

## THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #359

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We continue with the NEW Kendo Nagasaki game, join ANY time, just send me a guess!!!

Here is my next extremely positive monthly update... so, for those of you who for whatever reason didn't read *TAP* #358's update will want to go back and read that before going on. On the day I write this, in the middle of the fifth round of chemotherapy, May 3, I can honestly say that I'm really doing great. In particular, I can eat very near to normally again. A little slower than usual, I ate a REAL full portion of dinner at one session in mid-April for the first time in three or four months and then from the last two weeks it just gets more and more normal just to eat (and you can't believe how good that feels!). I've gained more than ten pounds back, and so I know the tumor has been beaten back into some hole of some sort. They want to do the full round of six chemotherapy treatments (every other week, one more) before stopping to figure out what's next, but the options become way more positive and way better when the chemo works as well as I can tell it has.

For the most part as well, I'm keeping up on many other things normally, at work I'm hopelessly behind, but I think I'm doing all my Dip activities (including trying to keep Larry Peery and Toby Harris engaged but contained on Facebook) at normal levels as the World Championships go on in Milan, see the update on that below.

There are side effects of chemotherapy of course, and I'm having an array of them, but they all feel manageable. I need to keep more hydrated or I get dizzy, and I have a fair degree of excess cold sensitivity, all expected. I thank those of you who have sent nice notes, and know the rest of you are concerned as well. I'm sure there are some rough spots ahead, but not too much to complain about yet...

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 flipflopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug's incessant nagging is not keeping us on schedule, but will make it so we keep going. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing (note that has been expanding). I'm set on the GMing, and I'm starting to write a bit, hope there might be more. Doug may or may not be winding down, I may have to flip that back around again and be the centerpiece for all the subszines, we'll see. My intent right now is to do that. Feel free to communicate with me about how you want to do that, 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. Chris Babcock and Mario Huys are now in charge. It all went pretty well, all things considered, and most of you probably didn't even notice it was happening. 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. If you looked before, I was having some problems with updating, but I've corrected them, so you should be able to see everything there. 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 new list website. YOU need to make sure you're on this list. There you can check your subscribing options and whether you're registered. Register if you want to get *TAP* E-Mailed regularly.

## THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE FEATURES SECTION (CONS/LETTERS/MUSIC)

((For upcoming cons around the world: <http://www.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>, but note that some of the Americans have stopped posting the tournaments there. Shame, shame, shame... with the move of the diplom.org site, I hope this will be reinvigorated. With a little nudging from me, that is changing, the Philly Massacre North American DipCon is now posted, remember it has moved from its traditional Fourth of July time to August 7-9th. But the big news is that World DipCon in Milan is getting lots of Facebook discussion lately. If you haven't been following it, today as I write the Top Board of surprise wire-to-wire leader so far Ruben Sanchez (Italy), Jim-Bob favorite Toby Harris (England), former New England star from Down Under Peter McNamara (Russia), Brit Dave Simpson (France), American hope Thomas Haver (Turkey), Up-and-comer Alex Lebedev (Austria), and multiple World Champ Cyrille Sevin (Germany) went at it... So, after an epic battle, Toby Harris won to win his First World Championship!!! You can see lots of the details at the Facebook page WDC 2015 - Milan, including a video of the adjudication of the last turn. Brit Toby always plays England well, and at the end, Peter in Russia was gone, Ruben and Dave were each down to 1 in Italy and France, and Toby topped it relatively easily with 10 centers over Thomas Haver's Turkey at 8 and Cyrille and Alex tied at 7. I've been rooting for Toby to win a World Championship for some time, and I'm glad he finally made it. I'm sorry I wasn't there to see it. David Hood is running DixieCon as usual on Memorial Day weekend as the next US tournament on the docket. ))

## 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 five or six ideas lined up here already that I just have to write.))

## 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:

Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Paul Rauterberg, Doug Kent, Paul Kenny, and Hugh Polley stand by for regular Diplomacy. I've pared down the standby list again. If I removed you and you want to be added back, just say so. Otherwise, just 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 what?

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: need seven for another game start.

BREAKING AWAY: New game, want six!

## THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

### THE DUE DATE FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER 1902 IS MAY 16TH, 2015

*Fall 1902*

AUSTRIA (Ozog): a VIE S a tri, a TRI S a bud, a SER S f alb-gre, a BUD s a ser, f alb-GRE.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): f ENG-mid, f IRI-mid, f nth-eng (d r:nwg,lon,edi,otb), a YOR h.

