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LAST ISSUE, SEND MONEY! SAMPLE TRADE GAMESTART STANDBY SEE PAGE _____

Another month passed, and another business trip (to Washington, D.C.) via airplane — and another bout of respiratory illness. That's two-for-two for me, and I'm thinking this is going to be the usual pairing for me in the months ahead. Fortunately, my next flight isn't until mid-May to San Antonio, so I hope to stay healthy between now and then — and after that, too, since a few days after returning, I'll be driving out to southern Utah for my two-week vacation during the rest of May. In the meantime, I should be able to squeeze out another issue of *ishkibibble*, but I likely won't be starting on the one after that until early June. Not the best scenario, I know, but one we'll all have to live with.

Too bad, because there are some new games underway here, including *Kingmaker*, one of the first multiplayer strategy games I ever played. I'm excited to be able to offer it now. And there's another one that's on the verge of starting: *Hardbop Downfall* of the Lord of the Rings Dip — *only one more player needed!*

Quick takes:

- Nobody sent a **100-200-word bio**, so we'll skip that for now.
- Nobody sent anything on politics, either, so maybe you all don't care, but I suspect it's more a case of your needing something to rouse you, so here goes.... I've been against **the war with Iraq** since the beginning, and I'm still against it. Iraq was not a threat to the U.S., but now, due to our president's all-consuming obsession for oil, money and paying back political favors, it might well be, in the form of terrorist cells and rogue agents compelled by jihad due to our government's belligerence. We're just now seeing images of captured American troops and getting reports of the deaths of our soldiers, but I believe all this will soon be trumped once the Iraqi troops, prompted by Saddam Hussein, unleash chemical and biological weapons on our forces — and the inevitable TV footage that shows this will result in an abrupt and permanent turn of public opinion the last of which we saw with the Vietnam War ... and then come the outraged cries to nuke 'em.

- **CD Shopping and Review:** While I was in D.C., I found time during lunch and after the show to visit a few of the area's CD stores, the best ones being Disc-O-Rama in Rockville, The CD Cellar in Falls Church and CD Warehouse in Georgetown. I bought 18 CDs, including several by Arena and Minimum Vital (which I can't find in the best CD stores in the Tampa Bay area) and a recent Radiohead live album. But my greatest find was *Mary Star of the Sea* by **Zwan**, the new band of ex-Smashing Pumpkins Billy Corgan. It reminds me of some of the earlier SP songs, though

usually more melodic, helped greatly by Corgan's more relaxed and mature songwriting and the harmonized backup vocals of the band's female bass player. But Corgan's unmistakable vocals are still there, even if wistful at times, complemented frequently by ex-SP Jimmy Chamberlain's frenetic drumming. I keep playing it over and over again. And to make a great find even better, the CD came with a bonus DVD disc that's a combination of interviews, tour footage and performances — all for \$13 used!

• **Movie Reviews:**

• **"Happy Accidents"** (A+): A wonderful romantic sci-fi-comedy-drama with Vincent D'Onofrio and (be still, my heart) Marisa Tomei.

• **"Minority Report"** (A): I don't like Tom Cruise, but he's actually good in this Steven Spielberg film based on a Philip K. Dick story.

• **"The Ring"** (A-): Excellent horror story with Naomi Watts, but disappointing at the very end. Still, a must-see for genre-lovers.

• **"Unfaithful"** (A-): Diane Lane and Richard Gere — need more?

• **"The Good Girl"** (B): Jennifer Aniston and Jake Gyllenhaal are good, but the movie never got me really interested.

• **"The Weight of Water"** (B): Catherine McCormack and Sarah Polley star in two stories a century apart involving romance, duplicity and death.

• **"Below"** (B-): Disappointing horror story set onboard a WWII submarine with the usually great Bruce Greenwood.

• **"AI: Artificial Intelligence"** (D+): Very disappointing. Spielberg took over direction after Stanley Kubrick (one of my favorite directors) died midway. Sadly, the resulting film reveals a disconcerting and uncomplementary split personality of styles.

• **Favorite New TV Show:** "The Family" (Tuesdays, 10 p.m., ABC). Ten members of an extended Italian family from the New York area have to live together in a West Palm Beach-area mansion to compete for \$1 million in this new reality TV show. If you love watching and listening to Italian families (and I do, being part Italian), you'll love the mental, emotional and verbal battles the family members have with each other — and that's outside of the planned competitions! (I'm rooting for Mike, the bald-by-choice, multitalented cousin considered by many to be the black sheep of the family, but he's the nicest, most genuine one of the bunch, by far.)

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Game Openings

Diplomacy (Hank Alme, Marc Ellinger, Fred Weidemeyer; need 4 more players): You know the drill. Preference lists are welcome.

