

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #361

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We continue with the NEW Kendo Nagasaki game, join ANY time, just send me a guess!!!

So, the chemotherapy goes on through the summer just to be sure, but I passed the CT Scan pretty well, the main cancer is gone, there is no need even to consider surgery. I pretty well, though the chemotherapy somehow seems to be worse since the cancer is pretty well gone. I'm even eating more than I was before, and soon I'll have to stop eating so I don't gain too much weight. Staying REALLY hydrated is the key, that with lots of fruits and vegetables has helped immensely. Thanks for everyone's good thoughts, they helped too!!!

This issue continues 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 flipflopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug's incessant nagging is not keeping us on schedule, but will make it so we keep going. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing (note that has been expanding). I'm set on the GMing, and I'm starting to write a bit, hope there might be more. Doug may or may not be winding down, I may have to flip that back around again and be the centerpiece for all the subszines, we'll see. My intent right now is to do that. Feel free to communicate with me about how you want to do that, or if anyone else wants TAP subszine status.

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.

The Diplom.org site has moved. Chris Babcock and Mario Huys are now in charge. It all went pretty well, all things considered, and most of you probably didn't even notice it was happening. But if you find you cannot access the website with the PDFs and HTMLs of all the past issues... well, please let me know and we'll fix it. If you looked before, I was having some problems with updating, but I've corrected them, so you should be able to see everything there. The address is still: <http://diplom.org/>.

There are currently 75 members of the official TAP subscriber list, but that's down because in the move, there were some addresses dropped. <http://lists.asciiking.com/mailman/listinfo/tap> is the new list website. YOU need to make sure you're on this list. There you can check your subscribing options and whether you're registered. Register if you want to get TAP E-Mailed regularly. Some people have had trouble with the attachments, so I'm going to sending the link in the announcements, we'll see if that helps.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE FEATURES SECTION (CONS/LETTERS/MUSIC)

((For upcoming cons around the world: <http://www.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>, but note that some of the Americans have stopped posting the tournaments there. Shame, shame, shame... with the move of the diplom.org site, I hope this will be reinvigorated. With a little nudging from me, that is changing, the Philly Massacre North American DipCon is now posted, remember it has moved from its traditional Fourth of July time to August 7-9th. I need to get the next tournament in the Nor'Easter four tournament sequence after that, the Boroughs, into the site. In the meantime, contact Alan Levin here: <https://sites.google.com/site/boroughsdiplomacy/home>. Also, the Facebook page for European Tournament Diplomacy, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1500292310187264/>, Diplomacy in Europe, has been really active and the place to be in the hobby these days. If you're on Facebook, hook up there!))

NEW FEATURE: ROCK AND ROLL BANDS AND MOMENTS THAT MATTER

((If anyone from TAP or ES has ideas for more things to talk about here let me know. I do have five or six ideas lined up here already that I just have to write. Up soon is the local Maine Bluegrass festival coming up again in a month at the end of July.))

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. Since I’m not postal mailing the szine any more, I’ve dropped back to just reporting the disguised E-Mail addresses. As someone notes, if you need some more contact information, go back to past issues or ask me.

Standby lists:

Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Paul Rauterberg, Doug Kent, Paul Kenny, and Hugh Polley stand by for regular Diplomacy. I’ve pared down the standby list again. If I removed you and you want to be added back, just say so. Otherwise, just 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 what? Anything else people want me to offer? I’d love to do another game of Spy Diplomacy, but it requires commitment that seems in short supply these days, but let me know if you want me to reprint the rules.

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: need seven for another game start.

BREAKING AWAY: New game, want six! Andy York, Rick Desper, and Hank Alme are in.

THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1903 IS JULY 18TH, 2015

Spring 1903

AUSTRIA (Ozog): a VIE S ITALIAN a boh-gal, a TRI S a bud, a ser-RUM, a BUD S a ser-rum,
f GRE-bul(sc).

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): f ENG-bre, f IRI-eng, a yor-WAL.

FRANCE (Ellinger): f mar-SPA(SC), f BRE-eng, a PIC-bel, f NAO-iri, a spa-GAS, a bel-LON.

