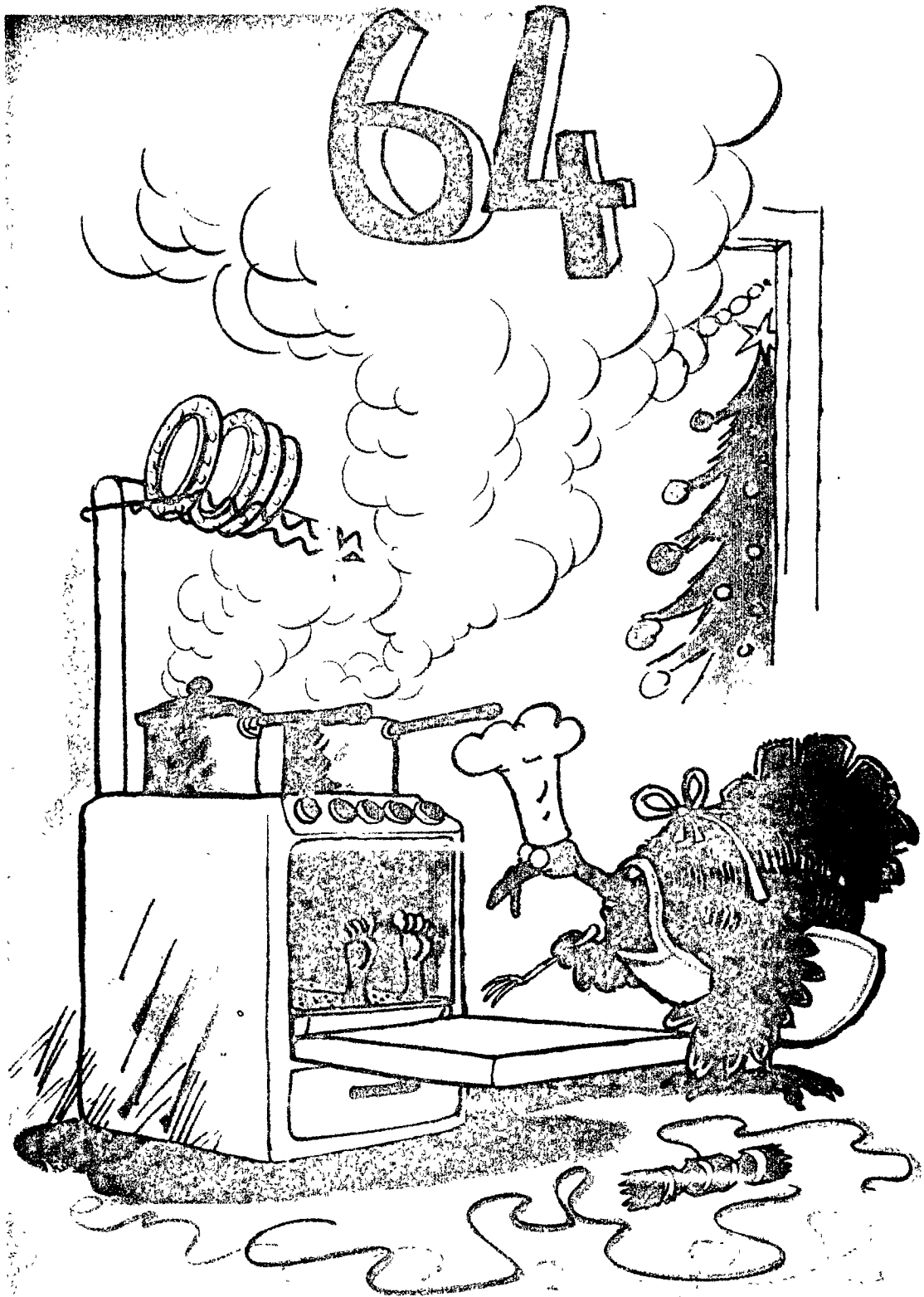


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Welcome to the 64th issue of Dib Dib Dib - a Christmasy issue of a zine dedicated to games, games players, loonies, but mostly, to the civilised game of Diplomacy. The cost is a fixed rate of 45p per issue in the UK and 28p + postage overseas. Send money, to Tom Tweedy, 29 Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks., HP7 9BD. Tel. 02403 4513. Electronic Mailbox ID: BT GOLD 72:MAG100056

