

GAMESTART NGC 152

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Well first off, again my abject apologies for the long delay in starting the game. As I said in my note, the cause was the loss (presumably) of the letter to me from Pete Birks informing me of the start. My first in (how do you spell it?) ..notice (that'll do) that I had a game was when the lolly started to roll in. My first thought was 'arn't these nice people sending me money for nought' -

Anyway, welcome to Pendulum.

If by any chance one or more of you were the ~~right~~ persons concerned with the request for games in 1901a & Mad Policy, you're very lucky that you've actually been housed in a good zine (and that's only my opinion)

Back to the delay. I hope none of you are starting postal Dip with this game, because I violently dislike any delay in a gamestart especially when it can affect the future Diplomacy life of a new player. My first game in the now defunct OJ had a delay of almost three months and ever since I always tried not to allow any delay to creep into Pendulum's gamestart.

GAMESTARTS in general.

Gamefees...are becoming bloody ridiculous. £1:50 plus a £1:00 sodding deposit. Christ by this time next year you'll need to be a bleeding millionaire to play the game. I don't disagree with the NGC's cut of the gamefee. 40p to cover postage and that isn't bad, but the GM's cut! Wh. the hell do GM's need £1:10 to start a game? Oh I know it costs a hell of a lot to run a zine (I should know!) but that should come from the sub, then a player knows just how much a particular zine is costing him. with this new gamefee (which actually doesn't affect anyone unless you're a GM) when it comes into effect, the players would pay 11p a issue plus about 7p a issue gamefee...which you work it out is 19p a issue. Other zines, with a sub of 15p a issue would cost you 22p a issue! therefore one game in one zine could cost you £3.57p a year.

GM payments....oh, now we've got to wait a year for half our gamefees. Personally the way things are being run within the NGC at the moment I'd be more willing to trust the GM's with the 50p than I would be the NGC.

NGC losses ... and it's quite obvious why we've got them. Dolchstoss will do for a start! I would like Dolchstoss to stay as it is but losses are losses and the printing of D is something than can go. Graham Levin...oh that! There's been discussions about that since before we had any committee. and what's happened? Sod all (as usual) if the committee spend a little time working out how to save money rather than simply putting up gamefees it'd be better. Sundries (priz etc). I'd like to know what is meant by that? What have we paid for worth £14.39

Now I'll just sit back and wait for the usual flood of insults I get whenever I say anything on the running of the NGC. Remember, the NGC GM's should be a link between the players and the committee, so why are the GM's never consulted on whether they want their Gamefees up'd.  
 BLOCK & WALKERDINE for 76 committee!

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Opening moves suggest excellent game

AUSTRIA:(Pearce):F(Tri) - Alb, A(Bud) - Ser, A(Vie) - Tri.

ENGLAND (Swif):A(Lpl) - Edi, F(Lon) - NTH, F(Edi) - NWG.

FRANCE (Denton):F(Bre) - Pic, A(Mar) & A(Par) - Bur.

GERMANY (Thompson):A(Mun) - Bur, F(Kie) - Hol, A(Ber) - Kie.

ITALY (Pinch):A(Ven) - Pie, A(Rom) - Ven, A(Nap) - ION.

~~RUSSIA (Drylie):F(StPete) - GOB, A(War) - Gal, A(Mos) - Ukr, F(Sev) - BLA.~~

TURKEY (Tregean):A(Con) - Bal, A(Smy) - Con, F(Ank) - BLA.

COA:

Mark Tregean to 53 Eccleston Sq, London SW1V 1PG

ABTAKCF

France... nice to see a different opening move for a change.

PRESS: & a question

Q I assume that's it is illegal to send a forged set of orders for another player to you Am I correct.

A: Yes! You can deceive another player as much as you like, but you must never deceive a GM. That's punishable by ~~death~~ expulsion.

RUSSIA to the WORLD:

Owing to Christmas festivities the Imperial Propaganda Machine is not working. Insults, mud and bricks will fly next time.

DARLEEN CORNWALL: That's my kind of diplomatist.

DMPSH: (advert) The very newest and best sub-zine, contains what you want how you like it, and helps you to work it out why you like it. Available from Phil Murphy 41-43 Park Avenue, Belfast BT4 1PU. It comes wrapped up in YGGDRASIL, which costs half pee per page or side or letter or semfink.

~~DARLEEN CORNWALL:~~ Suggestions to other players. In exchange for help given to him (hans) ask one copy of fore mentioned for each supported move. That'll teach him to advertise in ~~the~~ Pendulum.

