

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #370

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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. The two new games also are off to flying starts.

So, I had a bit of a medical setback, while on some ramped up chemotherapy I passed out and fell in my kitchen and fractured three vertebra. I'm JUST starting to feel close to being right again. I'm hoping that this weekend's chemo might be the end, and if it is, and my back keeps feeling better, by May I'm going to feel wonderful! I hope that's where I get. Mark Fassio continues to have a tough time, join me in praying for him!

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* in *NSWG* #16, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. Since Terry's passing, we lose our thirty year fervent hope that someday *NSWG* would have been resurrected and I could go back and swear my fealty to the Toadfather. 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 yet again. Chris Babcock and Mario Huys are still in charge. There were a few glitches and broken links, but things should be fixed now, if you have problems, let us know! 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 current list website. YOU need to make sure you're on this list. I'm trying to add some of the newer subscribers who aren't there. If you have questions or problems, PLEASE ask. 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. TotalCon went great, but with my medical issues, my write up is going to be delayed a month. Emily Pollock won her first tournament, and I'm sure not her last, and the top seven were Emily, Brad Blitstein, Randy Lawrence-Hurt, Dariusz Murakowski, Alan Levin, Kevin Carey, and Sam Capasso. 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! The next big event you all should have on your radar screen is World DipCon in Chicago, June 24-26. The website with all the details is at: <http://windycityweasels.org/wdc2016>))

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 have been nudged... comments from any of you also are welcome.))

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

Did I miss any? I think “none this time”. But I admit I’ve been a bit out of it this month.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

Standby lists: Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Drew James, 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.

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: Two games continue. Is there something else we want to start?

BREAKING AWAY: Keeps going with the always exciting Turn 2 in THIS issue.

THE TERRY TALLMAN MEMORIAL: 2016A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1901 IS APRIL 16TH, 2016

Summer 1901

AUSTRIA (Black): has f ALB, a BUD, a SER.

ENGLAND (Cohen): has f LON, f NTH, a YOR.

FRANCE (Begbie): has f BRE, a GAS, a SPA.

GERMANY (Polley): has f HOL, a KIE, a RUH.

ITALY (Ellinger): has f TYH, a TUS, a TYO.

RUSSIA (Zarr): has f GOB, a SEV, a UKR, f RUM.

TURKEY (Wiedemeyer): has f BLA, a CON, a BUL.

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

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Game Notes:

1) I think we missed getting all that great Summer 1901 press?

2) Note we all have these TINY number of Boardman numbers, we are 2016A, I believe there were no 2015 numbers and 2014A is the game below....

Press:

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THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

