by postcard. Ha! I wonder if anyone will take me seriously! ((seriously, no. To the cleaners, yes)) (No I'm not ill)

Mun-Par: What happened to the Rajin' Cajun? Tiger get your LaFitte?

Mun-Wen: Did I get what right? If I had an army in Tyo I could have helped you out this time.

Mun-World: He did it! He did it! He stabbed Austria in '03! I can't believe it! Three for three! Wait, is that a record? No I think Conlon stabbed five separate powers in the same move sometime last year. We will check it out. In the meantime, don't give up Brian. Stab Italy in '04!

Rus-GM,Fra,Ger: I'll shut up.

Constantly risking absurdity and death whenever he performs above the heads of his audience, the poet like an acrobat climbs on rhyme to a high wire of his own making and balancing on eyebeams above a sea of faces paces his way to the other side of day performing entrechats and sleight of foot tricks and other high theatrics and all without mistaking anything for what it may not be.

-Lawrence Ferlinghetti

HUMBOLDT

This subzine is being sublet from Kevin Tighe (rhymes with quighe) at 1603 G st. Arcata, Calif. 95521. Snake rhymes with fake and who ever put out the "Little Prince" issue of Humboldt qualifies on both notes! I don't know how many of you recieved it but the few of you I've talked to had no trouble recognizing the poor fake. The perpetrator obviously doesn't know Rio Dell from Scotia. In the future, in order to guarrantee the genuine high quality fidelity of your Humboldt just turn up the vol-umn and listen for the sounds of Dan Hicks and his Hot Licks...

IGOTMYPAYCHECKTODAYTHINKI'LLSPENDITLIKEACRAZYFOOLORI'LLGIVEITALLAWAYLIKE

Game Openings: (6) Top Hat - GO to VERMONT Ave. \$100 Monopoly

Sports Dept: Some crochette teammates of mine from UC Garberville were up visiting recently. We got pretty tanked up and decided to head over to the 24hr Pee Wee Golf Park in Ferndale. You know putt around, maybe pick up some chicks. I was rolling along just great until I got to the last hole; the windmill! A hole-in-one is worth a free game so I don't ever clown around at this hole. I took one last swig from my cherry cola slush and with my putter held firmly between my knees, I spit some ice into the palms of my hands. This caused the cashier girl to squeal to the club pro hanging half on her and half on the turnstile, "Oh Butch, don't you just love his bowling shoes!" I told her I liked her braces causing her to involuntarily bring her knees together with a noticable metallic clink. I turned my attention toward this final putt, studying the rhythem of the blades on the windmill as I approached the tee. I noticed something odd and swung with all my might knocking the top off the windmill exposing the motor. "Variable speed!" squealed the cashier once again. We've been together ever since.

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History Dept: John Meares International Scoundrel 1789
While George Washington was taking the oath of office, events in the Pacific Northwest nearly lead to war in Europe over the Alaska sea otter. From 1785 to 1795 Nootka (Vancouver Is. BC) was a very busy little port. The Brish India Co. claimed the area as well as Spain and Russia. The short but very lucrative fur trading brought Boston ships as well. John Meares, an Englishman, registered his ship under Portuguess flag and brought his pelts to Macao, China; in order to avoid the British Monopoly. A Spanish war ship from Mexico seized the trading ship and burned Meares' shelter near Nootka. War was only avoided by the more serious problems posed by the French Revolution. The sea otter industry gave way to beaver pelts and a new set of overland capitalists. See John Astor; War 1812; next issue!

I rather be a subzine. I rather be a subzine. I rather be a subzine.

HUMBOLDT

1741

Put out by Kevin "I rather be a subzine" Tighe (sounds like I rather be a subzine) living at 290 12th Str. Arcata, Calif. 95521. And as you all can tell I rather be a subzine.

Please make note of the new address so you know where not to write to me. As I type this I'm still on G Str, but as you read this I'm on 12th Str. (The preceding sentence has been brought to you by the Theory of Relativity - the "quiet" theory.) Since the students left for the summer I thought it was a good time to find a better house. I hate living in apartments. Give me a porch, fireplace, and a garden, and I'm content.