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RUSSIA MISSED BOARD AGAIN  
TOO CLEVER. PERHAPS?

Oh hold to bottom of the page...

The next few lines are not a space-filler. It's just a bloody great blank...

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AUSTRIA (March): A(Boh) - Mun, A(Vie) stand.

ENGLAND (McCloughlin): F's (ENG) (MAO) C A(Wal) - Por.

FRANCE (anarchy): A's Pic, Mar, Par, Bre stand

GERMANY (Tanner): F(NTH) C A(Den) - Edi, A(Gas) - Mar S by A(Bur) S by  
A(Bul), A(Ruh) - Mun.

ITALY (Donaldson): A(Ven) - Tri S by F(ADR) A(Tri) - Vie, F(ION)MS F(Nap)

RUSSIA (Palmer): F(SKA) - NTH, A(Swe) stand, A(Bud) stand, A(Gal) - War,  
A(Mos) stand.

TURKEY (Tyrrell): A(Ukr) - Mos, F(Rum) stand, S by F(BLA), A(Ser) S  
AUSTRIAN A(Vie) - Bud, A(Bul) S A(Ser), F(EAS) - ION,  
S by F(GRE).

retreats. French A Mar deaded.

France goes into anarchy...rather than using a standby as France is  
doomed with two moves at most and no defence could save it.

#### STATE OF THE NATIONS:

ENGLAND: 3 centres: Lon, Lpl, ~~Edi~~ .... Por, no change

AUSTRIA: 1 centre : Vie, ~~Bud~~, .... remove A Boh

FRANCE: 3 centres: ~~Mar~~, Par, Bre, ~~Por~~, Spa .... no change

GERMANY: 8 centres: ~~Den~~, ~~Eie~~, Ber, Hol, Bel, Den, .... Edi, nor build's  
F's Kie, Ber

ITALY : 5 centres: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri .... no change

RUSSIA: 6 centres: War, Mos, StP, Nor, Swe .... Bud build A StP

TURKEY: 8 centres: Con, Smy, Ank, Bul, Ser, Gre, Sev, Ser, ..o.. owed one  
builds A Ank.

#### PUSS:

##### ENGLAND

Although my position seems  
To be inferior  
Autumn 03  
Has brought to me  
Part of Iberia

Though labred with christmas spirit,  
I'll be careful not to boast  
Incase a killi  
Is mad by Bill  
Along the Eastern Coast

Of course I erred right from the beginning  
In not securing Norway  
if this I'd done  
in Autumn 01  
I'd 've had a foot in the doorway

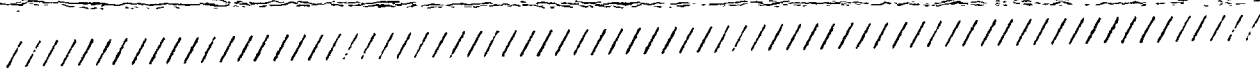
Well one learns from one's mistakes  
And I've made quite a few  
So Deutschland and France  
Don't take your chance  
To beat me black and blue

DARKEST CORNWALL: Black maybe.

TURKEY:

His incontrovertible Graciousness Abu Ben Adam (may his Tribe increase) Sultan of Turkey and Protectorates, doth command me to announce that because of unprovoked and willfull attacks upon our fleets proceeding about their lawful business upon the high seas, a frigate of the Royal Turkish Navy has been dispatched to the Ionian Sea. (We wish you well, o frigate) Furthermore his Excellency the Unblemished announces that he's thinking again about his promise to withdraw from Serbia next spring, and will not do so if Italian moves this autumn are anything but friendly (Allah forgive your lack of trust). And finally his Benificance is pleased to announce that England has unresevedly withdrawn her speculations against Smyrna and swum to oppose the Tsar and his toadies, so that we do forgive and forget Englands rash words (Allah akhbar)

DARKEST CORNWALL 'er day's long werds!



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ALL'S FAR FROM QUIET  
ON ANY FRONT.

AUSTRIA (Jarski): F(ADR) - Ven, A(Bud) - Tri S by A(Ser) A(Boh) - Vie.

ENGLAND (Donaldson): F(StP) stand, F(Bel) - Pic, F(MAO) - Gas,  
F(IRI) - MAO S by F(Bre)

~~FRANCE (Johnson): A(Pic) - Bre, S by A(Gas) F(Spasc)S F(Por) - MAO~~

GERMANY (Hucknell): A(Fin) - StP S by F(GOE) A(Ber) S A(Mun) - Sil,  
A(Kie) - Mun, F(Hol) stand.