Hardbop Downfall of the Lord of the Rings Diplomacy (Jim Dapkus, Steve Mayers, Karl Mueller, Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, Kevin Wilson; *need 1 more player!*): Based on J.R.R. Tolkien's classic trilogy, everyone is searching for the Ring in Middle-Earth. Sauron wants to wear the Ring and have Evil rule the world. The forces of Good (Elves, Gondor and Rohan) know the Ring must be destroyed, but doing so means traveling to the heart of Mordor. As for the neutral Dwarves, Umbar and Saruman, who knows which side each will support — that's where the diplomacy comes in! Preference lists are welcome. The rulebook is available by mail for \$1, but it's free via e-mail. The map is free regardless.

African Diplomacy (Paul Dowden, Doug Kent, Cary Nichols, Kevin Wilson; need 2 more players): Designed by yours truly. Same game, different locale, as players pretend Africa is armed to the hilt and turning on itself. Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Libya, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Zaire aim to dominate. Preference lists are welcome. Rules and map provided for free.

Balkan Wars Diplomacy VI (Paul Dowden, Doug Kent, Kevin Wilson; need 3 more players): A great, cutthroat classic featuring Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, Serbia and Turkey. Preference lists are welcome. Rules and map provided for free.

Mitotic Diplomacy (Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Gerry Paulson; need 4 more players): Another Phil Reynolds creation. Set on the regular map, the main rule change is that new units are not necessarily built in home supply centers, but rather existing units are duplicated.

(Think cell division.) Thus, two units can occupy the same space after winter adjustments, and they defend a space with a strength of two. Preference lists are welcome. Rules and map provided for free.

Middle Eastern Diplomacy (Paul Dowden; need 6 more players): Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey fight amongst themselves to decide who rules the area once and for all. A cutthroat variant like Balkan Wars Dip VI, and designed by me. Preference lists are welcome. Rules and map provided for free.

Ard-Ri Diplomacy (6 players needed): Six powers — Connacht, Laigin, Midhe, Muma, Ulaid and the Vikings — battle it out for dominance of a small island circa 379 A.D. The first five powers already inhabit the island; the Vikings start off-board and are looking to find a new home there! Another cutthroat variant ala Balkan Wars Dip VI. Preference lists are welcome. Rules and map provided for free.

Snowball Fighting (Jim Dapkus, Steve Mayers, Dave Partridge, Bill Scharf; need 2-4 more players): Take your best shots in this backyard melee. Players have several attacks and defenses to choose from, like throwing a snowman's head and hiding under trees. It's a simple game that everyone who plays it seems to love. Rules and map provided if needed.

Nuclear War (Jim Dapkus; 3-5 more players needed): "Do you have change for 25 million people?" That's what you might say during play of this hilarious card game of missiles, bombers, killer satellites, top secrets, spies, propaganda, the "Super Germ" — *and final retaliation!* Can your people survive the nuclear holocaust to come? Rules provided for free.

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Pat Conlon, Pasquale Giovine, Doug Kent, Andy Lischett, Steve Mayers, Cary Nichols, Dave Partridge, Mike Scott, Sigourney Street, Graham Wilson.

“Is There Anybody Out There?” Fog of War Diplomacy, Fall 1906

** Now is about the time when you should really be worried.*

AUSTRIA (Graham Wilson)
ENGLAND (Pat Conlon)
FRANCE (Dave Partridge)
GERMANY (Sigourney Street)
ITALY (Joel Struebing)
RUSSIA (Steve Mayers)
TURKEY (Cary Nichols)

Units You See Retreating:

Units You Must Retreat:

Your Supply Center Status and Adjustments:

The deadline for Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 orders is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 26. I will separate these seasons with a sufficient number of requests.

ENG: This game is simple. Tell everyone the truth in the spring. Lie to everyone in the fall. Repeat until victory.

BRER PHIL TO ENG: Seems like you have this down pat, Pat!

ITALY TO WORLD: I'm moving my capital to Istanbul and declaring myself ... the Ottoman Empire!!

ENG TO AUS: When you realize that you should be seeing an English army, but don't, it's probably just a GM error.

ENG TO RUS: If you see an English army, it's just a GM error.

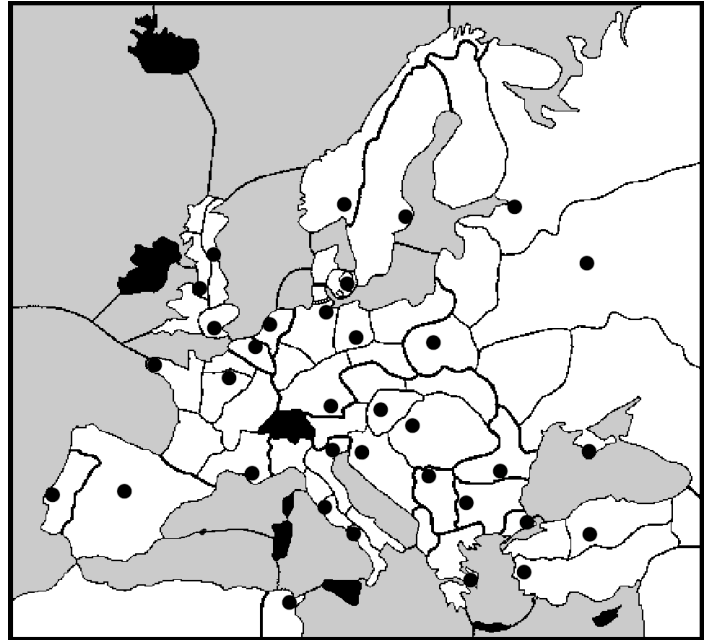
BRER PHIL TO ENG: Hey, stop blaming me! What'd I do?

