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Including OLYMPIAN

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Ah, yes indeed, friends and neighbours, this is yer ol' friend RENAME, cluttering up your mail slot again with its usual conglomeration of Diplomacy variants and middleheaded mutterings from the melange known as Grendel Press, P.O. Box 8342, California, San Diego 92102. The telephone is an unknown fixture in this domicile. No open games. Subs 1¢ per two-sided page plus postage; we keep the books, minimum deposit two dollars please. Published tri-weekly, most of the time. Trades? Well, we'll look at your junk and think it over.

Scheduling. We're late, and for once it was intentional. Recently my biggie 'zine, Costaguana, ran afoul of some troubles and was delayed, and in the process of figuring out that schedule I noted an entrancing fact: If I stalled this Rename a week, I'd have all my publications staggered in an ideal manner for promptness and efficiency instead of the formerly not-infrequent confluence of several 'zines leading to near-madness. So I stalled. Not sorry.

Policy note. It has come to my attention that the spectre of postal strikes looming in Canada, and conceivably here at some point, needs a comment. Should a strike occur in Canada, any and all games with Canadian players will automatically be suspended for the duration, and whatever deadline then existed will shift to the third Saturday following the end of the strike. In the event of a U.S. strike, all games will be suspended until the third Saturday following. Localized short-term wildcat strikes will normally not be allowable as excuses; mail early, file contingency orders, or something.

A Plug. The publishing house of John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013 has come to be known in an amazingly short time for quality effusions, and John's variant magazine, Lost Horizons, is no exception. Thus is it superb news that John has openings in two large variants: 1721 and Scotice Scripti.

Fee \$6. and worth every cent. Suggest immediate enquiry.

Another. Another fine effort, this one somewhat newer, is called The Book of Stab. Well, hell, why not? And for a fee of \$1 plus a refundable \$1 deposit plus a sub at 8/\$1 you can play in regular, Youngstown, Anarchy or TwinEarths games. Emphatically recommended. Write the Book of Stab c/o 19160 Olympia St., Northridge, CA. 91324.

Insertion arias. I had advertised the inclusion of some new schemes for Youngstown from Dick Vedder for this issue, but have decided to hold off on them (no time to run them off). However, I am including another Vedder offering, Madochi IV (the latest revision of this relatively popular game). Do not interpret this as implying open sections here, but if you should care to play Dick is offering a section in his own publication Quo Vadis for a fee of \$2., which is not only cheap but happens to be totally refundable. Discuss the matter yourselves with Dick at 1451 N. Warren, Tucson, AZ. 85719.

Headlines. Lots of 'zines use headlines for their game reports: 'Russia destroyed, Italy gets fatter, War reaches innermost Chad,' and like that. I have done on occasion, but gave up ages ago. But the yen re-strikes, so let's try a few this time. Comments? (Which is a polite way of asking, does anyone give a hoot?)

And now for the bad news....

In addition to being the Custodian of the Boardman Numbers for regular Diplomacy games, I am now the Custodian of the Miller Numbers for variants. Applications for assignment to me hereafter, please. There'll be a mild delay in initial processing while I set up my files, but in a couple of weeks I anticipate being able to offer the same 24-hour service that I have unflinchingly given the Boardman Number applicants. The first Miller Number I've assigned is 1973Luzw, which has been given to Charles Reinsel for himself. Charles, as you probably know, is a variant incarnate.

Pray for the success of atheism.

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Game 1973Tdu - Ancient Hebrew - Fall 1999 B.C.

**MASSACRE IN ZEBULON!
ISSACHAR AVAILABLE FOR THE BODIES?**

The Gaddite army Thebez fell back on Gilead.

- East Manasseh (Biehl): a asher-naphtali. a taboz (s) zebulon. a zebulon (h). a tob-issachar. f zarephath-asher.
- Gad (Klein): a gilead-ramoth gilead. a reuben (s) abel shittim. a moab (h). a jabesh gilead - ramoth gilead. a abel shittim (h).
- Judah (Nielsen): a benjamin-olives. a socah-benjamin. f sea of the plain (s) benjamin-olives. f simeon-moab. f philistine sea - west sea.
- West Manasseh (Weidmark): a thebez-issachar. a ephraim-thebez. a issachar-zebulon. a dor (s) issachar-zebulon. a shechem (s) thebez-issachar. f sharon sea (s) issachar-zebulon.

The East Manassehan army Zebulon follows the dictum in the headline.

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Ownership Statement:

EM: 5 bases: golan, merom, zarephath, asher, naphtali. Build one.
G : 6 bases: jabeah gilead, rammoth gilead, abel shittim, reuben,
moab, ammon. Build one.
J : 5 bases: hebron, askelon, bethlehem, benjamin, dan. Even.
WM: 6 bases: sharon, dor, shechem, ephraim, isaacher, zebulon. Even.