ITALY (Connolly): A(Ven) stand, F(ION) - Alb, F(Nap) - Apu, A(Tri) - Ser,  
A(Vie) - Bud.

RUSSIA (May): A(Lyn) - StP S by A(Mos) A(Sil) - Gal.

TURKEY (Bleach): F(Gre) - ION S by F(EMS), A(Alb) S AUSTRIAN A(Ser) - Tr.  
A(Sov) - Mos, F(BLA) - Con.

~~retreats ENGLISH F(MAO) WES ITALIAN A(Tri) - Tyr  
F(STP) dead F(ION) - (ION)~~

STATE OF T' EUROPE

- AUSTRIA: 4 centres: ~~Med~~, Vie, Ser, Rum .... Tri no change
- ENGLAND: 6 centres: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, bel .... Bre build F Lpl A lon
- FRANCE: 4 centres: ~~Bré~~, Mar, Par, Por, Spa .... no change
- GERMANY: 7 centres: Mun, Ber, Kie, Hol, Den, Swe .... StP build A Ber
- ITALY: 5 centres: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, ~~TyZ~~ .... Bud no change
- RUSSIA: 2 centres: ~~StP~~, Mos, War .... remove A Gal
- TURKEY: 6 centres: Con, Bul, Smy, Bul, Gre, Mos .... no change.

GERMANY - ITALY

...WH AT TE EB EC OD YH EL LD ED AL LT HA TM EA N?

DARKEST CORNWALL:

...EU LC YD OO EB AT OG TN IA SE DO CT AD CO CV NA  
SA WE EV EN.

ITALY:

I met a Turk in Istanbul,  
He told me we should ally,  
I thought we should,  
We did of course we didn't even dally.

In Paris I met the President,  
Although I was no resident,  
He asked for terms,  
I sent a plan to which he gave great precedence.

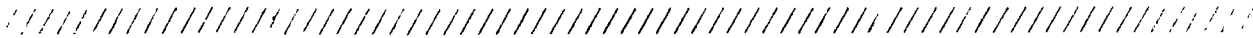
In 1901 plans came unstuck,  
The Babsburg and the Ottoman struck,  
Without a build things looked bleak,  
But were the Italians really that weak.

The Tsar was in his winter palace,  
I thought that I should meet him,  
The Romanov was not so keen,  
He didn't send a greeting.

In Berlin I met The Kaiser,  
I told him that I would be wiser,  
Than to travel any wider,  
Even with a French Provider.

The Romanov changed his mind,  
Although to late to change was mine,  
I explained the reason I was bad,  
And when I turned and did him stab.

1902 proved a red letter,  
The green rose roots better,  
Than ever expected it would,  
But wither it could.



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RUSSEO-TURKISH CONFERENCE IN BUL

ENGLAND (Noble): NMR F(Edi, & Hol stand.

FRANCE (Donaldson) F(NTH) S ENGLISH A(Bel)

ITALY (Johnston) F(Ere) S A(Gas) Par (? you did that last time)  
F(WES) - MAC. F(GUR) - Spa sc. A(Mar) - Bur.

RUSSIA (Baird) F(Cly) - Lpl, F(Nor) - NTH, F(StPnc) - BAR, F(HBL) S  
A(Kie) - Hol. A(Ber) S A(Ber) - Kie, A(Mun) - Ruh,  
A(Bud) - Ser, A(Vie) - Bud, A(Tyr) - Vie, A(Sav) -  
Ara, F(Run) - Bulec.

GERMANY (Nicholas): NMR. A's Pic, Ruh, Hol stand.

TURKEY (Blackburn) F(TON) S F(TYS) - Tun, F(Apu) - Nap. A(Rom)stand  
A(Ven) S A(Tri) F(Con) - Bulec F(Gre) - AEG.

decreases. GERMAN A(Hol) kaput

STATE OF NATIONS:

England: 2 centres: ~~WpX~~, Edi .... Bel no change  
France: 1 centre: Lon .... no change  
Germany: 0 centres: ~~Par~~, ~~WpX~~, ~~BpX~~ .... OUT tatty bye Mike  
RUSSIA: 16 centres: War, Mos, Sev, StP, Rum, Swe, Nor, Bud, Vie, Mun,  
Kie, Ber, Den, ...Hol, Lpl, Ser  
Italy: 5 centres: ~~Ron~~, ~~WpX~~ Mar, Spa, Por, Bre .... Par no change  
Turkey: 10 centres: Con, Bul, Smy, Ank, ~~Ser~~, Tri, Ven, Nap, Gre ....  
Tun, Rom, build A Ank F Smy.

