

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #367

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I'm truly thankful that I've made it through this year!! The main new news on me is that if everything keeps going well, I come off of chemotherapy at the end of February, and then I can finish the recovery from the treatment. That is tremendous as an outcome from where I started. Now I'm looking forward to running a Diplomacy tournament at TotalCon in Mansfield, MA February 19-21. Y'all should come!!! The new Kendo Nagasaki game keeps going, I like running them and I also like playing in them... mostly. Plenty of time to join still.

That all should keep the szine cranking and I'd like to start another regular Diplomacy game in addition to the Breaking Away that's getting close to six! Wishing all the rest of you who are struggling with health issues similar good news!

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 flipfopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. I'm set on continuing my GMing, and I'm starting to write a bit, hope there might be more. Feel free to communicate with me about how you want to help or what you want to play, 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. 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 have switched to sending the link in the announcements, we'll see if that helps. Please let me know.

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

((For upcoming cons around the world: <http://www.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>, success, we have badgered all the Con directors to post their Cons, so it is reasonably up to date now. And there remains lots of interest in the FTF community, and linking E-Mail/Web players to FTF. Now is the time I'm ramping up the slight deviation adjustment in running my February Diplomacy tournament, leadoff to the Nor'Easter. Since TempleCon moved itself to August, great for them horrible for me, I've cut the tie of... what ten years running Diplomacy there? Robert Rousse and others had been hoping for some time that I'd move over to TotalCon, which actually has WAY more boardgamers and is a bit later in February, this year February 19-21, just up the road in Mansfield, MA, halfway between Providence and Boston. This also is a plus for our Boston gamers and for the Vermonters coming down it's closer too. You might still prefer to fly into Providence's airport, but as noted it's equidistant between there and Logan Airport in Boston. We can work

out pickups and such. I also have two hotel rooms reserved down the street at the Red Roof Inn, that are pay what you want/can, as usual, <http://www.totalcon.com> has more particulars. There is a way of getting a group registration rate, if you want that contact me. As of this date, pre-registration hasn't opened quite yet. I know I'm celebrating getting to do this again, come join me!!! 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 four or five ideas lined up here already that I just have to write. I didn't get around to writing more this time again, really, next time...))

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

Drew James (Wed, Dec 23, 2015 at 10:54 AM)

SU is having a strange season. They looked so good in the Bahamas, but since then they have some bad losses. I'm hoping for .500 in the ACC and being on the NCAA bubble, but that might be a stretch. Nice about the Friars. Of course, we are all waiting for their 7'-2" transfer to take the Dome floor next year as he'll be great in the middle of the zone.

Happy Holidays! Drew, karelanddrew of gmail.com

((Kris Dunn is finally back from his illness for Providence, and the Friars are now in the Top 10. Since the Big East has at least four great teams (also Xavier, Butler and Villanova), the Big East season should be tremendous. Only Georgetown, St. John's, and DePaul will struggle, and even they will have their good games, I think.))

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

Standby lists: Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Paul Rauterberg, Doug Kent, Paul Kenny, and Hugh Polley stand by for regular Diplomacy. Just let me know if you want on or off these lists.

GAME OPENING INFORMATION

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. I really, really want to get the Diplomacy and Breaking Away games started as soon as possible, come on, help me out!!! Hugh Polley also asked me to print these rules for playing short that I might want to play around with in here, any interest in that?

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: need seven for another game start, we have five. We have Edward Innes, Fred Wiedemeyer, Marc Ellinger, Melinda Holley, (she's feeling better YAY!!! so I hope she'll still be in) and Gavin Begbie.

BREAKING AWAY: New game, want six! Andy York, Rick Desper, David Burgess, and Hank Alme are in, only two to go here too.

THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER 1904 IS JANUARY 16TH, 2016

Fall 1904

AUSTRIA (Ozog): f alb-ION, a mun h (unordered) (d r:bur,ruh,boh,otb), a SER-bul,

a CON s ITALIAN f aeg-smy (nso), a vie-TYO, f GRE S f alb-ion.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): a YOR h.

FRANCE (Ellinger): f GOL S f mid-wes, f mid-WES, f ENG S a wal-lon, a BEL h, f NAO-nwg, a MAR h, a wal-LON.

GERMANY (Abbott): f DEN S a kie, f HEL S a kie, f NTH-lon, a lvp-EDI, a KIE S f den.

ITALY (Wilson): f TYH-wes, f NAP-tyh, f AEG s AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN a bul-con (nso),

a RUM-bul, a PIE-mar.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): f stp(nc)-NWY, f nwy-SWE, a sil-MUN, f NWG s f stp(nc)-nwy,

f swe-BAL, f ANK h, a BER S a sil-mun, a ARM s ITALIAN f aeg-smy (nso).

TURKEY (Burgess): f SMY h, f EAS S f smy.

Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA (Ozog):	TRI,VIE,BUD,ser,gre,bul,con	(has 5 or 6, bld 1 or 2(r:otb))
ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer):	LVP	(has 1, even)
FRANCE (Ellinger):	PAR,BRE,MAR,spa,por,bel,lon	(has 7, even)
GERMANY (Abbott):	KIE,den,hol,edi	(has 5, rem 1)
ITALY (Wilson):	ROM,NAP,VEN,tun,rum	(has 5, even)
RUSSIA (Rauterberg):	WAR,STP,MOS,swe,nwy,ank, SEV,ber,mun	(has 8, ble 1)
TURKEY (Burgess):	SMY	(has 2, rem 1)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

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Game Notes:

1) Most of you have changes for Winter, Merry Christmas! Brad Wilson had all five of his orders bounce.