ENG TO TUR: If you see an English army, it's just your guilty conscience.

ENG TO FRA: If you see an English army, it's for real.

ITALY TO FRANCE: Is England stabbing you in the back?

Maybe you spend too much time in the Mediterranean? My stay



in Marseilles was wonderful!!!

ENG TO GM: I'm all out of clever phrases, in need of a piss and another beer. This next glass will bring the end of cleverness and the onset of stupidity. Good night, Gracie. The CD disc changer just cued up Pink Floyd. Run, rabbit, run.

BRER PHIL TO ENG: I'm more partial to "Wish You Were Here," myself. However, I do have 1996 recording (via MP3 files) of Parallel or 90 Degrees performing the entire Dark Side of the Moon album, if you're interested.

ITALY: Thanks, Phil!!!! Great group in this game, having tons of fun!

BRER PHIL TO ITALY: Well, I'm glad somebody is!

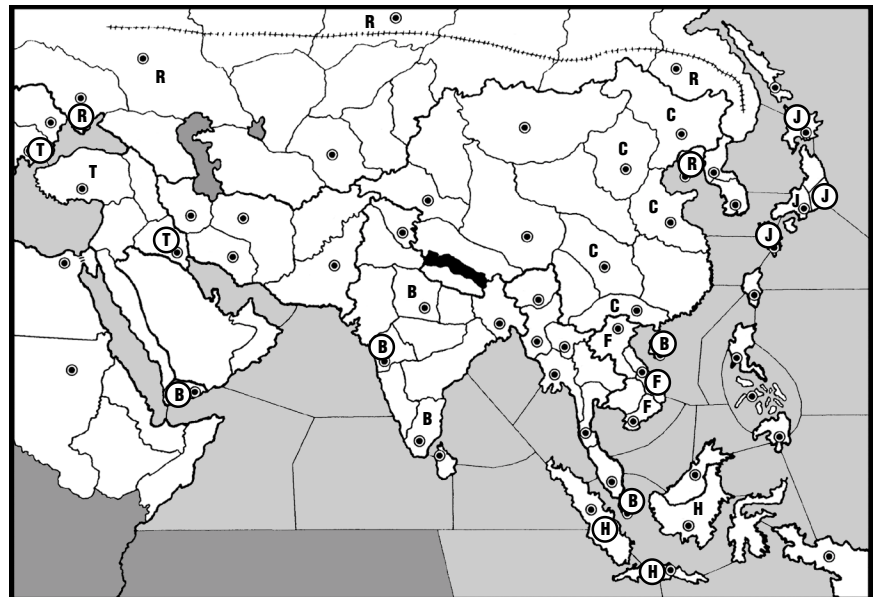
“Wide Open Spaces,” Colonial Diplomacy, Setup

** Delay of game.*

BRITAIN (Cary Nichols): Has A Del, A Mad, F Ade, F Bom, F HK, F Sin
CHINA (Gerry Paulson): Has A Can, A Mac, A Pek, A Sha, A Sik
FRANCE (Graham Wilson): Has A Coc, A Ton, F Ann
HOLLAND (Steve Mayers): Has A Bor, F Jav, F Sum
JAPAN (John Quigley): Has A Kyo, F Kyu, F Ota, F Kyu
RUSSIA (Paul Risner): Has A Mos, A Oms, A Vla, F Ode, F Par
TURKEY (Peter Boyum): Has A Ang, F Bag, F Con

Stan Kellett has dropped out due to real-life complications. John Quigley now plays Japan.

The deadline for Spring 1871 orders is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 19.



"Deja Vu," Power, Turn 10

- * Purple Scouts capture Red Hoods' flag — and remaining troops.
- * Green Goobers in confusion as Blue Boys move out.

BLUE BOY MARK (Cary Nichols): F (P1)-P2-P3, F (G2)-G5, F (Res)-B0, R (B2)-B5-B9, H (B3)-B6-B9-X; Also has D (B0), R (B0); Gains 2 PU (has 5 PU total); Captures 2 Green Infantry (Res)

GREEN GOOBERS (Andy Lischett): I (G0)-G3-G5 [cap], I (G0)-G3-G5 [cap], F (R3)-R2-R1-X-P3-P5 [nsu], T (R3)-E-G9-G5 [imp], T (R3)-E-G9-G5 [imp]; Also has F (P4), F (P8), D (R3), D (G0), F (Res); Gains 2 PU (has 5 PU total)

PURPLE-PLUMED SCOUTS (Steve Mayers): H (Res)-P0, B (R5)-R9-R0, H (R5)-R7-S, D (C10)-R0, I (R5)-R9-R0; Also has I (P0), I (Res), I (Res); Gains 1 PU (has 5 PU total); Captures Red flag, 3 Red Destroyers (Res) and 1 Red Regiment (Res), and 6 Red Power Units

RED RIDING HOODS (Graham Wilson): Ah shit... Goodbye!; Gains 1 PU (has 6 PU total); Flag captured ... *OUT!*

Notes: [cap] = captured, [imp] = impossible, [nsu] = no such unit. Purple wins the fight with Red in R0, 37-30. Blue narrowly wins the battle with Green in G5, 5-4.