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### EDITORIAL

Well, before I start on anything else, I'd like to wish everyone of Dib's subscribers a VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, and of course at least a good start to the New Year. This is a great time of the year for us - oh I know some of you find it boring - but we make a big thing of it every year in our house. Don't any of you write to me trying to convince me there's no Father Christmas, 'cos I don't want to know! Yep, now is the time when we have the traditional argument as to where to put the Christmas tree - I want it by the bookcase, near the patio doors, Stuart and Jan insist it stays at the other end of the room. Boring lot, you'd think they'd want a change after all these years.

Anyway, what else have I been doing... On the house searching front, not much, we did have quite a nice one through the post a couple of weeks ago: a 14 acre livery place with 10 stables, a huge barn, dressage area, and something called a manege. The house and 14 acres sound nice, but I'm not sure I want to go into the livery business (have a guess who does though?).

We haven't had the time to see the place yet but did get to see the area (it's on the road between Bletchly and Buckingham) on the way up to Stafford. What was I doing in Stafford you may well ask? Believe me, on the road at seven in the morning with a stinking cold I was mumbling the same thing! In actual fact Jan dragged me kicking and screaming from my bed because she had decided we were all going to a mixed dog show up there. The trip wasn't exactly uneven-  
~~tf~~ful as we ~~bomb~~ed our way up there in the van. Deciding to stop at one of the Trusthouse Forte places, we pulled up and parked beside some wreck of a car where some RAC bloke was tentatively peering under the hood. Ordered to stay where I was by my wife (because I said I felt I was dying with this bloody fever - STILL getting no sympathy from her) she left me, taking the keys with her. All seemed fine until I noticed the RAC bloke had got open the hood and was bending over the engine of this car with a small fire extinguisher. A few minutes after that a police patrol car rolled up, followed not long after by TWO fire engines! All parked around me and this bloody car. By the time Jan arrived back on the scene all she could do was laugh!

You may be wondering why I didn't move away? Well, apart from getting out and standing in the frosty morn, Jan told me to stay where I was didn't she - and YOU just try and disobey her!

After celebrating a friend's win and Reserve Best In Show with a 'few' whis-kies, and sitting in a huge freezing cold Agricultural Hall (which helped what I was dying with no end) we made our way home. Halfway down the M1 the traffic slowed to a crawl and police cars started whizzing by. On the other side of the motorway, on its side and facing the wrong way, lay a rather smashed up hulking great juggernaught - its cargo of oil drums strewn and split open all over the road. I couldn't see if any cars were mixed up in the tangle - I hope not. It must have only happend seconds before because the traffic behind the mess had hardly built up. It takes calamities like that to bring all the warning home. Vulnerable we all are.

Just room now to give my apologies for getting Dib out a week late - part of the reasons are as given above, but on top of that the Spots of News deadline came bang on top of Dib's (I never can work my dates out!). Never mind, there's a good long bit of diploming time until issue 65 - so there'll be no excuses I hope for 'lack of communication' and not getting your orders in with the New Year's post.

