Eternal Sunshine #161

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Quote of The Month – "Yes, you did. Yes, you had zombies. But this is "Zombie Redneck Torture Family," see? They're entirely separate species." - (Sitterson in "The Cabin in the Woods")

Welcome to **Eternal Sunshine**, the zine for people who search multiple streaming services and can't find a single thing they want to watch. That seems to be what happens nearly every time I look through new additions. I spend a lot more time watching my DVDs, or perhaps whatever happens to be on TCM. I'm wondering if it is time to cancel Netflix and Shudder (but Shudder is only like $7 a month so it's worth keeping).

My birthday is late in October (the date is none of your business, just pick one). Send me presents. And money. And find me a beautiful girlfriend. You have your orders, go forth and carry them out.

In terms of the zine, I am strongly leaning towards closing things up when the new game of By Popular Demand ends. That would mean I will cancel the Diplomacy opening and offer no new games. I've already told Andy York, this, although I will also continue to produce the zine until all of Andy's games are done even if that runs a few issues past my last game. I may change my mind in the next few months, but I don't believe I will.

I guess that's it from me for now. See you in November!

Game Openings

Diplomacy (Black Press): Signed up: Kevin Wilson, Gavin Begbie, Rick Davis, Graham Wilson, Paul Milewski, need two more to start. Still deciding if I'll run this, should it fill soon.

By Popular Demand: Ongoing. **Join in and play NOW!**

Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?: Ongoing. **Join in and play NOW!**

Also in Andy York's Subzine – You can find his ongoing "Hangman, By Definition" and Facts in Five, plus openings for Breaking Away and Gunboat.

Standby List: HELP! I need standby players! – Current standby list: Andy York, Andy Lischett, Paul Milewski, Harold Reynolds, Jack McHugh, Brad Wilson, Graham Wilson.

Meet Me in Montauk
The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column

Mark Nelson: My laptop is currently with faculty IT as it needs fixing, so I am using my wife's desktop. This has no problem downloading the PDF from your email.

Something that I have wondered about is what happens if your car sinks. In the pre-electric day you could attempt to manually wind down a side window. (I seem to vaguely recall seeing a car safety video that went through the procedure. Were you supposed to open the window slightly, then wait until there was a certain amount of water inside the vehicle before trying to open the door?) But cars no longer have the facility to manually wind down a side window So what happens since i assume the electrics will no longer work?

[[There are a number of "emergency devices" made to be kept in the glove box. The multi-function ones have (along with things like a flashlight and maybe a strobe-type light) a sharp metal point on the back. These are designed to be used with blunt force on a window in the case of flooding or submersion to crack/smash the window. In general, if the car us submerged in deep mater, there will be too much pressure to open the door.]]

Returning to Dr Who. Pertwee was my first Doctor and therefore my favourite. I watched the whole of the Tom Baker era and remember Peter Davidson being the Doctor - at that time he was more famous for being in All Creatures Great and Small. But somewhere along the line I stopped watching Dr Who. I don't think I saw either of Colin Baker or Sylvester McCoy. What about my favourite assistant? Katy Manning started in 1971, so I must have seen many episodes featuring her. Her final story - The Green Death - is one that has remained vivid in my memory and indeed I've bought it on DVD. (The ecological story line was ahead of its time). However, my favourite of the Doctor's assistants from the original run is Elizabeth Sladen.

[[I loved Sarah, she was my favorite as well. I probably thought Leela was more attractive as a 13-year-old, but in retrospect Sarah – often with Harry to accompany her – was my favorite.]]

I know that there are no wrong answers in BPD. Still, I would contend that if you buy "cream of mushroom soup" you are not buying a vegetable in a tin. You are buying a soup. Sweetcorn is, however, a good answer. Now that I think about it, that is the vegetable that I buy the most often in a tin. If a recipe calls for sweetcorn kernals it's just easier to buy them in a tin rather than to buy a corn. HOWEVER, does Dr google count is an authorative source? According to Dr Google sweetcorn is only considered a vegetable is you eat it off the cob. If the kernals are not attached to the cob when you eat them then it is considered a grain. In which case, sweetcorn in a can is not a vegetable...

[[The only authority is whoever is doing the cooking.]]

I did really enjoy Happiness when it was initially released and I saw it at the movies. I did once start to watch it on DVD (with the ex who liked the creamed mushrooms in a tin) and she insisted that we turn it off at a certain point. Yeah, not so sure that I could watch it again.

[[Happiness has often been referred to as "the best movie you will never want to watch again." It's not an easy, relaxing time. I generally only watch it every five years. Welcome to the Dollhouse, his prior film, is also bluntly downbeat and a film I watch only every two or three years.]]

Brad Wilson: Regarding tinned vegetables: Artichokes would be one I use often. They are tasty, and much less work.

For some dishes, canned potatoes are useful, and, when prepared well, tasty.

Corn (except when on cob) I buy frozen and defrost. Creamed corn is a canned veggie I'd use occasionally.

Wax beans are hard to find any other way but canned. Not ideal, but I like them, tossed with lemon juice and pepper.

[[Wax beans? Being forced to eat them as a kid, just heated on the stove...ugh, never again.]]

