



April, 2008

Notes from Hades

appy Easter to everyone! It has been an eventful few weeks for me. While I didn't have to travel this time around, it was only because the meeting was coming to me, so I had to set everything up for everyone. We held the meeting in Long Beach, and while the weather was a bit rainy, it was still better than where most of our guests came from – like Michigan, Ohio, and most of Europe.

Also, we recently had a momentous event: the sixth birthday of my sons, Erik and Scott. Since the boys' favorite TV show is Mythbusters, the party was based on that theme. It went well, but it was exhausting dealing with 12 5 and 6 year olds with sugar rushes.

Last issue, I made a mistake and didn't realize that Dave Partridge had won Sirius, the Merchant of Venus game. That was quickly pointed out to me by an astute player, and so I contacted all of the players to inform them of this rather major change. As a result, we can now start two other games: Sand Flea and Gaspode.

Speaking of game starts, John Boardman has asked me to let you all know that he has an opening for players in a Diplomacy game in his zine *Graustark*. His address is in the address section.

The next deadline is **Tuesday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Please do not call or fax orders after 10:00 p.m. Pacific time.** My wife and I tend to retire early. Also, if you want to fax in orders, call first. We hang up on unannounced faxes.

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Game Openin

Sand Flea. Dune. We will use the optional Lansraad, Ixians, and Bene Tleilaxu

powers. Have Kevin Wilson, Bob Robles, Paul Bolduc, Michael Longdin, Ward Narhi, Gina Teh, and Jerry Roalstad. **Starts this issue!**

Frontier Dog. Gunslinger .Scenario to be determined. Have Paul Bolduc, Chris Geggus, Mike Scott, and Andy Lewis, will take up to 3 more.

Pateel. Kremlin. Will start after Flea Collar ends. Have Ward Narhi, Mike Scott, Bill Scharf, Bob Robles, Pasquale Giovine, and Gina Teh. This game is full.

Hunter. Silverton. Will start after Terrier ends. Have Dave Partridge, Michael Longdin, Ward Narhi, Cary Nichols, Bill Scharf, and Dave Hooton. This game is full.

Procyon. Merchant of Venus. This game will start when Sirius ends. Have Dave Partridge, Bob Robles, Chris Geggus, Gina the, and Dennis Cain. Will take up to 1 more.

Robover. Robo Rally. Have Dave Partridge, Bill Scharf, Chris Geggus, Dave Hooton, Gina the, Ward Narhi, Michael Longdin, and Chris Geggus. This game is full.

Gaspode. Puerto Rico. Have Andy York, Tom Howell, Chris Geggus, Dave Partridge, and Andy Lewis. **Starts this issue!**

<u>Wish List</u>

History of the World. Have Chris Geggus, Dave Partridge, and Gina Teh, will take up to 4 more.

Industrial Waste. Have Andy York and Dave Partridge, will take up to 2 more.

Outpost. Will start after Hound ends. Have Andy York, Cary Nighols, and Dave Partridge, take up to 7 more.

Machiavelli. This game will start after the next Machiavelli game ends. Have Ward Narhi, Bob Robles, and Pasquale Giovine, will take up to 5 more.

Machiavelli. Gunboat. This game will start after the second Machiavelli game ends. Have 4, will take up to 4 more. You are signed up: \Box .

Power Grid. Have Andy York, Michael Longdin, and Dave Partridge, will take up to 3 more.

In general, game ownership is recommended, but not required.

Note that a subscription to S.O.B. is not required to play in a game run by flier, but that a game fee will be charged to non-subbers.

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<u>Howling at the Moon</u> The S.O.B. Letter Column

Bob Robles

Hi and Happy Easter. A couple book reviews. "A River Runs Through It" by Norman F Maclean. Wonderful writing of a simpler time when family, friends and fishing were all a man would need.

