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THANG #1

(MORDOR VERSUS THE WORLD III-#1)

ARNOR (Pulsipher): DA IMLADRIS-EREGION. SA ANGMAR STANDS. SA AMON SUL-IMLADRIS. SA THARBAD*STANDS. SA SHIRE-BRANDYWINE.

GONDOR (Ferris): DA SOUTH GONDOR-SHADOW MOUNTAINS. SAs IAMEDON, LEBENNIN (S) SA MINAS TIRITH-ANORIEN. sa minas tirith anorien.

MORDOR (Libby): TA DEAD MARCHES-BAUROS. DA BAUROS-ANORIEN. DA ANORIEN-MINAS TIRITH. DA HENNETH ANNUN (S) DA ANORIEN-MINAS TIRITH. SA UDUN DAGORLAD. SA HARAD-DUR-NUNEN WASTES. sa minas morgal-shagow mtns. SA DAGORLAD-BROWN LANDS. DA GLADDEN (S) NEUTRAL DA LORIEN. sa carrock-angmar.

RHOVANION (Bobek): DA DOL GULDUR (S) SA CELEBRANT-LORIEN. sa celebrant-lorien. SA WILDERLANDS STANDS. SA N WILDERLANDS- MIRKWOOD. SA ES-GAROTH (S) SA N WILDERLANDS-MIRKWOOD.

ROHAN (Lakofka): DA ISENGARD (S) SA W EMMET. SA EASTFOLD-(S) SA W EMMET. SA FANGORN (S) RHOVANION SA CELEBRANT-LORIEN.

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BETREATS:

GONDOR (Ferris): SA Minas Tirith-Poros.

COMMENTS: First of all, allow me to apologize for the long delay in this game; hopefully in the future the game will move smoothly on three week intervals. Several address changes: Brian Libby is now at Box 2122, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218. Lewis Pulsipher is now at Seaton Hall; Box A22, Albion, Michigan 49224. Questions: Can support be split? NO. - If an SA attempts to cut the support of a enemy DA, how much of the DA's support is cut? NONE.

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THE DEADLINE FOR QUELLE, 3002 MOVE ORDERS, HEIVE, 3002 CONDITIONAL RETREAT ORDERS AND COIRE, 3002 BUILD/REMOVAL ORDERS IS FRI., NOV. 21, 69.

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PROPAGANDA:

WHERE ARE THE RIDERS OF THE MARK?

BARAD-DUR, MORDOR: There was great rejoicing in the Dark Tower today as news arrived of the fall of Minas Tirith. "We will burn the city like a candle," said Sauron, "to celebrate Our triumph." "We will also incinerate Denthor, if the old man hasn't already made an ash of himself on his pyre."

WILDERLANDS, RHOVANION: Orc armies continued to clash unsuccessfully with Rhovanion elves over Dol Guldur.

In Moria, a spokesman for the invading orcs explained that the attacks were an attempt to restore Dol Guldur to the Dark Lord and prevent the erection of any more Keebler Kookie factories by the Rhovanions.

Early an orc army had captured the great kookie works of the Wilderlands. However, after devouring some excess stock, the orc invaders fled the Wilderlands in rapid disorder and with heavy casualties.

Sauron, upon hearing of this disaster, swore revenge upon the elves for "this unethical attack upon poor, defenseless orcs."

BAG END, THE SHIRE: Otho and Lobelia Sackville-Baggins have claimed Frodo's abode and everything in it. After eating themselves into a stupor they searched high and low for the treasure of Bilbo Baggins (deceased?). They thought they found something deep in the Hobbit Hole where a storeroom was located behind a few large sacks of grain. The stench from Bilbo's 103 year old laundry has temporarily put them in the local hospital. Frodo, come home at once.

Merry Brandybuck.
BARAD-DUR, MORDOR: The Dark Tower quaked and roiled today as Sauron discovered the theft of the remaining 3 dwarf-made rings from his royal treasury. Enraged beyond recall to sanity Sauron beheaded 7 servants and 2 visiting kings before he began to regain his composure. "I know some sly thief from Gondor has them and he shall pay for his stupidity!!"

