

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #328

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E-MAIL/WEB ONLY ISSUE! PDF will be available on the website. This is a “restart the games and promote FTF diplomacy issue – come to TempleCon and then go to World DipCon in Chicago in August, we can overwhelm Shark Chum with 300 warm bodies!

Web Page Address: <http://www.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/index.html>

Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am being a bit more systematic about that right now. I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we'll see what happens.

This issue is the beginning of the szine/subszine inversion. As most of you know, this thing began as a "subszine" to Terry Tallman's *North Sealth, West George*, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. The subszines remaining will appear as sub-subszines to our new flipfopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug will keep us on schedule so we will charge forward and finish the remaining games that I have in here. After that, we'll see how it goes and what I do next. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing. You all should see first what I actually do.

For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I will also have a PDF that you can print of the entire subszine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

I have now tried to sign up all the players, some multiple times, but please check. THIS IS A PROBLEM, sign up now if you're playing so you get proper notification!!! General information about the mailing list is at: <http://www.diplom.org/mailman/listinfo/tap>

You can sign up from there, or send E-Mails to: Tap-request of diplom.org; with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions. You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

((I want to go back to encouraging more letters again, right now I'm going to focus on just pumping issues out, but I hope to start writing more again too as the year progresses. I still plan to do baseball predictions and various music comments. This issue, you're going to get some random thoughts from me.))

((Today, let's talk FTF tournament diplomacy! As usual, I'm running the Diplomacy tournament at TempleCon in Providence, RI, February 3-5. I'm looking to get some more attendance, right now the hard core tournament players mostly are headed for WACCon on the west coast. That means TempleCon will be a bit more laid back and great to come to if you've not been to a tournament before. Let me know if you're interested in coming. We will be having the usual four rounds, Friday night, two rounds Saturday and one on Sunday. The website for the Convention itself is <http://www.templecon.org/12>. Looking beyond that World DipCon is fast approaching in August, I'm about to put a real hard full-court press on getting every single one of you reading this to come. Why not? E-Mail me with your excuse and I'll shred it. The convention is in beautiful downtown Chicago and has five rounds beginning first thing Friday morning, August 10th and ending on August 12th. Find more information at: <http://windycityweasels.org/wdc> or contact Jim O'Kelley (aka Shark Chum) and come meet me and maybe you'll see my "Alice" T-Shirt coming out of the closet... let's especially get some of the old crowd to come join us, there is a rumor that Pete Gaughan might show up.))

((For these and other upcoming cons around the world: <http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>))

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

I am continuing to note cut or failed support orders with a small "s" instead of a capital "S". This will make it easier on the E-Mailed version of the szine to see what happened, since the italics don't show there. The italics DO show on the web page just fine.

Standby lists:

Mike Barno, Dick Martin, Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Glenn Petroski, Steve Emmert, Mark Kinney, Vince Lutterbie, Eric Brosius, Paul Rauterberg, Bob Osuch, Doug Kent, Sean O'Donnell, Heath Gardner, Paul Kenny, and Jeff O'Donnell stand by for regular Diplomacy. Let me know if you want on or off these lists, especially OFF given the new policies.

GAME OPENING INFORMATION

I'm going to start the game opening list over. Under the new regime, who wants to play? First off, another regular Diplomacy game is open. Doug Kent, Fred Wiedemeyer, Brad Wilson, and Shaun Thompson were interested, but they have to let me know they're still interested (with reserved slots if they do).

THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy

THE NEW DUE DATE FOR WINTER 1905 IS JANUARY 20TH, 2012

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1906 IS FEBRUARY 24TH, 2012

Autumn 1905

AUSTRIA (Burgess): has f ION, a BUD, a PIE, a VIE, a VEN, f GOL,
a BUL, a TYO, f TYH.

ENGLAND (James): has f MID, f NWG, a BEL, f WES, f SWE.

FRANCE (Williams): has f NAF, a GAS, f SPA(SC), a BUR.

GERMANY (Ellinger): has a SIL, a MUN, a BER, f NTH, a FIN.

ITALY (Crow): f TUN, a GAL, a MAR.

RUSSIA (Barno): has a BOH, a STP, f BLA, a LVN, f GRE, a RUM, f GOB.

Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA (Burgess):	TRI,VIE,BUD,ser,bul,smy,nap, rom,ven	(has 9, even)
ENGLAND (James):	EDI,LVP,LON,nwy,bel,swe	(has 5, bld 1)
FRANCE (Williams):	PAR,BRE,spa,por	(has 4, even)
GERMANY (Ellinger):	KIE,BER,den,hol,MUN	(has 5, even)
ITALY (Crow):	tun,mar	(has 3, rem 1)
RUSSIA (Barno):	WAR,STP,SEV,MOS,rum,con,ank, gre	(has 7, bld 1)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

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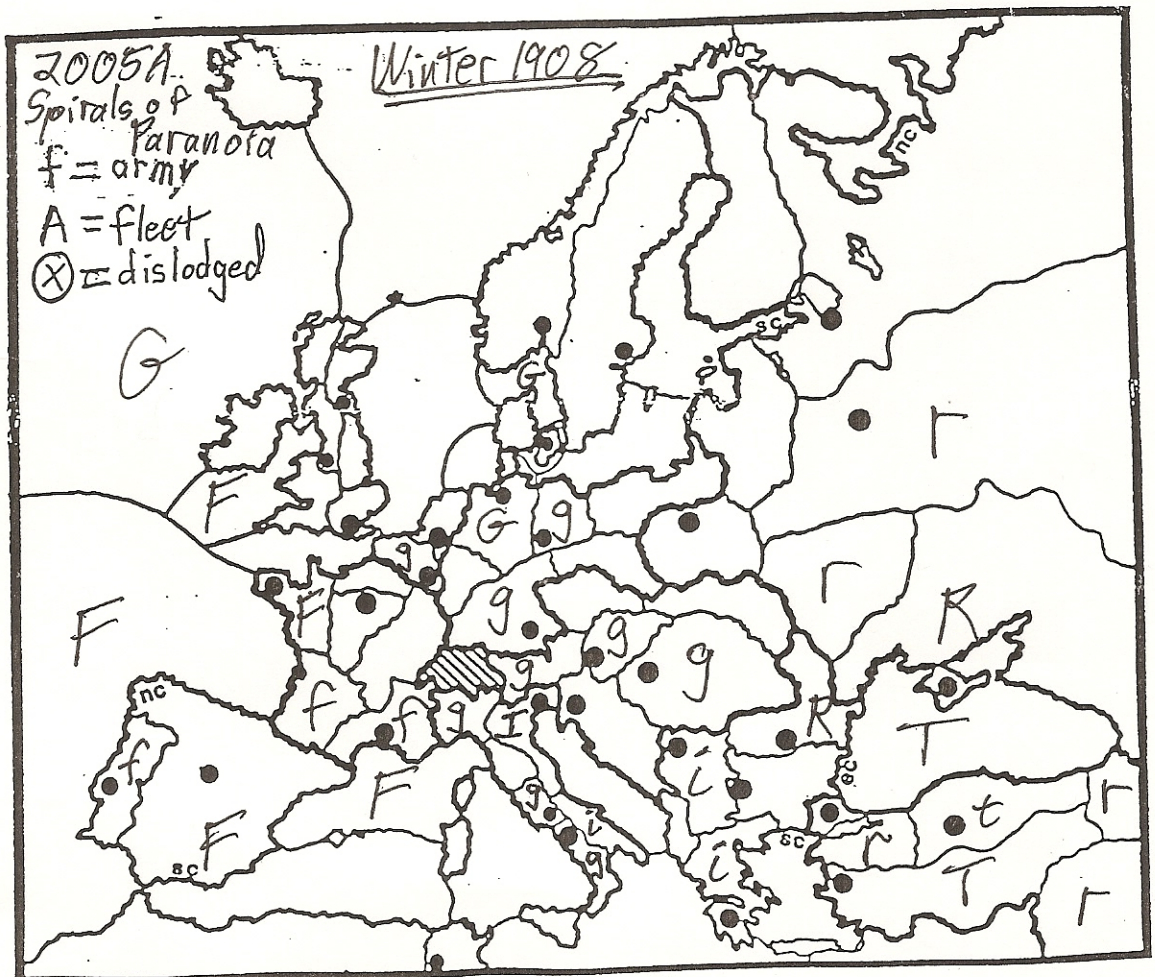
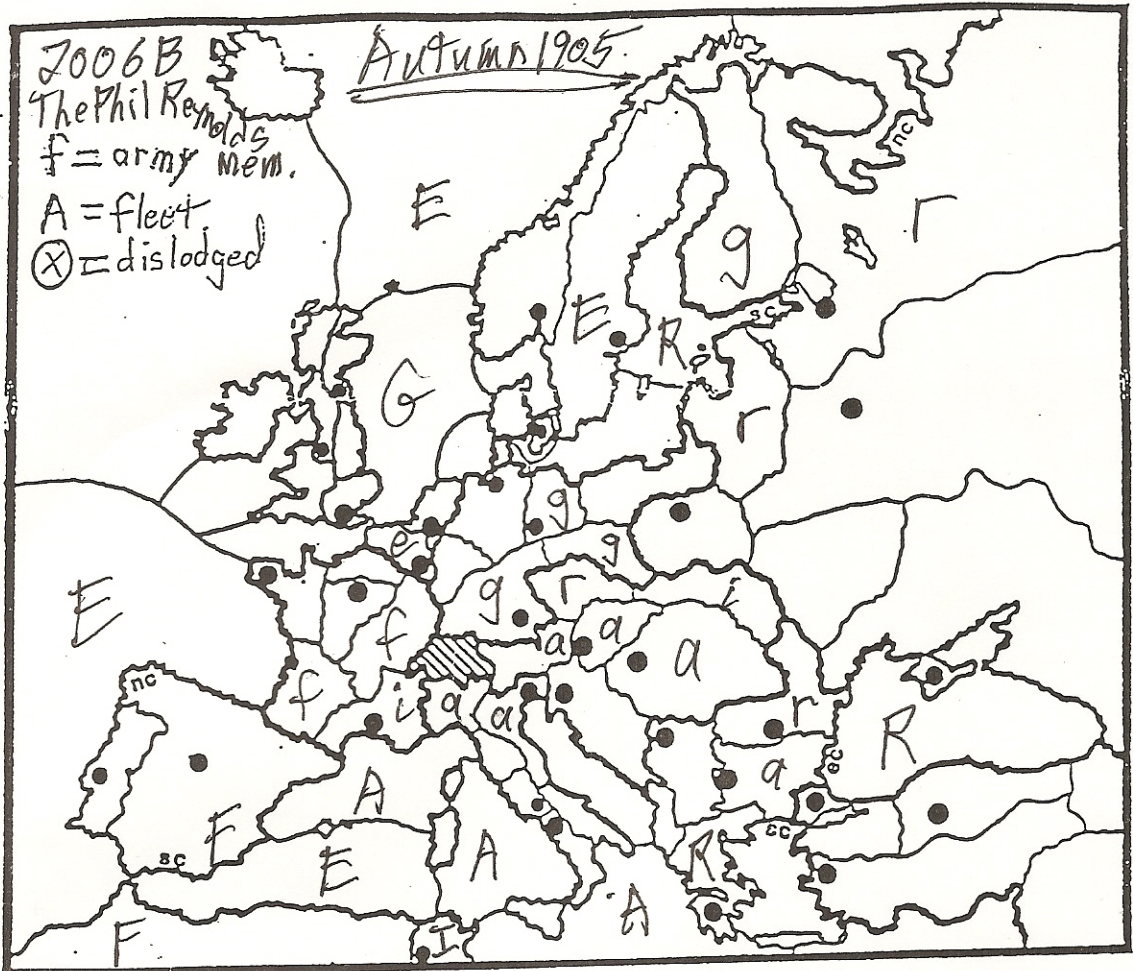
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Game Notes:

1) Note that I need adjustments from just three of you this week, but please assure me that you'll be continuing, or if not allow me to replace you.

Press:

SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy
THE NEW DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1909 IS JANUARY 20TH, 2012

Winter 1908

FRANCE (Tretick): bld f bre; has f BRE, a POR, f SPA(SC), a GAS, f GOL, f MID, a MAR, f IRI.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): bld a ber, f kie; a BER, f KIE, a MUN, a PIE, a BUD, a VIE,
a TYO, a NAP, f SKA, a ROM, a BEL, f NAO.

ITALY (Kent): bld f ven; has f VEN, a APU, a SER, a GRE.

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): bld f sev, a mos; has f SEV, a MOS, f RUM, a UKR, a CON, a SYR, a ARM.

TURKEY (Biehl): VINCE LUTTERBIE CALLED AS STANDBY; rem f tyh; has a ANK, f SMY, f BLA.

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Game Notes:

1) The FGR draw proposal was rejected.

2) Hi all, as most of you know, Buddy's been having a tough time medically, but he really wants to stay in the game, so I'd like to try to help him. If you need to call Buddy about the game, mid-afternoon seems to be the best time. I did have a good discussion with him while talking about the build and the latest update from his son Jim Tretick is good. He doesn't seem to be getting to E-Mail very much, if at all.

