

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #374

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New Kendo Nagasaki game starts this issue, but YOU can still join, hop in!!!

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* in *NSWG* #16, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. Since Terry's passing, we lose our thirty year fervent hope that someday *NSWG* would have been resurrected and I could go back and swear my fealty to the Toadfather. 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, especially when I feel better. 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 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'm having trouble with the upload interfaces, part of the diplom.org site move consequences. I'll get it fixed as soon as I can. I need to stay within the security of the site (which is very important!!!!) while getting access to change the web site's index and files for the szine. It shouldn't be that hard, but my first, second, and third attempts didn't work.

The website address is still: <http://diplom.org/>. I had a glitch in the webpage update process, but I hope it will be fixed soon.

There are currently 77 members of the official *TAP* subscriber list, which is starting to come back up. <http://lists.asciiking.com/mailman/listinfo/tap> is the current list website. YOU need to make sure you're on this list. I'm trying to add some of the newer subscribers who aren't there. It's really easy, just click on that link or copy and paste it into your browser. If you have questions or problems, PLEASE ask. 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, I see that does help. Please let me know about other issues, but it puts priority on getting link up again. Apologies for the recent confusions.

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. 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! The Nor'Easter sequence of four tournaments has TWO upcoming very soon.

Most soon, you can STILL go to the LAST Philadelphia Massacre (as we are reclaiming the name back in Boston) on August 5th-7th. All the details are at: <https://philadelphiamassacre.com/>. There is a Friday night round and Saturday and Sunday morning rounds using the Carnage scoring system. There are a lot of DC people coming up for this, and it should be lots of fun. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it.

But, I am going to be at the BOSTON Massacre tournament coming up in September, on the 24th and 25th. As of right now, I only plan to play the two games on Saturday, but that could change. Our Boston Backbiters website for this is: <https://sites.google.com/site/bostonmassacrediplomacy/>. The Paypal

pre-registration link there works perfectly, I did it myself, join me today. This will be at the Cambridge Marriott in Kendall Square near MIT. This brings the memory back to earlier Massacres (at least I think they were called Massacres) that were actually held at MIT. We did these commando style, just taking over open classrooms, ultimately we decided that was too risky, so this one is on the up-and-up. Randy Lawrence-Hurt has gone the extra mile to set up this tournament, so PLEASE come and support us and have fun!!!

Last but not least, after Carnage (<http://www.carnagecon.com/>) at the beginning of November, which you also should attend, I'm leading TotalCon again, which has MOVED! TotalCon will be February 24-26, 2017 at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA. For those following closely, this is basically where the Boston tournament was last year, before Randy and Alan Levin moved it to Cambridge. TotalCon is New England's largest general gaming convention and is one of the places that we as a hobby reach out and make the Diplomacy tournament circuit known to other gamers. We picked up quite a host of brand new players last year, and expect to do more of that this year. Thanks to the entire TotalCon staff for their hospitality and helpfulness.))

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 have been nudged... comments from any of you also are welcome.))

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

More are welcome!!!

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

Standby lists: Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Drew James, 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.

REGULAR DIPLOMACY: Two games continue. Is there something else we want to start? I have some ideas on how to do "By Popular Demand" differently...

BREAKING AWAY: Keeps going with some people dashing for the second sprint line.

KENDO NAGASAKI: New game starts, send in your guesses!!!

THE TERRY TALLMAN MEMORIAL: 2016A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1902 IS AUGUST 20TH, 2016

Summer 1902

AUSTRIA (Black): has a SER, f ALB, f GRE, a VIE, a BUL.

ENGLAND (Cohen): R f eng-LON; has f WAL, f LON, f NTH, a NWY.

FRANCE (Begbie): has f ENG, f MAR, f PIC, a GAS, a SPA.

GERMANY (Polley): has f DEN, a MUN, f BEL, a HOL, a RUH.

ITALY (Ellinger): has f TYH, f WES, a PIE, a TYO.

RUSSIA (Zarr): has f BAR, a STP, f SWE, a SEV, a UKR, f RUM.

TURKEY (Wiedemeyer): has f EAS, f CON, a SMY.