The deadline for Turn 11 orders is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 19.

BLUE		I	I			F	GREEN	
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								I
PURPLE		I	I	D	D	D	R	

"Remote Control," Gunboat Diplomacy (No Press), Fall 1904

- * Turkey hammers Austria to gain two centers.
- * Germany marches into Belgium and Burgundy, thwarts English annexation of Sweden.

AUSTRIA: NMR! A Ser r-> Alb, Bud? Also has A Gal, A Pie, A Ven, F Adr

ENGLAND: A Nwy-Swe, F Den S A Nwy-Swe, F Nth S F Den, F Eng S F Nth, F Iri-Mid, F Stp(nc)-Bar

FRANCE: A Bur-Mar, A Spa S A Bur-Mar, A Par-Bre, F Bel S GERMAN A Hol [r-> Pic?]

GERMANY: Retreat A Bel-Ruh; A Ruh S A Hol-Bel, A Hol-Bel, A Mun-Bur, A Kie-Den, F Hel-Hol

ITALY: A Mar S GERMAN A Mun-Bur [r-> Gas?], A Tus-Pie, F Apu-Adr, F Nap S F Apu-Adr [nsu], F Ion H [u]

RUSSIA: A War S TURKISH A Ukr-Gal, F Swe S GERMAN A Kie-Den

TURKEY: A Gre-Ser, A Bul S A Gre-Ser, A Sev-Rum, A Ukr-War, F Aeg-Gre, F Alb-Tri, F Bla S A Sev-Rum

Adjustments:

AUSTRIA (3): Bud, Vie; Ven, Ser, Tri ... -2

ENGLAND (6): Home; Den, Nwy, Stp ... 0

FRANCE (5): Bre, Par; Por, Spa, Mar ... +1

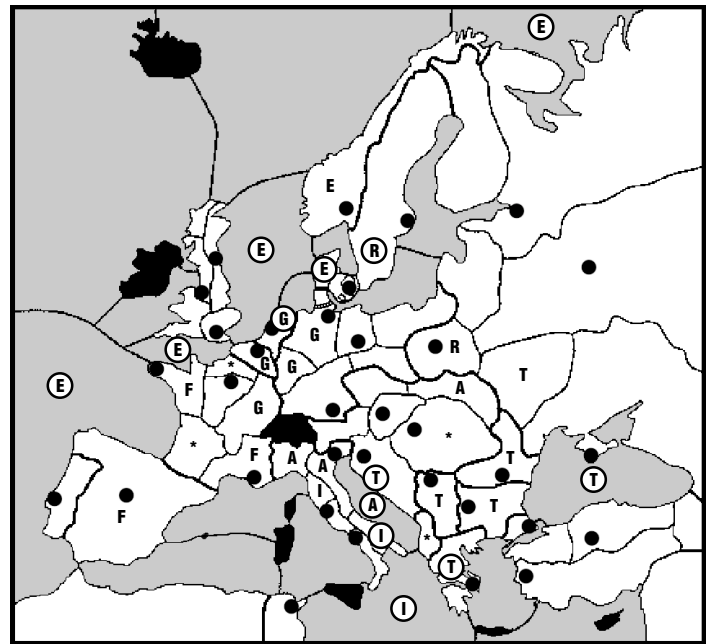
GERMANY(5): Home; Bel, Hol, ... 0

ITALY (3): Nap, Rom; Tun, Mar ... -1

RUSSIA (3): Mos, War; Swe ... +1

TURKEY (9): Home; Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Ser, Tri ... +2

Notes: [nsu] = no such unit, r-> = retreat to, [u] = unordered.
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The strange situation has gotten stranger: The original player of Italy has decided not to resume playing, so the current player keeps playing. (And the original player won't be invited back!)

The player of Austria has dropped out. I will replace him.