((Following is the text of a letter received by me:))

Sir:

I wish to take issue with the writings you have published of that alleged scholar, S.K. Eitelereith. A larger pack of lies and half-truths I have never seen before. The impressive-looking title of "Doctor of Herpetology" that the professor used, was, as everyone in this field of study knows, purchased from a correspondence school. And as for that so-called "translation" of a First Age manuscript, I much doubt if the Professor could even read Quenya, much less understand it! (And as everyone knows, all works of any importance were written in Quenya). This "translation" is a mass of misinformation. Draco A. is not, as stated, found in glaciers, but rather in high mountain caves, as with other dragon species. And his physical description is preposterous - the SMALLEST specimen of a cold drake was an individual 150 ft long, weighing ten tons. And as for the Professor's allegation towards the intelligence of Draco A., why, it's positively scandalous. I challenge

anyone to prove the statements of S. K. Eltolereth in the face of my position.

Yours,
S. Maug, Esq.

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Spring 1601

GAME 1969-Nr
(INDIANOMACY II-#1)

THANG #2

APACHE (Hoyer): W SAN CARLOS-PIMA, W mescalero-comanche. W JICARILLA
(S) W MESCALERO-COMANCHE.
BLACKFOOT (Patton): W BLACKFEET-KUTENAI. W BLOOD-PIEGAN. W PIEGAN-FLAT-
HEAD.
CADDO: (White): W WICHITA-(S) W WACO-COMANCHE. W waco-comanche. W CADO H.
DAKOTA: (Gygax): W YANKTON SIOUX-PAWNEE. W TETON SIOUX (S) W YANKTON
SIOUX-PAWNEE. W SANTEE-WAHPETON. W SISSETON STANDS.
ILLINOIS (Bobek): W ILLINOIS-OSAGE. W MIAMI STANDS & BUILDS CANOE FLEET.
W PEORIA-WINNEBAGO.
IROQUOIS (Iakofka): W MOHAWK-DELAWARE. W ONEIDA (S) W MOHAWK-DELAWARE.
W ONONDAGA-HURON. W SENECA (S) W ONONDAGA-HURON.
MUSKHOGEAN (Stafford): W CHOCTAW-NATCHEZ. W CHICASAW-CHOCTAW. W UPPER
CREEK-YUCHI.
SHOSHONI (Ferris): W LEMNI SHOSHONI-CAYUSE. W ROCKY MNTN. SHOSHONI-
GOSUITE. W WIND RIVER SHOSHONI-UTE.
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THE FORKED TONGUE PRESS

CADDOAN CONFEDERACY:

The friendly "slimy" Tawakoni, the official negotiator of the Caddoan Confederacy, hereby welcomes the messages of the "friendly" Apache, Muskogean, and Illinois. Brothers, peace be unto you!!

FROM THE LODGES OF THE IROQUOIS:

ONEIDA: The Mighty War Chief of the Iroquois, Red Arrow, has sent the pipe of peace and friendship to his brothers to the south, the noble Delaware. Over the raging river many braves carried the pipe of peace to Dull Wit, chief of the Delaware. As a tribute to the leader of the war party, Fill Chared Bucket, he presented his daughter, the well slung Silly Nymph to be his bride. The ceremony uniting our two great tribes is planned at the next moon.

ONONDAGA: Our friends toe Hurons have balled for our help. Even the mighty waters to the west cannot stop the stench coming from the land of the Dakota. These poor excuses for red men are a blot on the name of all Indians.

Algonquin chief Thunder Fart reports a band of waring Sisse(y tons appeared off the edge of the great water. After a short battle two of the braves (?) were captured. Pompous Fairy and Lipping Sage were quick to wag their tongues after being rubbed once with a rabbit hide. They told of their plans to rape and pillage the mighty Peorias. When Thunder Fart did not believe them, they admitted that perhaps rape and pillage were a bit strong, perhaps stroke and slap would be more like it.

FROM THE MUSKHOGEAN WIGWAMS:

The great Muskogean Confederation, led by that intrepid warrior

Snarling Mouse, has declared hegemony and a protectorate over the Pcw-
hetan nation. Any non-confederation war parties entering their territo-
will be summarily dealt with. The chief Muskogean negotiator, Forked
Tongue, has just returned from talks with the Caddoan nation. He re-
ported that the talks proceeded well and looks for developments from
them.

FROM THE TEEPEES OF THE DAKOTA:

SMALLER TRIBES SEEK DAKOTA AID

Slays-the-Enemy, speaker of the Dakota War Council, formally announced
today the ratification treaties with a number of minor tribes. These
groups, generally bordering on Dakota territory, have sought and gained
recognition as neutrals. Any War Party that violates the hunting ground
of these tribes will be considered by the Dakota Nation to have broken t
the arrow! Signatories are: Chipewyan, Algonquin, Atsina, N. Cheyenne,
Menominee, Winnebago, Iowa, Kansa, Oto, Omaha, Kiowa, Arapaho.