Thanks to Hon Kelly for unused standbys last round. Let's call the builds and Spring 1998 B.C. moves (which may be conditional) for Saturday, 29 September 1973.

Change of address: Robert Nielsen, P.O. Box 9781, Lehman Hall, Hinman College, SUNY, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901.

GOLAN: What lies! One Jeremiah Funk, the only Funk in East Manasseh's forces, has in fact become a casualty of war. For Funk was an officer in the navy - he met his death defending Manasseh's commercial forces from the rebels. What a more pointless death than to die fighting your 'brothers' in a civil war! One Beth (Hur) Funk, who resides at court, is in King (not Prince) John's esteemed favour, and the gossip is that they will soon wed (after a suitable mourning period). Granted, Funk was also expert with the heliograph and had only recently been posted to the navy; nevertheless, the Church of Manasseh can only condemn this work of some poet as condoning rebellion, slander and espionage. It is not fitting at all as a work of 'poetry.' The author should be arrested and sentenced when brought to justice in the land of John.

ZAREPHATH: The Roman consul, one Marcus Weidmarcus, has been expelled from Manasseh for fomenting revolt among the Beduin tribes in the Pharpar-Yarmuk region. Under interrogation Weidmarcus admitted to contacts with the rebel leader 'The Sheikh.' Information obtained has disclosed his identity - Manassehan cavalry are now searching in the most promising areas for his whereabouts.

(Let us have the Sheikh's name and more of his exploits and his history, etc. - where he comes from.) Then again, he is only an ARAAB. Do you know a good joke? "What does an Arab need most?" "A Military expert!" And a Yiddish laugh to you too! Yuk yuk....

BEER SHEBA: Shalom alekhem....

DOR: Nope, it wasn't Robert Service or Walter Scott. Hint: The person who wrote it wasn't Canadian.

BEER SHEBA: No, I gathered that; neither were Service and Scott.

DOPE: The U.S. Mail

In the name of the King of America, make way,
O Lords of the Jungle, wherever you roam.
The woods are astir at the close of the day -
We exiles are waiting for letters from Home.

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Let the robber retreat - let the lynx turn tail -
In the Name of the King, the U.S. Mail!

With a jingle of bells the dusk gathers in,
He turns to the foot-path that heads up the hill -
The bags on his back and a cloth round his chin,
And, tucked in his waist-belt, the Post Office bill:
"Despatched on this date, as received by the rail,
Per runner, two bags of the U.S. Mail."

Is the torrent in spate? He must ford it or swim.
Has the rain wrecked the road? He must climb by the cliff.
Does the tempest cry "Halt?" What are tempests to him?
The Service admits not a 'but' nor an 'if'.
While the breath's in his mouth he must bear without fail,
In the Name of the King, the U.S. Mail.

From slope to rose-oak, from rose-oak to fir,
From level to upland, from upland to crest,
From mid-field to rock-ridge, from rock-ridge to spur,
Fly the Doctor Soled feet, strains the brawny brown chest.
From rail to ravine - to the peak from the vale -
Up, up through the night goes the U.S. Mail.

There's a speck on the hillside, a dot on the road -
A jingle of bells on the foot-path below.
There's a scuffle above in the raccoons' abode -
The world is awake, and the clouds are aglow.
For the great Sun himself must attend to the hail:
"In the Name of the King, the U.S. Mail!"

BEER SHEBA: Monty Python? Man, you got it all wrong; around here,
we struggle through inclemency and natural horrors to be greeted
by a cheery, resounding "where's mah goddam welfare cheque?"

BEER SHEBA: Robert Frost? (It's his metric style, but where'd he get
a sense of humour?)

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Game 1972Ydf - Cline 9-Man - Fall 1904

ITALY OFFERS AUSTRIA LUNCH; JOINS HIM.
KAISER DUSTS OFF ARMAGEDDON BUNKER.
PERSIA ASKS TO BE EXCUSED, IS.

Austria (Redlack): a tri (s) boh-tyo. a ser (s) tri. a boh-tyo.
a vis (s) boh-tyo.

Barbary (Potter): a iraq (s) per-iran. f wmed (s) smed-ion. f lib
(s) wmed. f smed-ion. f glyo-cor. f per-iran so. f egypt (h).

England (Osmanson): a nwy-swe. f nth (s) den. f nwy-gwy. f ska (s) nwy-swe. f hull-kie. f stp ps (h). f den (s) nwy-swe.
France (Winter): a tye-pied. a nic-bal. a hal-helb. a rah-min. a bur (s) rah-min. f marw (s) tye-pied. f as (s) irab. a b.