Let's see what's in the works. Oh yes, a contest: What's a good topic for a feud? We really need some new feuds. Currently an old one is being recycled in the eastern zines, so get working on it. Tangible prizes will be awarded. Send in your suggestions or just get one going on your own. Also, I'm still wondering if dippers get enough exercise. Certainly you're not always reading zines and figuring out moves, so if you're athletically inclined (or just enjoy fishing) drop me a line. I care. And finally, if there is a prominent feature in your area named after Alexander von Humboldt please let me know. I'm planning a pilgrimage for next year.

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Everyone take out your crayons and make my blue eyes brown.

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Why I Won't Attend Dipcon

Most people not attending this year's Dipcon in Detroit do so because they a) lack the money, b) find it too far to travel, c) have to work, or d) hate Detroit. All of which are good reasons for skipping it, but I'm not going mainly because of fear. I'm afraid everyone will look exactly as I picture them.

In the last couple of years I have come to know and even like many people in Dipdom. But I have this prejudice; I remember those kids in high school who were fantasy and D&D players. These kids were the type who always had five books under their arm where ever they went. They wore baggy sweaters with a hole in the back. Their pants were always too short (AKA floodpants) showing plain white socks and usually an untied shoelace. More often than not they wore glasses and talked in a disjointed, distracted way that walks the line between brilliance and insanity. Conversations would concern Star Trek or their latest science project. They got A's in everything except P.E. and study hall. Some became team managers.

Now through casual references made in the zines I know fantasy gamers make up the majority of the hobby's ranks. And the few crudely xeroxed pictures I've seen have only confirmed my fears of what you look like. Well, Gary Coughlan looked pretty normal, but that probably was a fluke shot.

So you see my problem, I KNOW when I enter the Dipcon room I'm going to see an ocean of floodpants, and will meet people who'll talk about their old science projects. And if that happens I'll probably crack.

Maybe I should start slow, attend a few FTF's in Sacramento and the

San Francisco bay area, so I can get used to being around these people. Then I can build up to larger gatherings like Perrycon. That just may work out. But if I ever find my socks exposed when I stand I'll have to drop out of the hobby coldturkey. If that happens I can always join the gay community in Frisco or the Young Republicans Club in Orange County. At least they dress nice.

Dippy Sports Dept.

This time we've got mostly real letters from real people. excerpt from a Terry Tallman letter:

"...I don't really do anything athletic, but I do enjoy spending Sunday afternoons out in my 30 foot sailboat. It requires a lot of time for upkeep, but my juices really flow when I'm on the water. And there is some skill involved trying to avoid the other sailboats, tugs, and bridges... Over the 4th, Cathy and I will be sailing up to the San Juan Islands. Should be fun."

((Sounds good. I've promised myself to take up sailing sometime, but I sure can't afford my own boat.))

from Robert O'Donnell:

"You asked what one did when not writing for fun. I enjoy weight lifting, though I am a bit out of practice right now... I enjoy your subzine, it adds some 'spice' to The Prince. I hope to be subbing for some time..."

((Thanks for the kind words. But how come half of the people who've written are "out of shape" or "haven't played for awhile"? Some study made in '75 found that most out of shape people are ex-jocks. They felt that they paid their dues and don't have to work out anymore. Stay with it.))

from Glenn Sherrill:

"Fishing is the most popular activity around here ((South Utah)). The creeks aren't exactly teeming with fish but there are some large trout swimming about. Last month, I was fighting a spunky twelve pounder for about a half hour. It just wouldn't give up. I finally got it into a pool right by my feet and it still fought like the devil. I couldn't help but admire the way it kept fighting and began to feel sorry for it. So I grabbed my gun and shot it dead..."

((Don't think Curt Gowdy would approve of your methods, but I guess hungry men will do strange things.))

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Some people have ask me to print the grand prize winner of the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for the worst opening sentence. OK, here it is:

"The camel died quite suddenly on the second day, and Selena fretted sulkily and, buffing her already impeccable nails - not for the first time since the journey began - pondered snidely if this would dissolve into a vignette of minor inconveniences like all the other holidays spent with Basil."

See? Not quite as good as the others. So let's finish it up with the worst opening sentence for a detective novel:

"There are things a good detective can feel in his bones, and Dillon Shane knew Jesimine Kimberly Collinsworth did not drown in her sleep on New Year's Eve."

Till next time.