Chalmers Johnson: "Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic" The final series of a trilogy of modern American missteps in foreign policy. Mr. Johnson, a retired professor, scholar, CIA analyst, and Navy veteran argues our current foreign policy orientation has severely damaged the very nature of America. If you

feel Mr. Johnson is too much of a namby-pamby liberal, then try "The New American Militarism-How Americans are seduced by War" by Andrew Bacevich. Dr. and Colonel Bacevich, a conservative Catholic, retired career Army officer, West Point graduate, is currently a Professor at Boston U. He places the blame for our current military missteps squarely in the laps of the American public along with the laziness and corruption endemic to both political parties. Sadly, Dr. Bacevich lost a son in Iraq. A son who followed him into the military. Individuals upset with his criticism of current foreign policy blame him for his son's death.

<u>Dog Park</u> Fall 1051 Miller Number 20077Apw10

Advanced Rules, Natural Disasters, Special Military Units, Moneylenders, Conquest, Gray Press, Ultimate Victory Deadline for Winter/Spring 1052 4/29, Tuesday

Byzantium enlists the help of the moneylenders to buy off the captain of the Venetian fleet and proceed to take Venice. The Normans get their revenge on the Muslims for earlier treachery. The Pope, the Pisans, and the Holy Roman Empire consolidate.

<u>Expenditures</u> The Byzantines borrow 12 ducats for 2 years (18 ducats due Fall 1053) and buy Venice F Upper Adriatic for 18 ducats. Pisa borrows 9 ducats for 2 years (14 ducats due Fall 1053) and spends 6 ducats each to disband autonomous garrisons in Genoa and Sienna.

Outstanding Loans

Spring 1053:9 ducats from the Muslims (6 borrowed)Fall 1053:14 ducats from Pisa (9 borrowed), 18 ducats from Byzantines (12 borrowed)

<u>Orders</u>				
Byzantines (Giovine):	A Otranto to Bari, A Herzegovina to Dalmatia, F			
	Lower Adriatic supports A Herzegovina to			
	Dalmatia, F Upper Adriatic to VENICE			
HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (Partridge):	A MONTFERRAT besieges (autonomous garrison			
	destroyed), A MANTUA besieges (autonomous			
	garrison destroyed), A TRENT besieges			
	(autonomous garrison destroyed)			
Muslims (Robles):	F Sardinia holds (DISLODGED, retreat Gulf of			
	Lions, Western Mediterranean, OTB), G			
	PALERMO CONVERT TO A, G MESSINA CONVERT TO F			
NORMANS (Horsley):	A Corsica to Sardinia, F Tyrrhenian Sea supports			
	A Corsica to Sardinia			
PAPACY (Roalstad):	A FLORENCE besieges (autonomous garrison			
	destroyed), A URBINO supports A Spoleto to			
	Ancona, A Spoleto to Ancona			
PISA (Scott):	A GENOA holds, A Sienna holds, F Ligurian Sea			
	holds			
VENICE (Wilson):	A FERRARA besieges (autonomous garrison			
	destroyed), A Croatia to CARNIOLA, F Upper			
	Adriatic holds (nsu)			
Lombards:	A Ancona holds (Displaced, retreats OTB), Our!			
Treasury:				

Press

Pisa – Byz's, Muslim's & HRE: I am guessing that each of you very confident players are all planned out and need no help from us others to win this game? This guess since I've not heard from any of the 3 of you about a week after that Summer Turn was put out...

Spring 1052 Famine

Bad Year – Row and Column: Piombino, Tunis, Palermo, Cremona, Pistoia, Fornova, Turin, Bosnia

Spring 1469 Income

Provinces and cities that are underlined do no produce income while those that are in italics could change hands depending on retreats.