Germany (Gusack): a kie (s) mun. a mun (s) kie.
Italy (Biehl): a ven (s) alb-tri. a pied (h). f alb-tri. f adr (s) alb-tri. f tyn (h).
Persia (Naus): a ANA (h).
Russia (Forester): a rum-gal. a nos-stp. a swe-nwy. a gal-sil. a lvn (s) nos-stp. a sil-ber. f bal (s) sil-ber. f bal (s) sil-ber.
Turkey (Morrison): f con-bul. f aeg-crete. f jor wo (h). f gre (s) con-bul. f ion-nap. f ank-con.

Retreats are many, but all automatic: Aus a tri-bud, Russ a swe-
 rin, Ita a pied-tus, Eng f stp-bar, Ger a mun-bch, Per a iran-who cares?

A: 3 bases: vie, bud, ser. Remove one.
 B: 9 bases: mor, tun, alg, can, eth, egy, cor, iran, ara. Build two.
 E: 7 bases: lon, lvp, edi, hal, den, nwy, swe, kyan.
 F: 8 bases: mar, par, bre, spa, por, bel, mun, pied. Build two.
 G: 1 base: kie. Remove one.
 I: 3 bases: ven, rom, tri. Remove two.
 P: 0 bases: Thankyou for the sportsmanlike job, my friend.
 R: 6 bases: nos, stp, sev, war, rum, bar. Remove one.
 T: 8 bases: con, nwy, ank, bul, gre, jor, nap, crete. Build two.

Note that any one of the retreats may be voided by the owner of the unit, and if done will cause the adjustment required to approach nearer zero by one. Except England, who would have a build.

Changes of address: Note that the two changes lastish are now in effect, for Winter and Redlack. Also note that Reg Forester's postal code was misreported; it is R3E 0St.

Builds/removals due Saturday, 29 September 1973 - may be conditional on the exercise of any/some/all of the retreat annihilation options.

Somehow I seem to have omitted orders to about thirty-sixteen non-existent German units; I trust Blair you don't mind if I don't let you conquer the known universe in a mere single issue?

BORDEAUX: The Minister of Petty Details today addressed a letter to 'that fool,' von Manchkin, Chief of the MCFES. It seems that the Chief had recently addressed a letter to the seat of the French government in Paris. Unfortunately, the French government has its seat in Bordeaux. This, he explained, was why no French press was printed last time. But fear not, we will make up for it this time. ((Holy crottled greeps!))

BORDEAUX: Emperor Frederick II today issued a proclamation renaming (in the spirit of the 'zine) his country France. It is said that this was done so that Vittorio Alfieri could not leave the country because his passport would bear the incorrect spelling of Francea. Thus, he could be detained and held for ransom.

JAMUL: Hnuck you - cliché-wise, that is.

PARIS, France: French national railways today announced that due to relatively heavy troop movements in Burgundy, all rolling stock was being forbidden to leave the country. It is unknown if this has affected Vittorio Alfieri, as it is not certain at what hour he finally made it across the border.

BORDEAUX: Pope-Kaiser Frederick II of France today announced the beginning of the Coalition of Catholic Democracies (CCD), consisting of Austria-Hungary, Italy, France and the Vatican. This new confederation is to be ruled by the Pope, and its goal is to 'make the world safe for Catholicism.' Specific enemies were the royal families of King Kipper of 'the colonies' in North Africa. Recent events such as the colonial moves to Gulf of Lyon and Western Mediterranean make continued peace between the CCD and other despotic, and un-theocratic religions impossible, and caused a catalytic catastrophe which formed the CCD.

SWITZERLAND: Pope Frederick II today went to visit the French Medical Institute to congratulate Herr Doktor Adolph Kopskreuer on pronouncing him sane. While there, the Pope celebrated Mass with the Doktor. In it he said a prayer, blessing himself:

"How do I love me? Let me count the ways.

1. I am Pope, and this God's works are at my mercy on earth...."

Immediately lightning struck the Pope and he died. Theological experts disagree as to why God would get so mad over a mere slip of the tongue.

Meanwhile, the Sacred College of Cardinals is meeting in the Vatican to choose a new Pope to head the CCD.

VATICAN: The Sacred College, with its 32 Cardinals and 741 other 'special electors,' today voted that Pope Frederick II should come back to life and rule again. Tune in next time to see if he does.