The Dining Dead – Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

Extraordinary Tales (Shudder) – A 2013 animated collection of Edgar Allan Poe tales. I have a strange feeling that I started watching this years ago, on Netflix or something, and for whatever reason stopped it in the first few minutes. I vaguely remember seeing the crow (representing Poe) flying around the animated graveyard, talking to Death (in the form of a statue over a grave). Or perhaps I saw that in a trailer, and never got around to starting it? Anyway, the stories are Poe, obviously, and the animation varies but some of the styles are interesting (especially the Breccia-inspired Tell Tale Heart animation). The hook that got me to watch this was one of the stories is narrated by Bela Lugosi (probably an old radio narration), and another is by Christopher Lee. The other two narrators are Julian Sands and Guillermo Del Toro. For the upcoming Halloween season, you could do a lot worse than some classic Poe tales. But if you're not a fan of Poe, there's no real reason to watch this.

Scare Campaign (Amazon) – A 2016 Australian horror/comedy written and directed by Colin and Cameron Cairnes (leaning a bit more on the suspense/horror side of the scale). A TV show called "Scare Campaign" does spooky, over-the-top pranks to unsuspecting "stooges" for ratings and fame. But the network begins to pressure them when the guerrilla internet group "Masked Freaks" begins to make a name for themselves with actual murder. The network wants to see the envelope really pushed, and "Scare Campaign" has one last chance or face cancellation. I don't know it is about these Aussie films. Even the lower budget and independent ones seem to find actors who can actually *act*, making the ride more enjoyable. It's not perfect, and a couple of the twists are telegraphed long in advance. But perhaps that's intentional; the filmmakers may want us to have a good idea what's going on without blatantly spelling it all out. I was pleasantly surprised by this one.

Older Movies Watched (that I've seen many times) – Running on Empty, The Cabin in the Woods, The Descent, Blair Witch (2016).

Out of the WAY #49

by W. Andrew York
(wandrew88 of gmail.com)

Howdy!

First off, a BIG request for those of you who sometimes send in orders at the last minute, in November the deadline is, as usual, on a Wednesday. The next day starts Millenniumcon which'll be my first gaming convention since the start of the Covid Era (my last was OwlCon in Houston the first weekend of that March – just under the wire with the first cases in Houston being identified just a couple days after the con concluded). I'll be playing in six games (mix of boardgames, miniatures and RPGs) and GMing two – Merchant of Venus (original TAHGC version) and Suburbia. It's a great con and I'm looking forward to relaxing and enjoying it.

But that means I need to have the subzine completed by mid-day on Thursday (first game session is that evening). Anything you can do to get orders in a bit early would be very much appreciated. Also, as a head's up, I'll be flying out the following Tuesday for a week's visit to Michigan (family related). So, any orders that'll come in will likely be delayed in acknowledging until I return just before Thanksgiving.

In other zine news, with Doug contemplating running the zine down, I'm not sure that starting new games is the best idea. I've some idea when this might end from Doug, and I'm pretty sure it'll at least be around until the BPD game finishes, so I'll do a last call for my game openings and see where things are at next issue. As always, standbys are always welcome at any time – especially as one of the ones for Gunboat is joining the game.

Regarding the baseball season, the AAA Express ended up with a 79-71 record, unfortunately only winning 2 of 3 games against Sugar Land in the last series. It was a good season, lots of good players/plays and an enjoyable time with the Express staff and other regular attendees of the game that I've gotten to know. I've already renewed my tickets for next year – March 31 is the first game!

One neat thing the Express did, for those that renewed early, was host a bus trip to see a game in Arlington against the Guardians (the Rangers lost…). As part of the excursion, we had early admission and access to the field for batting practice, but it was the Guardian's day and they were more attuned to fielding practice than batting. A couple of the former Express players came over to chat and sign autographs. We couldn't get the attention of one of the Guardians who also played at Round Rock (when it was the Astros AAA team). The new head honcho for the Rangers, Chris Young, also came over for a brief chat with the group.

As we left that, the Rangers upgraded our planned seating to an available suite – pretty snazzy. As it was a last minute decision, there was no food service included. But, there was plenty of time to explore the new field and find a place to buy something to your taste (I had a nice bratwurst and, later, a hot dog – I skipped the alligator corn dog and brisket egg rolls added this year). It was nice to go see a game and not have to drive that distance, especially as we returned a bit before midnight – long day! But, well worth the time spent with folks in the Express family (both fans and staff).

I thought I'd wrapped up commenting on Austin weather, but have two notes to add to what I wrote last time. I'd mentioned we ended up 3rd in the most 100-degree days in Austin history. Well, three additional days in September brought us into the 2nd spot. Also, I noted that the long dry spell was broken by rain that was falling early in the month. However, since then not a drop – as I recall the weather forecaster stated we were around 28 days without rain again – VERY odd weather patterns over the past few years.

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Mini-Book Reviews
(finished since last issue)

Lefty by Verona Gomez and Lawrence Goldstone (2012; 393p).

The bio of Lefty Gomez by his daughter is a touching look into the life, experiences and relationships of this early/mid-20th Century pitcher. In his 14-seasons in the MLB, for all but the last few games, he pitched solely for the Yankees, so was a teammate with many of that team's greats in the 30s and 40s, forming lasting friendships with many of them, The book is sprinkled with anecdotes about these players, and some of those he faced from the pitching mound.

As can be expected, the book opens with his early years living in very rural California and his attempts to break into baseball while in high school. Overcoming a series of obstacles and hurdles, he finally was signed. Then, he worked his way up the minor leagues of the time, giving insight into how players were managed and treated at the time.