3) Despite sending notes to John Biehl's new E-mail address, I wasn't reaching him before the last deadline, so I am calling Vince Lutterbie as a standby. See his contact information above. Please welcome him to the game and let's continue! But John is more than welcome to return, he's been very active in *Eternal Sunshine* games lately.

Press:

FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy
THE NEW DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1913 IS JANUARY 20TH, 2012

Autumn and Winter 1912

AUSTRIA (Wilson): R a gal otb, a vie otb; has a WAR.
ENGLAND (Kent): bld a edi; has a EDI, f NAO, f MID, f NWY, a DEN, a BER,
f ENG, f SWE, f BAL.
FRANCE (McHugh): R f mid otb, bld a par; has a PAR, f NAF, f MAR, a MUN,
a BUR, f SPA(SC), a GAS.
GERMANY (Sundstrom): rem f gob; has a STP.
TURKEY (Levinson): bld a con, a ank, a smy; has a CON, a ANK, a SMY, f ION, a MOS, a VEN,
f TYH, a UKR, f WES, a TYO, f APU, f GOL, a VIE, f PIE, a GAL, a BUD.

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Game Notes:

1) The host of draw proposals: FET, FATE, and FAE; all were rejected.

Press:

SECRETS: 1999D, Regular Diplomacy

TURKEY WON WITHOUT HOLDING ANY HOME CENTERS

Supply Center Chart

FRANCE (Sasseville):	smy	(has 1)
GERMANY (Barno):	con	(has 1)
RUSSIA (Osuch):	MOS,STP,nwy,swe,den,ber,WAR, kie,edi,hol,lvp,lon,bel,ank	(has 14)
TURKEY (Linsey):	rum,gre,ser,bud, nap,ven,rom,tri,vie,mun,bre,mar,por, par,spa,tun,bul,sev	(has 18, WINS)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

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Game Notes:

1) Now, we would like to see some endgame statements if we could, I've printed the full game SC chart and would like to print the endgame statements in the next issue. I think Bruce also is going to say that he is retiring from Diplomacy with this game (I hope he doesn't).

2) This was a bit of a troubled game, one player passed away during the game, another did very soon after he was eliminated. I would hope, though, that we could get some comments, especially from Roland who lasted all the way through! The full endgame statistics were in the last issue.

CAST NO SHADOWS: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules

Rules at: <http://devel.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/Tinamou/rules/BreakingAway.htm>

DUE DATE FOR TURN 16 IS JANUARY 20TH, 2012

Turn 15

~~-F-I-N-A-L- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-~~

120 (no replenishment)	Empty
119 (replenish with a 3)	Carrot
118 (no replenishment)	Empty
117 (no replenishment)	Empty
116 (no replenishment)	Empty
115 (no replenishment)	Empty
114 (replenish with a 3)	Granny
113 (no replenishment)	Empty
112 (no replenishment)	Empty
111 (no replenishment)	Empty
110 (no replenishment)	Empty
109 (no replenishment)	Empty
108 (no replenishment)	Empty
107 (replenish with a 3)	Gloria, Kyrie, Water
106 (replenish with a 6)	Rincewind
105 (replenish with a 7)	Agnus, Mideast
104 (replenish with a 9)	Drugs
103 (no replenishment)	Empty
102 (replenish with a 3)	Kyoto
101 (replenish with a 4)	Sanctus, Krstajic, Dragutinovic, Crockett
100 (replenish with a 8)	Vidic
99 (no replenishment)	Empty
98 (replenish with a 3)	Wally, Xavier, Zorro, Travis, Bowie, Bonham
97 (no replenishment)	Empty
96 (no replenishment)	Empty
95 (no replenishment)	Empty
94 (no replenishment)	Empty
93 (no replenishment)	Empty
92 (no replenishment)	Empty
91 (no replenishment)	Empty
90 (no replenishment)	Empty
89 (no replenishment)	Empty
88 (no replenishment)	Empty
87 (no replenishment)	Empty
86 (no replenishment)	Empty
85 (no replenishment)	Empty
84 (no replenishment)	Empty

83 (no replenishment)	Empty
82 (no replenishment)	Empty
81 (no replenishment)	Empty
-S-P-R-I-N-T- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-	
80 (no replenishment)	Empty
79 (no replenishment)	Empty
78 (replenish with a 3)	Gavrancic
77 (no replenishment)	Empty
76 (no replenishment)	Empty
75 (no replenishment)	Empty
74 (no replenishment)	Empty
73 (replenish with a 3)	Yorick, Death