ST. PETERSBURG: This press release is coming from here, if the English are out. If they aren't, this Press is coming to you from a train fleeing to Moscow.....**KING KOHN**(S) - print the bracket this time, Conrad - don't print my aside to you, Conrad...sheesh...**HAS KUTUSAKI!** Speaking to nobody in particular, the Scourge of the World bellowed, "I guarantee the Russian forces will expel invaders from German and Scandinavian soil. It is assured because I have decreed it. What bothers me about this mess that Russia was almost in, is that France, that noblest of nations, appears to be in league with the unspeakable lizards that inhabit that island near Europe. I would particularly question the fact that France voids its western shores when the Barbarian fleets have nowhere to go but north on their next builds. What a treat it will be for them to strike your unholy alliance from the back when there is no one left to prevent it. Remember, your forces will likely be engaged with mine by the time Barbary is in position to knife you. You will be stalemated here, with only the option of an unprofitable retreat to your homeland to stave off Barbary. I have no pity for the swine of the Isles. They have shown their tactical pinheadedness several times already. Even if they were all back on that Rock in the Sea they would not have the intelligence to defend it. But France, you are sandwiched between England (yecch)

and Italy. Should either grow weary of a fruitless battle here, or grow suspicious of Barbary, you are the natural candidate for easy supply centres. Ah well, we shall wait and see. Even if my divine leadership is not enough to stave you off, I shall no doubt have the last laugh as you are finished off, as the last step in a rather obvious set-up."

LATVIA: Russian philologists have analyzed El Kidder's statement regarding Latvia. Russia has no interest in Latvia. Some people consider dis-interest to be worse than contempt. You say you are interested in Latvia. Does this mean Russia has contempt for your interests? Even more confusing, a direct line from Morocco to Latvia runs across France's eastern front. France, then Latvia...hmmmm.

MOSCOW: Fred, I have a letter from one of your allies. You might be interested.

JAMUL: Note to the party concerned: Ghod, no, I'm not going to run 2010. I suppose I would have, despite my horror of those rules, if I'd had time; but I don't, so why make it even more confusing?

ROME (Sept. 1, 8 a.m.): National Assembly: His Majesty, King Carlo V (not often in Parliament), arose and spoke: "By divine right and grace of God I declare Italia at war with the Ottoman Empire for its unwarranted aggression. I ask that the Prime Minister conduct the vote on my decision."

ROME (Sept. 1, 3 p.m. - Roma News Bureau):

ITALY DECLARES WAR AGAINST TURKEY

Naples Attacked!

King Carlo V in National Assembly.

Turkish Ambassador Expelled - relations severed.

ROMA: Minister of Foreign Relations Lorenzo Antoni declared to the news conference, "Italy is now at war with the Republic of North Africa. The King and the Assembly approve of it. Italy shall do all in its power to crush this 'North African Pestilence' at once.

ROME: Hey! why can't the Mediterranean be divided into three equal sectors (West, Central and East) plus a 'pocket' French, Austrian and Persian zone? Or is it "West is West and East is East, and never the twain shall meet."

PARIS (Ambassadorial residence): The teletype operator arose quickly and strode to His Excellency, Vittorio Alfieri, ambassador, and gasped, "Sir, read this!" Alfieri read aloud, "(AFI) Alfieri - sever diplomatic relations immediately. Reason - base act of treachery over Piedmont." The ambassador said nothing. Just then the teletype resumed clicking. "quiet, please!", cried the teletype operator. When the teletype stopped the ambassador gazed at the operator. "The PM says that Carlo will be coerced into abdicating so that another can ascend the throne. This matter is connected with France. No more can be said."

Game 1972A Fdf - Cline 9-man - Fall 1904

FIVE-POWER TRAFFIC JAM IN BALKANS!
ITALY SHATTERED; RUSSIA PULVERISED!
ENGLAND RATTLES HOME GUARDS' CHAINS, HEARS OLANK.

- Austria (Sharp): a bul (s) gre. a tri-ven. a gal-bud. a boh-tyo.
a pied (s) tri-ven. f tyn-cor. f gre (s) bul.
- Barbary (Forester): a jor-ara. a lib-egy. f satl-mid. f ind-iran ec.
f egypt-jor wo. f mid-iri. f wati (s) mid-iri. f wmed (h).
- England (Morrison): a pic (s) ec-bre. f iri (h). f ec-bre. f nwy-
swe. f stp no (h).
- France (Klein): a gas-bur. a par (s) gas-bur.
- Germany (DeLuca): a bel (s) ruh-bur. a ruh-bur. a ber-kie. a war (h).
a mun-kie. f swe-den.
- Italy (Redlack): a bur-mar. a mar-pied. a ven (s) mar-pied. f ion (s)
aeg-gre. f leb-smed. f aeg-gre. f spa sc - glyo.
- Persia (Naus): a sev (s) tur bla-rum. a aeg-tran. a mos-war. f crete-
ion.
- Russia (Ricci): a fin-stp. a rum (s) russ bul. f bal-lvn.
- Turkey (Greenwell): f bla (s) con-bul. f con-bul ec. f emed-aeg.