Once making it into the major leagues, he has a successful career as a pitcher, though not so much as a batter. Afterwards, he had a lengthy stint as a baseball equipment rep and as an Ambassador for baseball around the country. He also was a fan's player, constantly answering questions, signing autographs and just chatting about baseball, even to those who knocked on his door.

The book also looks into some of the low points in his life, including a very rough patch with his wife early in his career and his fight with alcoholism in his post-baseball life. It is a touching book with an insightful look into the baseball scene of the Depression and early WWII years.

That said, it wasn't one of the best biographies I've read. I don't know if it was the writing style or something else. Definitely a book to read if you're interested in his career or that time of baseball history. For the casual reader, I'd probably skip. [September 2022]

Off the Map: The Curious Histories of Place-Names by Derek Nelson (1997; 200p).

A look into the history of map making, why decisions are made to include/exclude material and how maps are used to influence the folks that use them. It certainly opened my eyes, as I've always pretty much accepted what is in a map is what is reality (at least with maps in my lifetime, early maps with "Here be Dragons" or depicting an unexplored region obviously must be taken with some skepticism).

Two current examples that should have given me some of the same reflection on maps, but didn't until I read the book. One is the situation with Crimea. Maps sold in Russia, and in the Russian sphere of influence, show that as part of Russia while most Western produced maps don't, or show it as disputed territory. Ditto with maps in China regarding Taiwan.

A relatively short read, it was definitely worth it and has changed my perspective when reading a map. Recommended. [September 2022]

Lords and Ladies by Terry Pratchett (1992; 375p).

The first book in the Discworld series that has a disclaimer from Pratchett at the beginning. He basically says that the previous books could be read and enjoyed as stand-alone books, however this is the first one that is enhanced by reading the previous ones. Many characters from a couple previous volumes make a return and the plot is almost a sequel to previous stories. So, do read the others (at least those with the primary characters) if you want to fully enjoy the book.

Basically the witches, having completed the journey described in Witches Abroad, return to their hometown and Kingdom that was first visited in the Wyrd Sisters. There is going to be a royal wedding, including invited guests from some other stories that were set in the city of Ankh-Morpork that take a central role in this book.

Meanwhile, while the witches were away, some others took up the mystical arts on their own. In doing so, some taboos are broken and another weakening of the walls between worlds happens. This could allow the Lords and Ladies (elves) access to Discworld and, if so, evil things could happen.

Regarding the story, I found the first half of the book a bit tedious and slow to develop (and I would expect someone without some investment in the overall series arc, would find it even more so). However, once this story is set up, the back half of the book gallops along at a frenetic pace that you almost don't want to put down.

Recommended for the Discworld fan, but it isn't the book to start the series with as you may not find it as captivating as if you eased into it. [September 2022]

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Babylon 5 Quote

In "A Race Through Dark Places" – Delenn: "We believe that no race can be truly intelligent without laughter."

Source: <u>But In Purple...I'm Stunning!</u> by J. Michael Straczynski, edited by Sara "Samm" Barnes, copyright 2008.

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Game Section

Everyone Plays Games: Hangman, By Definition; Facts in Five

Game Openings: Breaking Away (Kent, Burgess, Smith; Firth - minimum 6 players needed)
        Standard Choice (Smith, Maslen, Firth - minimum 4 players needed)
        Grey-Press Gunboat – countries, and their capital cities, restricted to each player (no preference lists) (3 of 7)

Possible Game Openings: Breaking Away Variants; Suggestions accepted for other games to offer.

Standbys: Breaking Away (x1); Gunboat Diplomacy (x2)

Rules for Breaking Away. Breaking Away Variants and Choice available on the Variable Pig website (variablepig.org)

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"Round Rock Express"
(No-Press Gunboat, Game #1)
MN: 2021Crb32

Note – The English player has returned, thanks for the unused standby orders to the unidentified person who submitted them. Unfortunately, Italy has NMR'd again so the Standby player will take over the position.

Season Separation Requests were received from sufficient players
Spring 1906 will be played next time, orders on file for all players unless superseded

Autumn 1905

England: retreats A bel-RUH

Winter 1905

Germany builds A Mun, A Kie, A Ber
Russia removes a con

Positions at End of 1905

Austria has F GRE, A TRI, A BUD, A RUM, A SIL, A BUL
England: has F NTH, F SPA(NC), F MAO, A NWY, F ENG, A RUH

France: has A MAR, A BRE, A PAR
Germany: has F DEN, A BEL, A TYL, A STP, F SWE, A SEV, A HOL, A VIE, A BOH, A MUN, A KIE, A BER
Italy: has F EME, A SMY, A PIE, F AEG, F TYN
Russia: has F BLA
Turkey: F ANK

Supply Center Count

Austria: Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum	=	6
England: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Por, Spa	=	6
France: Mar, Par, Bre	=	3
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Swe, War, Bel, Mos, Stp, Sev, Vie	=	12
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Smy	=	5
Russia: Con	=	1
Turkey: Ank	=	1
Neutral: none		

Next Due Spring 1906

Note – Split seasons are granted when 2 or more requests are received if 4+ players; 3 or less requires only 1.

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Hangman, By Definition

****See Rule Change in bold below****

This is a five-round game, with each round consisting of a variable number of turns. The winner will be the person who wins the most rounds, with a tie breaker being fewest total number of turns in those winning rounds. Second tie breaker will be the greatest number of letters guessed (by total count revealed, not by individual letter).