Buster Keaton Rules,

Kevin

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Spring 1906

ROYAL NAVY SETS SAIL; GERMAN RETAKE SILESIA

England (D.Scheifler) F Nrg-BAR, F Edi-NRG, F NWI H, F NTH S F Nwy,
F Liv-NAT, A BRE-Gas, F POR-Spa(s.c.)
Germany (J.MacFarlane) A MAR-Pie, A SPA-Gas, A Par-BUR, A KIE S A Mun,
A Ber-SIL, A PRU S A Ber-Sil, A MUN S A Ber-Sil,
F BAL S A Pru
Italy (K.Byrne) F Eas-SMY, F AEG S F Eas-Smy, F CON S RUSSIAN F Bla-
Ank, F Rom-TYN, A Nap-ROM, A VEN S RUSSIAN A Tyo-Pie,
A BOH S RUSSIAN A Tri-Tyo
Russia (L.McCloud) A Tyo-PIE, A Tri-TYO, F BLA-Ank, F RUM-Bla, A BUL-
Rum, A FIN-Nwy, F Swe-DEN, A StP-LVN, A WAR-Pru,
A Sil S A War-Pru(dis, ret-GAL)
Turkey (K.Tighe) A Smy-Con(dis, ret-ARM), F ANK S A Smy-Con

The deadline for Fall 1906 orders, any autumn retreats AND Winter adjustments will be Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT. Kevin Tighe(TUR) has a COA - 290 12th St. Arcata, CA 95521. Below are possible retreating units for Autumn season:

Eng: none Ita: F Con, A Boh, A Ven
Ger: A Mun, A Sil, A Pru Rus: F Den, A Lvn, A War, A Gal, A Pie, A Tyo, F Bla,
Tur: F Ank A Bul

Press:

Ita-Tur: Sorry Kevin, maybe next game!

Tur-Ita: Do you always hurt the ones you love?

Ger-Fra: Thanks, Mike, for sticking it out 'till the end. Your fighting spirit is to be admired.

Ita-Ger: Please bear in mind that I'm in big trouble! What you suggest is easier said than done! Yes, I know I'm selfish - my welfare does come 1st!

Ank-Bordeaux: Yeah, but who would I give my centers to?

Ita-Rus: See, I do trust you!

Tighe-GM: Did you get your typewriter fixed????

GM: Nice try with the ????. At \$52.00 I may just keep borrowing.

Ita-Eng: Trust a man who builds F Liv? Do I look like Woody?

Berlin: Is there life in Reno?

Tur: Didn't think I'd outlast Austria or France, but here I am. Now I don't think I can outlast England. Hope my luck holds out.

Why do you play Dip?

"Because."
"Because I'm crazy!"
"I'm a pervert."
"Because I want to."
"Chance to meet intelligent friendly people who are just as weird as I am."
"Originally, because I beat everyone in our group and I wanted a new challenge. Now to keep humble."
"It's fun."
"Like it."
"It is the only way to play."
"Started out as a way to keep in touch with school friends. After graduation. Then played for the competition. Then to keep in touch with Dipdom friends."
"To meet people and have a good time."

"Diplomacy is one of the most exciting and intriguing games I have ever played. Postal diplomacy has many advantages over FTF-finding partners, more intrigue in negotiations, etc."
"No local players available. If you know of any, could you let me know?"
"The smell of napalm in the morning. Not acceptable? Oh. How's this then? The thrill of successfully manipulating people, and the interesting people one meets."
"It is the best outlet of frustration to rid upon unsuspecting innocents. Also a good way to meet interesting people and hate them! Or like 'em."

from The Anchorage Times

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SOCIETY OF LAID-BACK UNEMPLOYED GEOLOGISTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Are you at the point where you can empathize with Permian trilobites and late Cretaceous dinosaurs? Are you getting tired of watching old reruns of Star Trek while waiting for gas? Call us now, or better yet, call a local, so you can go back to work? Is your field gear gathering dust? Are you unemployed and have any or all of the following DEGREES: BA, MA, MS, or PhD in geology, geophysics, geological engineering or a related field? If so, then you are eligible to be a member of the Society of Laid-back unemployed geologists (SLUG). You can join, follow SLUG for weekly meetings (including local drinks) and establish a local branch office of SLUG. You can also help us out by giving us your own computer time, or just your own! We are currently looking for this kind of help. Contact us for this information. Write to: W. Johnson, c/o Anchorage Times, June 2, 1983. Bring a rock hammer to identify yourself to fellow SLUG.