Provinces

BYZANTINES:	Dalmatia, Ragusa, Albania, Durazzo, Bari, Salerno,	7
	Otranto	
HOLY ROMAN	Montferrat, Pavia, Milan, <u>Cremona</u> , Trent, Mantua	5
Empire:		
MUSLIMS:	<u>Tunis, Palermo</u> , Messina	1
NORMANS:	Sardinia, Naples	2
PAPACY:	Florence, Arezzo, Urbino, Ancona, Perugia, Patrimony,	7
	Rome	
PISA:	Genoa, Lucca, Pisa, <u>Piombino</u> , Sienna	4
VENICE:	Ferrara, Padua, Treviso, Carniola	4
	Seas	
B YZANTINES:	Venice, Lower Adriatic	2
MUSLIMS:	Gulf of Lions or Western Mediterranean	1
NORMANS:	Tyrrhenian Sea	1
PISA:	Ligurian Sea	1
	Cities	
B YZANTINES:	Dalmatia, Ragusa, Albania, Durazzo, Bari, Venice (3)	8
HOLY ROMAN	Montferrat, Pavia, Milan (3), Cremona, Trent, Mantua	8
Empire:		
MUSLIMS:	Tunis (2), Palermo, Messina	1
NORMANS:	Sardinia, Naples (2)	3
PAPACY:	Florence (3), Arezzo, Ancona, Perugia, Rome (2)	8
PISA:	Genoa (3), Lucca, Pisa, Piombino, Sienna	6
VENICE:	Ferrara, Padua, Treviso, Carniola	4

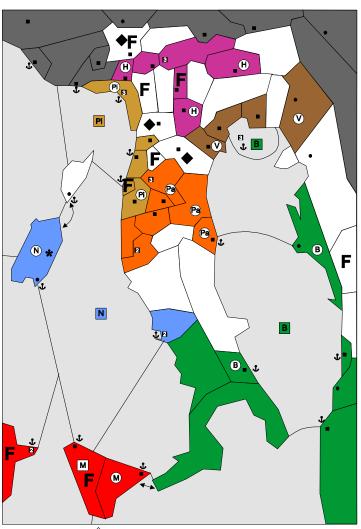
Totals

Country	Variable	Provinces	Seas	Cities	Gross
BYZANTINES:	3	7	2	8	20
HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE:	2	5	0	8	15
MUSLIMS:	2	1	1	1	5
Normans:	2	2	1	3	8
PAPACY:	3	7	0	8	18
PISA:	2	4	1	6	13
VENICE:	3	4	0	4	11

Total after income:

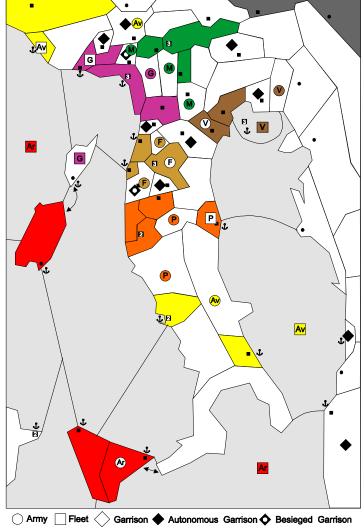
		Game I	<u>Summary</u>
	1051	1052	
Byzantines:	3	6	
Holy Roman Empire:	3	6	
Muslims:	3	3	
Normans:	1	2	
Papacy:	3	5	
Pisa:	3	5	
Venice:	3	4	

Barking Up the Wrong Tree



Dog Park

○ Army ☐ Fleet ◇ Garrison ◆ Autonomous Garrison ◆ Besieged Garrison



<u>Barking Up the Wrong Tree</u> Summer 1250 Miller Number 2007Bpw10 Advanced Rules, Natural Disasters, Special Military Units, Conquest, Gray Press, Ultimate Victory Deadline for Fall 1250 4/29, Wednesday

The Pope and Avignon continue their antagonism while Milan tries to help Venice against Florence. Aragon maintains a menacing presence in the Gulf of Lions and Genoa takes Corsica.