FRANCE (Ellinger): f BRE-mid, a PIC S a bel, f mid-NAO, a SPA h, a BEL S GERMAN a hol.

GERMANY (Abbott): f DEN S f ska-nth, f kie-HEL, f ska-NTH, a HOL S FRENCH a bel, a ruh-KIE.

ITALY (Holley): f NAP S f ion, f ION S AUSTRIAN f alb-gre, a tyo-BOH, a VEN h.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): f NWY S GERMAN f ska-nth, f SWE S f nwy, f con-AEG, a GAL-bud,  
a RUM S a gal-bud.

TURKEY (Burgess): f EAS S RUSSIAN f con-aeg, f gre s f con-aeg (d ann), a UKR S RUSSIAN a rum,  
a BUL S a gre.

*Supply Center Chart*

AUSTRIA (Ozog):	TRI,VIE,BUD,ser,gre	(has 5, even)
ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer):	EDI,LVP,LON	(has 3 or 4, even(r:otb) or rem 1)
FRANCE (Ellinger):	PAR,BRE,MAR,spa,por,bel	(has 5, bld 1)
GERMANY (Abbott):	KIE,BER,MUN,den,hol	(has 5, even)
ITALY (Holley):	ROM,NAP,VEN,tun	(has 4, even)
RUSSIA (Rauterberg):	WAR,STP,MOS,rum,con,swe,nwy	(has 5, bld 2)
TURKEY (Burgess):	ANK,SMY,bul,sev	(has 3, bld 1)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

*E-Mail Addresses of the Participants*

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

*Game Notes:*

1) Nothing except, hope we can get some more action here?

*Press:*

(JIM SAYS): "There are things known and there are things unknown and in between are the doors."

(ME to YOU): Sorry about the lack of communication, life gets in the way...It's still no excuse?

(BORDEAUX): Local Gascons are ecstatic about seeing the French fleets in the Atlantic again. "We hated seeing the damned English in our sea," noted the Mayor of Bordeaux, "we all remember their past days and the rats that seem to follow their fleets wherever they go." The local wine merchants were somewhat depressed that they had no place to send their lesser vintages, as it is well known that the English have no taste, but were heartened by the large orders placed by the allied armies in the Low Countries.

**THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy**

**THE DUE DATE FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER 1912 IS MAY 16TH, 2015**

*Fall 1912*

AUSTRIA (Burgess): a VIE S a tri, a TRI S FRENCH a ven, a RUM S a gal, f ANK h, a GAL S a rum, a TYO-boh, a SER s ITALIAN a alb-gre (nso).

ENGLAND (James): f ENG C a lvp-pic, f IRI C a lvp-pic, a lvp-PIC, f BEL h, a LVN S a stp-mos, f MID-por, a BER S a kie-mun, a WAR S a stp-mos, a stp-MOS, f BRE-mid, f AEG-ion, f gob-BAL, a kie-MUN, f bal-DEN.

FRANCE (Holley): f ion-EAS, f TYH-ion, a SPA-por, a GAS-spa, f ADR S a ven, f WES-spa(sc), a VEN s AUSTRIAN a tyo (otm).

ITALY (Crow): a ALB h.

RUSSIA (Kent): a SEV S a ukr-mos, a mun h (d r:ruh,bur,sil,otb), a UKR-mos, a BOH s a mun.

*Supply Center Chart*

AUSTRIA (Burgess):	VIE,BUD,TRI,ser,rum,bul,con,ank	(has 7, bld 1)
ENGLAND (James):	EDI,LVP,LON,nwy,bel,swe,hol, den,kie,rom,stp,ber,mos,bre,smy,mun,war	(has 14, bld 3)
FRANCE (Holley):	PAR,spa,por,MAR,ven,tun,nap	(has 7, even)
ITALY (Crow):	gre	(has 1, even)
RUSSIA (Kent):	SEV	(has 3 or 4, rem 2(r:otb) or 3)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

*E-Mail Addresses of the Participants*

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*Game Notes:*

1) And we go on...

*Press:*

(DMB to ALL): What do we do now.....Drew? Melinda?

(INSOMNIAC to BOOB): How many episodes of Law and Order to I have to watch in the middle of the night? *((I don't know, seems like too many though!))*

(AUSTRIA to RUSSIA): Please don't take this personally, you got into the game very late!