Addresses of the Participants - Their Team and Their Cards

TEAM 1 (Rick Desper): rick_desper of yahoo.com (15 points)

Team Name: The Turtle Moves; Captained by Cut-My-Own-Throat Dibbler

A: Rincewind the Wizzard	8 6 3 6 (9)
B: Granny Weatherwax	11 3 3 (14)
C: Captain Carrot	9 7 3 (12)
D: Death	3 3 3 (3)

(Rincewind with the Luggage, Granny on Her Broom, Carrot of the City Watch, and Death is just DEATH!)

Total Replenishments: $12 + 58 + 18 + 15 + 33 + 33 + 18 + 28 + 19 + 31 + 16 + 42 + 35 + 16 + 15 = 389$

TEAM 2 (Tom Howell): off-the-shelf of olympus.net (13 points)

Team Name: Never Ending Worry Source; Manager: Rumour; Team Captain: Ye Olde Manager

A: Water	15 5 12 3 (17)
B: Kyoto	3 7 3 (11)
C: Mideast	10 11 7 (14)
D: Drugs	10 11 9 (13)

Total Replenishments: $12 + 35 + 37 + 44 + 30 + 22 + 16 + 30 + 24 + 23 + 18 + 27 + 43 + 50 + 22 = 433$

TEAM 3 ((David Partridge): rebhuhn of rocketmail.com (0 points)

Team Name: Famous Four

A: Krstajic	17 4 5 4 (8)
B: Vidic	6 3 8 (3)
C: Gavrancic	3 3 3 (3)
D: Dragutinovic	4 3 4 (7)

Total Replenishments: $12 + 35 + 40 + 28 + 13 + 18 + 16 + 28 + 20 + 29 + 14 + 56 + 14 + 14 + 19 = 356$

TEAM 4 (Brendan Whyte): obiwonfive of hotmail.com (9 points)

Team Name: The Reverse Alphabeticists

A: Zorro	4 3 11 3 (7)
B: Yorick	3 3 3 (3)
C: Xavier	5 11 3 (7)
D: Wally	3 3 3 (5)

Total Replenishments: $12 + 26 + 24 + 28 + 28 + 38 + 17 + 18 + 16 + 19 + 15 + 31 + 20 + 30 + 12 = 334$

TEAM 5 (Alexander Woo): aswoo of yahoo.com (24 points)

Team Name: Just Ordinary; Manager: Credo

A: Agnus	7 6 11 7 (14)
B: Sanctus	4 3 4 (9)
C: Kyrie	14 14 3 (17)
D: Gloria	3 14 3 (17)

Total Replenishments: $12 + 44 + 22 + 17 + 22 + 42 + 28 + 25 + 27 + 26 + 17 + 24 + 45 + 17 = 368$

TEAM 6 (Andy York): wandrew88 of gmail.com (17 points)

Team Name: Alamo

A: Crockett 4 3 10 4 (9)
 B: Travis 4 3 3 (4)
 C: Bowie 3 5 3 (5)
 D: Bonham 3 5 3 (5)

Total Replenishments: $12 + 12 + 12 + 60 + 20 + 22 + 21 + 19 + 16 + 38 + 17 + 55 + 18 + 13 = 335$

Game Notes:

1) The rules are on the TAP website in the Tinamou section. Ask if you have any questions. Up above in parentheses is the card you played to get to where you are in the field. The replenishment card is the last card in your list. Be careful to note that the card you played (the one in parentheses) is not available for you, for next turn. Just for fun, I'm going to keep track of total replenishment, by turn, which is a rough measure of how the teams are doing. Of course, it is lining up to get across the sprint and final lines in the right places that really counts. We can calculate an "efficiency score" later, which will be the ratio of scoring points per replenishment. If I'm predicting how the future of this will come out, a 10% score will be really tremendous for this measure.

2) I think it remains WAY cool that Death and Yorick are paired at the back of the pack. Ah, we knew them well. The finish is approaching, can Death and Yorick get over the second sprint line before the race is over? It will be close.

LAST WORD: So, the South Carolina primary is upcoming this weekend and if Mitt Romney wins, he will be assured the Republican primary nomination. Then, pretty quickly, we will see Ron Paul decide to run independently in the General Election. And it seems we will have at least two other serious independent candidates, I can't wait for the next stage in this process, should be fun.