Hum. I neglected to mention that last season's retreat was Austrian a mun-boh. And my thanks to Randolph Bart for unneeded standbys.

This seasons retreats: Ang f iri to nat, wal, lvp, ec; this is due with builds, etc., which may be conditional thereon.

- A: 8 bases: vie, bud, tri, gre, ser, bul, cor, pied. Build one.
- B: 10 bases: mor, tun, alg, can, egypt, eth, jor, ara, por, spa. Build 2.
- E: 7 bases: lon, lvp, edi, nwy, swe, bre, stp. Build two.
- F: 1 base: par. Remove one.
- G: 7 bases: kie, mun, ber, den, holl, bel, war. Build one.
- I: 4 bases: ven, rom, nap, mar. Remove three!
- P: 4 bases: iran, mos, sev, crete. Even.
- R: 1 base: rum. Remove two.
- T: 3 bases: con, any, ank. Even.

Note that Reg Forester's postal code was misreported last time; it is R3E 094.

Fall 1904 Builds, etc., due Saturday, 29 Sept. 1973.

ANKARA: Turkey wishes to inform anyone concerned that a state of war now exists between Turkey and the doomed empire of Italy.

PARIS: I want to be left alone. (Position heel thyself?)

JAMUL: Yeah, I know what you mean. It's rough, thinking up a smashing attack only to discover that someone else thought it up too.

TUNIS: The Barbary States wishes to say "I told you so" to Italy re: the very recent Austrian invasion of the Greasy Boot. However, Barbary has no wish to see Italy stricken by such a vile plague, and will upon request

destroy Austria utterly and completely upon a moment's notice. The Lord Stafford-Smythe-Northampton wishes to extend sympathy to France in regard to her plight with England and Germany. Indeed, these are most unscrupulous fellows. Something should be done about them. Give 'em hell, France! And finally, the Sultan wishes to announce that Persia has been closed for the season. Those wishing to discuss Persia's role in future matters will please direct correspondence to The Persian Government, Tunis.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Due to the rock-like stand of the Second Turkish Fleet at Constantinople last spring, the Italian Government has recognized the error of its ways and offered to compensate Turkey for any damage caused by said attack. Turkey's Ministry of Compensation, after checking its records, therefore bills Italy for 2 piastres of damages caused to Ali the Baker after it was discovered that the shelling caused a pigeon to drop a semi-liquid substance on two of Ali's loaves of bread (value - one piastre per loaf).

CONSTANTINOPLE: President Ataturk declared that Turkey has heard rumors that Austria is dead, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Cibou. Therefore, Turkey has decided to return to Bulgaria to check out these rumors.

JAMUL: Good job you didn't say when.

VIENNA: The uproar over the Imperial Austrian attack on her only ally, Italy, reached such proportions that Emperor Charles agreed to call off the perfidious assault. Speaking before a square filled with rioting citizens, the Emperor announced that all Austrian troops had been withdrawn from Italy, and no further military forces of Austria were in that country. Rumors that the Albanian-controlled Austrian fleet had seized Corsica were discounted. "In any case," said the Emperor, "we are hardly to be held responsible for the actions of a band of Albanian bandits, just as we are hardly to be held responsible for the actions of a few misguided Scout-Masters in Munich last year."

VIENNA: Upon learning of the disgusting insult to Austria rendered by the Jamulian Oracle, the Imperial Diet agreed unanimously to go to war with Jamul. A comparison of peace-loving Austria with the Monster Milhous can only be avenged by war to the death. Unfortunately for the Austrian war effort, early intelligence reports concerning Jamul and the conditions that prevail there lead to the conclusion that it must lie within Albania. Volunteers are being solicited from the Italian and Barbary States' embassies for an expedition to Albania to chastise the Jamulians.

JAMUL: Reports that an expedition of whoever can be ~~found~~ found is threading its way to Albania to attack Jamul led to consternation in the taverns. But only briefly. Before too many hours had passed, someone thought to mention that Jamul's association with Albania is entirely metaphysical and in no way geographic. "It has to be that way," said the pundit who figured it out, "otherwise we'd have no market for our principal export, outhouses." Thus reassured, the populace returned to its usual occupation, throwing darts at likenesses of Austrian President Milhous.

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Game 1973Pdr - Black Hole - Fall 1902 Builds

ARMOURIES WORK OVERTIME!
AUSTRIANS DISMANTLE BORDER GUARDS!

Not much of a headline, but who can be original for builds?

Austria (Weidmark): Remove a boh, f alb. Has: a's ser, bud (2).

England (Kelly): Has: a fin; f's nwg, nth, spa no. (4).