IS ANYONE ALLIED?

Austria (G.Hail)	A SER S A Gre-Bul, A GRE-Bul, A GAL-Rum, A Sil-WAR
England (M.Paoletti)	F Eng-Nth(dis,ret-LON), F Liv-WAL, F CL H
France(M.Luedi)	A BRE-H, F Iri-ENG, F MID S F Iri-Eng, A Bur-RUH, A Bel-HOL, A Pic-BEL
Germany(R.Delzer)	F Den-SWE, F BAL S F Den-Swe, A Ber-MUN, A KIE S A Ber-Mun
Italy(B.Gosselin)	F Ion-GRE, F AEG S F Ion-Gre, A SM S RUSSIAN A Bul- Con(nso), A TRI-Ser, A MUN S FRENCH A Bur-Ruh(dis,ret-SIL) A Ven-TYO, A Rom-VEN
Russia(N.Heintzman)	A BUL-Ser, A RUM S A Bul-Ser, F BLA-Bul, F SEV S A Rum, F NWY-Nth, A Swe-FIN, A Pru-LVN, A Mos-UKR
Turkey(K.Tighe)	F Ank-CON, A Arm-ANK

The deadline for Fall 1905 orders, any autumn retreats AND Winter builds and removals will be Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT. Kevin Tighe(TUR) has a COA, 290 12th St. Arcata, CA 95521. Bob Gosselin(ITA) will have a temporary change of address until July 13th - 31 Park St. Lawrence, MA 01841. Below are possible retreating units for Autumn 1904:

Aus: A Gre, A Ser, A Gal, A War Rus: A Lvn, A Ukr, A Rum, A Bul
Eng: none Ger: A Kie, A Mun, F Swe
Fra: F Eng, A Ruh Ita: A Smy, A Sil Tur: A Con, A Ank

Press:

Ber-Mos: I hope you see this coming...

Vie-Rom: Perhaps you should read your mail before throwing it out.

Ven-Vie: Don't be bitter now. You'll have a great opportunity for revenge at the Dallas DipCon if not sooner. Who knows, maybe even in this game.

Ber-Rom: Are you my friend?

Tur-Rus: OK, I'll bite.

Fra-Ita: Aw, shucks!

Tur-Stand-up comics: Did you hear about the new rock group in San Francisco? They're called the Band Aids.

Fra-Tur: That was some joke! How many bulls did it take to come up with that one?

Tur-Stand-up comics(again): The German cartographers extended the water boundary north of Kiel. Next day the papers ran the story under the heading "Helga Bight's Big One".

Ita-Tur: Outstanding! That one sets a new comedic low that will be hard to beat.

Tur: Whew, what a way to lose your self respect.

Tur-Eng: OK, it's your turn. Ha ha ha.

Ber-Ank: Are you my friend?

Par-Ger: Never, ever, trust a stranger! ("stranger than what?" "That's right, son.") Especially not me!

Ber-Par: Are you my friend?

Vie-StP: Sorry, but I do what Italy says and he said "Let me stab you!"

Ber-Vie: Are you my friend?

Ber-Mos: Are you my friend?

Vatican City-Europe: Supply can't keep up with demand. Too many requests for my final daughter means I will have to go to the auction block. Send in your bids.

GM-Pope: One hundred pounds.

Fra-Aus,Ita,Rus,Tur: Boy, looks like you're having all the fun. Gosh, the west is boring.

Fra-Rus: Let's see - 16 days before the deadline and no letter?! Hmhmhm.....

Ber-Lon: Are you my friend?

Ber-All: The bets are in, 6:1 I lose.

Swi-Bob Gosselin's mom: Yes, it is certainly amazing the lowlife that is allowed to exist in this world. Don't tell Bob this, kayo?

Paris-Tur: So, tell me, what is the significance of the letters F,I,K,D? Magnifico, however!