	<u>Orders</u>	Upper Adriatic
Aragon (Mercer):	A Palermo to Messina, F Gulf of Lions holds, $\underline{F \text{ Ionian Sea}}$	Treasury:
	to Lower Adriatic	Press
AVIGNON (Nichols):	A Aquila to Naples, A Swiss to Turin, F Lower Adriatic to	Avignon – Aragon: GOL back to Sar, please.
	Upper Adriatic, F Provence to MARSEILLES	The Florentine Florins'orth: In a thinly disguised bellicose address to his
FLORENCE (Whyte):	A FLORENCE to Bologna, A PISTOIA supports A Florence to	enfeudated populace, the Duke of Sienna has criticised the dress sense of his
	Bologna, A SIENNA besieges	Florentine Majesty, in particular calling His Majesty "vain". The Duke's loquacity
Genoa (Scott):	A FORNOVA to Genoa, F SAVOY to Genoa, F Ligurian Sea to	got the better of him as he addressed a sullen crowd from his ducal balcony on tax
	Corsica	day, and he thundered implications of a 'bonfire of the vanities" before his foreign
MILAN (Renken):	A MONTFERRAT besieges, A PARMA holds, A MANTUA supports	minister was able to remove the Duke's foot from his mouth and replace it with his
	Venice A Ferrara to Bologna	own sock to prevent further diplomatic incident. The hypocrisy of the Duke is
PAPACY (Robles):	A CAPUA to Naples, A SPOLETO supports F Ancona, F Ancona	startling, as his own sartorial self-importance runs in a similar vein to the
	holds	accusations levelled at His Majesty. His Majesty has taken the remarks in good
VENICE (Partridge):	A Treviso to Friuli, <u>A Ferrara to Bologna</u> , <u>F Venice to</u>	humour, downplaying the personal insult, but has insisted that twenty four

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battalions of His Majesty's Own Lighting and Interior Decoration Corps conduct Genoa – All: Lot's of new to me players in this game... how about some of you an immediate house call on the Duke and retouch his petty principality in this sending out e-mails and let's get some alliance's going? season's shade of Burnt Sienna.

End of Game Statements							
Players Mystery Machine 4 Venus-Orion R. Olivaw Space Revolver Atlantis Dells Without Name							
		Oligarch Merchantile					
Cash	2194	3274	429	833	921	540	
Deeds	1400	1400	1400	1100	600	0	
Total	3594	4674	1829	1933	1521	540	

<u>Sirius</u> End of Game Statements

Paul Bolduc (R. Olivaw): Aargh! Never seem to get that second ship early enough.

Dennis Cain: (Space Revolver) Memo to self--ports, then factories.

Chris Geggus: (Atlantis) I love the game, but can't seem to do anything worthwhile in these games. Congrats to everyone else as usual and see you all next time around.

Dave Partridge: (Venus-Orion Oligarch Merchantile) Frankly, I'm new enough to this game that I'm not sure I know why I won. My basic strategy was an obvious, try to make a sale every turn and sell as much as possible. I found a loop through certain ports (4,5,6,7) and never really stopped at others (1&3, 8&9 not often). I went up to the fast freighter as soon as I could do so because it seemed to me that I could still move fast enough to make frequent sales. Of course at that point I also started buying ports to let me sell as much as possible each turn. I think the auto pilot was a help as well as it meant I could expect better than average on my movement points, and it turned out that 4 was a very useful pilot number for me. The second ship also helped it seems. 3 issues ago I was pretty much even with MM4 and Olivaw, but in those last couple of issues I was gaining 700+ in cash in each round. I'd be happy to hear the thoughts of anyone with more experience with the game.

Thanks to Chris for running the game. I had a lot of fun and am definitely looking forward to playing again.

Andy Lewis (Mystery Machine 4): Congrats to Dave on the win. My two biggest mistakes were A) forgetting that we were playing to \$4,000 so second ships are a reasonable idea. I was like I'm in like flint; oops the finish line is still a mile ahead, dang! and B) not having a better die roller. Man, I'm not sure how many turns I was below the average. Thanks Chris.

Bob Robles: (Dells Without Names) A particularly weak effort if I may say so.

Doberman Turn 8b Turn 9a due 4/29, Tuesday

<u>Cards</u>						
100%Trash	BIBCO	PIT	GOO			
Order	Raw Materials	Order	Growth			
Hiring/Firing	Order	Raw Materials	Innovation			
Raw Materials Waste Disposal		Innovation	Order			
GOO auctions off 4 raw materials and b	uys them himself for \$3.	PIT innovates Waste Reduction (pays \$5, Waste Reduction becomes 4/3).				
100% Trash auctions off 1 raw material,	which is not bought.	GOO innovates Waste Reduction (pay	s \$5, Waste Reduction becomes 1/15).			