GERMANY (Abbott): f den-SKA, f hel-DEN, f NTH C FRENCH a bel-lon, a HOL-bel, a KIE S f hel-den.

ITALY (Holley): f NAP S f ion, f ION s f nap, a boh-GAL, a VEN h.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): f STP(NC)-nwy, a MOS-ukr, f NWY-nat (imp), f SWE S f stp(nc)-nwy, f AEG-gre,
a gal-SIL, a rum-ser (d r:sev,otb).

TURKEY (Burgess): f SMY-aeg, f EAS-ion, a UKR-gal, a BUL s a rum-ser.

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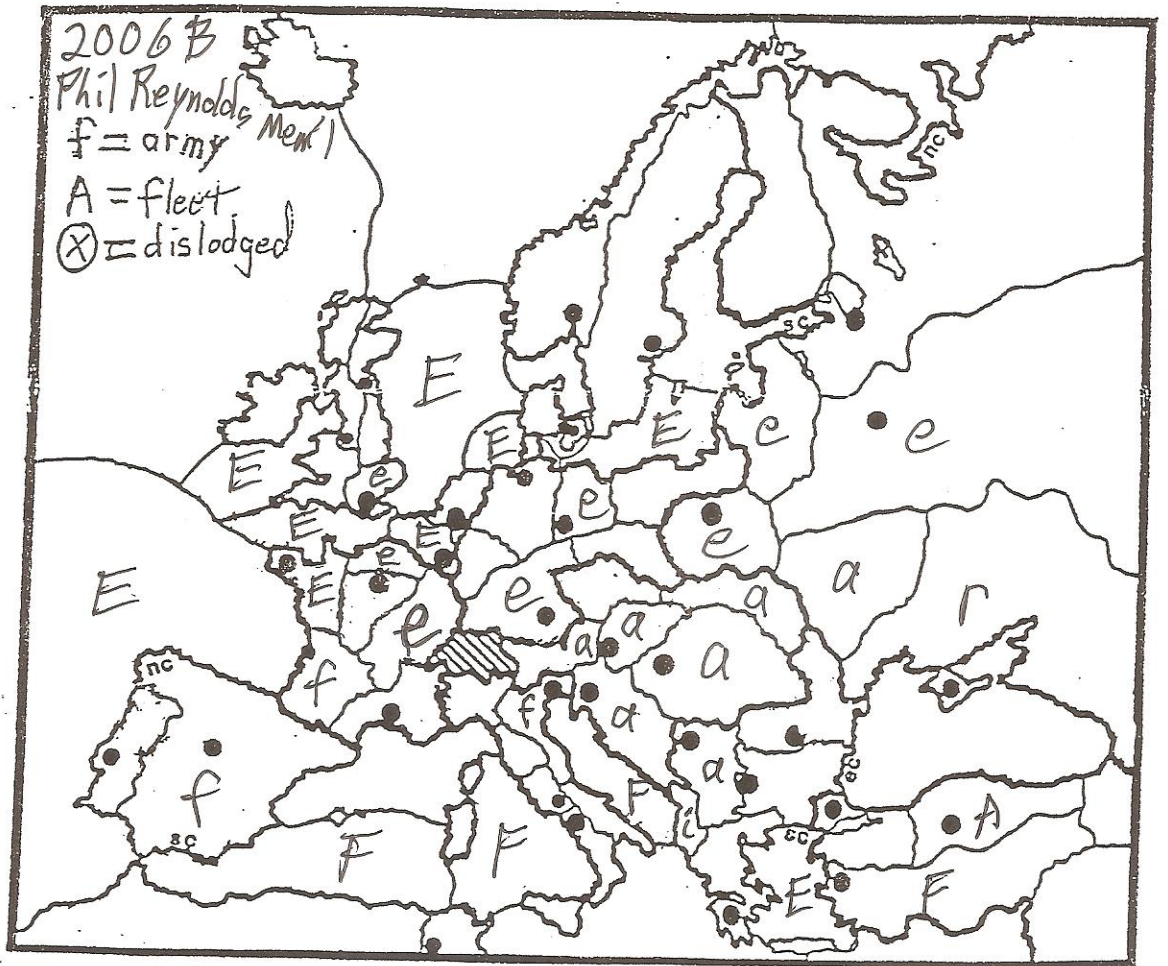
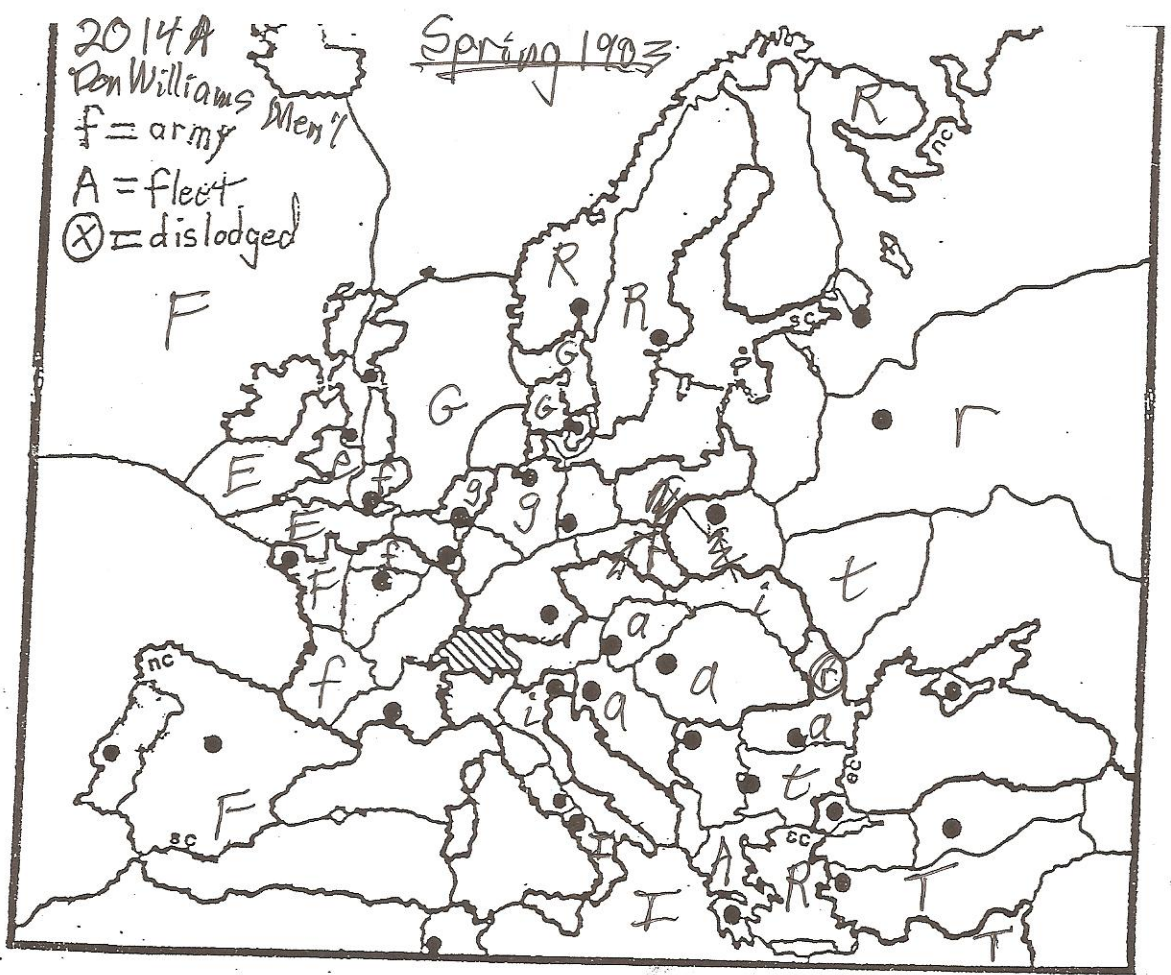
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Game Notes:

1) Wow, lots of action, I prefer “NAO” as the abbreviation for North Atlantic Ocean, but it definitely is the case that “NAT” also can be used, and thus the attempted Russian order fails. Some good press too!!!