Each round will consist of identifying a word of at least six letters. Along with each word will be the first definition given. All words and definitions will be identified by blank spaces. Words and definitions are verified in a dictionary that was my high school graduation gift (slight hint to those who might want to find the edition).

The goal is to guess the word in as few turns as possible. Each turn, all players will submit **up to three different letters** to be revealed. The letter submitted by the most players will be the letter revealed in the next turn. Ties will be broken by a randomized method. Additionally, each player should submit a guess for the word. Once the word is correctly identified (spelling is important), that round will end and a new round will begin. All players who guess the word in the same turn will share in the win for the round. If the word is not guessed by the end of six turns with no letter being revealed, no one will win the round.

Along with revealing letters in the word, letters will be revealed in the definition. There are no bonus points for guessing any part of the definition, it is only there to help players figure out the word. No guesses about parts of the definition will be confirmed or displayed except by the letter revealed in that round. The letters "E" and "S" can never be chosen as the letter to be revealed.

Game 2, Round One, Turn 2:

Letter Votes: New Word is printed below

Solution:

Word: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ (9)

Definition: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ (10) __ __ (2) __ __ __ __ __ __ (6) __ __ (2)
          __ __ __ __ __ (5)

Never Revealed: E, S   Already Revealed: None Yet

Game Words Correctly Guessed: Metamorphosis (Firth, Maslen, Smith, Wilson)

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FACTS IN FIVE

Rules: There will be five rounds, the cumulative high score at the end of the fifth round will be the winner. Anyone may join anytime with a starting score matching the lowest total from the previous round. Anyone missing a round will add the lowest score of that round.

Each round will consist of five categories and five letters. Each player submit may an entry for each category which has a key word that starts with each of the letters (twenty-five total entries). Key words are generally the first word; however, articles (the, a, etc.) and modifiers ("red" in red bicycle for "R" in "mode of transportation" or "general" in General Lee for "G" in "Military Leaders") are not key words. A word in the category may not be the key word ("bank" in "Bank of America" for "B" in the category "Banks"). For given names, the last name is the key word, if married it will be their post-marriage last name. However, in the case of commonly used stage names, that name should be used (in a category of female singers, "Q" could be "Queen Latifa" and "Cher" for "C"). An entry may only be used once per round. Please clearly identify which individual you are using as your answer if there are multiple potential people with a given name. For instance, if the category is American Presidents, answering Washington is fine as there is only one; however, if you decided to use Bush you need to indicate whether you are submitting the father or the son. Unclear answers will be matched to score the least points. Using the Bush example, if one person submitted "Bush" and three people submit "George W. Bush" the latter would score 2 points and the former 1.

One point will be scored for each entry that unarguably meets the letter and category. An additional point will be added if anyone else also uses the same valid entry for the same category. Maximum possible score in a round is 50 with a lowest possible score of 25, presuming an individual submits a valid entry for each category and letter in that round.

Research is allowed, collaboration between players is not.

Game Six, Round One

Bolded - Scores 2 points for matching another entry; Crossed Out - scores 0 points; otherwise scores 1 point.

<u>REMINDER</u> - Last names are generally the key word, not first names.

Players	A	E	F	O	W
Famous American Criminal					
Doug Kent	**Frank Abagnale**	Joe Exotic	Michael Franzese	**Lee Harvey Oswald**	Richard Wershe Jr.
Andy Lischett	Tony Accardo	Jeffrey Epstein	Mickey Finn	**Dean O'Banion**	Hymie Weiss
Walt O'Hara	Joe Adonis	Thomas Eboli	Aladena Fratianno	**Dean O'Banion**	Howie Winter
Kevin Wilson	**Frank Abagnale**	Edward Edwards	CA Arthur	**Lee Harvey Oswald**	Harvey Weinstein
Deceased Non-American Nonfiction Writer					
Doug Kent	Arendt	Equiano	Fermor	**George Orwell**	Wollstonecraft
Andy Lischett	Joseph Addison	T.S. Eliot	Michael Foucault	**George Orwell**	Isaac Walton
Walt O'Hara	Iver Assen	Havelock Ellis	Michael Faraday	**George Orwell**	H.G. Wells
Kevin Wilson	Aristotle	Friedrich Engels	Sigmund Freud	**George Orwell**	Max Weber
Documentary Film Title					
Doug Kent	AWOBMofLG	Exit Gift Shop	**The Fog of War**	Outrage	Winnebago Man
Andy Lischett	America	Earth	The Filth and the Fury	The Oath	WWII: War at Sea
Walt O'Hara	Arrival of a Train	**Empire**	**The Fog of War**	The…Dick Gregory	Wal-Mart
Kevin Wilson	Apollo 11	**Empire**	For Sama	One Day at Disney	Woodstock
English Language Verb over 5 Letters					
Doug Kent	Abduct	Embalm	Figure	Organize	Wander
Andy Lischett	Achieve	Exacerbate	Flinch	**Object**	Wither
Walt O'Hara	Assume	**Expect**	Forgive	Offend	**Wonder**
Kevin Wilson	Admire	**Expect**	Follow	**Object**	**Wonder**

Private Liberal-Arts College/University

Doug Kent	Augustana	**Eckerd**	**Frank & Marsh** Occidental	**Wesleyan**
Andy Lischett	**Amherst College** E Mennonite	**Frank & Marsh** Oberlin	Wheaton College	
Walt O'Hara	**Amherst College** Emmanuel College	**Frank & Marsh** ~~OBUniv~~	**Wesleyan College**	
Kevin Wilson	**Amherst College** Eckerd College	Furman University **Occidental**	**Wesleyan College**	

Note – for allowed and disallowed answers, please feel free to correct me!