France (Keller): Builds a mar. Has: a's tus, tyo, mar; f's naf, glyo (5).

Germany (Klein): Builds a mun. Has: a's ruh, ail, pru, ber, mun; f den (6).

Italy (Bart): Builds f nap. Has: a's tri, ven, vic; f's nap, rom, ion (6).

Russia (Cusack): Has: a's rum, gal, mos; f's nwy, sev (5).

Turkey (Scott): Builds a con. Has: a's bul, gre, con; f's aeg, emed (5).

Change of address: David Scott, 3760 Grandview Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90066.

Spring 1903 Moves due Saturday, 29 Sept. 1973 (on file for Russia).

Black Holes now in effect: Livonia, West Hed., Sweden, Burgundy.

JAMAICA: Army Burgundy got zapped? Ha, ha. Couldn't have happened to a nicer guy, Tom (except me, of course).

VENICE: From mine own lips this word did roll,

'Tis true and living yet;

No man can save his brother's soul,

Nor pay his brother's debt. (Especially me, since I'm a deceitful, caringless, moneys/centre-monger). Yah, you know, reely, reeely, reeeely (!) I am 'bout the lousiest person any of you will ever get to know (if you live that long). Please, someone, take all my centres and destroy me before the scum on my soul suffocates my intestines! But no, 'No man can save his brother's soul.' Oh well, mommy, MOMMY, WHERE ARE YOU MOMMY!

"Shit man, you gotta keep buggin' me, you bloom'n well know I'm not your mother, how could a pig be your mother!? I'm your father, stupid. Now did you go down to the supermarket and get two quarts of homogenized mud, like I told you?"

"Oink."

"Shit man, what's this oink business, that's no way to blab to your father. Fuck off, you pinko. Oinking is for girls, you're not queer are you boy? Men pigs, we don't oink, we go - BLEEEP! Now say that."

"Oink."

"By God by Geez, son, why didn't you tell me you was a girl, little black one at that...thought that was mud! Bloody Mary, look at your tail!"

"Oink."

"Eh, gads daughter, how'd you get that tail that way, I never seen a pig with an 'Afro-tail'!"

"MOMMY?"

Moral of the story: When your mommy and daddy happen to be brother

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Russia (Draws): a ukr-sev. a bul-gre. a fin (s) swe. a stp-nwy.
f bla-run. f swe (s) stp-nwy.
Turkey (Nielsen): a con (s) ank. f smy (s) con. f ank (s) con.

No retreats. Black holes: (hah hah): FOO, Switzerland; SOL, Vienna; FOI, North Atlantic; SOZ, Bohemia; FOS, Warsaw. SHRIEK!
Centre total now 33, majority still 17.

- A: 3 bases: bud, ser, gre. Remove one.
- E: 3 bases: lon, ivp, edi. Even.
- F: 6 bases: per, mar, bre, spa, por, bel. Even.
- G: 5 bases: ber, man, kie, den, holl. Build one.
- I: 5 bases: nap, rom, ven, tri, tun. Build one.
- H: 7 bases: stp, mos, sev, sun, bul, swe, nwy. Build one.
- T: 3 bases: con, smy, ank. Even.

Changes of address:

John Hardy, 205 Thayer Hall, University of Wisconsin, Ankerst, MA. 01002.
Robert Nielsen, P.O. Box 9781, Lehman Hall, Kinman College, SUNY, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901.

And the Builds and stuffs are due Saturday, 29 Sept. 1973.

BALL FOUR: To quote my favorite philosopher, Joe Schultz, on seeing the French moves: "Oh, s--- f---, oh, f--- s---." I'd write it out but I don't want you to see it.

MOSCOW: Some games become most disappointing. Turkey and England, I throw myself at your feet - any mercy to spare? Germany, you silly fool, you deserve what you'll get from France-England. Austria, congrats; you're playing it smart and I fell in your trap.

JAMUL: Tad of obsolescence there?

VIENNA (RIP): The northern area hath caught the black plague, turning our beautiful country into a peck-holed land of boiling shit. We heartily invite tourists from foreign countries to stop in for a visit - especially German tourists.

PARIS (UNCOLA): Am I the only one who writes press in this game? ((Hah!))

NEUF AIX-LA-CHAPPELLE (UNCOLA)(I can't spell, canI?): Yes, friends, we did have that big celebration you were all expecting when we moved our capital. It's now rFrance. But all kidding aside, there was a beutifle (lituanian spelling) celebration here. Unfortunately it was during the press strike, so I don't know what happened. Better luck next time.

BRUSSELS (UNCOLA): Let me remind Germany that Ruhr is the German word for dysentery. If you don't believe me ask Conrad. ((He's dysinterested.))

