

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #376

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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 more coming in the sequence.

I was going to be at the BOSTON Massacre tournament just held in September, on the 24th and 25th. Our Boston Backbiters website for results is: <https://sites.google.com/site/bostonmassacrediplomacy/>. It was held 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 com-mando 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 hope everyone who went had fun!!! I heard a rumor that the farthest traveler might have taken the title.

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.

Also, in breaking news, Carnage is going to be North American DipCon in 2017.))

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. Especially with Doug Kent bowing out, is there some other Variant in which there is interest? Please ask!!!

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... Let's see if there is interest in a new regular game. Signups please?

BREAKING AWAY: Keeps going with some people now over the second sprint line.

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

THE TERRY TALLMAN MEMORIAL: 2016A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1903 IS OCTOBER 15TH, 2016

Autumn and Winter 1902

AUSTRIA (Black): bld a vie; has a VIE, a BUD, f ALB, f AEG, a BOH, a CON.

ENGLAND (Cohen): R a nwy-FIN; rem a fin; has f IRL, f LON, f NTH.

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

GERMANY (Polley): bld a ber; has a BER, f DEN, a MUN, f BEL, a KIE, a RUH.

ITALY (Ellinger): has f GOL, f MID, a PIE, a TYO.

RUSSIA (Zarr): bld a war; has a WAR, f NWY, a STP, f SWE, a SEV, a UKR, f RUM.

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

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

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

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GERMANY: Hugh Polley, hapolley@yahoo.ca

ITALY: Marc Ellinger, mellinger@blitzbardgett.com

RUSSIA: Harold Zarr, skip1955@hotmail.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, wiedem@telus.net

Game Notes:

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

Press:

(CON to MOS): with friends like you, I don't need enemies.

THE DON WILLIAMS 57 MEMORIAL: 2014A, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1907 IS OCTOBER 15TH, 2016

Autumn and Winter 1906

AUSTRIA (Ozog): R a gas-BUR; bld a bud; has a BUD, f ADR, a VEN, f NAF, a BUR, a TRI, a CON, a MUN, f TUN.

FRANCE (Ellinger): rem f wes; has f SPA(SC), f ENG, a PAR, f MID, a GAS, a BRE.

GERMANY (Abbott): rem f pic; has a LVP, a BEL.

ITALY (Wilson): rem a gre, f ion; has f GOL, f NAP, a PIE.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): bld a stp, f sev, a war, a mos; has a STP, f SEV, a WAR, a MOS, f NWG, f EDI, f YOR, f NTH, a HOL, f CLY, f HEL, f BUL(SC), a RUH, a RUM.

E-Mail Addresses of the Participants

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FRANCE: Marc Ellinger, mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

GERMANY: Will Abbott, wjja9 of yahoo.com

ITALY: Brad Wilson, fullfathomfive675 of gmail.com

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TURKEY: David Burgess, burgesscd of roadrunner.com

Game Notes:

1) The Russian concession is vetoed and repropose, along with a DIAS draw, please vote with your Spring orders, failure to vote vetoes the proposals.

Press:

None spotted...

THE DIPLOMACY GAME: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules

THE DUE DATE FOR TURN 9 IS OCTOBER 15, 2016!!

Turn 8

88 (replenish with a 3)	Raphael (6 points)
87 (replenish with a 4)	Smirky
86 (no replenishment)	Empty
85 (no replenishment)	Empty
84 (replenish with a 3)	Charlie (5 points)
83 (replenish with a 4)	Leonardo (8 points)
82 (replenish with a 5)	Hope and Glory (1 point), Donatello (4 points), Rousseau
81 (replenish with a 8)	Alexis de Tocqueville (3 points), Jefferson (2 points)
-S-P-R-I-N-T- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-	
80 (replenish with a 10)	Heart of Oak
79 (replenish with a 11)	White Cliffs, Lafayette, Terrorised
78 (replenish with a 14)	Jerusalem, Angst
77 (replenish with a 16)	Constipated
76 (replenish with a 17)	Baker, Anastasia, Alpha
75 (no replenishment)	Empty

74 (replenish with a 3)	Christian Doppler
73 (replenish with a 4)	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Daniel Swarovski
72 (no replenishment)	Empty
71 (replenish with a 3)	Nicholas II, Alexandra
70 (no replenishment)	Empty
69 (replenish with a 3)	Michelangelo
68 (no replenishment)	Empty
67 (no replenishment)	Empty
66 (no replenishment)	Empty
65 (no replenishment)	Empty
64 (no replenishment)	Empty
63 (no replenishment)	Empty
62 (no replenishment)	Empty
61 (no replenishment)	Empty
60 (no replenishment)	Empty
59 (no replenishment)	Empty
58 (no replenishment)	Empty
57 (no replenishment)	Empty
56 (no replenishment)	Empty
55 (no replenishment)	Empty
54 (no replenishment)	Empty
53 (no replenishment)	Empty
52 (no replenishment)	Empty
51 (no replenishment)	Empty
50 (no replenishment)	Empty
49 (no replenishment)	Empty
48 (replenish with a 3)	Billy Wilder
47 (no replenishment)	Empty
46 (no replenishment)	Empty
45 (no replenishment)	Empty
44 (no replenishment)	Empty
43 (replenish with a 3)	Delta
42 (no replenishment)	Empty
41 (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, 7, 7, 4 (6)
B: Billy Wilder	3, 3, 3 (3)
C: Christian Doppler	22, 10, 3 (8)
D: Daniel Swarovski	3, 7, 4 (6)