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

AUSTRIA: Thaddeus Black, thaddeus.h.black of gmail.com

ENGLAND: David Cohen, zendip18 of optonline.net

FRANCE: Gavin Begbie, gavinbegbie of gmail.com

GERMANY: Hugh Polley, hapolley of yahoo.ca

ITALY: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

RUSSIA: Harold Zarr, skip1955 of hotmail.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedem of telus.net

Game Notes:

1) Please note Gavin Begbie is changing his E-Mail address, please use his gmail one above.

Press:

None detected...

**THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy
THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1906 IS AUGUST 20TH, 2016**

Summer 1906

AUSTRIA (Ozog): has f ADR, a TYO, f NAF, a GAS, a SER, a SMY, a MUN, f TUN.

FRANCE (Ellinger): has f SPA(SC), f WES, f ENG, a PAR, f NAO, a MAR, a LON.

GERMANY (Abbott): R a edi-LVP, a hol-BEL; has f PIC, a LVP, a BEL.

ITALY (Wilson): has f TYH, f NAP, f AEG, a GRE, a VEN.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): has f NWY, f EDI, f NTH, f DEN, a HOL, f NWG, f HEL,
f CON, a KIE, a RUM.

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

AUSTRIA: Eric Ozog, elferic of junos.com

ENGLAND: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedem of telus.net

FRANCE: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

GERMANY: Will Abbott, wjja9 of yahoo.com

ITALY: Brad Wilson, fullfathomfive675 of gmail.com

RUSSIA: Paul Rauterberg, paul.rauterberg of att.net

TURKEY: David Burgess, burgesscd of roadrunner.com

Game Notes:

1) No new proposals...

Press:

None spotted...

**THE DIPLOMACY GAME: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules
THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 7 IS AUGUST 20, 2016!!**

Turn 6

60 (replenish with a 3)	Leonardo, Nicholas II, Alexandra
59 (replenish with a 6)	Smirky
58 (no replenishment)	Empty
57 (replenish with a 3)	Jerusalem, White Cliffs, Heart of Oak,
56 (replenish with a 6)	Angst
55 (replenish with a 7)	Hope and Glory, Terrorised
54 (replenish with a 9)	Rousseau, Baker, Constipated
53 (replenish with a 12)	Alexis de Tocqueville
52 (replenish with a 13)	Lafayette, Alpha
51 (replenish with a 15)	Jefferson, Christian Doppler
50 (replenish with a 17)	Daniel Swarovski
49 (replenish with a 18)	Donatello, Arnold Schwarzenegger
48 (replenish with a 20)	Charlie, Raphael, Michelangelo, Anastasia
47 (no replenishment)	Empty
46 (no replenishment)	Empty
45 (no replenishment)	Empty

44 (no replenishment)	Empty
43 (no replenishment)	Empty
42 (replenish with a 3)	Billy Wilder
41 (no replenishment)	Empty
-S-P-R-I-N-T- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-	
40 (no replenishment)	Empty
39 (no replenishment)	Empty
38 (no replenishment)	Empty
37 (replenish with a 3)	Delta
36 (no replenishment)	Empty
35 (replenish with a 3)	Alexei

Addresses of the Participants – Their Teams and Their Cards

AUSTRIAN TEAM (Andy Bate): andydbate of gmail.com (0 points)

A: Arnold Schwarzenegger	4, 6, 7, 18 (12)
B: Billy Wilder	3, 3, 3 (4)
C: Christian Doppler	8, 22, 15 (9)
D: Daniel Swarovski	6, 3, 17 (11)

Total Replenishments: $21 + 28 + 55 + 23 + 36 + 53 = 216$

ENGLISH TEAM (Jim Reader): jim_reader of hotmail.com (11 points)

A: Jerusalem	10, 3, 5, 3 (7)
B: Hope and Glory	3, 3, 7 (5)
C: White Cliffs	4, 7, 3 (8)
D: Heart of Oak	3, 20, 3 (9)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 91 + 29 + 30 + 27 + 16 = 209$

FRENCH TEAM (Hank Alme): almehj of alumni.rice.edu (0 points)