Press:

(JIM to ALL): "There are things known and things unknown and in between are the doors."

(TURKEY to GAME): Its been fun, well not really. Good luck with my supply centers, well not really. I hope Germany and England win the game, really!

THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy

DREW JAMES WINS; YES, IT HAS BEEN NINE YEARS!

THE DUE DATE FOR END GAME STATEMENTS IS JANUARY 16TH, 2016

Fall 1914

AUSTRIA (Burgess): a rum-BUL, a TYO s ITALIAN a tri-ven, a ven-TUS, a SEV-ukr, f arm-ANK, a GAL-ukr, a PIE s ITALIAN a tri-ven, a ser-GRE.
ENGLAND (James): a BER-mun, a gas-SPA, f NTH h, f ENG h, f WES S a gas-spa, a BUR-mar, f BEL h, a lvn-WAR, f TUN h, a SIL h, a war-UKR, a MOS S a war-ukr, f MID S a gas-spa, f CON h, f BAL h, a MUN-tyo, f HEL h.
FRANCE (Rauterberg): f SMY h, f nap-ION, a POR S f spa(sc), a MAR-pie, f ADR S a rom-ven, f spa(sc) h (d r:gol,otb), a rom-VEN.
ITALY (Crow): a TRI-ven.
RUSSIA (Kent): has no units.

Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA (Burgess):	VIE,BUD,ser,rum,bul,ank,gre,sev	(has 8 centers, survives)
ENGLAND (James):	EDI,LVP,LON,nwy,bel,swe,hol,den, kie,rom,stp,ber,mos,bre,mun,war,par,con,spa,tun	(has 20 centers, wins)
FRANCE (Rauterberg):	por,MAR,ven,nap,smy	(has 5 centers, survives)
ITALY (Crow):	tri	(has 1 center, survives)
RUSSIA (Kent):	none	(has 0, out)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

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Game Notes:

1) The Concession to England did fail, but it didn't matter as England got past 18 centers on his own. Congratulations to Drew as this game really did go on a LONG time, with the chunk of time with slower deadlines before the estimable Doug Kent got me back on schedule.

2) Thanks to Paul Rauterberg for standing in for one turn, thanks Melinda for playing so long. For those of you who haven't heard, Melinda is recovering brilliantly and is feeling much better. Hurray, Melinda!!!

Press:

(ENGLAND to WORLD): Could this 9 year war actually be over?

(AUSTRIA-WORLD): Well, it should be done now... Lets hope Italy gets back to his home country!!!

(DAVID-DREW): It was nice working with you. Lets go Orange!

(JIM-BOB to DAVID AND DREW): With all due respect, I think the Orange are waiting mostly to next year.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

DEADLINE FOR TURN 4 OF THE NEW GAME IS JANUARY 16, 2016

GET ORDERS IN OR THINK ABOUT JOINING IN!!!

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:

Henry Mancini on Vostok Island, Pacific Ocean

Tom Howell:

Kim Philby in London

Hank Alme:

Bela Fleck in Oaxaca, Mexico

Marc Ellinger:

Richard Nixon in Santiago, Chile

Peter Sullivan:

Lewis Hamilton in Buenos Aires

Doug Kent:

Julia Child in Santiago, Chile

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You have identified my gender correctly, but I was born many centuries before you.

TURN 2

Brendan Whyte:

Johann Sebastian Bach on Clipperton Island, Mexico Henry VIII of England in Turkistan, Kazakhstan

Tom Howell:

Hank Alme:

Anthony Blunt in Cancun, Mexico

Marc Ellinger:

Louis VII in Paris, France

Peter Sullivan:

Julian of Norwich in Norwich, Ohio

Doug Kent:

Galileo in Berlin, Germany

Rick Desper:

Stan Lee in Seoul, South Korea

Andy York:

Richard the Lionhearted in Vienna, Austria

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: One of my most famous quotes refers in both a direct and oblique way to your profession.

TURN 3

Brendan Whyte:
Jesus in Jerusalem

Hank Alme:
Guy Burgess in Moscow, Russia

Peter Sullivan:
King John I of England in Brussels, Belgium

Rick Desper:
Christopher Marlowe in Belize City, Belize

Tom Howell:
Thomas Cromwell in Helsinki, Finland

Marc Ellinger:
William Shakespeare in Poitiers, France

Doug Kent:
Shakespeare in Veracruz, Mexico

Andy York:
Copernicus in Lodz, Poland

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: We each had serious disputes with our respective Popes and the authority of the Catholic Church. (Yeah, that means Jesus is NOT aligned with the closest guess...)

LAST WORD: We're right up against Christmas, lots of wrapping and singing and getting together with family to do. So I'll be brief here. Speaking very seriously, I'm incredibly lucky to be here and I miss our friend Don Williams, who had a much less successful course of treatment fiercely. I hope you all have family and friends and togetherness this holiday season and we will see you all again in the New Year.