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Winter 1901

ANOTHER COLD WINTER

Austria (Paul Gardner)	Builds A VIE, A TRI
England (James Wall)	Builds F LON
France (Brian Orloff)	Builds A PAR
Germany (Glenn Sherrill)	Builds A MUN, A BER
Italy (Al Incorvaia)	Builds F NAP
Russia (Nick Wheeler)	Builds A MOS
Turkey (Mike Whitty)	Builds F ANK

The deadline for Spring 1902 orders will be Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT. Paul Gardner(AUS) has asked me to announce he is not moving to Vermont. Some press was held over due to its sensitive nature.

Press:

Crete-Europe: Long range prediction for Max: It will be E/F against A/T with Germany, Russia and Italy squeezed out in the middle. A/T should have the upper hand.

Vienna-Crete: The only horseshit around here is between your ears.

Ger-Ita: Keep up the pressure on France and I'll do the same.

Vie-Eur: Doesn't anybody in this game write or what? (Got nothing to brag about - hope to be writing all more often in July).

Iceland-Germany: Why don't you just give up. England, France and Russia are going to partition you.

Vie-GM: Nah, nah - none of that. Young dada with kids to toilet train and games to master can't be running off to filthy brothels (or can they?).

Machiavelli press from page 3

Barbar Pirates- aples: What a joke, I'm gonna wet my panties you're so swell HA HA!

Swe-Hol: Hmmm...I don't think they're taking us seriously anymore.

Hol-Swe: Says who?

Edi-Smj: Hey mate, get your transmitter going and let's span the continent with our mind-waves.

Eng-Aus: our turn to transmit on Radio Free Europe. Ah, Spring in Wien.

Ed White III-Ground Control: Peace. People won't hear it they got no time to spirit. But make love and it will make it a little easier.

Reply to Voice of Europe: "Delzed", mad dogs and fire hydrants? Who says frueh speech is dead?

Monaco-tatican: Jesu Christo - the albino cockroach, self-proclaimed Ruler of Italia, just can't see that the greatness of Italia lies in her people, 8 million of them! Viva la Gente!

Mark-Cleo: Damn shame you couldn't come to MadCon. So MadCon will come to you!

Venus-Mars: Bang, bang - the italiano frogmano is toto. Hee, hee.

Switz-Christian leaders of Europe: There's a road we've never walked before, a way never tried. Come to the Matterhorn now to join hands and together walk on the highway to the infonite.

Mark to All: One great thing about this hobby is all the great friends you meet! Next week I'll abuse Tayloe, Robert and Little Richard. New contest too! Just how bad does Cleo "the Turk" smell?

Eng-Eur: I'm off to the 15,000 ft. Mt. Rainer, queen of the NW. If I shouldn't return, I love you all - you've been great correspondants and good friends.

Swe-Barbary Pirates: I'm laughing with you, soul-man. Laughing with people here, and people there, everywhere, any time any day.

Standby list (if you want on or off let me know):
Ellis, Wall, Wilcox, Milewski, Hager, M.Henry, Conlon, Gosselin,
Heintzman, Tighe, Gardner, Givan, Frueh.

Bismarck 1983 W

Autumn 1902 Russia retreats A StP-LVN, F Swe OTB

Winter 1902 Austria builds A BUD Russia removes F Sev
England builds F EDI, A LON Turkey builds A CON
Italy builds F NAP

GERMAN EMPIRE SLICED IN HALF

Austria (E.Diamond) A Rum-SEV, A UKR S A Rum-Sev, A Bud-RUM, A SER S
ITALIAN F Gre, F ALB S ITALIAN F Nap-Ion
England (S.Wilcox) F Edi-NTH, A Lon-YOR, A STP H, F BAR S A StP H,
F Nth-DEN, F SWE S F Nth-Den
France (P.Gardner) F SPA(sc) enjoys the Mediterranean sun and these olive
skinned beauties both of which there is a noticeable
lack here in Randle (H), A BUR-Bel, A PIC S A Bur-Bel,
A GAS-Bur, A MAR S A Gas-Bur
Germany (P.Clemens) F Den-Nth(dis, ret-Ska,Hel,Bal,Kie,OTB), A RUH-Bel,
A HOL S A Ruh-Bel, A Ber-SIL, A War H(dis, ret-Pru,Gal,
OTB), A Mun H(dis, ret-Kie,Ber,OTB)
Italy (J.Wall) F Nap-ION, F TUN S F Nap-Ion, F GRE S AUSTRIAN A Rum-
Bul(nso), A Boh-MUN, A TYO S A Boh-Mun
Russia (K.Sesler) A Mos-WAR, A LVN S A Mos-War
Turkey (R.Delzer) A CON S A Bul, A BUL S F Aeg-Gre, F AEG-Gre, F EAS-Aeg

