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First of all I would like to announce that we have a Boardman Number for this game. It is 1973-BK. I think, however, that I will still use the number 2001-A. I wish those of you using 1901 will knock it off. The first move was Spring 19 OOps 2001. The press is really mixed-up in this game. It seems that three of you are using the assumption that the world has decayed and we are back in the dark ages. Another three are assuming that the world has progressed and we are in the age of space travel and overpopulation. Then another seems to be going both ways. But we'll have to read more of the Crest Of Nexius to be sure.

Now I would like to appologize for not putting out TE this month. Due to personal matters I was just unable to due it. TE will be out next month, on time, and it will be an extra large issue with two variants to make up for the missing issue. Now for the game.

2001-A (1973-BK)
SPRING 2001

ENGLAND (WARD): F LON-NTS, F EDI-NWS, A LVP-EDI.
GERMANY (LAKOFFA): A DER-SIL, A MUN-BOH, F KIE-DEN.
RUSSIA (BARBER): A MOS-STP, A WAR-UKR, F STP SC-FIN, F SEV-RUM.
TURKEY (STAPLES): A CON-DUL, A SMY-ARM, F ANK-BLA.
AUSTRIA (von METZKE): A VIE-BUD, A BUD-SER, F TRI-ALB.
ITALY (BARENTS): A ROM-VEN, A VEN-APU, F NAP-ION.
FRANCE (SMITH): A PAR-PIC, A MAR-SPA, F BRE-MID.

Well these look like interesting first moves. It seems like no one has any allies. It should be interesting to see what happens in the Fall.

PRESS

THE CREST OF NEXIUS (PART 2): The war between the solar system of NEXIUS (the name by which these peoples called themselves--we labled the star, Gamma Gimini) and the EARTH had begun in 2139. The technologies of the two powers were so similar that a stand-off was the only result that had occurred to date. But now NEXIUS has launched a deadly missle at Earth. One that if it exploded within 100,000,000 miles of Earth it would send the planet out of its orbit. The missle was too huge for delta travel and had to rely on the slower beta method abandoned in 2089. Thus it would take 11 years to reach Earth. Slightly over six of those years had passed and man was unable to stop the onrush of the vehicle. Some shield protected the giant beast from man's most deadly weapons.

But then a few months ago the solution was found. The Earth ITSELF would repulse the invader. By altering the magnetic forces within the planet (and not effecting its gravity) the Earth could become as a "north pole" to the approaching "south pole" missle. Yet the proper construction and execution of such a device would have to be begun 933 years before it would become operational. Thus man was forced to use the deadly time warp to send a man back to the 1214 to

captain the device did not to cause notice to come to himself.

NEKIAN spies were on Earth, and they would be scanning the Earth libraries and the warp interfaces constantly. The smallest outburst of the wrong frequency energy prior to 2001 would be a dead give-away to the plan of the Earth to stop the Nekian missile. So only one man could go back in time. In a tiny ship that could never land on Earth. This man would have to be undetected and also fit into the native background. Only in England were the conditions right for the planting of the device, and it was here that William Treman Leomund arrived on March 11, 1214. It was now August 13, 1214. Three more days and the device would be operational!

Across the plains before serf Leomund's hut 10 armed knights rode. They were rounding up the peasants to be brought before the Lord of Metzke, Godfrey of Diego. One, if not all of them, would then die for having stolen a knife from the Lord's table. For that lone blade the Earth might be lost.... (to be continued)

CENTRAL CONTROL CENTER, PARIS: On this day a ceremonial army was sent to Spain to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's march into their country. The troops were sent by our transporter machine which makes it easier for our men to travel distances quickly.

JOHANN-MICHAEL-HEINRICH-STADT, vice VIENNA; Anarchate of Austria, 3 February 2001: Elder Alfons-Lobovic Kalkbrenner readeth the Scripture in the Historic Manner, from the Book of JorjMorley of al-Baam, hearken to the voice of the Elder,

"There shall be none to want, nor the wanting thereof to be wanted, save only the lack of wanting, which we want, and shall evermore. Dlest be thy what moves onward-south, or the trails of the forerunners who dost not fear infidelity nor the intestinal leakage of those when ask us not for done. This makes sense if you try not reading it at all."

Elder Mitridate-Mihai Khovenbauer readeth on the Scripture in the Historic Manner, from the Book of al-Khaas of kho-Veen, hearken to the voice of the Elder,

"Alia reggia urlando corron fiero al popolo in tumulto: con grida funeste chiama la vendetta piu crudel. Fosco al tuo calcagno l'odio stol, Raminga sulla terra, maledetta su nel ciel! Non tardar, veloce va; fuggi via, o sei perduta."

Which only goes to prove that the end of November still has its merry moments. The Elders have had it, retune NaechstenmaIs.

NAVAL RESEARCH, BREST: Today the new hovercraft squadron was launched. It will spend some time on trials in the Mid-Atlantic before going on a goodwill tour of the small nations of the world.

VATICAN CITY: Pope Zeerua V sits upon the throne of all the Christian lands that are. From his room of Crimson and Black, he makes the decisions that affect the lives of everyone. He is helped by a great cardinal, Diablo

Some look upon Diablo as a Lord of Darkness; of being in league with the devil. Many people hate this advisor to the Pope, but they can do nothing.

The Pop is well aware that the people are not fond of Diablo, but he has no other that can give him the advice that he seeks in order to rule the Christians lands that lay within the bounds of his domain. With Diablo at his side, Zeerua, has been able to control the lands better; keep the people fed and their lives enriched with the Sprit