100% Trash attempts to process an Order, but that would exceed waste storage

BIBCO auctions off 4 raw materials, and PIT gets them for \$8.

capacity, so the Order card is held instead.

PIT discards Growth and holds Order

BIBCO plays Waste Disposal, reducing his waste to 10.

PIT auctions off 5 raw materials, GOO bids \$5, and PIT takes it for \$6.

GOO plays Growth, increasing his Growth to 16.

100% Trash discards Hiring/Firing.

materials.

BIBCO processes an Order, generating \$16 and 2 waste, and using 4 raw 100% Trash and BIBCO each pay \$5, and PIT and GOO each pay \$4.

<u>The Players</u>								
Player	Company Name	Play Order	Money	Loans	Raw Material Supply	Growth	Co-workers	Saved Card
Michael Longdin	100% Trash	1	\$4	20	4	16	5	Order
Dave Partridge	BIBCO	2	\$42	0	1	16	5	Hiring/Firing
Richard Weiss	PIT	3	\$7	0	10	19	4	Order
Eric Brosius	GOO	4	\$12	0	5	16	4	Raw Materials

GOO stands for General Olfactory Organization. BIBCO stands for Big Industry Buying Congressmen Outright							
Player	Rationalization	Raw Materials	Waste Reduction	Waste Disposal	Victory Points		
Michael Longdin	5/1	1/15	5/1	15	15		
Dave Partridge	5/1	4/3	2/10	12	51		
Richard Weiss	4/3	5/1	4/3	6	29		
Eric Brosius	4/3	4/3	1/15	5	43		

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			<u>Available Car</u>	<u>ds</u>		
Set	1	Set 2	Set 3		Set 4	Set 5
Grow	zth	Advisor	Waste Removal	Wast	e Disposal	Growth
Orde	er	Order	Order Advisor		rowth	Waste Disposal
Waste Di	isposal	Innovation	Bribery	Raw	Materials	Innovation
<u>Discards</u>						
Order	Raw Mater	rials Raw Materials	Waste Disposal	Raw Materials	Growth	Hiring/Firing
Order	Innovation	Raw Materials	Growth	Advisor	Advisor	

<u>Flea Collar</u> Kremlin Turn 5 Cure through Health Turn 5 Funeral Commission through Parade, 4/29, Tuesday

Cure Phase

HLM and REDS both declare 9 IP on Protzky (HLM gets control on the die roll). HLM also declares 2 IP on Putchnik. Mischif goes to the Sanatorium. TCC plays Cuban Missile Crisis (33). All Sanatorium visits for the remainder of this year are canceled. Mischif returns from the Sanatorium. Mischif ages to 84, Satin ages to 65, Protzky ages to 57, and Putschnik ages to 60.

Purge Phase

HLM plays Disarmament Talks Go Badly (15). First purge attempt must be against the Foreign Minister at +3. Wasolin attempts the purge (dr = 10 + 3 - 2 = 11; fails) and ages to 61. TCC plays New Official History (61). Faction is randomly determined to be HLM, TCC re-rolls, and HLM is rolled again. HLM must lose 2 declared IP, which he does from Putchnik, and then declares 2 more IP on him.

<u>Politburo</u>							
Office	Policitian	Condition	Influence				
Party Chief							
KGB Head	Viktor Wasolin (Z)	61, ?	11+ (MLI)				
Foreign	Tigran Zenjarplan (Q)	60, strong, ?, +					
Defense	Oleg Satin (O)	71, ++	11+ (REDS)				
Ideology	Wassily Protzky (U)	57, weak, ++	9 (HLM), 9				
			(REDS)				
Industry	Ulan Putschnik (Y)	60	11+ (HLM)				
Economy	Karel Krakemheds (E)	72, strong, +					
Sport	Igor Doberman (L)	65, strong					

Politicians in bold are in the sanatorium.Candidates:D, G, W, XPeople:H, J, M, N, P, R, S (68, +)Siberia:C (81 +), K (68 +), T, B (83 +)

A, G, F, V, I

Kremlin Wall:

Spy Investigation Phase

Satin condemns B, and opens investigations on Mischif, Wasolin, and Zenjarplan, and closes the investigation on Putschnik. Satin ages to 71.