Press:

(PRESS): The Times reports that the pubs in London are stocking up on French wine. “We understand that there is a real shortage of good claret’s across England,” noted acclaimed pub-hopper Lord Tanksalot.



“Publicans are looking forward to French sailors bringing their gold louis’ and their desire to spend liberally, while many adjoining establishments are stocking up on perfume and new bed linens,” he chuckled.

(VIENNA): The Austrian leader, Herr Orczog, was brooding in his study, contemplating the treachery of the Russian Czar Roadworm. Then the door opened. “Your Excellency!” said the ambassador to Italy. “Her Grace, princess Holley, sent you a spumoni with her compliments.” “You idiot!” said Orczog. “How does one keep a spumoni frozen all the way from Venice when it is 1903?” No doubt this was some trickery of Her Grace. Herr Orczog remembered about the exploding bratwurst that did in the Archduke Ferdinand. “Well, taste it!” Gingerly, the ambassador ate a spoonful. Miraculously, he did not collapse. This was an interesting development, thought Orczog. Maybe there is some hope after all, if only a brief respite from near certain doom.

(BENITO MUSSOLINI to ALLIES): “Let us have a dagger between our teeth, a bomb in our hands, and an infinite scorn in our hearts.”

(PARIS): The French Premier noted that he expects to celebrate Christmas 1903 in London. “I hear it is a miserable place to be in the winter, unlike our beautiful southern shores, but Im told that Buckingham Palace is quite warm and welcoming, I look forward to sleeping there for the holidays,” he stated. “I hope our friend the Kaiser will consider Christmas in Scotland, perhaps we can lift our glasses to celebrate joint victory in the west and the end of the British menace. To our Irish friends, your freedom and independence is our guarantee... join us!!”

(PARIS): All’s quiet on the eastern front... as it should be. Happy New Year!!!

(JIM to GANG): “Violence isn’t always evil. What is evil is the infatuation with violence.”

(E to ANYONE): No offers?

(FRANCE to ENGLAND): “Can’t we all just get along?”

(E to GM): Are all the satellites and cables silent?

(GM to E): One wonders....

THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1913 IS JULY 18TH, 2015

Spring 1913

AUSTRIA (Burgess): a *BUD-rum*, a *VIE S a tri*, a *TRI s a gre-alb*, a rum-UKR, f ANK h, a GAL S a rum-ukr, a TYO S a tri, a *SER s a gre-alb*, f *con-ank* (nsu).

ENGLAND (James): a LON h, a lvp-PIC, f edi-NTH, f ENG C a lvp-pic, f IRI C a lvp-pic, a pic-BUR, f BEL h, a *LVN-mos*, f *MID-spa* (ncs), a BER S a mun, a WAR h, a MOS-sev, f *BRE-gas*, f *AEG-ion*, f BAL h, a MUN h, f den-HEL.

FRANCE (Holley): f eas-SMY, f TYH-ion, a SPA S a gas, a *GAS s a spa*, f ADR S a ven, f *WES-mid*, a VEN h.

ITALY (Crow): a ALB h.

RUSSIA (Kent): a *SEV-rum*.

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ITALY: John Crow, johnny.crow of hotmail.com

RUSSIA: Doug Kent, dougray30 of yahoo.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedem of telus.net

Game Notes:

1) And we go on...

2) There is a re-proposal for the EFA draw, no vote vetoes it. It was defeated last time. Please vote with your Summer orders, or get your Fall orders in by the deadline and we’ll process it.

Press:

(ENGLAND): Attempts to vote public yes to EFA draw. ((I should just note that such a statement is not binding, and he could say that and still be vetoing it, the draw nevertheless is reproposed.))

(ENGLAND to WORLD): Yes, I have 17 dots, but am still voting for the draw. I can't hold SMY and it will be a long slog to get two others. I know that France and AH will coordinate and make it tough. This has been a well played game which has gone on for years. Time to move on. ((Technically, nine years, coming up on ten in 2016...))