RESULTS OF THE 1986 ZINE POLL

	W	D	L	Pts	VC	
1. Home of the Brave	40	-	2	120	81	Now the headings are easily explained (as JCP would have us believe), in order from left to right it's Wins, Draws and Losses compared to other zines. Points given are three points for a win, and one point for a draw, and after being juggled about with a Piggott formula and an unpredictable low-cost (low-caste) computer we end up with... yes, good enough, if you need to know more, check with the great sage himself. Incidentally, if anyone wants the full set of results John has some copies of <u>Ethel the Frog</u> left costing 50p each. You might think this an exorbitant price to pay for yet another overdue Frog, and normally you would be right, however, John has produced the stats in a witty, a very well produced format. Well worth asking the old scrooge to see a copy. Write (enclosing your 50p) to John Piggott, Bosworth House, Central Wall Road, Canvey Island, Essex, SS8 9PJ.  I'd like to thank, once again, all those who voted for Dib in this year's Poll - especially the six who were kind enough to give it 10. Not a bad spread of votes I thought, although I can't see why anyone voting 4-4.9, or lower, bothers subscribing to the zine in the first place. You may also have noticed
2. Dolchstoss	36	4	2	112	62	
3. Thing on the Mat	37	3	2	114	53	
4. Take That You Fiend	28	7	7	91	19	
5. Denver Glont	29	6	7	93	49	
6. Zine to be Believed	32	-	10	96	75	
7. Mad Policy	31	1	10	94	94	
8. Vienna	25	3	14	78	68	
9. Prisoners of War	23	10	9	79	21	
10. Dib Dib Dib	27	5	10	86	53	
11. Cassandra	25	9	8	84	19	
12. NMR!	27	4	11	85	35	
13. Faster than Light	27	5	10	86	21	
14. Veni Vidi Vici	25	1	16	76	25	
15. Diversions	20	6	16	66	18	
16. Cut and Thrust	23	6	13	75	29	
17. War and Peace	22	1	19	67	32	
18. Now Eat the Rabbit	19	8	15	65	26	
19. <u>Infernal Desire</u>	21	4	17	67	21	
20. <u>Rostherne Games Review</u>	19	9	14	66	34	
21. Morrigan	18	9	15	63	41	
22. Gazfinc	19	4	19	61	37	
23. Roar of the Greasepaint	17	8	17	59	20	
24. Greatest Hits	19	9	14	66	36	
25. Bruce	19	4	19	61	37	
26. Hopscotch	19	2	21	59	31	
27. Back to the Dark Ages	17	9	16	60	20	
28. Ode	14	5	23	47	42	
29. Gallimaufry	14	6	22	48	29	
30. Lokasenna	11	12	19	45	17	
31. Froggy	12	5	25	41	18	
32. Mellow Yellow	15	2	25	47	29	
33. Masters of the Prime	10	10	22	40	24	
34. C'Est Manifique	10	2	30	32	53	
35. Lost Cause	6	6	30	24	21	
36. Quartz	9	4	29	31	24	
37. The White Rabbit	4	5	33	17	17	
38. Boojum	5	3	34	18	27	
39. The Road Goes Ever On	6	4	32	22	19	
40. Pigbutton	5	5	32	20	34	
41. Bohemian Rhapsody	-	5	37	5	22	
42. The Ring	4	-	38	12	20	
43. Rag	6	4	32	22	20	

from the list, 53 people voted for Dib. Checking through my subscribers I'm amazed - because only 42 actual Dib subscribers could have voted. They were:-

Richard Bairstow, Kevin Baker, Richard Bass, Daniel Brooks, Geoff Challinger, Jake Cheung, Mike Close, John Colledge, Tim Collieu, Danny Collman, Kath Collman, Simon Craddock, David Crawford, Roberto Della-Sala, Paul Donley, Bernard Emblem, Rowland Goodman, Ulf Jiretorn, Nick Kinzett, Robert Lozynskyj, Andy Mansfield, John Marsden, Pete Mason, Kris Morris, Michele Morris, John Moss, Neil Parkin, John Piggott, Rosie Roberts, Heiko Schafer, Richard Sharp, Julien Shepley, Paul Simpkins, James Steele, Paul Street, Pete Sullivan, Dave Tant, Steve Thomas, Stuart Tweedy, Richard Walkerdine, Nicholas Whyte, Ian Winstanley.