Health Phase

Anatol Mischif (dr = 13) dies. Viktor Wasolin (dr = 8) remains healthy. Tigran Zenjarplan (dr = 4) gets sick. Oleg Satin (dr = 4) falls ill. Wassily Protzky (dr = 3) falls ill. Ulan Putschnik (dr = 7) remains healthy. Karel Krakemheds (dr = 4) gets sick.

Igor Doberman (dr = 17) remains healthy.

	<u>Players</u>
Player	Faction Name
Bob Robles	Hard Line Mencheviks
Brendan Whyte	Left-wing Trendies
Pasquale Giovine	Marxist-Leninist Integralists
Mike Scott	The California Connection
Chris Geggus	King's Gambit for Bishops (KGB)
Cary Nichols	Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS)
	Intrigue Cards

Undeclared Influence

<u>Terrier</u> Silverton Turn 10, Phases IV- VI and Turn 11, Phases I-III Turn 11, Phases IV- VI and Turn 12, Phases I-III, 4/29, Wednesday Turn 10

Operations

Brown (Partridge) operates #30 (\$30, 2 gold). Delivers 2 gold from Georgetown for \$700 and 3 silver from Ouray for \$480. Gains \$130 in passenger revenue. **Blue** (Bolduc) operates #40 (insufficient funds). Delivers 1 gold from Fairplay to Denver for \$350 and 2 coal from Walsenburg to Denver for \$280. Gains \$20 in passenger revenue.

Red (Scharf) no operation, delivers 4 copper from Lordsburg to El Paso for \$3200. Gains \$60 in passenger revenue. Hires a second surveyor for \$400. Aqua (Lewis) operates #35 (\$50, depletes), #68 (\$20, 5 coal), #73 (\$20, 3 coal), and #74 (\$20, 4 coal). Delivers 10 coal from Hiawatha to Salt Lake City for \$1000.

Gains \$410 in passenger revenue.

Green (Longdin) operates #92 (\$40, 4 coal) and #81 (\$40, depletes). Delivers 4 coal from Raton to Denver for \$560. Gains \$380 in passenger revenue. Orange (Hooton) operates #119 (\$40, 3 coal), #113 (\$30, 4 lumber), #128 (\$40, 1 silver), #65 (\$30, 2 lumber), #63 (\$50, 3 lumber), #46 (\$40, 1 silver), #51 (\$30, 4 silver), and #100 (\$40, 1 gold). Delivers 4 coal from Farmington to Santa Fe for \$400 and 4 lumber from Lumberton to Santa Fe for \$320. Gains \$90 in passenger revenue.

Determine Price Changes						
Gold:Remains at \$350Copper: -1 to \$320Silver:Remains at \$160						
		Denver	Salt Lake City	Pueblo	Santa Fe	El Paso
Lumber:		-1 to \$160	Remains at \$300	-1 to \$160	-1 to \$60	+2 to \$200
Coal		-2 to \$100	-2 to \$60	Remains at \$80	Remains at \$100	Remains at \$140

Turn 11

Move Prospectors and Surveyors

Brown (Partridge) surveys Gunnison to Crested Butte and prospects passenger line 15.

Blue (Bolduc) surveys Walsenburg to Alimosa (9-length line) and dismantles Denver to Cheyenne, prospects passenger line 10.

Red (Scharf) surveys Soccoro to Belen and Rincon to Lake Valley, prospects #125

Aqua (Lewis) surveys Elk Springs to Craig and Cisco to Moab, no prospecting.

Green (Longdin) surveys Buena Vista to Gunnison and French to Las Vegas, prospects passenger line 10.