Total Replenishments: $21 + 28 + 55 + 23 + 36 + 53 + 27 + 14 = 257$

ENGLISH TEAM (Jim Reader): jim_reader of hotmail.com (12 points)

A: Jerusalem	10, 3, 3, 14 (16)
B: Hope and Glory	3, 7, 5 (24)
C: White Cliffs	7, 3, 11 (18)
D: Heart of Oak	3, 21, 10 (20)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 91 + 29 + 30 + 27 + 16 + 79 + 35 = 323$

FRENCH TEAM (Hank Alme): almehj of alumni.rice.edu (5 points)

A: Marquis de Lafayette (Captain):	4, 10, 13, 11 (18)
B: Alexis de Tocqueville:	5, 12, 8 (22)
C: Jean-Jacques Rousseau:	3, 9, 5 (24)
D: Thomas Jefferson:	9, 15, 8 (22)

Total Replenishments: $22 + 62 = 29 + 38 + 26 + 49 + 86 + 32 = 344$

GERMAN TEAM (Marc Ellinger): mellinger of blitzbardgett.com (8 points)

A: Player Alpha	6, 6, 9, 17 (11)
B: Player Baker	5, 3, 17 (13)
C: Player Charlie	5, 3, 3 (16)
D: Player Delta	3, 3, 3 (3)

Total Replenishments: $17 + 50 + 26 + 32 + 31 + 45 + 30 + 40 = 271$

ITALIAN TEAM (Rick Desper): rick_desper of yahoo.com (43 points)

Team Name: Artists in a Half-Shell?

Coach: Master Splinter

Team Leader A: Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci	5, 3, 3, 4 (8)
Team Mechanic B: Donato di Niccol di Betto Bardi	8, 7, 5 (15)
Team Navigator C: Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino	8, 3, 3 (20)
Team Sprint Specialist D: Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni	20, 12, 3 (5)

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

Total Replenishments: $17 + 96 + 12 + 22 + 67 + 61 + 25 + 15 = 315$

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

Team Royal

A: Anastasia	4, 20, 17 (13)
B: Nicholas II	20, 3, 3 (3)
C: Alexandra	15, 3, 3 (3)
D: Alexei	3, 3, 3 (3)

Total Replenishments: $14 + 30 + 32 + 40 + 43 + 29 + 22 + 26 = 236$

TURKISH TEAM (Brendan Whyte): BWHYTE of nla.gov.au (10 points)

The Turkeys

A: Angst of Ankara	10,13,14 (16)
B: Constipated of Constantinople	12,13,16 (14)
C: Smirky of Smyrna	19,6,4 (6)
D: Terrorised of Syria	4,7,11 (18)

Total Replenishments: $16 + 49 + 38 + 57 + 53 + 53 = 45 = 311$

Press:

None this time...

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 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. All the rest of the second sprint lines have been claimed this turn. For the ties, I would remind you that the first call is on A/B/C/D riders, and then the size of the card you play this turn for rider class ties.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KENDO NAGASAKI

DEADLINE FOR TURN 3 OF THIS GAME IS OCTOBER 15, 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!!!

TURN 1

Brendan Whyte:

Bernie Sanders, on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean

Hank Alme:

Hank Alme in Ellicott City, MD

Rick Desper:

Wavy Gravy in West Hartford, CT

Andy York:

Jim Burgess in Portland, ME

Tom Howell:

No Guess Received

Marc Ellinger:

Christian De Castries in Caracas, Venezuela

Doug Kent:

Robert E. Lee in Lhasa, Tibet

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.

TURN 2

Brendan Whyte:

Eleanor Roosevelt in Baton Rouge, LA

Hank Alme:

Boris Johnson in Moscow, Russia

Rick Desper:

Eleanor Roosevelt in Belize City, Belize

Andy York:

Al Capone in Rio, Brazil

Jim Reader:

Nelson Mandela in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Tom Howell:

No Guess Received

Marc Ellinger:

F.D.R. in Lagos, Nigeria

Doug Kent:

Eisenhower in Gettysburg, PA

Peter Sullivan:

Dwight D. Eisenhower in Culzean Castle, Ayrshire, Scotland

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: I had a somewhat more formal leadership position than you.

TURN 3

Brendan Whyte:

Huey Long in Baton Rouge, LA

Hank Alme:

Eleanor Roosevelt in Los Angeles, CA

Rick Desper:

Simon Bolivar in La Paz, Bolivia

Andy York:

Kenesaw Mountain Landis in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Jim Reader:

Donald Trump in the White House

Tom Howell:

No Guess This Time

Marc Ellinger:

Herbert Hoover in Santiago, Chile

Doug Kent:

Rommel in La Paz, Bolivia

Peter Sullivan:

Dwight D. Eisenhower in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mark Firth:

Lyndon B. Johnson in Salonika, Greece

HINT to the Person with the Closest Geographic Guess: We knew each other and interacted with each other in our professional lives, but there was a famous meeting I once helped to orchestrate that you were not invited to.

LAST WORD: So, getting out of the rehab hospital is taking a bit longer than anticipated. I've decided to put this issue out tonight, even though it doesn't have maps. I'll send a map later for the Diplomacy players, sometime before the October deadline. I am feeling better and getting better, which is what all this rehab is supposed to do. I appreciate all the good thoughts and feelings I've been getting from everyone. Things are really looking up and I hope that continues.