MOROCCO (UNCOLA): See ROME in game Pdr.

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Game 1973AWeb - Black-Hole II - Fall 1901

**BELGIANS KILL MILLIONS!
MORE WATER DRIES UP!**

- Austria (Melchior): a vie-gal. a ser (s) tur bul-rum. f alb-gre.
- Belgium (on-you) :Staples: (a yor-wal) (f ec-bel) (f hah-may)
- France (Beyerlein): a bur-man. a mar-spa. f mid-por.
- Germany (Carroll): a kie-holl. a ruh-bel. f den (H).
- Italy (Kelly): a tus-ven. a nap-tun. f tyn (c) nap-tun.
- Russia (Klein): a ukr (s) sev. a war-mos. f sev (h). f goth-swe.
f vladivostok-port arthur.
- Turkey (Ulanov): a bul-rum. a arm-say. f bla-bul ec.

No retreats. Time for the black hole, wot? (Free movement area, actually). SOL, Finland; POL, Norwegian Sea. So that means, lessee here - A Cly-Nwy is legal, among other absurdities....

I guess I should clarify what happens now that Finland is a free-skate area. Hm. Well, first of all, Swe-StP is legal. Norway now has two coasts, North (bordering as usual) and South (bordering StP SC, Both, Swe.) So watch out that any move of a fleet from Sweden to Norway specifies the coast!

- A: 5 bases: vie, bud, tri, ser, gre. Build two.
- E: 4 bases: lon, lvp, edi, nwy. Build one.
- F: 6 bases: par, bre, mar, spa, por, man. Build three.
- G: 4 bases: kie, ber, holl, den. Build one.
- I: 4 bases: rom, nap, ven, tun. Build one.
- R: 5 bases: stp, sev, mos, war, swe. Build one.
- T: 5 bases: oon, smy, ank, bul, rum. Build two.

Belgium is still neutral. And the builds are due Saturday, 29 Sept. 1973.
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CONSTANTINOPLE: The Colonel sat down in his field chair as a Corporal came up to him. "I can't stand this heat, sir," he said. The two Furks were in Bulgaria furthering the spread of the true Islamic faith. The Colonel motioned to the troupe of belly dancers entertaining him to move over so that the two fan-waving slaves could better cool him. "Go back out there and don't come back until you have the Russian pigs at your feet!" the Colonel yelled as the Corporal backed out of the tent. Ten minutes later the Corporal entered the tent followed by a pack of squealing piglets. "I have them, sir," reported the Corporal. "Well, it's about time," snapped the Colonel as he sat down to dinner.

RUSSIA TO TURKEY: I get the point.

SEVASTOPOL: Congratulations to Nicky on one of the most unnecessary stabs I've received. Your desire to test mutual trust was touching. I should have realized that a wailing and pleading request to test our respective reliabilities at keeping the Black Sea and Armenia clear

meant a wailing and pleading attack. I particularly admire your request for openness and honesty. I guess that if enough is shown it might rub off.

PARIS (assuming it is still there): Rumor has it that the Mad Man of Geneva destroyed ~~Paris~~ in the Spring with his D-bomb. Boy, what lousy aim. Anyway, the French army continues to march eastward in search of the Mad Man. They plan to spend the autumn in a Bavarian village where they hear that the beer is good and the girls not bad. (The wine-drinking French are escorting the Government to Spain this fall.) And what does one do with 2×10^{28} staple removers? (Your turn, Conrad.)

JAMUL: I know what I wish you'd do with them. And as for my aim, it all depends on your color of contact. We are well in process of fencing you in you know. Just because it's a wide fence is no reason to criticize our ability to build it. Floor sod, you should see what we're snarking on for Spring '02!

#1418 ON THE FLOOR: Here come the Franchies: Shapely little beauties, eh? Just wait 'til we land in Brest, then we'll really get them into shape, dirty old men that we are!

JAMUL: Sorry 'bout that, but having to borrow a typer to do that was bad enough; don't expect me to know how to use it!

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1973Kbu - Youngstown/Walker - Spring 1903

First off, I need a bit of an assist from the players - at least one of 'em. There is a province on my map, and I presume on yours, bordered by Turkstan-Sinkiang-Tibet-Nepal-Kashmir-Afghanistan. I've just noticed there is no name on my map. Can someone tell me what it is?

Hereafter we'll use the abbreviations specified on my map, which is Murphy's (from Patti, after Walker). The Labelle maps are identical. If you have the Phillips, Weidmark, or Walkerdine maps, better send 25¢ to Burt Labelle, Forest Park 23, Hildeford, ME. 04005 for one with the correct abbreviations. Use of incorrect abbrevs. in your orders may, if I can't figure it out, result in void order(s).