Orange (Hooton) surveys Soccoro to Carrizozo, prospects #33 and #99

Dispute Resolution

Blue and Green have a dispute over passenger line 10. Blue's line has a length of 25 while Green's has a length of 33 for a +8 modifier to Blue, with an additional +1 for the prospector. Blue = 11 + 9, Green = 5. Blue wins and prospector goes to P+2. Brown spends \$515, Blue spends \$460, Red spends \$280, Aqua spends \$180, Green spends \$520, and Orange spends \$560.

			<u>Th</u>	<u>ie Players</u>		
Player	Color	Starting Location	Money	Trains	Snowplows	Personnel
Dave Partridge	Brown	Denver	\$795	9, 15		S+1, S, P+1
Paul Bolduc	Blue	Denver	\$215	9, 15		S, S+1, P+2
Bill Scharf	Red	El Paso	\$3265	9,24		S, S, P
Andy Lewis	Aqua	Salt Lake City	\$3380	9, 15, 42		S, S, P
Michael Longdin	Green	Pueblo	\$1570	9, 15	+2	S+2, S, P
Dave Hooton	Orange	Santa Fe	\$620	9, 15, 24		S, S, P, P

Personnel in **Bold** are in jail.

	Purchased Claims						
#	City	Owner	Туре	Goods	Operation		
48	Ouray	Brown	Silver	1	\$40		
30	Georgetown	Brown	Gold	0	\$30		
88	Walsenburg	Blue	Coal	0	\$50		
80	Aspen	Blue	Coal	Ν	\$30		
40	Aspen	Blue	Silver	Ν	\$40		
105	Silver City	Red	Silver	1	Depleted		
98	Pinos Altos	Red	Gold	2	Depleted		
102	Hillsboro	Red	Silver	6	Depleted		
108	Lordsburg	Red	Copper	0	\$40		
101	Lake Valley	Red	Silver	5	\$20		
126	Santa Rita	Red	Coal	Ν	\$30		
125	Capitan	Red	Coal	Ν	\$20		
36	Eureka	Aqua	Silver	1	Depleted		
67	Coalville	Aqua	Coal	1	Depleted		
35	Heber City	Aqua	Silver	3	Depleted		
37	Eureka	Aqua	Silver	2	Depleted		
68	Scofield	Aqua	Coal	12	\$20		
73	Hiawatha	Aqua	Coal	4	\$20		
74	Elk Springs	Aqua	Coal	10	\$20		
92	Raton	Green	Coal	12	\$40		
81	Crested Butte	Green	Coal	9	Depleted		
47	Ouray	Green	Silver	2	Depleted		
119	Farmington	Orange	Coal	0	\$40		

#	City	Owner	Туре	Goods	Operation
113	Porter	Orange	Lumber	6	\$30
128	South Fork	Orange	Silver	1	\$40
65	El Vado	Orange	Lumber	2	\$30
63	Lumberton	Orange	Lumber	1	\$50
46	Telluride	Orange	Silver	2	\$40
51	Silverton	Orange	Silver	4	\$30
100	White Oaks	Orange	Gold	1	\$40
122	Lee Ranch West	Orange	Coal	Ν	\$20
99	White Oaks	Orange	Gold	Ν	\$50
33	Silverton	Orange	Gold	N	\$50

Purchased Passenger Lines

#	Туре	Route	Payoff	Owner	Notes
3	А	Denver – Colorado Springs	\$50	Brown	
5	А	Denver – Pueblo	\$80	Brown	
15	В	Denver – Grand Jct.	\$270	Brown	Discard when 22 is taken. Good for \$270 toward card 22
1	А	Denver – Boulder	\$20	Blue	
10	В	Denver – Aspen	\$130	Blue	
4	А	El Paso – Deming	\$60	Red	
2	А	Salt Lake City – Provo	\$20	Aqua	

#	Туре	Route	Payoff	Owner	Notes
11	В	Salt Lake City –	\$140	Aqua	Discard when 20 is
		Grand Jct.			taken. Good for \$140
					toward card 20 or 21
16	В	Salt Lake City –	\$250	Aqua	Discard when 22 is
		Grand Jct.			taken. Good for \$250
					toward card 22
9	В	Denver – Leadville	\$120	Green	
8	А	Denver – Leadville	\$260	Green	Discard after 3 more
					Leadville depletions
6	А	Santa Fe –	\$90	Orange	
		Albuquerque			