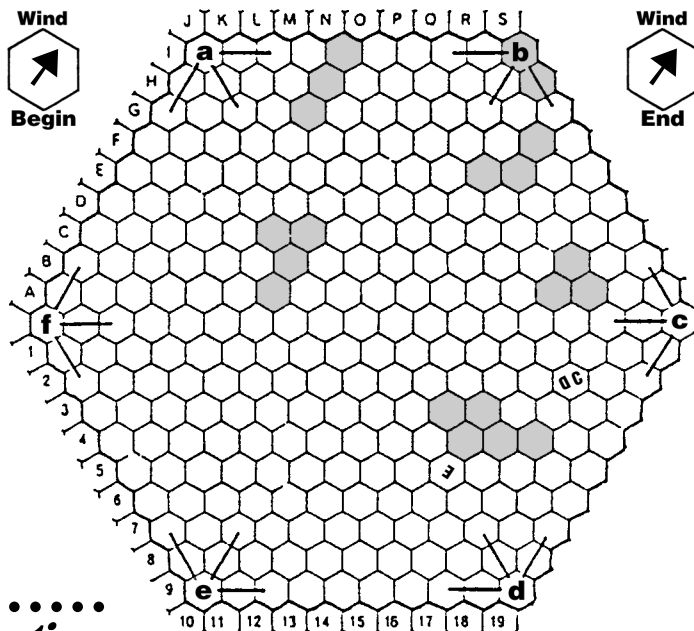
Deadline for Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 orders: noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 19. I will separate these seasons on four requests.

..... **“Fly Like an Eagle,” Sopwith, Turn 6**

* Eddie takes wrong turn into cloud as Snoopy and Von Pup get really close.

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facing</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Phase 1 • Phase 2 • Phase 3</u>
Captain Snoopy	M17	SE	9	11	0	Left Turn • Left Turn • Left Turn
D Von Pup	L14	SE	13	11	0	Left Slip, Fire A (0) • Left Slip, Fire A (0) • Left Slip, Fire A (0)
Eddie Rickenbacker	M17	NW	13	12	0	Left Turn, Fire L, L, L (0, 0, 0) • Ahead • Left Turn

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Facing</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>
C (Tim DeForest)	O17	NW	9	11	0
D (Paul Risner)	O17	SE	10	11	0
E (Dave Partridge)	J15	SW	10	9	0



No press. (Where’s Steve when you really need him?)

The deadline for Turn 7 orders is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 19.

..... **More Mind-Bending Puzzles**

7. You have been miniaturized and placed inside a slowly rising bubble in a glass of champagne. If you can touch the side of the glass before the bubble bursts, your captor will set you free. What is your best strategy for escape?

..... **“King of Pain,” Kingmaker, Initial Card Allocation**

* Will somebody please help us settle this king thing once and for all?

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Bob Dowrey): **Percy** [100], Lieutenant of Ireland [(2)50], Archbishop of York [(30)], Bishop of Durham [(30)], Burgundian Crossbowmen [30], Carisbrooke, Northampton [(20)]

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Mike Scott): **Pole** [30], Chancellor of England [50]; **Scrope** [10], Earl of Wiltshire [30], Chancellor of Cornwall [(1)50], Swansea [(20)], Leicester[(20)]

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Paul Dowden): **Mowbray** [50], Treasurer of England [50], Bishop of Carlisle [(30)], Burgundian Crossbowmen [30], Le Swan, Lancaster [(20)]; **Hastings** [10]

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Steve Mayers): **Stafford** [30], Chamberlain of Chester [(2)50], Scots Archers [20], Le Lucas, Nottingham [(20)]; Discards two cards to Chancery

SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (Paul Risner): **Howard** [10], Duke of Exeter [20], Archbishop of Canterbury, Le Rose, Coventry [(20)]; **Clifford** [10], Earl of Worcester [30]

Locations at Start of Turn 1:

NOBLES: **Clifford** @ Conisborough, **Hastings** @ Tutbury, **Howard** @ Farnham, **Mowbray** @ Denbigh, **Percy** @ Alnwick, **Pole** @ Wingfield, **Scrope** @ Masham, **Stafford** @ Newcastle (castle)

SHIPS: Le Lucas @ Whitby, Le Rose @ Plymouth, Le Swan @ Berwick

HEIRS: **King** Henry @ Windsor, Margaret @ Newark, Edward of Wales @ Kenilworth, Richard of York @ Fotheringhay, Edward of March @ Carisbrooke, Edmund @ Beaumaris, George @ Cardigan, Richard of Gloucester @ Carlisle

Event Cards for Turn 1 (card #):

CARD to The Mad Hungarians:

VACILLATING NOBLE (#130): Scrope

MERCENARIES GO HOME (#104): Saxons

PLAGUE (#87): Southampton

CARD to Shanghai Knights:

And we’re off! You should have everything that you need to get going, except for my Kingmaker house rules, which will be sent to you shortly. If you have any questions, please ask!

The deadline for Turn 1 orders (Belligerency Status, Movement, Combat, Parliament, Coronation, etc.) is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 26.

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION is looking for a good solid ally, open to mixing things up with those other guys, and willing to move around the map picking up stray heirs. I hate sitting it out and just dragging a game along. Please contact me with your initial thoughts.

BRER PHIL: How nice, picking up strays ... and killing them?

"Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap," Machiavelli: Empire and Invaders, Spring 1053

- * Muslims help Papacy sack Norman-held Naples.
- * Pisa doubles military force, leading all.
- * Holy Roman suicide squads a great success.