Wish me luck on this adjudication; I did it in my head.

Austria (Tillapaugh): a ser-bud. a clui (s) ser-bud. a gal-vna. a tri (s) ser-bud.

China (Carlock): a viet-lacs. a sik-shan. a ono-sib. a sib-tur. a sin (s) sib-tur. a can (s) han-sik. a han-sik. a pek-kan. f vlad-kor.

England (Cusack): a lon-bel. f mal-sia. f sai-cam. f eng (s) lon-bel. f nat (s) fre gas-mid. f iri (s) nat. f stp no - nwy. f nts (c) lon-bel.

France (Lind): a par-hgy. a spa-mar. a bre (h). f sch-sia. f mor-mid. f gas (s) mor-mid.

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Germany (Spencer): a bgy-man. a ruh-hol. a pru (s) war. a bel (s) ruh-hol. a war (a) aus gal. a pos-swe. f kie-hel. f swe-ska. f bal (o) pos-swe.

India (Kelly): a thai-sik. a tib-bur. a del-cal. f jav-ein. f mad-win. (Hum - let's make those w.in and e.in, wat?)

Italy (Dick): a bud (s) tur gre-ser. a lib-tun. a van-tri. f nap-tyn. f mog-som. f eth-ade. f ara-w.in. f apu-adr. f tun-w.ms.

Japan (Peterson): f osa-s.ch. f bor-mal. f n.pa OBB (s) fre mor-mid. f s.pa OBB (s) fre mor-mid. f phi-cel. f e.ch-s.ch.

Russia (Nichol): a ukr-mos. a oms (s) mos-stp. a mos-stp. f sev-rum.

Turkey (Osmanson): a ira-and. a syr-bag. a gre-ser. a bul (s) gre-ser. a bag-ira. f per-ara. f aag (h).

Ita a bud /a/. Ger a bel /r/ ruh, pic; this due with Fall 1903 moves, which may be conditional.

And Fall 1903 due Saturday, 29 Sept. 1973. Damn, I plodded right on through those moves and let my coffee get cold.

GAY PAREN? King Michelin, the Steel Radial, must admit that he is exasperated by the international situation. Germany pokes it in his eye while England tries a rear entry (and with no lubrication, how crude!!). Now both nations want his hand in a grand alliance. Oh, decisions, decisions. Why does the king feel like he's been screwed?

JAMUL: No lubrication? Christ, I'd hemorrhage for a month!

LONDON: I think I understand why Mr. Cohn gave up...Japan is committed to invade England because England is a German ally (this is fairly new to me)...Germany refuses to communicate, as do France and India....

Therefore, in light of the above developments, England thinks it a perfectly logical and consequential move to declare war on Turkey.

JAMUL: That's nice. You ain't gonna gain much, though....

MOSCOW: Russia still lives; for how long no one knows, but it will fight to the bitter end against its enemies. To its friends we offer any assistance needed to continue the fight.

CONSTANTINOPLE (1 Sept. 1903): By the will of Allah, the Young Turks will free all Muslims who are being oppressed by the Austrian government.

JAMUL: By the force of Allah's arms, you mean.

MOGADISCIO (Apr. 3, 1903): The Grand Fleet under Admiral Ernesto Ginzo sailed today for the Far East. The Fleet is to join the advanced cruiser squadron already headed east. It is also noted that a Turkish fleet will participate in the 'round-the-world voyage.

ROME (Apr. 10, 1903): Emperor Victor Emmanuel III spoke today in the Forum on the creation of a Neo-Roman Empire. He spoke of the sweeping victories achieved already in Africa as an example. He said, "The New Rome will have a greater empire than the Rome of old. With the help of the Eastern Empire (Byzantium), we cannot fail to conquer the world,

but we must first incorporate the Red Death into the civilized world. Then come Gaul if attitudes there don't change."

JAMUL: Is that an advance warning or a loose tongue?

Hum. Seem to have forgotten the headlines. Oh well, I couldn't have thought of one anyway; as little understanding as I have of this game, I don't know what's happening. (And furthermore....)

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Said the General

Said the General of the Army,
"I think that war is barmy."
So he threw away his gun:
Now he's having much more fun.

- Spike Milligan

(Hey, Jeremy, how about some more?)



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"This is a big issue, said Moeshoeshoes, I wonder if von Letzke has any idea how long it'll take him to print and collate it?"

"I doubt very much if he cares, replied Hamilcar, since if it drags on too late he'll just call sick to work anyway."

"In that case, I'd certainly care, said Hannibal, I'd love to call sick."

"Go right ahead, said Moeshoeshoes, just don't stop rowing. We do have to get to those factory sometime, you know."

"God knows why, commented Hasdrubal, but that's what the script says."