MATCHING GAME

Match the names in the numbered column with the persons, places or
things in the lettered column:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Breaks Wind Like Thunder | A Chief of Flathead Tribe |
| 2 Bleaching Face | B Onan(daga) Auto-eroticist |
| 3 Crazy Flea | C Iroquois Propagandist |
| 4 Drops Moon | D Apache Exhibitionist |
| 5 Boarman | E Chief of Iroquios |
| 6 Flips Bird | F Most popular maiden in Dakotas |
| 7 Hand Out | G Chief of Blackfeet |
| 8 Two Melons | H Chief of Shoshoni |
| 9 Babbling Bear & Croaking Toad | I Illinois Artist |
| 10 Quaking Knees | J Retired Pony Soldier |
| 11 Draws Flies | K Muskogean Answer to Crazy Horse |
| 12 Sitting Duck | L Caddoan Nation |

Score Yourself (no cheating!) on the scale below:

1 - 5 Cretin Crow

6 - 9 Buffaloed

10 or more Wise Fox

ANSWERS: (1211-11-101-0-6-1-8-7-H-9-V-5-D-4-K-3-C-2-E-1

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Spring, 1491

GAME 1969-00
(SCOTOMACY #1)

THANG #3

ENGLAND (Jolly): A CUMBERLAND-TURNBULL. A NORTH-CUMBERLAND (S) A CUM-
BERLAND-TURNBULL. AF BLYTH BAY-BERWICK STRAIT. AF S CHAN-N CHAN.
CAMPBELL (Hoyer): A TULLOCH CS-MACBETH. A DUNOLLY CS-BOTHWELL CS. A
GYLEN CS (S) A DUNOLLY CS-BOTHWELL CS. A ROTHESAY CS HOLD. A LOU-
DON CS-HOPE.
FRASER (Ferris): A LOCHSLIN CS-ROSS. A SPYNIE CS-INNES. A EDZELL CS-
FORBES. A INVERLOCHY CS-(S) A NESS CS-GRANT. A NESS CS-GRANT.
GORDON (Gaylord): A FYVIE CS-BARCLAY. A KILDRUMMIE CS-SHAW. A CAWDOR
CS-MACPHERSON. A BALNOAL CS-DOUGLAS. A DOUNE CS-MACNAB.
GRAHAM (Lakofka): A AIRLIE CS-MONGRIEF (S) BY A DIRLETON CS. ADEAN CS-
GLASGOW. A DARNICK CS-LINDSAY. A DUNBAR CS-WALKER.
KEITH (Tulp): A WICK CS-GUNN. A INVERUGIE CS-FYVIE CS (S) BY A CRATHES
CS. A DUNNOTAR CS-CARNEGIE. A HAILES CS-YOUNG.

MACDONALD (Gygax): A KILCHURN CS BUILD BB. A ARMSTRONG CS-ACHNAGARRY CS.
A AROS CS (S) MACLEOD A ACHNAGARRY CS-INVERLOCHY CS. A SKIPNESS CS
BUILD BB. A TARBERT CS-ARDCHONNEL.
MACLEOD (Stafford): A ACHNAGARRY CS-INVERLOCHY CS. A LEWIS CS-MACKENZIE.
A DUART CS-CARBETHSDALE. A KEISSIMULL & ARDTORNISH CSS BUILD BBs.
STEWART (Duncan): A ROY CS-MACNAB. A BOTHWELL CS-GYLEN CS. A TILLIETUD-
LEM CS HOLD. A CROOKSTON CS-MONTGOMERY. A LOCHMABEN CS-JOHNSTON.
UNDERLINED MOVES DO NOT SUCCEED. CS-CASTLE. A-ARMY. S-SUPPORT. PB-BOAT
BUNCH. AF-ARMY & FLEET (ENGLISH).

PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: "Civilization, unity, and peace are at long last coming to Scot-
land," proclaimed John of MacCain, head of the Minor Clans
League. "It may be expected that the forces of vested interests and
ignorance will fight long and hard against these reforms, but hope is
not dead; England has placed armies and fleet on the side of the best
interests of Scotland!"