And the spread of votes were:-

Range:	1-1.9	2-2.9	3-3.9	4-4.9	5-5.9	6-6.9	7-7.9	8-8.9	9-9.9	10
Dib votes.	2	1	2	3	3	8	9	12	7	6

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'Anise' (1986??) Pre-Spring 1901 [32]

- AUSTRIA: Victor Hall, 265 Sherrard Road, Manor Park, London, E12 6UG.
- ENGLAND: Alan Frost, 33 Fryent Close, Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5BU.
- FRANCE : Steve Kirk (Home) 54 London Road, Copford, Colchester, CO6 1BJ  
(Term) 281 Gillot Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B16 ORX.
- GERMANY: Andrew Kemp, 78 Leopald Avenue, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, B20 1ES
- ITALY : Andrew Smith, 6 College View, Peverell, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 4JB.
- RUSSIA : Nick Hoyle, Brauerstrasse 5, 7170 Schwabisch Hall, Gelbingen.
- TURKEY : Mike Sykes-Gelder, 4 Elm Gardens, Lichfield, Staffs, WS14 9AH.

This is the line up then - a few new faces here for which much welcome to their first game in Dib. Just a few more rules: please check to see if you have enough credit after the £1.75 deduction. All orders must have the name of the game; preferably dated and with the game season; and most certainly clearly signed. A map and a copy of my houserules should be included with this issue. My call sign is LUTON AIRPORT, I would request you not to misuse it as all official missives (reajudications etc) will come under this heading. And last and most definitely least, don't forget to send Provisional Autumn 1901 orders in with your Spring 01 orders (it's ONLY for the 1901 season) as it ensures the game gets off to a smooth start. I hope you enjoy the game and wish you the best of luck - may your knife leave many marks.

'Lamfhada' (1983EE) Autumn 1915 [21]

RUSSIA GAINS SEVEN CENTRES! - A CONVINCING WIN

- AUSTRIA (James Cowie) \*A(Con)-Bul, \*[A(Ser) S A(Bud)-Vie]] (IMPOSSIBLE)),  
[[A(Alb) S A(Bud)-Vie]] (IMPOSSIBLE)), \*A(Bud)-Vie
- FRANCE (Alan Sharples) F(Pic)-Bre, F(Spa-sc)-Mar, F(IRI)-MAO
- GERMANY (R.J. Lampard) A(Bur)-Par
- ITALY (Paul Donley) F(AEG)-Bul-sc, F(Gre) S F(AEG)-Bul-sc, [[F(WMS) S  
F(Bre)-WMS]], [[F(NAf) S F(Bre)-WMS]], \*[[F(Bre)-WMS]]  
(IMPOSSIBLE)). A(Par)-Gas, A(Ven)-Pie, A(Rom)-Ven
- RUSSIA (Mike Close) F(NTH) SA(Bel), A(Mun)-Ber, A(Boh)-Mun, A(Gal)-Bud,  
A(Vie) S A(Gal)-Bud, A(Tyr)-Tri, A(Bul)-Ser, A(Rum) S  
A(Bul)-Ser, F(Sev)-Arm, F(BLA)-Con, A(Smy) S F(BLA)-  
Con, F(NWG)-NAO, F(MAO)-Spa-sc, F(ENC) S FRENCH F(Pic)-  
Bre, A(Bel) stands unordered

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Con) & A(Ser) & A(Bud) die; ITALIAN F(Bre) dies

LUTON AIRPORT. Don't forget endgame statements for next time will you?  
Congratulations Mike, a good win.

Winter 1915 Adjustments:

- AUS: (Bud), (Ser), (Tri), (Smy), (Vie) = 0
- FRA: Por, Lpl, Lon + Bre, Mar = 5
- GER: (Ber) + Par = 1
- ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, (Mar), (Par), (Bre), Bul, (Spa), Gre = 6
- RUS: StP, Mos, Nor, Sev, Swe, Ed1, Den, Hol, Kie, War,  
Rum, Bel, Mun, Ank, Con + Ber, Bud, Vie, Tri, Ser, Smy, Spa = 22 WINS!