General Notes –

Notes on **Doug's** Answers: AWOBMofLG is All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace; Exit Gift Shop is Exit Through the Gift Shop; Frank & Marsh is Franklin and Marshall;

Notes on **Andy's** Answers: E Mennonite is Eastern Mennonite; Frank & Marsh is Franklin and Marshall;

Notes on **Walt's** Answers: Walt notes Joe Adonis is from the Luciano crime family; Thomas Eboli is Thomas "Tommy Ryan" Eboli; Aladino Fratianno is Aladino "Jimmy the Weasel" Fratianno; Walt notes Dean O'Bannon was a rival of Al Capone and Johnny Torrio in Chicago bootlegging wars; Walt notes Howie Winter was the boss of the Winter Hill Gang; Walt notes the following: Iver Assen (Norway, d 1896); Havelock Ellis (England, d 1939), Michael Faraday (England, d 1867), George Orwell (England, d 1950), H.G. Wells (England, d 1946 …famous for fiction but did write The Outline of History) **[WAY]** – a 2-volume set I think I read long ago and have around here somewhere;
[WO] - Walt notes: Arrival of a Train was silent and directed by the Lumiere brothers in 1896, Empire was a lengthy B&W silent film directed by Andy Warhol in 1964, Fog of War was directed by Errol Morris in 2003; The…Dick Gregory is The One and Only Dick Gregory directed by Andre Gaines in 2021; Wal-Mart is Wal-Mart" The High Cost of Low Price directed by Robert Greenwald in 2005; Walt notes Amherst College is in Massachusetts, Emmanuel College is in Georgia; Frank & Marsh is Franklin and Marshall in Pennsylvania; OBUniv is Oxford Brookes University in the UK and is disallowed as it is a Public University; Walt notes Wesleyan College is in Georgia

Notes on **Kevin's** Answers: CA Arthur is Charles Arthur Floyd aka Pretty Boy Floyd;

General Player Comments:

[Kevin Wilson] – A question occurs to me. For the non-fiction writer, should they be exclusively non-fiction? For example, Orwell did write fiction but also non-fiction. **[WAY]** – In general, you should choose answers that you think others would put in the category for maximum scoring, so that should self-correct for those on the margins.
From my perspective, I can't give a definitive answer as it'll be more case by case – mostly based on whether they are known as a fiction writer or is it an aside/footnote. As a non-binding example, one short fiction story published in a fanzine in a body of work over 45 years as an investigative journalist, likely no (though some may contend that investigative journalism, in some cases, is no different than fiction). Same journalist with a handful of stories, some published professionally, with a Hugo nomination, likely yes.

Game Six, Round Two

Letters: C   F   G   H   K
Categories: American Humorist; Medieval Leader/Ruler; Movie Character; Autobiography Title; Candy Product Name (such as Rolo, not as chocolate caramels)

Current Standings

Scores by Category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Now		Previous		Total
Kevin Wilson	7	6	6	8	9	36	+	0	=	36
Doug Kent	7	6	6	5	9	33	+	0	=	33
Walt O'Hara	6	6	7	7	7	33	+	0	=	33
Andy Lischett	6	6	5	6	7	30	+	0	=	30

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Deadline for the Next Issue of Out of the WAY:

November 9, 2022 at noon Central US Time Zone

Eternal Sunshine Game Section

Diplomacy, "More Than Ever", 2021A, S 05
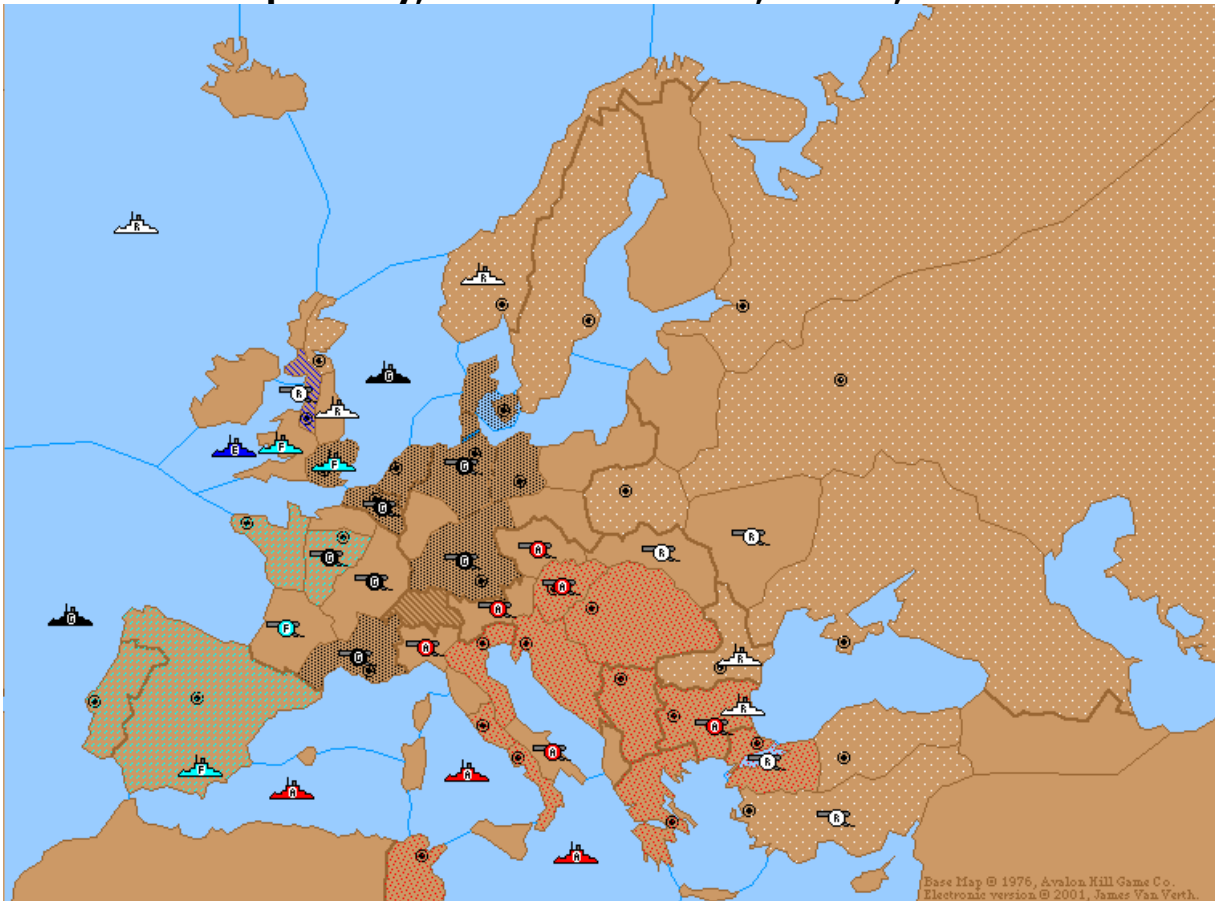
Austria: Andy Lischett – andy@lischett.com **–** F Adriatic Sea - Ionian Sea, A Budapest – Vienna,
A Bulgaria Hold (*Dislodged*, retreat to Serbia or Greece or OTB), A Constantinople - Ankara (*Disbanded*),
F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Naples – Apulia, A Piedmont Supports F Spain(sc) – Marseilles,
A Trieste – Tyrolia, F Tunis - Western Mediterranean, A Vienna - Bohemia.
England: Paul Milewski – paul.milewski@hotmail.com **–** F Irish Sea - Liverpool (*Fails*).
France: Brad Wilson - fullfathomfive675@gmail.com **-** F English Channel – London, A Paris – Gascony,
F Spain(sc) - Marseilles (*Fails*), F Wales Supports F English Channel - London.
Germany: Heath Davis-Gardner – hdg83@protonmail.com - A Burgundy Supports A Picardy – Paris,
A Kiel Hold, A Marseilles - Spain (*Fails*), F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Supports A Marseilles – Spain, A Munich Hold,
F North Sea - London (*Fails*), A Picardy – Paris, A Ruhr - Belgium.
Russia: Simon Langley-Evans - slangers1964@gmail.com **-** A Ankara – Constantinople,
F Black Sea - Bulgaria(ec), A Clyde – Liverpool, F North Atlantic Ocean Supports A Clyde – Liverpool,
F Norwegian Sea – Norway, F Rumania Supports F Black Sea - Bulgaria(ec),
A Smyrna Supports A Ankara – Constantinople, A Ukraine Supports A Warsaw – Galicia, A Warsaw – Galicia,
F Yorkshire Supports F English Channel - London.

Heath Davis-Gardner may need to resign from the game (I am not clear on whether he *might need to*, or if he has actually resigned already. When I get confirmation, I will let the players know). Would Andy York (wandrew88 "at" gmail.com) please submit standby orders for Germany and be prepared to take over the position?

**All Proposed Draws Fail
Now Proposed – A/G/R Draw
Please vote. NVR=No**

PRESS

PARIS: Change of forces coming?

St Petersburg-Vienna and Berlin: Gentlemen. I caught a whiff of treachery in the air and decided to get my retaliation in first. My apologies if I was mistaken, let's rebuild our pact. If I was not mistaken then I raise my thumb to my nose and blow a raspberry in your general direction.

Deadline for F 05 is November 12th at 7am My Time

Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

The Rules were in Eternal Sunshine #131, read them if you want a detailed explanation and examples. Basically, this is a guessing game, trying to guess the mystery person and their location (both chosen by me before the game started). Closest guess gets a public clue and notification they were the closest. Everyone else sees the clue but has to figure out on their own who was the closest that turn.

Turn 1

Kevin Wilson:
Ralph Waldo Emerson in Stony Rapids, Saskatchewan, Canada

Simon Langley-Evans:
Theodore Roosevelt in Cork, Ireland

Richard Smith:
Alice Cooper in Alice Springs, Australia

David Burgess:
Vladimir Putin in Hell, Michigan

John David Galt:
Elon Musk in Kourou, French Guiana

Andy Lischett:
Lee Van Cleef in Fairbanks, Alaska

Tom Howell:
Nathaniel Parker in New Scotland Yard, London

Brad Wilson:
Josh Hawley in Antwerp, Belgium

Dane Maslen:
Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv, Ukraine

Jack McHugh:
David Koresh in Wako, Texas

Mark Firth:
Mortimer Mouse, in Hoboken. New Jersey

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
I'm dead, you're not. Right chromosome.

