

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #338

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Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am being a bit more systematic about that right now. I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we will see. There is interest in a NEW regular Diplomacy game. Sign up, let's see if we can get seven!

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 new flipfopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug's incessant nagging is not keeping us on schedule, but will make it so we will charge forward and finish the remaining games that I have in here. After that, we'll see how it goes and what I do next. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing. You all should see first what I actually do.

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. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

General information about the mailing list is at: <http://www.diplom.org/mailman/listinfo/tap> You can sign up from there, or send E-Mails to: Tap-request of diplom.org; with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions. You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

((Let's keep talking about FTF tournament diplomacy! World DipCon is fast approaching in August 23-25 in Paris. See the WDC 2013 Facebook site or www.worlddipcon.com. At this point, I don't think I'm going to be able to go, but YOU all should. And I might still yet change my mind. This is going to be a pretty tremendous turnout, led by the inimitable Toby Harris...))

((For these and other upcoming cons around the world: <http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>))

Nothing this time...

DIPLOMACY WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT IS ONGOING – YOU CAN STILL JOIN!

This is the latest incarnation of this team based tournament. I am helping to lead the Nor'Easter team for people in the Northeast part of the United States. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123795024327261/> is the Facebook page for the event.

And you can sign up for the Tournament at: <http://aqmn.asciiking.com/>. Other US regional teams are the ones in the Pacific, Dixie, and Chicago. Its unique aspect, that is proving to be a bit distorting but in interesting ways, is its "solo only" feature. You advance from the preliminaries to the finals only by soloing, and then need solos in the finals against the other soloists. Though this started in January, it probably will be going on for at least two years, and there is PLENTY of time to jump in. As usual, for those who know me well, I screwed up my first game and allowed a solo to someone from team US. I still don't have a solo in over three decades, but maybe I can do it in my next game.

So, really, come join, it is being operated on a web-assisted Judge platform that is really pretty easy to use. Ask me if you have any questions.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

I am continuing to note cut or failed support orders with a small “s” instead of a capital “S”. This will make it easier on the E-Mailed version of the szine to see what happened, since the italics don’t show there. The italics DO show on the web page just fine. Since I’m not postal mailing the szine any more, I’ve dropped back to just reporting the disguised E-Mail addresses. As someone notes, if you need some more contact information, go back to past issues or ask me.

Standby lists:

Mike Barno, Dick Martin, Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Glenn Petroski, Steve Emmert, Mark Kinney, Vince Lutterbie, Eric Brosius, Paul Rauterberg, Bob Osuch, Doug Kent, Sean O’Donnell, Heath Gardner, Paul Kenny, and Jeff O’Donnell stand by for regular Diplomacy. Let me know if you want on or off these lists, especially OFF given the new policies.

GAME OPENING INFORMATION

I’m going to start the game opening list over. Under the new regime, who wants to play?

DIPLOMACY: First off, another regular Diplomacy game is open. Spencer Sawyer, Doug Kent and Brad Wilson are in, anyone else?

BREAKING AWAY: Also, a new Breaking Away game is open. Currently Andy York is on board. This is the game I really like running and want to start another one. It’s easy, very low maintenance.

THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1908 IS JULY 20TH, 2013

Winter 1907

AUSTRIA (Burgess): rem a ven, a boh; has f AEG, a GAL, a VIE, a BUD,
f ION, a SER.

ENGLAND (James): bld f edi, a lon, a lvp; has f EDI, a LON, a LVP, a DEN, f BEL, f TYH,
f NWW, a KIE, f ROM, f SWE.

FRANCE (Williams): bld a par; has a PAR, a MAR, f WES, a BUR, f GOL, a TYO.

ITALY (Crow): rem f tun; has a PIE.

RUSSIA (Barno): bld a mos; has a MOS, a SEV, a WAR, a BER, a STP, f SMY,
a PRU, f GRE, a RUM, f GOB.

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

AUSTRIA: David Burgess, burgesscd of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org

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FRANCE: Don Williams, wllmsfml of earthlink.net or dwilliams of fontana.org (\$5)

GERMANY: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

ITALY: John Crow, johnny.crow of hotmail.com

RUSSIA: Mike Barno, mpbarno of gmail.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedem of telus.net or wiedem of shaw.ca

Game Notes:

1) Here we go, back in business. Thanks to Marc for playing out the German position.

Press:

(MIKE BARNO to RICK DESPER and WARREN GOESLE): As part of yesterday’s Jackie Robinson Day, major league ballplayers all wore number 42. That must have been hell for the old-school types who still score the plays instead of waiting for online stats. I thought of this because I used to do the official scoring for auto races before cars carried transponders for electronic scoring. Can you imagine writing down “3” for dozens of cars each lap if NASCAR commemorated Dale Earnhardt by having everyone use his number? With the nine-figure budgets of baseball teams these days, maybe they’ll implant RFID chips into ballplayers to aid computerized scoring and instant replays.

(MIKE BARNO to DON WILLIAMS): How in the world did Wigan win the FA Cup tournament and get relegated down from the top league in the same season?

(MIKE BARNO to TELEVISED SPORTS NUTS): I got a big kick out of the Fox camera-on-wires that had a cable fall onto the track and grandstands at the May 26 Coke 600 at Charlotte. I said before the race it was gonna happen, and the risk of doom has been clear since they put one in the Dallas NFL stadium a couple of years ago. They're lucky there were only a few injuries and some damaged race cars. If the camera mule had fallen, people would probably have been killed. Racing isn't as dangerous as Fox Sports.

