

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #364

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I reach my 58th birthday, which really was in question at the beginning of the year, this is good news. As I finish this I'm going through a joint endoscopy/colonoscopy to see if we can see any remaining evidence of cancer, which is not apparent any other way.

The Kendo Nagasaki game is finished and the trickster Rick Desper nails it!!! We will start another Kendo Nagasaki game next issue, I like running them and I also like playing in them... mostly.

That all should keep the szine cranking and I'd like to start another regular Diplomacy game in addition to the Breaking Away that's getting close to six! Wishing all the rest of you who are struggling with health issues similar good news! See the bottom of this issue for an update on our friend Mark Fassio, who has been having a much rougher time than me.

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 flipfopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. I'm set on continuing my GMing, and I'm starting to write a bit, hope there might be more. Feel free to communicate with me about how you want to help or what you want to play, 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. 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. Some people have had trouble with the attachments, so I have switched to sending the link in the announcements, we'll see if that helps. Please let me know.

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

((For upcoming cons around the world: <http://www.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>, success, we have badgered all the Con directors to post their Cons, so it is reasonably up to date now. And there remains lots of interest in the FTF community, and linking E-Mail/Web players to FTF. Currently, we look towards Columbus Day, where the usual big event is the Tempest in Silver Spring, MD, but **Diplomacy World** FTF editor Will Abbott also is trying to connect up with Necronomicon in Tampa, FL that same weekend. Check one of those out while I'm leaf-peeping at my camp in Maine. Then soon after that we finish up the Grand Prix and Nor'Easter year with Carnage, November 6-8th in Killington, VT. Also, the Facebook page for European Tournament Diplomacy, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1500292310187264/>, Diplomacy in Europe, has been really active and the place to be in the hobby these days. If you're on Facebook, hook up there!))

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 four or five ideas lined up here already that I just have to write. I didn't get around to writing more this time, but I will.)

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

I don't think I had any letters, but if I did and I missed yours, let me know, or send me one!

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

Standby lists: Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Paul Rauterberg, Doug Kent, Paul Kenny, and Hugh Polley stand by for regular Diplomacy. Just let me know if you want on or off these lists.

GAME OPENING INFORMATION

I'd love to do another game of Spy Diplomacy, but it requires commitment that seems in short supply these days, but let me know if you want me to reprint the rules. I really, really want to get the Diplomacy and Breaking Away games started as soon as possible, come on, help me out!!!

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: need seven for another game start, we have five. We have Edward Innes, Fred Wiedemeyer, Marc Ellinger, Melinda Holley, and Gavin Begbie.

BREAKING AWAY: New game, want six! Andy York, Rick Desper, David Burgess, and Hank Alme are in, only two to go here too.

THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1904 IS SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2015

Winter 1903

- AUSTRIA (Ozog): bld f tri; has f TRI, a BOH, a SER, a BUL, a BUD, f GRE.
- ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): rem f eng, f iri; has a WAL h.
- FRANCE (Ellinger): bld f mar; has f MAR, f MID, f BRE, a BEL, f NAO, a GAS, a LON.
- GERMANY (Abbott): has f DEN, f HEL, f NTH, a EDI, a HOL.
- ITALY (Holley): has f NAP, f AEG, a RUM, a TYO.
- RUSSIA (Rauterberg): bld f stp(nc); has f STP(NC), f NWY, a WAR, f NWG, f SWE, f CON, a BER, a SEV.
- TURKEY (Burgess): rem a ukr; has f SMY, f EAS.

Supply Center Chart

AUSTRIA (Ozog):	TRI,VIE,BUD,ser,gre,bul	(has 5, bld 1)
ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer):	LVP	(has 3, rem 2)
FRANCE (Ellinger):	PAR,BRE,MAR,spa,por,bel,lon	(has 6, bld 1)
GERMANY (Abbott):	KIE,MUN,den,hol,edi	(has 5, even)
ITALY (Holley):	ROM,NAP,VEN,tun,rum	(has 4, bld 1)
RUSSIA (Rauterberg):	WAR,STP,MOS,con,swe,nwy, sev,ber	(has 7, bld 1)
TURKEY (Burgess):	ANK,SMY	(has 3, rem 1)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

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Game Notes:

1) Lots of moves in the winter which aligned with my insanely busy September... now we need some orders for spring moves!

Press:

(MOSCOW): Two nasty stabs in one season. I feel like my old self again.

THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy
THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1914 IS OCTOBER 17TH, 2015

Winter 1913

AUSTRIA (Burgess): has a RUM, a TYO, a TRI, a UKR, f ANK, a GAL, a PIE, a SER.
ENGLAND (James): has a KIE, a PAR, f NTH, f ENG, f MID, a BUR, f BEL, a LVN, f NAF, a BER,
a WAR, a MOS, f GAS, f AEG, f BAL, a MUN, f HEL.
FRANCE (Holley): has f SMY, f ION, a POR, a MAR, f ADR, f SPA(SC), a VEN.
ITALY (Crow): has a ALB.
RUSSIA (Kent): has a SEV.