PRESS: We present to you from the team the produced 'Star Trek'  
'Space 1999' 'Dr Who' & 'The Magic Roundabout'

RUSSIA:

~~-----~~ A millenium past, when formation of the planets had just begun,  
a time before time as we know it existed, a seed was planted....

The chase through space and time which had affected every reach  
of the galaxy was drawing to a close. Driabssor was trapped.

Surrounded by his enemies, exhausted and frustrated by the long  
and unending pursuit, he made his last desperate attempt to escape the  
inevitable. With a rapid incantation a spell was cast and a weapon was  
created. A black hole, a vast void growing exponentially, sucking into  
itself all surrounding matter appeared and was hurled at his attackers.  
It might have succeeded against lesser foes but these had chased  
Driabssor for eons and had sharpened their skills against his tricks.  
The mental forces for good combined as the new menace appeared and  
~~-----~~ Driabssor's latest weapon was instantly crushed by the irresistible  
power. Retaliation was immediate - a bolt of supercharged energy with  
a single aim. Until this aim was met it would not rest. The aim was  
of this avenger created by the mind of the pursuers - destroy Driabssor,  
smash the atom of his being and scatter their remains over a million  
galaxies.

The bolt came too fast. There was no escape. It struck the form  
of Driabssor with an energy release which caused shock waves in the  
outer constellations light years later. The pursuers watched and  
waited, checked then returned, their tasks complete. It was finished  
Driabssor, the greatest force for evil since Sauron, was destroyed.

Or was he. With the cunning born of an evil mind Driabssor had  
tried one last desperate chance before that awesome bolt struck  
An incantation of the ancients, words whose origins were forgotten in  
the beginnings of time, Driabssor had cast a final spell. Realising  
his fate as the bolt approached, his last spell concentrated his  
evil knowledge and experienced into a capsual of atoms and jotted them  
from his form.

The capsual was lifeless. inert - it had to be or the pursuers  
would detect its presence. It would be brought to life by a number of  
events happening simultaneously - each one of these events with  
microscopic chance of happening in a finite period of time. If and  
when these events accured together, the being of Driabssor could be  
recreated from the essence in the capsual. Driabssor had had no choice  
it was a desperate plan but he could wait. In an infinite period of  
time anything that can conceivably happen, will happen.

The capsual drifted for eons, in the tides of space, untroubled  
by its enviroment until it settled on the battlefield of NGC 93. Then  
it happened.

- The collapse of Italy
- A Turkish fleet in Con and 3 builds threatened
- The folding of Retief with a winning position.

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- The deadline on the first day of a new year
- The increased postal charges.

The incredible series of coincidences which releases the encapsulated evil genius. Free at last, after an infinite of imprisonment, his immediate desire was (no not that) to rule a grey world of his own. Turning on friend and foe he mad his first bid for total power.

This was just the beginning, the beginning of the end.

DARKEST CORNWALL: The 'best of Drakhsor' will appear on TV early in the year

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THIS IS PENSULUM 35 (I think)

The happy event was a little girl born on 10th December. Mother and daughter doing well...father still recovering.

Unhappy event was a mad dentist pulling out a wisdom tooth, the day after the deadline. Which explains the delay and shortness of this issue. I've always seem to have something going wrong every deadline... Glyn perhaps ...see what I have to go through just for you to play a game of Dip.

Other unhappy news...for the second time only in the past 2½ years of postal Diplomacy somebody has stabbed me. I've got to admit the stab was a good one...probably the best (possibly the only successful one) made by this player...RICHARD 'SODDING' DONALDSON (ahh shut yer face Glyn, just because you're the one to benefit from it. With the certain loss of three sc's and possible loss of another one he has cut my sc's in half. It succeeded simply because I was a fool and trusted him even though he had more units on my boarders than I had within one move of my own boarders. The only other person to stab me (stab being an unexpected attack, not simply an inevitable conflict) was Tony Ball, he went on to win. But in this game, the winner is now going to be Glyn Palmer. With a England in anarchy, a very weak Italy, a crippled Germany and a Russia (RD) who hasn't enought fleets to defend what gains he has in the Med, how can he fail.(our father with heart...)

Exits left, bellowing obscenities.

DEADLINE:

21 st JAN

This comes to you from John Coombe, Luney Barton Farm, Sticker, St.Austell, Cornwall. PL26 7JH  
phone Graupound Rd 382219

That's bye, love & kisses

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