Turn 2

John David Galt:
George Herbert Walker Bush in Mar-a-Lago, Florida

Brad Wilson:
William Ewart Gladstone in Yerevan, Armenia

David Burgess:
Genghis Khan in Sidney, Australia

Dane Maslen:
Neil Armstrong in Hanoi, Vietnam

Andy Lischett:
James Monroe in Oslo, Norway

Richard Smith:
Che Guevara in La Paz, Bolivia

Jack McHugh:
Alexander Graham Bell in Munich, Germany

Simon Langley-Evans:
Charles Darwin is in Berlin, Germany

Kevin Wilson:
Albert Einstein in Perth, Australia

Tom Howell:
Saparmurat Atayevich Niyazov in Balkanabat,
Turkmenistan

Mark Firth:
Christian Bale, in Vejle, Denmark.

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
We were born in the same country. I died nearly 400 years before you were born.

Turn 3

John David Galt:
Sir Francis Drake in Sebastopol, California

Andy Lischett:
William de Greystoke in St. Petersburg, Russia

Simon Langley-Evans:
King John of England in Warsaw, Poland

David Burgess:
William Shakespeare in Hiroshima, Japan

Tom Howell:
John Burley in Rumbek, Lakes State, South Sudan

Kevin Wilson:
Richard II in Tbilisi, Georgia

Richard Smith:
Humayun in Kabul, Afghanistan

Mark Firth:
Richard of York in Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Dane Maslen:
Sir John Donne in Akkystau, Kazakhstan

Brad Wilson:
Chaucer in Teheran, Iran

Jack McHugh:
Galileo Galilei in Guangzhou, China

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
Right country (of birth). I knew relatives of yours, but died before your 20th year.

Turn 4

John David Galt:
Pope Pius XI in Shanghai, China

David Burgess:
Alice Cooper in Oslo, Norway

Simon Langley-Evans:
Charles V of France is in Kyiv, Ukraine

Mark Firth:
Richard Whittington in Varna, Bulgaria

Richard Smith:
William Courtenay (former Archbishop of Canterbury)
in Elazig, Turkey

Brad Wilson:
Chaucer in Tbilisi, Georgia

Dane Maslen:
Henry Bolingbroke (aka Henry IV) in Tsarevo,
Bulgaria

Jack McHugh:
Joan of Arc in Bucharest, Romania

Kevin Wilson:
William Caxton in Budapest, Hungary

Andy Lischett:
Phyllis Diller in Tabriz, Iran

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
I was born before you and died after you. I worked with you, and for you.

Turn 5

Simon Langley-Evans:
Ralph Neville (1st Earl of Westmoreland) in Larissa, Greece

David Burgess:
Raoul de Gaucourt in Moscow, Russia

Dane Maslen:
Sir William Gascoigne in Primorsko, Bulgaria

Richard Smith:
John of Gaunt at Rustavi, Georgia

Andy Lischett:
Thomas Arundel in Burgas, Bulgaria

John David Galt:
Cardinal Richelieu in Pressburg, Austria

Brad Wilson:
Sir John Falstaff in Adrianople (Edirne), Turkey

Mark Firth:
Richard Whittington, in Burgas, Bulgaria

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
I was born before you and died after you. We supported the same side in a conflict.

Turn 6

John David Galt:
Henry VI in Burgas, Bulgaria

Simon Langley-Evans:
Bishop John Fordham in Patras, Greece

Richard Smith:
Henry Ware (bishop of Chichester) in Ahtopol, Bulgaria

Brad Wilson:
Henry V in Salonika, Greece

Dane Maslen:
Hugh Luttrell in Tobruk, Libya

Kevin Smith:
Sir Peter Buckton in Vizitsa, Malko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Andy Lischett:
Henry V in Basra, Iraq

Jack McHugh:
Humphrey of Lancaster, Sofia, Bulgaria

Mark Firth:
Ralph Neville, in Chernomorets, Sozopol, Bulgaria

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
We died within five years of each other. We appear in the same Shakespeare play.

Turn 7

Simon Langley-Evans:
Sir Thomas Erpingham in Athens, Greece

Dane Maslen:
Sir Thomas Erpingham in Kos Town, Kos, Greece

David Burgess:
Sir John Falstaff in Lovech, Bulgaria

Richard Smith:
Sir Thomas Erpingham in Corinth, Greece

Andy Lischett:
Edward of Westminster (Prince of Wales) in Kalamata, Greece

John David Galt:
Queen Margerite d'Anjou in Thessalonika, Greece

Mark Firth:
Sir John Falstaff in Ruse, Bulgaria

Brad Wilson:
Thomas Percy, 1st Earl of Worcester in Ankara, Turkey

Jack McHugh:
Thomas Beaufort in Sparta, Greece

Tom Howell:
Thomas Beaufort in Knossos, Crete

Hint to Person Placed Closest to Me:
You know who I am, but not where I am.