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Game Notes:

1) The EFA draw is still rejected. Look back for your map in the last issue, since it hasn't changed.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI
DEADLINE FOR TURN 1 OF A NEW GAME IS OCTOBER 17, 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

Tom Howell:

Ray Atkeson in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Marc Ellinger:

Suetonius in Trieste, Italy

Conrad von Metzke:
Richard Nixon in Jerusalem

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.

TURN 5

Brendan Whyte:
David "Stringbean" Akeman in Kathmandu's rubble

Hank Alme:
Glenn Roberts in Chongqing, China

Conrad von Metzke:
No Guess This Time

Andy York:
Mahatma Gandhi in Islamabad, Pakistan

Tom Howell:
Francis Wallace Cope in Imphal, India

Marc Ellinger:
Van Johnson in Jakarta, Indonesia

Rick Desper:
John Wayne in Sofia, Bulgaria

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: I was born just over a year before you, but lived more than a decade longer than you.

TURN 6

Brendan Whyte:
Red Adair plugging well of
gross national happiness in Thimphu, Bhutan

Hank Alme:
George Reeves in Nayipyaw, Myanmar/Burma

Conrad von Metzke:

Tom Howell:
George Edward Allen, Jr. in Raipur, India
Note: Ruipur, but I used Raipur/Chhattisgarh

Marc Ellinger:
Orson Welles in Lucknow, India

Rick Desper:

THE DALAI LAMA in GOA, fmr Portuguese India Joe DiMaggio in Hong Kong

Andy York:

No Guess this Time

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You are within 100 miles of my location now, but I associate more with this part of the world than who you think I am.

TURN 7

Brendan Whyte:

Kay Kaiser in Kaiserslautern, Germany
(and his college of musical knowledge)

Hank Alme:

George Reeves in Lhasa, Tibet

Conrad von Metzke:

No Guess This Time

Andy York:

Indira Gandhi in Delhi, India (note: this is Delhi, NOT New Delhi, I use what you say...)

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: I would just repeat my clue from last time, but let me be clearer, I have an association with this part of the world and who you think I am does not.

TURN 8

Brendan Whyte:

Sir Edmund Hillary in Paro, Bhutan

Hank Alme:

Vijay Hazare in Pankhabari, India

Conrad von Metzke:

No Guess This Time

Andy York:

Indira Gandhi in Mandalay, Burma

Tom Howell:

Tarachand Barjatya in Gangtok, Sikkim

Marc Ellinger:

William Westmoreland in Magway, Myanmar

Rick Desper:

Mushtaq Ali in Darjeeling, India

Doug Kent

George Harrison in Tezpur, India

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You have nailed my location, but not identified me yet, my association is to the city where I am located.

TURN 9

Brendan Whyte:

George Orwell in Mandalay

Hank Alme:

Gopaldas Parmanand Sippy in Darjeeling, India

Conrad von Metzke:

No Guess This Time

Andy York:

Vivien Leigh in Darjeeling, India

Tom Howell:

No Guess This Time

Marc Ellinger:

Indra Bahadur Rai in Pankhabari, India

Rick Desper:

Tenzing Norgay in Darjeeling, India***

Doug Kent

Sir John Anderson in Darjeeling, India

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: ***Rick Desper wins!!! Lots of you got the location, but only he nailed the person as well.

LAST WORD: As my successful cancer fight has been unfolding from a very unusual cancer location in the upper part of the small intestine, Mark Fassio has been battling cancer that

started at the other end of the small intestine, in the appendix. Both are quite rare... Diplomacy players mostly only get rare cancers, since we're rare birds. Both our cancers spread so that we each were classified as Stage 4, but I was very lucky and my initial treatment has knocked it all down without surgery so far. The test I'm having tomorrow could change that. When you have cancers in this area, you can get the whole digestive system shutting down, this happened to me early in my cancer when I lost 25 pounds. Mark's been through this a couple of times and after his last surgery, he got a large hematoma that had to be drained and it got his digestive system in a mess. While my digestive system is back to working mostly normally, Mark's completely shut down for a while (when this happened to me it was incredibly scary, so I know how horrible it is)! The latest news is that Mark is finally able to eat some food... but of course not others. Our last news to me was just on the weekend, and he had just tried some peaches that were too strong. For me, meat was an incredible trigger that generated projectile vomiting for a while. So, on this day, one month past the 58th Birthday that Don Williams didn't get to, I was hoping to give a little bit better update on Mark Fassio's progress. And of course my progress has been amazing.

I wish I could pass some of my success to Mark. Good thoughts from all of you can't hurt either.

Pray for him please that he may get back on the eating path!