BYZANTINES (Paul Risner): Build A Rag; Maintain all other units; A Rag-Her, A Dal H, A Bar-Aqu, F LA S A Bar-Aqu, F IS S F LA

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (Sigourney Street): Maintain all units; A Cre-Par, A Pav-For, A Mon S A Pav-For

MUSLIMS (Kevin Wilson): Maintain all units; A Mes-Otr, F GON S PAPAL A Cap-Nap, F TS-Cor, F Sar S F TS-Cor, F Pal-TS

NORMANS (Brendan Whyte): Maintain all units except F LS; A Aqu-Anc [r-> Cap, Sal?], F Nap-Cap [r-> Sal, G Nap?]

PAPACY (Mike Scott): Build A Are, A Rom; Maintain all other units; A Bol S PISAN A Cre [imp], A Are-Urb, A Spo-Anc, A Rom-Spo, A Cap-Nap

PISA (Steve Mayers): Build A Luc, F Pio, F Pisa; Maintain all other units; A Man-Par, A Luc-Mod, F Gen S A Luc-Mod, F Pisa-Luc, F Pio-Pisa, F Sie-Pio

VENICE (Dave Partridge): Build A Pad; Maintain all other units; A Pad-Fer, A Fri-Ver, A Tren B, F Cro S F UA, F UA S A Pad-Fer

AUTONOMOUS GARRISON: G Tren*

Your Treasury:

Outstanding Loans:

PISA: 2d borrowed Summer 1051, 3d due Summer 1053

PISA: 5d borrowed Fall 1052, 6d due Fall 1053

Famine: Poor Year = Column 7 (Bos, Cre, For, Pist, Tur)

Units killed: Holy Roman A Cre, A For; Autonomous G Tur

Plague: Poor Year = Row 6 (Fer, Mes, Pad, Sie, Tur)

Units killed: Venetian A Fer

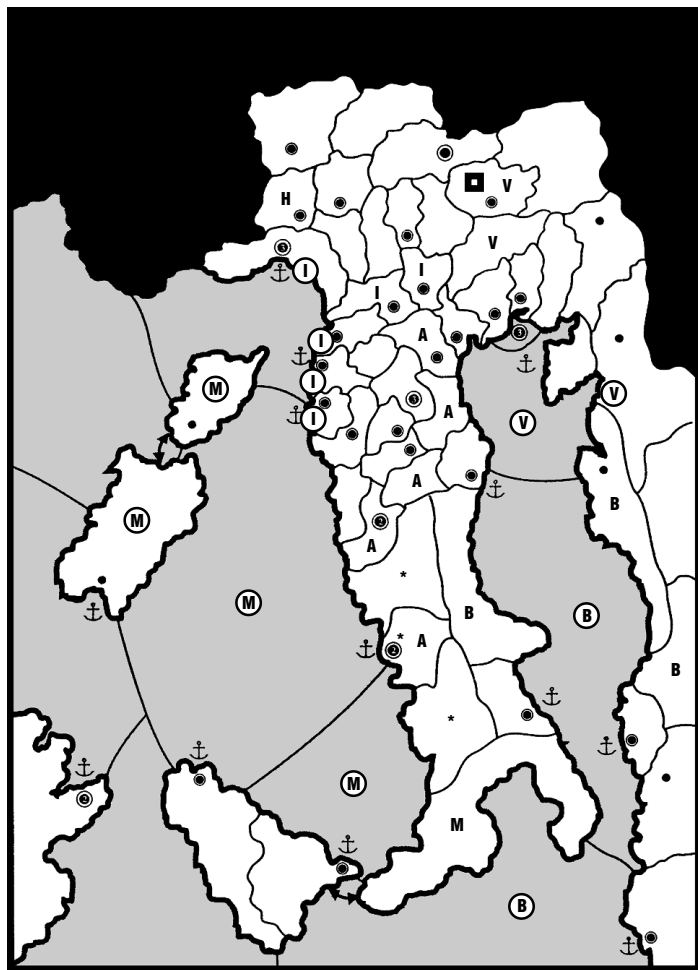
Notes: [imp] = impossible, r-> = retreat to.

The deadline for Summer 1053 orders is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 26.

HRE TO WORLD: I don't get it. I'm the holy one and I get all the plagues and famines.

BRER PHIL TO HRE: Yeah, but you can avoid famine, y'know!

MUSLIMS TO NORMANS: Machiavellian Italy isn't a joint-property jurisdiction. You get nothing. Besides, the prenuptial clearly says, "If the Party of the Second Part leaves the Domain of the Party of the First Part, the Party of the Second Part will do so without recourse to the income, assets or emotions of the Party of the First Part. Furthermore, the Party of the Second Part will cede all ownership rights to its lands outside the Italian Mainland immediately."



I'm only asking that you comply with the agreement you signed.

NORM TO MUSLIMS: OK, have it then, you big sook. I hope it makes you happy. Remember the old saying: See Naples and die. I hope you choke on the Neopolitan ice cream — and the brown lumpy stuff we scraped off the streets and mixed into it before we vacated our town.

MUSLIMS TO NORMANS: It's OK if you faked. I didn't.