Deadline for Turn 8 is November 12th at 7am My Time

By Popular Demand

The goal is to pick something that fits the category and will be the "most popular" answer. You score points based on the number of entries that match yours. For example, if the category is "Cats" and the responses were 7 for Persian, 3 for Calico and 1 for Siamese, everyone who said Persian would get 7 points, Calico 3 and the lone Siamese would score 1 point. The cumulative total over 10 rounds will determine the overall winner. Anyone may enter at any point, starting with an equivalent point total of the lowest cumulative score from the previous round. If a person misses a round, they'll receive the minimum score from the round added to their cumulative total. **In each round you may specify one of your answers as your Joker answer**. **Your** score for this answer will be doubled. In other words, if you apply your Joker to category 3 on a given turn, and 4 other people give the same answer as you, you get 10 points instead of 5. Players who fail to submit a Joker for any specific turn will have their Joker automatically applied to the first category. And, if you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. The score for Round 10 is doubled.

Turn 2 Categories:

1. One of the Seven Wonders of the World.
2. Another word for "heavy."
3. An acronym for part of the U.S. government.
4. Something associated with Halloween.
5. A Cary Grant movie.

Joker category shown in **BOLD**. Most popular answer shown in the bottom row.

Player	Seven Wonders	Heavy	Acronym	Halloween	Cary Grant Film	Turn	Total
Kevin Wilson	**Great Pyramid of Giza**	Massive	FBI	Candy	North By Northwest	35	62
Andy York	**Great Pyramid of Giza**	Massive	DOD	Pumpkin	North By Northwest	37	57
John David Galt	Great Pyramid of Giza	Massive	**FBI**	Pumpkin	North By Northwest	38	56
Carol Kay	Grand Canyon	Massive	FBI	**Pumpkin**	The Philadelphia Story	27	54
Jack McHugh	**Great Pyramid of Giza**	Massive	NASA	Pumpkin	North By Northwest	38	53
Brad Wilson	Hanging Gardens of Babylon	Weighty	FBI	**Pumpkin**	The Philadelphia Story	27	48
Andy Lischett	Hanging Gardens of Babylon	Deep	DOJ	**Pumpkin**	Charade	18	45
Mark Firth	**Hanging Gardens of Babylon**	Massive	IRS	Skeleton	North By Northwest	19	43
Walt O'Hara	**Great Pyramid of Giza**	Weighty	CIA	Jack-o-Lanterns	North By Northwest	33	43
Richard Smith	Taj Mahal	Weighty	CIA	**Trick or Treat**	North By Northwest	18	40
David Burgess	**Great Pyramid of Giza**	Fat	CIA	Ghost	North By Northwest	29	35
Paul Milewski	**Great Pyramid of Giza**	Weighty	NASA	Jack-o-Lanterns	To Catch a Thief	25	31
Melinda Holley	Great Pyramid of Giza	Overweight	**FBI**	Witches	The Philadelphia Story	23	29
MOST POPULAR	Great Pyramid of Giza	**Massive**	FBI	Pumpkin	**North By Northwest**		

John David Galt and Jack McHugh earned the top score of 38 this round (out of a possible 41). Andy Lischett and Richard Smith get the low score of 18.

Comments by Category:

One of the Seven Wonders of the World: Kevin Wilson – "It will be interesting to see if the 7 Wonders goes with modern or ancient wonders. But, as we're all game players, I figure it will be the ancient version and the Pyramids seems the most likely of those." ***[[I was very surprised how little variety there was in the answers.]]***

Another word for "heavy": Kevin Wilson – "It will be interesting to see which usage of "heavy" draws the most synonyms. I went with the adjective as that came to mind first but there were more synonyms for other usages of the word." Andy Lischett – "My first choice for "Heavy" was "Far out, man", but "deep" is better." ***[[I was surprised how many people took it to mean a person's weight. I meant it more the way you took it.]]***

An acronym for part of the U.S. government: Kevin Wilson – "So many to choose from. Given the amount of coverage in the news right now, SCOTUS and FBI seem to be the most likely but others that came to mind: CIA,

FDA, SEC, EPA, NASA, ATF, FEMA, FTC, FAA." Richard Smith – "I think I chose the CIA as I've just been watching the cracking BBC thriller, The Capture (series 2), about the use of deep fakes in intelligence. Ron Pearlman of Hellboy and Sons of Anarchy fame plays a senior CIA operative who … *[curtailed to avoid spoilers]*."

Something associated with Halloween: Kevin Wilson – "Again, so many: Jack-o-Lanterns, ghosts, witches, black cats but for most, candy is simple."

A Cary Grant movie: Kevin Wilson – "Once again, many to choose from. I'm more of a fan of his romantic comedies or romances but the Hitchcock film was memorable and sort of reignited is career. The scenes on Mount Rushmore and the plane in the field are easy to come to mind so that's my choice. It will be interesting to know what your choice would be were you playing, being a film buff." ***[[My favorite Cary Grant is North by Northwest, but Charade gets a close second (also being a film I saw before I ever saw NBNW, and the first film I bought myself on VHS). For BPD it would have probably been North by Northwest.]]*** Andy Lischett – "Both Cary Grant movies are groovy." Walt O'Hara – "Edging out the Philadelphia Story." Brad Wilson – "My favorite Grant film is North by Northwest, but I think Philadelphia Story (which I like too) will get more support."

General Comments: None.

<u>**By Popular Demand**</u>
<u>**Turn 3 Categories – Remember to Specify a Joker Category**</u>

1. A makeup brand.
2. A pill you might take every day.
3. A number between 91 and 99.
4. A game children play at recess.
5. A Max Von Sydow movie.

Deadline for Turn 3 is November 12ᵗʰ at 7am My Time

Deadline for the next issue of Eternal Sunshine is: Saturday November 12, 2022 at 7am My Time (U.S. central time) – some games and subzines earlier