A: Marquis de Lafayette (Captain):	4, 10, 9, 13 (4)
B: Alexis de Tocqueville:	6, 5, 12 (3)
C: Jean-Jacques Rousseau:	3, 4, 9 (3)
D: Thomas Jefferson:	8, 9, 15 (3)

Total Replenishments: $22 + 62 = 29 + 38 + 26 + 49 = 226$

GERMAN TEAM (Marc Ellinger): mellinger of blitzbardgett.com (3 points)

A: Player Alpha	6, 6, 9, 13 (4)
B: Player Baker	5, 3, 9 (3)
C: Player Charlie	5, 16, 20 (4)
D: Player Delta	3, 3, 3 (3)

Total Replenishments: $17 + 50 + 26 + 32 + 31 + 45 = 201$

ITALIAN TEAM (Rick Desper): rick_desper of yahoo.com (25 points)

Team Name: Artists in a Half-Shell?

Coach: Master Splinter

Team Leader A: Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci	15, 8, 5, 3 (16)
Team Mechanic B: Donato di Niccol di Betto Bardi	8, 15, 18 (4)
Team Navigator C: Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino	8, 20, 20 (5)
Team Sprint Specialist D: Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni	5, 16, 20 (4)

Referred to by common appellations in the report: Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michelangelo.

Total Replenishments: $17 + 96 + 12 + 22 + 67 + 61 = 275$

RUSSIAN TEAM (Andy York): wandrew88 of gmail.com (0 points)

Team Royal

A: Anastasia	15, 4, 20 (10)
B: Nicholas II	8, 20, 3 (17)
C: Alexandra	8, 15, 3 (16)
D: Alexei	3, 3, 3 (3)

Total Replenishments: $14 + 30 + 32 + 40 + 43 + 29 = 188$

TURKISH TEAM (Brendan Whyte): BWHYTE of nla.gov.au (0 points)

The Turkeys

A: Angst of Ankara	10,13,6 (9)
B: Constipated of Constantinople	12,14,9 (8)
C: Smirky of Smyrna	19,22,6 (17)
D: Terrorised of Syria	6,4,7 (17)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 49 + 38 + 57 + 53 = 213$

Press:

NONE TO BE SEEN

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 and final 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.

2) Three riders have been dropped from the pack, but I keep them moving along with their “3” for the rest of the game. The second Sprint Line comes up after 80, and some riders have it in their sights.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

DEADLINE FOR TURN 2 OF A NEW GAME IS AUGUST 20, 2016

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!!!

A note on the last game: In Turn 5 I got the Wittenberg and Wittenburg guesses, this led me to a whole lot of looking around. I found the village of Wittenberg in Baden-Wuerttemberg very close to Basel and chose that to attach to Marc Ellinger’s choice in Turn 5. I thought I was clear with him in WHICH Wittenberg I was saying was closest, but you’re probably right, Rick, that he meant the one associated with Martin Luther. This did likely confuse everyone, but it wasn’t intentional on my part. I think I clarified with Hank at the time about the Wittenburg difference too, but might not have. I really did spend a lot of time on that turn trying to figure out what was what, but in the end probably did just confuse everyone. Rick still got it before Turn 10.... Germany has a WHOLE lot of towns with the same or similar names!!! I really thought this time was a fun game, even if it did tie us all (me included) in knots.

TURN 1

Brendan Whyte:

Bernie Sanders, isolated on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean

Tom Howell:

No Guess Received

Hank Alme:

Hank Alme in Ellicott City, MD

Marc Ellinger:

Christian De Castries in Caracas, Venezuela

Rick Desper:

Wavy Gravy in West Hartford, CT

Doug Kent:

Robert E. Lee in Lhasa, Tibet

Andy York:

Jim Burgess in Portland, ME

Peter Sullivan:

Joan Collins in Dallas, TX

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: You have my gender correct, but I did most of the things I’m famed for a decade or two before your active period.

LAST WORD: So, just a bit of a page, and VERY late... On top of everything else this month, I got Lyme Disease, and with continuing cancer treatment on top of it, let’s just say I’m having loads of fun with the medical system. I did just squeak this issue out in July!