**FOR THE MEKONS ET AL.: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules
LOOKING FOR SIX PLAYERS INTERESTED IN A NEW GAME!!**

Game Notes:

1) The rules are on the TAP website in the *Tinamou* section. Ask if you have any questions. Rules at: <http://www.diplom.org/Postal/Zines/TAP/Tinamou/rules/BreakingAway.htm>

**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI
DEADLINE FOR TURN 7 IS JULY 18, 2015, JOIN UP!!!**

Kendo Nagasaki for me comes from the series in *Eternal Sunshine...* The full rules for Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki are in: <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com/DW/es58.pdf>. Send a guess!!!

TURN 1

Brendan Whyte:
No Guess This Time

Hank Alme:
Ho Chi Minh in Dallas, TX

Conrad von Metzke:
Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, in the Castro district of San Francisco

Tom Howell:
Julius Gaius Caesar in Lugdunum, Gallia (Lyon, France)

Marc Ellinger:
Benjamin Franklin in Istanbul, Turkey

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You died about two centuries before I did.

TURN 2

Brendan Whyte:
No Guess This Time

Hank Alme:
Pearl Bailey in Sofia, Bulgaria

Conrad von Metzke:
Richard Nixon in Jerusalem

Tom Howell:
Ray Atkeson in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Marc Ellinger:
Suetonius in Trieste, Italy

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: I was born less than a decade after you.

TURN 3

Brendan Whyte:
Trayvon Martin in Tyrone, Missouri

Hank Alme:
Bob Ross in London, England

Conrad von Metzke:
No Guess This Time

Tom Howell:
Janet Hill Gordon in Canton, China

Marc Ellinger:
Henry Mancini in Nicosia, Cyprus

Rick Desper:
Gronk in Foxboro, Massachusetts

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: Sorry, wrong gender, and no trans-genders here...

TURN 4

Brendan Whyte:

Francis Wallace Cope in New Delhi, India

Hank Alme:

Xi Jinping in Kabul, Afghanistan

Conrad von Metzke:

Archie Moore in Indianapolis, Indiana

Andy York:

Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv, Israel

Tom Howell:

Francis Wallace Cope in Shanghai, China

Marc Ellinger:

Jackie Gleason in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Rick Desper:

Henry Mancini in Singapore

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: While you have my lifespan close to right, my profession may or may not be judged as similar.

TURN 5

Brendan Whyte:

David "Stringbean" Akeman in Kathmandu's rubble

Hank Alme:

Glenn Roberts in Chongqing, China

Conrad von Metzke:

No Guess This Time

Andy York:

Mahatma Gandhi in Islamabad, Pakistan

Tom Howell:

Francis Wallace Cope in Imphal, India

Marc Ellinger:

Van Johnson in Jakarta, Indonesia

Rick Desper:

John Wayne in Sofia, Bulgaria

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: I was born just over a year before you, but lived more than a decade longer than you.

TURN 6

Brendan Whyte:

Red Adair plugging well of
gross national happiness in Thimphu, Bhutan

Hank Alme:

George Reeves in Nayipyaw, Myanmar/Burma

Conrad von Metzke:

THE DALAI LAMA in GOA, fmr Portuguese India

Andy York:

No Guess this Time

Tom Howell:

George Edward Allen, Jr. in Ruipur, India

Marc Ellinger:

Orson Welles in Lucknow, India

Rick Desper:

Joe DiMaggio in Hong Kong

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You are within 100 miles of my location now, but I associate more with this part of the world than who you think I am.

LAST WORD: Harold Reynolds loves to play those games seeing what you can make of anagrams of names or phrases. I really love that "The Abyssinian Prince" can be anagramized into "An inane, bitchy pissar". What could be better than that?? That's all this rag is, especially since I no longer print it on paper!!! But I probably do like better one of the alternatives, "The spicy, insane brain". And best of all, "The Game of Diplomacy" becomes: "O My God! I'm a felt peach!!!" On that fuzzy note, good night to all, and may you face one another on a Diplomacy board very soon!!!