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND: The ranks of the Tudors grew by one today as the
Queen gave birth to a rather obese sone, perhaps,
if they find enough to feed it, Henry VIII. His Caesarian Majesty bel-
lowed for 3 hours and drained 4 midwives before he had satiated his
appetite.

NESS CASTLE: The Master of Ness Castle, Lord Henry Fitzsammuel, and 3rd
Lord of the Loch, entertained a number of guests in a clan-
destine meeting just outside the maot. The coven discussed moves of
English troops into Spynie and Edzell Castles. The troop of vipers
attempted to leave via a ship moored in Moray Firth. Here they were
set upon by the bonnie Earl of Moray, Sir Willie MacDuffie, who slew
them all with one blow of his Boardman. Old Early Deadline MacDuffie
proved to be a true defender of the highlands.

DUNBAR CASTLE: A robust and joyous orgy was broken up as reports of
English Swine crossing into Turnbull were given. Alas
these were the two legged pigs and not the more useful kind that usually
comes north to escape the English. Immediate plans were made by the Lor
o' Lochmaban Castle, the keeper of Hailes Castle and the 2nd Earl of
Loudon to meet and slaughter this unwanted trash from the south.

WICK CASTLE: (1 Jan 1491) ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL CLANS OF SCOTLAND : Allan
Keith, Earl O'Wick, leader of the clans of Keith announces
the declaration of war against the Limmey and his lackey(s). We call
upon all free people of Scotland to take like measures against those
who would make us vasslas in our own land. All internal squabbles must
be put aside until the forces of Scotland enter Cumberland and Northum-
berland, and the castles of his slimy ally(s) are burned to the ground.

KILCHURN CASTLE: (1 Apr 1491) Scots! Rouse the Clans! Ye know tha low-
land English gowks are comin', but did ye ken that
Gordon and Keith are thick as theives with 'em--at least 'tis what the
Campbell say. Mind yersel's, laddies. Death to England and remember
Glencoe!

COMMENTS: FRASER A INVERLOCHY CASTLE IS DISLODGED and retreats to CAMERO
STEWART A BOTHWELL CASTLE IS DISLODGED and retreats to GRA-
HAM DEAN CASTLE. Address change: Sid Jolly's class number is now A2-
18-69. Remember-England has 2 new AFs this Fall in e and gg...
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THE DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1491 ORDERS IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1969.
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NOTICE TO ALL SCOTTOMACY & INDIANOMACY PLAYERS:

Please submit orders in the following form:

A (shire) (##) - (shire) (##) for example:
A Sinclair (2)-Morgan (4)

This will help tremendously in making the GMing of these game shorter.
Also note that Chris Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois
60015 will be replacing Bill Hoyer in both his games (Apache & Campbell)
in this mag. Bill McDuffie

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GAME 1969-M??
(MORDOR VERSUS THE WORLD III-#2)

THANG #4

ARNOR: Charles Wright, 4333½ W. 156th Street, Lawndale, Calif. 90260
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RHOVANION: Peter Gaylord, 3050 N. Fairview Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota)
ROHAN: Geo. Seymour, 102 W. 4th Str., Bayonne, N.J. 07002 (55113)

THE DEADLINE FOR QUELLE, 3001 ORDERS IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1969.

The best of luck to all of you in this game. - GM.

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OPENINGS

MIDDLE EARTH DIPPY IV: 5 entered (Ferris, Pulsipher, Wright, Phillips,
Nyderek), ONE MORE NEEDED; MORDOR VERSUS THE WORLD temporarily closed.
Scottomacy temporarily closed; THIRD AGE: 3 entered (Nyderek, Ferris,
Payne), three more needed; INDIANOMACY II 1 & 5 entered (Schoolfield,
Johnston, Seman, White); 4 more needed. NAPOLEONIC DIPLOMACY: 3 entered
(Klyver, Tulp, White) 3 more needed; THE YOUNGSTOWN VARIANT: 1 entered
(Johnston) 9 more needed. Anyone for PARLEMENT?

NEXT ISSUE I hope to have a new variant for you--either Gary Gygax's
CONAN variant or something I did up myself....Any subscriber or player
who feels so prompted may send in a variant for publication...I also
wish to apologize for the extraordinary amount of time between this
issue and the last one--in the future we hope to be more prompt--we
HOPE, mind you....Special thanks to Len Lakofka, who is publishing this
issue in Chicago--I'm sending him a free gumdrop as compensation. That
seems to be about all, so tallyho...

Bill McDuffie