The deadline for Summer 1903 retreats and Fall 1903 orders will be
Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM. PDT. Paul Gardner(FRA) has asked me to an-
nounce he is not moving to Vermont. There was a slight error on last
season's supply center chart, Turkey was shown as even when he should have
been at +1 due to an annihilated unit. And a late breaking COA for Eric
Diamond(AUS): 1700 SW 16th Ct. Apt. D-29 Gainesville, FL 32608.

Press:

Tur-Aus: Oh, you treacherous nit! At least compared to you I've got
character...

Rus-Aus: Sorry, but I don't turn on allies without just cause.

Par-Vie: Your mention of P.T. and who's Next got me jumping around like a
Mod on leapers - All Right! Another who fan in Bismarck.

Ita-Rus: If you are going to standby at least do the players the courtesy
of returning letters.

Ita-Aus: Good thing for you I'm not poison pen Frueh!

Russia-Crete: No, I didn't.

Par-Ber: Well, did you decide which way A Burgundy would throw its grenade?

Tur-Fra: Do you believe me now?

Burgundy: "To Belgium, or not to Belgium - that is the question."

Ita-Rus(encore): Why lie to Eric? Instead of four centers you now have
two. Dumb.

Rus-Eng: I didn't appreciate those last moves one bit, although they cer-
tainly were no surprise.

Switz-Rus: You deserve to feel picked on with that dumb move!

Ita-Fra: Remember, you stay on your half and we've no problems at all.

Why do you play Dip?

"Why do I play, Jim? Well basically because I'm morally depraved and
enjoy backing squirming opponents into a corner, then squeezing the last
drop of blood from their quivering carcasses. Truthfully, there is some
perverse enjoyment to be garnered from successfully executing a well-
thought out web of lies. Those of us who are morally driven to veracity
in our real lives can use Dip as an escape from that bond, as a vehicle
for venting our repressed desire to deceive artfully."

-a Machiavellian incarnate

WHAT A BUNCH OF SCREWY ORDERS! FIVE CENTERS STILL NEUTRAL!

Austria (B.O'Donnell)	F Tri-VEN, A VIE-Gal, A Rum H(dis,ret-Bud,OTB)
England (E.Henry)	F NTH-Hol, F ENG C A Wal-Bre, A Wal-BRE
France (S.Keller)	A Mar-SPA, A Bur-BEL, F Mid-POR
Germany (K.Hager)	F DEN-Swe, A Kie-MUN, A RUH-Hol
Italy (D.Kidd) NMR!	A TYO, A APU, F ION all hold
Russia (D.Bowen)	A WAR-Gal, A Ukr-RUM, F SEV S A Ukr-Rum, F BOT-Swe
Turkey (S.Wilcox)	A Bul-SER, F Con-BUL(sc), A ANK H

Winter 1901 Supply Center Chart

Austria	Home, VEN	4	build 1
England	Home, BRE	4	build 1
France	Par, Mar, Br , SPA, POR, BEL	5	build 2
Germany	Home, DEN	4	build 1
Italy	Nap, Rom, Y	2	remove 1
Russia	Home, RUM	5	build 1
Turkey	Home, BUL, SER	5	build 2

The deadline for Winter 1901 builds only will be Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT. If all seven people submit Spring 1902 orders I'll play it also. Will Evans Givan, P.O.Box 15761 Sacramento, CA 95852 please submit standby orders for the shattered Italian position? Thanks, Evan. (I also need an Autumn retreat from Austria in addition to the builds)

Press:

Soho: The English Parliament Building was set ablaze today by several explosions. Rumored to be among the dozens killed in the bombing is the Prime Minister. God rest his soul! This news is most shocking coming the day after the French closed their embassy and recalled all their diplomats. Also rumored to be found on the door of the gutted building was a rather distinct red six-sided star. No one has yet claimed responsibility for this action but several indicators point to the JDL!

Franz-Wikkie: How's your english?