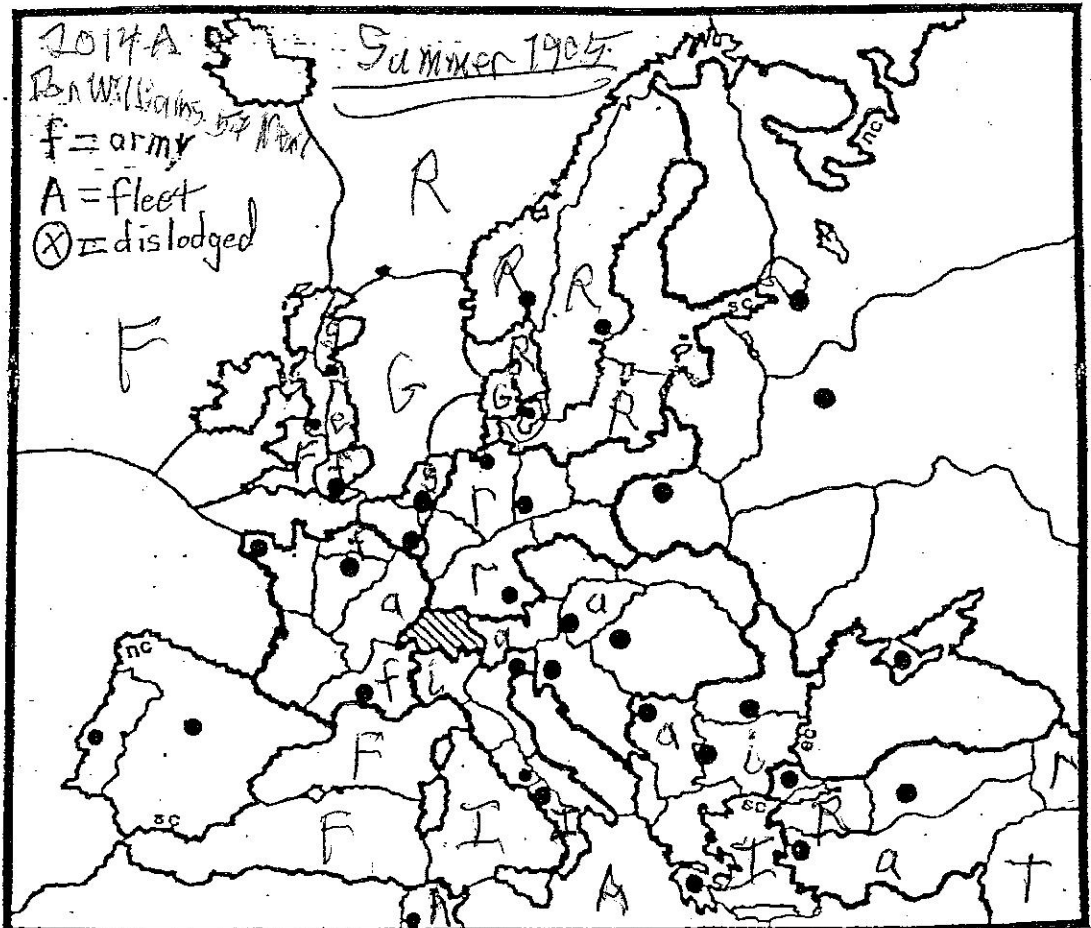
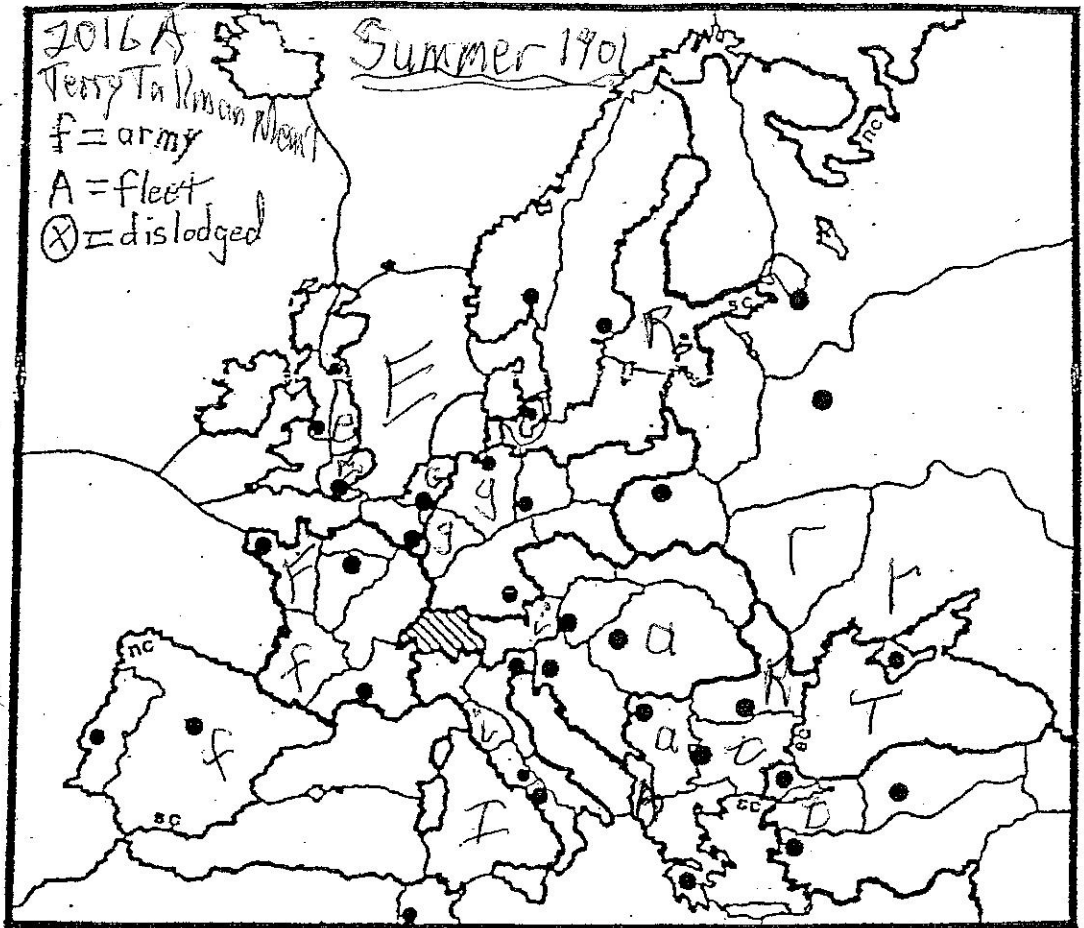
THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1905 IS APRIL 16TH, 2016

Summer 1905

AUSTRIA (Ozog): has a VIE, f TUN, a BUR, a SER, a SMY, a TYO, f ION.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): has a YOR.