**FOR THE MEKONS ET AL.: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules**

**THE DUE DATE FOR END GAME THOUGHTS IS MAY 16TH, 2015!!**

*Turn 15: Rick hangs on for Team Victory without Getting any Finish Line Points!*

131 (finished)	
130 (finished)	Floyd Little (10)
129 (finished)	
128 (finished)	Jim Brown (8)
127 (finished)	
126 (finished)	
125 (finished)	Roberto Rojas (12), Ryan Leaf (4)
124 (finished)	Sam Vimes (16, already finished), Arciszewski (2)
123 (finished)	None
122 (finished)	None
121 (finished)	Jean Van de Velde (20, already finished), Sylvester Carmouche (6)
<del>-F-I-N-A-L- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-</del>	
120 (no replenishment)	None
119 (no replenishment)	None
118 (no replenishment)	None
117 (no replenishment)	None
116 (no replenishment)	None
115 (no replenishment)	None
114 (no replenishment)	None
113 (no replenishment)	None
<del>-And We Are Done, So I Haven't Moved the Rest-</del>	
112 (replenish with a 4)	Larry Csonka, Ernie Davis
111 (replenish with a 6)	Bowie
110 (replenish with a 7)	Houston
109 (replenish with a 8)	Haymitch Abernathy, Peeta Mellark, Katniss Everdeen, Travis
108 (replenish with a 12)	Effie Trinket
107 (no replenishment)	None
106 (no replenishment)	None
105 (no replenishment)	None
104 (no replenishment)	None
103 (no replenishment)	None
102 (no replenishment)	None
101 (no replenishment)	None

100 (no replenishment)	None
99 (replenish with a 3)	Mustrum Ridcully
98 (no replenishment)	None
97 (no replenishment)	None
96 (replenish with a 3)	Dziewulski
95 (no replenishment)	None
94 (no replenishment)	None
93 (replenish with a 3)	Moist von Lipwig, CMOT Dibbler
92 (no replenishment)	None
91 (no replenishment)	None
90 (no replenishment)	None
89 (no replenishment)	None
88 (no replenishment)	None
87 (no replenishment)	None
86 (no replenishment)	None
85 (no replenishment)	None
84 (no replenishment)	None
83 (no replenishment)	None
82 (no replenishment)	None
81 (no replenishment)	None
-S-P-R-I-N-T- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-	
80 (replenish with a 3)	Cwierzakiewiczowa
79 (no replenishment)	None
78 (no replenishment)	None
77 (no replenishment)	None
76 (no replenishment)	None
75 (no replenishment)	None
74 (no replenishment)	None
73 (no replenishment)	None
72 (no replenishment)	None
71 (replenish with a 3)	Crockett
70 (no replenishment)	None
69 (no replenishment)	None
68 (no replenishment)	None
67 (no replenishment)	None
66 (replenish with a 3)	Barszczewski

*Addresses of the Participants – Their Team and Their Cards*

TEAM 1 (Hank Alme): cobblers of gmail.com (16 points)

Team Name: Vetinari's Terriers; TEAM CAPTAIN: Sam Vimes

A: Moist von Lipwig	(3) 3, 3, 3
B: Mustrum Ridcully	(4) 3, 3, 3
C: Sam Vimes	(14) FINISHED SECOND
D: CMOT Dibbler	(3) 3, 3, 3

Total Replenishments: 47 + 32 + 30 + 42 + 16 + 19 + 12 + 17 + 28 + 16 + 23 + 24 + 27 + 13 + 9 = 355

TEAM 2 (Andy Bate): andydbate of gmail.com (42 points)

Team Name: Racing Froggy; TEAM CAPTAIN: Jean Van de Velde

A: Jean Van de Velde	(10) FINISHED FIRST
B: Roberto Rojas	(7) FINISHES THIRD
C: Sylvester Carmouche	(5) FINISHES SIXTH
D: Ryan Leaf	(10) FINISHES SEVENTH

Total Replenishments: 18 + 29 + 42 + 52 + 21 + 29 + 17 + 27 + 46 + 26 + 23 + 34 + 30 + 17 + 11 = 432

TEAM 3 (David Burgess): burgessed of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org (43 points)

Team Name: Syracuse Orangemen

A: Ernie Davis (15) 3, 3, 4, 4  
B: Jim Brown (12) FINISHED FIFTH  
C: Floyd Little (12) FINISHED FOURTH  
D: Larry Csonka (14) 3, 3, 4

Total Replenishments:  $79 + 55 + 19 + 29 + 17 + 14 + 12 + 29 + 22 + 20 + 13 + 21 + 61 + 31 + 14 = 436$