Ireland-Ger: If you sit on the fence, you might discover that there is no one on either side waiting for you.

S.E.X.-Rus: Mike, "////."

An advertisement in the latest Alpine Week reads as follows: To Turkey, with love, from the S.E.X. Bureau - WXCDW IDZJD FCNPD BPPWM ZHKWF KIRKL PMZLN KDDPZ.

Rus-Swe: The Russian fleet needs to stop in to momentarily take on stores. The visit is expected to be brief, and we promise not to leave any stray submarines around.

Tom Dolby-Swe: One of our submarines is missing, tonight.

Franz-Willie: Here's to our new found friendship.

Tiergarten: The British Embassy in Berlin rocked today as several bombs exploded. In the chaos and debris it is impossible to accurately assess the damage and count the death toll which is rumored to be about 10. Actual figures to be forthcoming. Possible JDL subversives are being blamed for this action. It is not yet known whether or not this had anything to do with the bombing in London.

Doctor to overly active S.E.X. Bureau Personnel: Habeat scabium quisquis ad me venerit novissimus. (May he have the itch who comes to me last)

Reykajvic: There seems to be some confusion in the west. Is anyone allied with anyone? Does anyone care?

Aus-Ita: Leave my homeland. That is the price!

Par-StP: ou bring the caviar; I'll bring the truffles. Won't Oktoberfest be grand?

Russia-roving Italian army: Are you going to join in on the carving of the hungry Austrian turkey?

Rus-Fra: Did you work anything out with anybody?

More Tokugawa press on page 7

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Spring 1908

EUROPE WATCHES AS GERMANY AND ENGLAND DUKE IT OUT

Austria(B.Zilberman) NMR! A PIE, A TYO, A TRI, A VIE, A GAL all hold
England(B.Gosselin) F Nth-SKA, A Hol-KIE, F Edi-NTH, A Liv-YOR,
A Lon-PIC, F ENG C A Lon-Pic, A War-UKR, A MOS
S A War-Ukr, A Lvn-PRU, F Mid-BRE, F Spa(nc)-MID,
F POR S F Spa(nc)-Mid
France (b.Blum) NMR! F MAR holds
Germany (M.Henry) A Gas-PAR, A Mun-BUR, F Hel-DEN, A Pru-BER,
A Boh-MUN, A SIL S A Boh-Mun
Russia (E.Wiggers) A SEV H
Turkey (J.Cummins) NMR! F's WES, LYO, TUN, TYN, ION, BLA & A's TUS, BUL, RUM hold

The deadline for Fall, autumn and Winter 1908 orders is Thursday July 21, 1983 8:00 PM PDT. The concession to England failed. An E/A/T draw has been proposed, vote with next orders (NVR=yes). This is a prophetic play game. The standbys are:

Austria: Greg Ellis 9430 Concourse #1612 Houston, TX 77036
France James Wall 1220 Mound St. Madison, WI 53715
Turkey Stephen Wilcox 6426 Alisa Ln. Houston, TX 77084

Press:

Eng-Rus&Tur: Let's wrap this one up, go home and EAT.

Lon-lie&nk: Anyone for TEA?

Ber-World: Have I scraped the egg off my face with a knife I pulled out of my back? I propose to ally with anybody against Germany for any reason. I voted no against the English concession and will vote no against it forever.

Eng-Ger: Don't be so ambiguous. I don't know whether to take that as a compliment or not.

Lon-Ber: I would have settled for GATE. You dug your own grave.

Russia-Ger: Now you see what I meant earlier. If you believe his fantasy/fiction about a passed letter, you're way too gullible. The man chooses to lie when the truth would serve better.

Eng-Eastern Powers: I know I can't win but at least I'd like to say that I ATE.

Rus-Eng: I'm glad I hung around long enough to be able to tell Germany "I told you".

Rus-Ger: (again) "I told you".

Por-Mar: Be a nice FEAT if you could pull it off but I don't think it's your FATE.

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your sub expires with track
your orders took days to get here

MODEL MISSING: Model Leonardo
Ragnoni Machiavelli, 24, a student
pendant of the Renaissance
man and writer Niccolò Machiavelli,
has been missing for a week and
parents fear she has been kidnapped.
Police in Bologna, Italy, said she was
last seen May 4.

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