FRANCE (Ellinger): has f GOL, f WES, f WAL, a PIC, f NAO, a MAR, a LON.



GERMANY (Abbott): R a kie-HOL; has f DEN, f NTH, a EDI, a HOL.

ITALY (Wilson): has f TYH, f NAP, f AEG, a BUL, a PIE.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): has f NWY, f SKA, f SWE, a MUN, f NWG,
f BAL, f CON, a KIE, a ARM.

TURKEY (Burgess): R f smy-SYR; has f SYR.

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Game Notes:

1) More press will be welcome.

Press:

None detected here either...

THE DIPLOMACY GAME: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules

THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 3 IS APRIL 16, 2016!!

Turn 2

14 (replenish with a 3)	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Anastasia
13 (replenish with a 5)	Billy Wilder, Nicholas II, Angst, Constipated
12 (replenish with a 9)	Christian Doppler, Alexandra
11 (replenish with a 11)	Daniel Swarovski, Baker
10 (replenish with a 13)	Alexis de Tocqueville, Alexei
9 (replenish with a 15)	Lafayette, Alpha
8 (replenish with a 17)	Heart of Oak, Rousseau, Jefferson, Smirky
7 (replenish with a 21)	Charlie
6 (replenish with a 22)	Hope and Glory, Donatello, Raphael, Terrorised
5 (replenish with a 26)	Jerusalem, White Cliffs, Leonardo, Michelangelo
4 (no replenishment)	Empty
3 (replenish with a 3)	Delta

Addresses of the Participants – Their Teams and Their Cards

AUSTRIAN TEAM (Andy Bate): andydbate of gmail.com (0 points)

A: Arnold Schwarzenegger 12, 4, 7, 3 (10)

B: Billy Wilder 12, 3, 5 (10)

C: Christian Doppler 8, 3, 9 (10)

D: Daniel Swarovski 5, 8, 11 (10)

Total Replenishments: $21 + 28 = 49$

ENGLISH TEAM (Jim Reader): jim_reader of hotmail.com (0 points)

A: Jerusalem 15, 10, 7, 26 (1)

B: Hope and Glory 15, 7, 22 (3)

C: White Cliffs 14, 4, 26 (3)

D: Heart of Oak 8, 3, 17 (3)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 91 = 107$

FRENCH TEAM (Hank Alme): almehj of alumni.rice.edu (0 points)

A: Marquis de Lafayette (Captain):	4, 10, 15, 15 (8)
B: Alexis de Tocqueville:	15, 3, 13 (7)
C: Jean-Jacques Rousseau:	12, 3, 17 (6)
D: Thomas Jefferson:	8, 8, 17 (7)

Total Replenishments: $22 + 62 = 84$

GERMAN TEAM (Marc Ellinger): mellinger of blitzbardgett.com (0 points)

A: Player Alpha	15, 6, 6, 15 (2)
B: Player Baker	14, 5, 11 (3)
C: Player Charlie	13, 3, 21 (2)
D: Player Delta	13, 3, 3 (1)

Total Replenishments: $17 + 50 = 67$

ITALIAN TEAM (Rick Desper): rick_desper of yahoo.com (0 points)

Team Name: Artists in a Half-Shell?

Coach: Master Splinter

Team Leader A: Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci	15, 10, 8, 26 (4)
Team Mechanic B: Donato di Niccol di Betto Bardi	14, 8, 22 (3)
Team Navigator C: Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino	12, 5, 22 (3)
Team Sprint Specialist D: Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni	10, 4, 26 (3)

Referred to by common appellations in the report: Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michelangelo.

Total Replenishments: $17 + 96 = 113$

RUSSIAN TEAM (Andy York): wandrew88 of gmail.com (0 points)

Team Royal

A: Anastasia	10, 8, 3 (2)
B: Nicholas II	8, 7, 5 (3)
C: Alexandra	8, 6, 9 (5)
D: Alexei	6, 3, 13 (5)

Total Replenishments: $14 + 30 = 44$

TURKISH TEAM (Brendan Whyte): BWHYTE of nla.gov.au (0 points)

The Turkeys

A: Angst of Ankara	10,11,5 (4)
B: Constipated of Constantinople	8,10,5 (6)
C: Smirky of Smyrna	7,8,17 (3)
D: Terrorised of Syria	6,7,22 (3)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 49 = 65$

Press:

(ITALIAN REPORT): Master Splinter has outfitted his Renaissance riders with matching aerodynamic riding suits, each fitted with sleek outer circular shell that fits across the back. Michelangelo had to be convinced the suit was necessary, as he wanted to “ride like David”, whatever that is supposed to mean.