(BOOB to TELEVISED SPORTS NUTS): I don't watch much sports on TV, on radio you can't see the cameras OR the wires, but this is amazing. I heard about the 42's, but heard neither of the other two stories.

SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1911 IS JULY 20TH, 2013

Winter 1910

FRANCE (Jim Tretick for Buddy Tretick): has f NTH, f NWG, a PAR, f TYH, a BUR, f NAP, f ION, a MAR, f LON.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): bld f kie; has f KIE, f HEL, a RUH, f HOL, a MUN, a TUS, a SER, a TRI, a VEN, a ROM, f DEN, a APU, a BEL, f EDI.

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): bld f stp(nc), a war, f sev; has f STP(NC), a WAR, f SEV, f NWY, f CON, a UKR, f AEG, a RUM, a GRE, a BUL, a MOS.

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

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GERMANY: Terry Tallman, (\$2) terryt of whidbey.net

GERMANY: Temporary Standby is Eric Ozog, ElfEric of Juno.com

ITALY: Doug Kent, dougray30 of yahoo.com

RUSSIA: Matt Sundstrom, mattandzoe of earthlink.net

TURKEY: Vince Lutterbie, melvin4852 of sbcglobal.net

Game Notes:

1) We still have two medical replacements, as Buddy's son Jim (who some of us played with many years ago as James Alan) will be playing for Buddy as Eric is playing for Terry.

2) Here we go again, and there is real cooperation still going on! I'll keep this chunking along now. Thanks to Doug for playing this out to conclusion, not only are his strings cut, but his survival has run out.

3) With three survivors left, a DIAS FGR and a GR draw both fail and the FGR is repropose. Please vote with your Spring orders, as always no vote is a veto. Please be clear on your vote if you want the game to end.

Press:

(MOSCOW-WORLD): I'm all in favor of an FGR draw.

(MATT-JIM-BOB): thanks for the delay. I was indeed at Weasel Moot and playing Dip. Not necessarily well, but supporting the hobby regardless.

(JIM-BOB to MATT): Watching the brilliant Chris Martin ace another solo and bag another tournament would have been fun, sorry I missed it!!! I think it was cool that Paul Windsor showed up, wish I could have met him as well as seen you again, maybe next year.

FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy

TURKEY WON, CONGRATULATIONS AL LEVINSON! FULL SC CHART BELOW

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GERMANY: Matt Sundstrom, mattandzoe of earthlink.net
 ITALY: Don Williams, wlmsfmly of earthlink.net or dwilliams of fontana.org
 RUSSIA: Sean O'Donnell, sean_o_donnell of hotmail.com
 TURKEY: Alexandre Levinson, al of tolkin.nl (\$5)

Game Notes:

1) I had to go research this back to 2003 to build the SC chart and also got some welcome assistance from Tom Howell.

G.M.: Jim Burgess
 Date Started: December 2003
 Date Completed: July 2012

Thanks to Boardman Number Custodian Tom Howell for helping to compile the statistics. I think we can read this down below and I think I transcribed everything correctly. He did most of it and I was able to finish it.

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Fred Wiedemeyer (drop F05); Brad Wilson (elim F13)
 ENGLAND: Karl Schmit (drop F09); Doug Kent (surv F14)
 FRANCE: Jeff O'Donnell (res W09); Jack McHugh (surv F14)
 GERMANY: Matt Sundstrom (elim F13)
 ITALY: Don Williams (elim F05)
 RUSSIA: Sean O'Donnell (elim F05)
 TURKEY: Alexandre Levinson (wins F14)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
AUSTRIA:	5	6	8	6	7	8	6	6	4	5	4	1	0	-
ENGLAND:	4	5	6	8	8	9	7	6	5	7	8	9	10	10
FRANCE:	4	6	5	5	5	3	4	4	6	6	7	7	7	6
GERMANY:	4	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	6	4	2	1	0	-
ITALY:	@5	5	4	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUSSIA:	5	3	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TURKEY:	4	4	5	6	8	8	10	11	13	12	13	16	17	18

* = Plays one short

@ = Plays two short

NOTE: This game took nearly ten years of real time to play!

LAST WORD: Can you believe it? *Graustark* and John Boardman are still going forward. We've just started a Memorial game in The Founder of the Feast's honor, Allan B. Calhamer. This is possibly one of the last fully postal games, with no Internet contact by the GM, in the history of the hobby. It weighs heavily on me, I know that. And I drew my least favorite country, France. Harley Jordan nailed down my MOST favorite country, Italy. And the irascible Doug Kent is my natural partner Russia. The redoubtable Hank Alme is Turkey. The rest of the Western Triple is the Shark Chum himself, Jim O'Kelley, and Melinda Holley is Germany. John Boardman claims Melinda also is the VERY first female player in *Graustark*. Finally, last but certainly not least, Socrates' master himself, Don Williams, is AUSTRIA! Again!! This most recent issue of *Graustark* is issue number 793, so very soon he will hit 800. He still has over twice as many issues as me. And if I stick with turbophreak Doug and publish 12 issues a year for the next 40 years, until I am 95, I might be able to pass where he will end up. Amazing! We will have to figure out some way to make these issues of *Graustark* available to all of the rest of you. I guess Doug can scan them in and post them in his archive. Remember, everyone, the magic words, balance of power...