TEAM 4 (Rick Desper): rick\_desper of yahoo.com (48 points)

Team Name: District 12

A: Katniss Everdeen (7) 7, 4, 4, 8  
B: Haymitch Abernathy (7) 5, 6, 8  
C: Peeta Mellark (7) 3, 4, 8  
D: Effie Trinket (6) 7, 7, 12

Total Replenishments:  $92 + 90 + 16 + 12 + 16 + 28 + 15 + 15 + 17 + 13 + 15 + 18 + 16 + 28 + 36 = 427$

TEAM 5 (Brendan Whyte): BWHYTE of nla.gov.au (3 points)

Team Name: The Reverse Polish Notationists (a.k.a. The Unpronounceables)

A: Arciszewski (11) FINISHES EIGHTH  
B: Barszczewski (3) 3, 3, 3  
C: Cwierzakiewiczowa (3) 3, 3, 3  
D: Dziejwski (9) 3, 3, 3

Total Replenishments:  $50 + 46 + 14 + 14 + 15 + 17 + 17 + 21 + 14 + 12 + 19 + 20 + 28 + 13 + 12 = 312$

TEAM 6 (Andy York): (4 points)

Team Name: Team Alamo

A: Travis (7) 3, 3, 3, 8  
B: Crockett (3) 3, 3, 3  
C: Bowie (6) 4, 3, 6  
D: Houston (3) 3, 3, 7

Total Replenishments:  $44 + 65 + 20 + 31 + 15 + 19 + 13 + 13 + 21 + 17 + 21 + 20 + 23 + 16 + 24 = 362$

#### *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 (40/80) and final (120) 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. If I’m predicting how the future of this will come out based on doing this before, about half the players will get scores below 5% and getting better than a 10% score will be really tremendous for this measure. Note that Rick succeeded at doing that this time, with David and Andy getting scores just about at 10%.

2) Rick Desper wins (without ANY of his riders finishing the race, amazing dominance earlier!), Andy Bate falls just short of catching David Burgess. At the other end, Brendan Whyte gains the last scoring slot, but it is not enough to catch Andy York to get out of last place. And Hank Alme finishes fourth. Seven riders were dropped, three each of Hank’s and Brendan’s riders and one of Andy’s. That’s the most riders I think I’ve ever seen dropped in a Breaking Away game.

3) Is there interest in another game?? End game comments welcome next time.

### **WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI**

#### **DEADLINE FOR TURN 5 IS MAY 16, 2015, JOIN UP!!!**

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:**

No Guess This Time

**Hank Alme:**

Ho Chi Minh in Dallas, TX

**Conrad von Metzke:**

Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, in the Castro district of San Francisco

**Tom Howell:**

Julius Gaius Caesar in Lugdunum, Gallia (Lyon, France)

**Marc Ellinger:**

Benjamin Franklin in Istanbul, Turkey

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** You died about two centuries before I did.

### TURN 2

**Brendan Whyte:**

No Guess This Time

**Hank Alme:**

Pearl Bailey in Sofia, Bulgaria

**Conrad von Metzke:**

Richard Nixon in Jerusalem

**Tom Howell:**

Ray Atkeson in Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Marc Ellinger:**

Suetonius in Trieste, Italy

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** I was born less than a decade after you.

### TURN 3

**Brendan Whyte:**

Trayvon Martin in Tyrone, Missouri

**Hank Alme:**

Bob Ross in London, England

**Conrad von Metzke:**

No Guess This Time

**Tom Howell:**

Janet Hill Gordon in Canton, China

**Marc Ellinger:**

Henry Mancini in Nicosia, Cyprus

**Rick Desper:**

Gronk in Foxboro, Massachusetts

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** Sorry, wrong gender, and no trans-genders here...

### TURN 4

**Brendan Whyte:**

Francis Wallace Cope in New Delhi, India

**Hank Alme:**

Xi Jinping in Kabul, Afghanistan

**Conrad von Metzke:**

Archie Moore in Indianapolis, Indiana

**Andy York:**

Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv, Israel

**Tom Howell:**

Francis Wallace Cope in Shanghai, China

**Marc Ellinger:**

Jackie Gleason in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**Rick Desper:**

Henry Mancini in Singapore

**HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess:** While you have my lifespan close to right, my profession may or may not be judged as similar.

*LAST WORD:*

**Wow, just enough room to say goodbye... and congratulations again to Toby Harris for his World Championship!!!**