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>

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 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.

2) We do have seven players. On this second turn, we did have a host of replenishments above 20, but if Charlie had played his 3 instead of his 2, we wouldn’t have. And one rider (Delta, also from the German team) already is at some risk of being dropped from the pack. I think this is playing out fine, we’ll see what strategies everyone pursues next turn. Remember that the first Sprint Line is after Space 40.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

**DEADLINE FOR TURN 6 OF THE GAME IS MARCH 19, 2016
GET ORDERS IN OR THINK ABOUT JOINING IN AS WE CLOSE 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

Hank Alme:

Bela Fleck in Oaxaca, Mexico

Peter Sullivan:

Lewis Hamilton in Buenos Aires

Tom Howell:

Kim Philby in London

Marc Ellinger:

Richard Nixon in Santiago, Chile

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

Hank Alme:

Anthony Blunt in Cancun, Mexico

Peter Sullivan:

Julian of Norwich in Norwich, Ohio

Rick Desper:

Stan Lee in Seoul, South Korea

Tom Howell:

Henry VIII of England in Turkistan, Kazakhstan

Marc Ellinger:

Louis VII in Paris, France

Doug Kent:

Galileo in Berlin, Germany

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...)

TURN 4

Brendan Whyte:

Giordano Bruno saying Gday in Gdansk, Poland

Hank Alme:

Tom Howell:

Henry VIII in Birmingham, England

Marc Ellinger:

Guy Fawkes in St. Petersburg, Russia

Peter Sullivan:

Martin Luther in Worms, Germany

Rick Desper:

Martin Luther in Luebeck, Germany

Samuel Beckett in Copenhagen, Denmark

Doug Kent:

Elizabeth I of England in The Hague, The Netherlands

Andy York:

Machiavelli in Munich, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: While we both had disputes with the Catholic Church, we also had public disputes with each other within our overlapping lifetimes.

TURN 5

Brendan Whyte:

Ulrich Zwingli in Munster, Germany

Hank Alme:

Charles V in Wittenburg, Germany

***Note that Hank says Wittenburg and Marc says Wittenberg, these are two different places in Germany.

Peter Sullivan:

King Henry VIII of England in Heidelberg, Germany

Rick Desper:

No Guess Received

Tom Howell:

John Calvin in Göttingen, Germany

Marc Ellinger:

Thomas Muntzer in Wittenberg, Germany

Doug Kent:

Henry II in Stockholm, Sweden

Andy York:

Johannes Agricola in Hannover, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: We agreed on a great many things, but you were much more of a rabble-rouser to the lesser educated classes, while I was more of an intellectual humanist.

TURN 6

Brendan Whyte:

No Guess Received

Hank Alme:

Karl von Miltitz in Hanover, Germany

Peter Sullivan:

John Calvin in Leipzig, Germany

Rick Desper:

Philipp Melanchthon in Leipzig, Germany

Tom Howell:

Johannes Agricola in Leipzig, Germany

Marc Ellinger:

Erasmus in Chemnitz, Germany

Doug Kent:

Philip I of Hesse in Essen, Germany

Andy York:

Philipp Melanchthon in Paderborn, Germany

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You are quite a bit farther away than some of the previous guesses, and someone else has identified me, but not you.

LAST WORD: Time to stick in some 2016 Baseball Predictions. If I get others I'll print them next time. AL East: I think the Blue Jays will be the surprise poor team in the division. Red Sox, Yankees, Blue Jays, Rays, Orioles. AL Central: Royals, Indians, White Sox, Tigers, Twins, with the Indians being a Wild Card. AL West: Astros, Rangers, Angels, Mariners, Athletics, with the Rangers being a Wild Card. NL East: Mets, Marlins, Nationals, Braves, Phillies, with the Marlins being the surprise good team and the Nationals again blowing up. NL Central: Cubs, Cardinals, Pirates, Reds, Brewers, with the Cardinals as one of the Wild Cards. NL West: Dodgers, Giants, Padres, Diamondbacks, Rockies, with the Giants as the other Wild Card. Playoff Predictions: Indians and Giants win the Wild Card games; Astros beat the Red Sox to go to the World Series from the AL and the Cubs beat the Giants to go the World Series from the AL. Cubs lose yet again and the Astros win the World Series. I think this will be a fun baseball season and the Red Sox will make lots of news all season. I'm worried about the Yankees, and I hope ARod doesn't have a great season, but I'm not sure that's how it is going to play out.