NORM TO PAPPY: We migrate to the bosom of the Pope, our Great White Hope. Muslims are insisting that all men wear black beards and white dresses, and this offends our delicate sensitivities, as only Greek men should wear white dresses, as every civilized man knows. And why Ancona? Well, any port in a storm, and this stormy teacup ain't big enough for us both, Baby Pappy.

HRE TO ALL: Only I can speak like I'm holier than thou.

"Lucky Number," Raj, Turn 1

* Dave jumps out to lead as high bidder for the 10!

<u>Player</u>	<u>Tokens Owned</u>	<u>Cards Remaining</u>
Dave Partridge	10 = 10 pts.	15,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Steve Mayers	0 = 0 pts.	15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2
Bill Scharf	0 = 0 pts.	15,14,13,12,11,10,9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Kevin Wilson	0 = 0 pts.	15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2

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*** NEXT TOKEN FOR BID: 3

Tokens Remaining: 9,8,7,6,5,4,2,1,-1,-2,-3,-4,-5

Notes: Everyone chickened out on playing a 15 card, so Dave nabs the 10 token with his 14 as Steve and Kevin dump their 1's and Bill plays an ambivalent 8.

The deadline for Turn 2 orders is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 19.

"Question Authority," Shift-Right Diplomacy (White Press), Winter 1905 / Spring 1906

* Italy occupies Marseilles but loses hold on Bulgaria, Serbia and Edinburgh.

* Germany invades France, steams toward North Sea.

AUSTRIA (Joe Carl): A Vie S A Tri, A Tri S A Bud-Ser, A Bud-Ser, F Tys-Wes

ENGLAND (Peter Boyum): Build F Lvp; A Bre-Gas, F Spa(nc)-Mid, F Lon-Yor, F Lvp-Cly

GERMANY (Don Scheifler): Build A Mun, F Ber, F Kie; A Mun-Bur, A Tyr-Pie, A Den H, F Kie-Hol, F Ber-Kie, F Swe-Ska, F Rum S TURKISH A Con-Bul

ITALY (Adam Silverman): Disband F Edi; A Alb-Gre, A Ser S A Bul [r-> Alb?], A Bul S AUSTRIAN A Bud-Rum [a], A Pie-Mar, F Ion-Aeg

RUSSIA (Graham Wilson): Disband A War; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev, A Mos-Sev, F Stp(nc) S GERMAN F Swe-Nwy [nso]

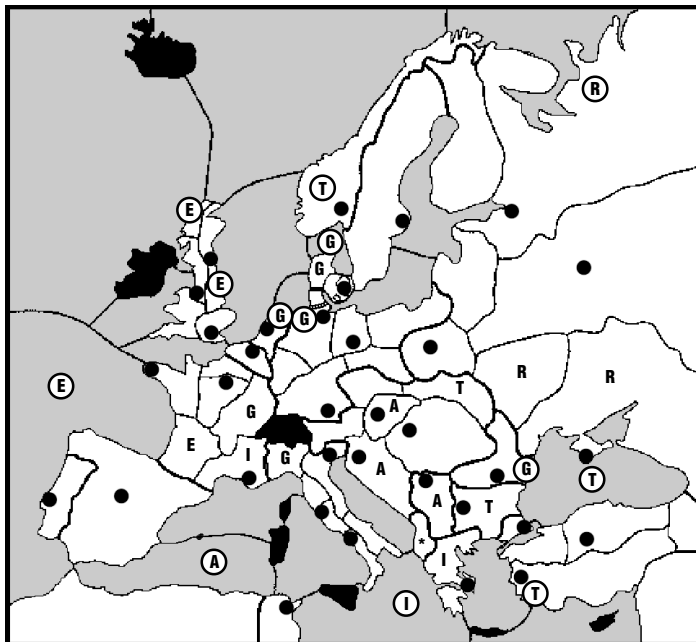
TURKEY (Dave Partridge): Build F Smy; A Con-Bul, A Gal S AUSTRIAN A Bud [otm], F Bla S A Con-Bul, F Smy-Aeg, F Nwy H

Notes: [a] = annihilated, [nso] = no such order, [otm] = ordered to move, r-> = retreat to.

Peter is back, but Mike isn't, so Graham is in charge of Russia.

Deadline for Fall 1906 orders: noon EDT, Saturday, Apr. 26.

TURKEY TO BRER PHIL: I was referring to the gentleman



who went from 8 to 5 (and should have gone to 4 if I could write orders!).

BRER PHIL TO TURKEY: Ah. My bad (and his, too).

"Come Sail Away," Viking Diplomacy II, Fall 954

* English obliterated at hands of Norwegians, French.

* Danish remnants help diminish French power with Swedish aid.