PRESS:

Italy - Russia: Congratulations Mike, you totally deserved the victory.  
Anon: I hate losing, especially to a clown like Close. ((Clown?))

'Quadri' (1984DX)

Autumn 1911

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## QUIET GAME - HALF THE UNITS STAND UNUSED!

FRANCE (Alan Powis) F(Swe)-SKA, F(Edi)-NTH, F(BAL)-Swe, F(NTH)-ENC, [[A(Hol) S A(Kie)]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), A(Yor)-Edi, A(Mun)stands, A(Ruh) S A(Mun), A(Kie) S A(Mun), A(Bur) S A(Mun), F(MAO)-WMS, A(Mar)stands, A(Gas)stands, A(Den)stands unordered

ITALY (Martin Clifford-King) A(Pie)-Mar, A(Tyr) S RUSSIAN A(Boh), A(Gre)stands, A(Ser)stands, F(Tr1)-ADS, F(Tun)-WMS, F(Smy)stands, F(ION)-TYS

RUSSIA (Richard Downes) A(StP)-Lvn, A(Pru) S A(StP)-Lvn, A(Ber)-Sil, A(Boh) S A(Ber)-Sil, F(BLA)-Bul-ec, A(Con) S F(BLA)-Bul-ec, F(NWG)-Nor, F(BAR) S F(NWG)-Nor, A(Sil) & A(Ukr) & A(Gal) stand unordered

Retreats. None

ENDGAME PROPOSAL. =1st I/F/R was defeated by an abstention, so, votes for next time please - this time failure to vote counts as YES))

Winter 1911 Adjustments:

AUS: (Ser) = 0 OUT

FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Lpl, Bel, Lon, Hol, Edi, Swe, Den, Kie, Mun = 14 Builds F(Bre)

ITA: Rom, Nap, Ven, Smy, (Bul), Tun, Tr1, Gre + Ser = 8 No Change

RUS: StP, Sev, Rum, Nor, Ank, Mos, Bud, Vie, War, Ber, Con + Bul = 12 Builds A(War)

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PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Richard: Please make a note of your credit.

'Setanta' (1984BF)

Spring 1910

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## THE RUSSIAN-ITALIAN PINCER MOVEMENT CLOSES IN ON THE HELPLESS FRENCH

ENGLAND (Anarchy) Has. F(Lpl)

FRANCE (Robert Lozynskyj) F(ENC) S F(Bre)-MAO, F(Bre)-MAO, F(Bel)-Pic, A(Hol)-Bel, F(Lon)-Wal, [[A(Yor) S RUSSIAN F(NTH)-Edi]]

ITALY (Alan Powis) F(WMS)-MAO, A(Mar)-Spa, A(Par)-Bre, F(Edi)stands, A(Pie)-Tyr, A(Ven) S A(Pie)-Tyr, F(ION)-AEG

RUSSIA (Paul Finch) F(StP-nc)-Nor, F(NWG) S F(NTH), F(NTH) S F(HEL)-Hol, F(Den)-HEL, F(HEL)-Hol, [[A(Ber) S F(HEL)-Hol]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), A(Ruh) S A(Mun)-Bur, A(Mun)-Bur, A(Mos)-Sev, A(Ukr) S A(Mos)-Sev, A(Tr1) S A(Ser), A(Ser) S A(Rum), A(Rum) S A(Mos)-Sev, A(Gal) S A(Rum), A(Kie)stands unordered

TURKEY (Victor Hall) F(AEG)-ION, A(Alb)-Ser, A(Gre)-Bul, F(BLA) S A(Gre)-Bul, \*A(Sev)-Rum, F(Bul-ec)-Con

Retreats: TURKISH A(Sev)-Arm

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:

(a) =1st R/I/F/T was defeated by abstention.

(b) 1st R; 2nd I; 3rd T; 4th F was defeated.

(c) 1st R; =2nd I/F/T was defeated.