DENMARK (Karl Muller): A Pom-Rog, A Dan S F Jut, F Jut S A Dan

ENGLAND (Steve Mayers): Retreat F Eng-Wes; F Wes S F Lon [a], F Lon S F Wes [d]

FRANCE (Pat Conlon): A Sax S SWEDISH A Hed-Dan [nso], A Rog S A Sax [r-> Lit, Pal, Par?], F Hel-Fri, F Fla-Fri, F Iri H [nsu], F Ire H [u] [r-> Iri?], F Wal S F Eng-Wes, F Eng-Wes

NORWAY (Kevin Wilson): A Yor S F Nth-Lon, F Nth-Lon, F Str-Nth, F Ski S F Str-Nth, F Wao S F Noch-Ire, F Noch-Ire, F Sco-Noch

SWEDEN (Graham Wilson): A Pol S DANISH A Pom-Rog, A Hed S F Ska-Jut, F Ska-Jut, F Kat S A Hed, F Zea S A Hed, F Sbs S A Pol

Adjustments:

DENMARK (2): Dan; Rog, Hed, Pol ... -1

ENGLAND (0): Lon, Wes ... OUT!

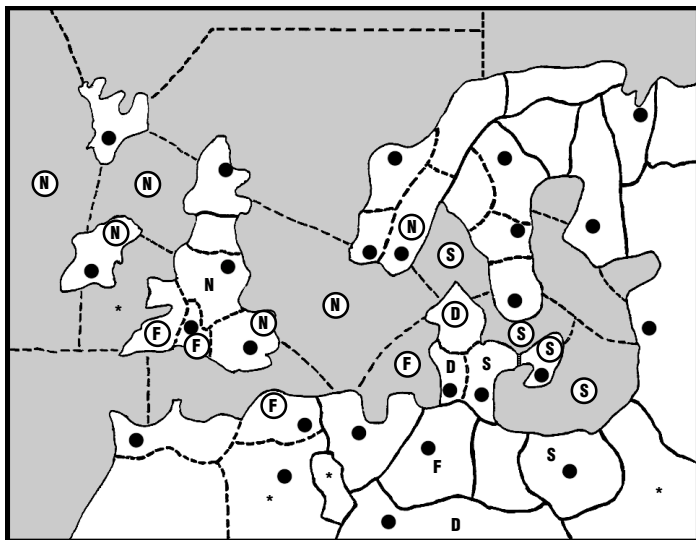
FRANCE (6): Home, Fri, Sax, Wes, Ire, Rog ... -1

NORWAY (9): Home; Ark, Ice, Sco, Yor, Ire, Lon ... +2

SWEDEN (8): Home; Fnl, Nov, Zea, Hed, Pol ... +2

Notes: [a] = annihilated, [d] = dislodged, [nso] = no such order, [nsu] = no such unit, r-> = retreat to, [u] = unordered.

The deadline for Winter 954 and Spring 955 orders: noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 26. I will separate these seasons on two requests.



DEN TO FRA: You need to make a better deal than that, otherwise I'm hooking up with the Swedish Bikini Team.

BRER PHIL TO DEN: Stick with the bikini babes — they're much more cuddly than Pat.

DEN TO NWY: I presume this is good enough of a response.

DEN TO ENG: Wanna ally now?

DEN TO SWE: Were you serious about stabbing Norway next year?

“Question,” Mastermind, Turn 2

* One step back.

There is now a secret code of **seven** colors (Blue, Green, Orange, Purple, Red, White and Yellow) that players must attempt to guess correctly using deduction from previous guesses. Each turn, a player may submit one guess. If any player correctly guesses the secret code, then he wins, otherwise I will pick one guess at random and score it as follows: a ● if the player correctly guesses the color and position of a part of the code, and a ○ if the player correctly guesses the color but not the position of a part of the code. For example, if the secret code were “B G O P R R” and a player guessed “R Y P P B R”, then his score would be “● ● ○ ○”.

The deadline for Turn 3 guesses is noon EDT on Saturday, Apr. 19.

Mind-Bending Puzzles — Answers

1. You and the dog are subject to the same forces and balance each other perfectly. This means that you and the dog will “climb” toward the ceiling at the same speed. (Even if you let go of the rope and then grab it again as you fall, this ascent plan will still work.)

2. Pushing is more difficult because it presses the wheel against the ground, which adds to your work.

3. Jumping in the air will not save you, since your body will still be traveling quite fast in a downward direction with respect to the ground outside the elevator. Although you may receive some benefit in that the impulse of the elevator floor will not be transferred directly to your legs, this likely will not increase your chance of survival.

4. Designate one bar as A and the other bar as B. Place the end of A at the middle of B. If A sticks to B, then A is the magnet, otherwise B is the magnet.

5. Use a suitcase that is 24 inches by 24 inches and place the stick along the diagonal.

6. “Therein,” which contains: the, he, her, here, there, ere, rein, re, in, herein and therein.

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	ANSWER	? ? ? ? ? ?	PLAYER
10.			
9.			
8.			
7.			
6.			
5.			
4.			
3.			
2.	● ○	B O P W W W	K. Wilson
1.	● ○ ○	B G O P R Y	Howell

More Mind-Bending Puzzles

8. Without using any other containers, what is the easiest way to decide if a bucket of water is more than half full?

9. You are transported back in time 350 million years. You smell the moist earth and hear a loud bellowing sound. Suddenly, a large Tyrannosaurus Rex lunges at you. Your only weapon is your ballpoint pen. What is your best strategy for escape?