((Endgame proposal (a) was defeated by an abstention and has to be voted on again, so, votes for next time please - failure to vote this time counts as YES))

A NEW proposal has been put forward: (b) 1st R; =2nd T/F; 4th I. ((Votes for this next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

PRESS:

Turkey - Italy: One extra build isn't much of a clear second if you ask me.

Constantinople - Moscow: It may have taken nine years but how does it feel to lose a home centre?



## NASTY FRENCHIES TRY AND CONFUSE NICE GM

ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson) F(BAR) S A(Ed1)-Nor, F(NTH) C A(Edi)-Nor, F(SKA) S A(Ed1)-Nor, A(Edi)-Nor, F(Den) S A(Swe), A(Swe) S F(Den)

FRANCE (Daniel Brooks) A(Gas)-Mar, [[A(Ruh) S A(Ruh)-Mun]] ((IMPOSSIBLE)), [[A(Ruh)-Mun]] ((DOUBLE ORDER)), F(NAf)-Tun, F(WMS) S F(NAf)-Tun, \*F(GOL) S F(WMS)

GERMANY (James Cowie) F(BAL) S A(Ber), A(Kie) S A(Ber), A(Ber) S A(Kie)

ITALY (Anarchy) Has: F(Nap)

RUSSIA (Kris Morris) F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Fin) S F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Mos)-StP, F(COB)-BAL, A(Pru)-Ber, A(Sil) S A(Pru)-Ber, A(Boh) S A(Mun), A(Mun)stands, A(Pie)-Mar

TURKEY (Kath Collman) F(TYS)-GOL, F(Tus) S F(TYS)-GOL, \*F(Tun)-WMS, F(ION)-Tun, F(Gre)-ION, A(Tr1)-Ven, A(Apu) S A(Tr1)-Ven, A(Alb)-Tr1, A(Tyr) S RUSSIAN A(Mun)

Retreats: FRENCH F(GOL)-Spa-sc; TURKISH F(Tun)-TYS

PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - James: Look, I know you're a Scot, but is it REALLY necessary to send your orders in on the envelopes I post your Dib in? I mean, apart from it being crass bad manners, I generally throw all my envelopes away; and I might inadvertently throw your orders away without realising it.

Germany - Russia: You an ally! How diplomatic, you'll go far - if my boot connects with your arse.

Russia - Germany: Manners? I didn't know France and England had any, after all they haven't bothered to reply to me for ages.

Sultana - Tsar: YOU LET ME DOWN! And I was so looking forward to it!

Germany - France: How about giving me Munich, after all it is supposed to be in Germany? ((Even I have to agree with that - TT))

Sultana - Tsarina: Congratulations on making front page news! Next time you might make it page 3! ((Er, I don't think Dib is ready for that... Come to think of it I'M not ready for that!))

Russia - Germany: How's this for good news. I'll stop the attack if you'll help me against England. Well, how about it?

Turkey - Rupert: Come up and see me, sunshine, and WE'LL SEE. ((I dunno about 'see', Bruno, if you go up to see her sunshine, you might just end up blind!))

France (Govt) - Germany & England: I can't hold Turkey off in the Med!

Turkey - LUTON AIRPORT: You must have a mind like a sewer. We're just trying to have a discussion on How to Play Diplomacy and you seem to think there's something funny going on. Honestly - MEN. ((Oh, I'm wounded - I was talking about Diplomacy as well! Honestly - WOMEN!))

Russia - England: And while you're giving London to France, you can let me have Liverpool.

Interested Bystander - Germany: Have you persuaded England to let you have Denmark back yet? There are an awful lot of pink bits coming your way.

Germany - England: Denmark's on my shopping list too, how's about a swap, you give me Denmark and I'll give you a Christmas card.

France - Russia: You do realise that you're going to come off 2nd best in this alliance of yours? Turkey has a very effective stab, taking Vie, Bud and Rum, when the time comes for one of you to go for the win.

Germany - Turkey: Did I hear Kris mention whips and fishnet stockings? Explain please?