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#	City	Туре	Claim	Operation
76	Craig	Coal	\$80	\$20
38	Aspen	Silver	\$100	\$40

Available Passenger Lines

#	Туре	Route	Payoff	Cost	Notes
12	В	Pueblo – Grand Jct.	\$150	\$310	Discard when 20 is
					taken. Good for
					\$150 toward card 20
					or 21
18	С	Gallup – Santa Rosa	\$500	\$660	
22	С	Denver – Salt Lake City	\$800	\$110	
				0	
24	С	Denver – El Paso	\$1000	\$138	
				0	
19	С	Salt Lake City –	\$600	\$975	
		Albuquerque			
17	С	Denver – Santa Fe	\$420	\$585	
13	В	El Paso – Santa Fe	\$140	\$320	
7	А	Pueblo – Santa Fe	\$120	\$280	

	<u>Available Claims</u>				
#	City	Туре	Claim	Operation	
82	Crested Butte	Coal	\$60	\$20	
71	Sunnyside	Coal	\$100	\$20	
123	Gallup	Coal	\$60	\$40	
114	McGaffey	Lumber	\$40	\$30	
103	Hillsboro	Silver	\$60	\$30	
43	Leadville	Silver	\$200	\$50	

<u>Available Trains</u>				
Туре	# Available	Cost		
9	0	\$80		
15	1	\$120		
24	6	\$200		
42	7	\$320		

Available S	Snowplows

Туре	# Available	Cost
Die +2	2	\$40
Die +3	4	\$80
Die +4	5	\$140

Hound Turn 9

Deadline Turn 10, 4/29, Tuesday

Commander Actions

Roobie-Roo buys a titanium factory (Or3, Or5, Wa7, Wa7, Wa8).

BORG opens the bidding on Scientists at 40 and Brosarium gets it for 52 (Or2, Wa5, Wa6, Wa9, MWa). Opens the bidding on the second Scientists at 40 and Scharfpost gets it for 55 (Or2, Or3, Or4, Or5, Or5, Wa6, DL discounts). Buys a titanium factory (Or2, Or3, Wa8, Ti8, Wa9) and moves a population factor from an ore factory to man it.

Miles from Nowhere buys a titanium factory (Wa5, Ti12, Ti13) and a population factor (Or1, Wa9).

Brosiarium passes.

FEARLESS opens the bidding on an Orbital Lab at 50 and Little Green Men gets it for 51 (Wa7, Wa7, Wa7, MWa). Opens the bidding on the second Orbital Lab at 50 and gets it (Or2, Or4, Or5, Wa6, Wa7, Wa8, Wa8, Wa10)

Golden Orb buys a water factory (Or3, Or4, Wa6, Wa7) and moves a population from an ore factory to man it.

HBDC buys a titanium factory (Wa5, Wa5, Wa9, Ti11) and moves a population factor from a water factory to man it.

Little Green Men passes.

Scharfpost passes.

Bartertown X opens the bidding on Heavy Equipment at 30 and gets it (Or4, Wa4, Wa7, Wa7, Wa8).

	<u>The Players</u>								
	Outpost Name	Commander	Factories	Upgrades	VP				
1	Roobie-Roo	Andy Lewis	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, TiF	HE, No, Wa, Ec	17				
2	BORG	Dave Hooton	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF	HE, No, Wa, Ro	16				
3	FEARLESS	Michael Lowrey	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF	No, HE, Wa, OL	14				
4	Miles from Nowhere	Michael Longdin	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF, TiF	HE, No	14				
5	Brosiarium	Eric Brosius	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF	No, 2Sc	13				
6	Little Green Men	Dave Partridge	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF	No, OL	12				
7	Golden Orb	Cary Nichols	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF	2DL, HE, Wa, No	10				
8	HBDC	Kevin Wilson	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF	HE, Wa	10				
9	Scharfpost	Bill Scharf	OrF, OrF, WaF, P	3DL, Wa, Sc	9				
10	Bartertown X	Andy York	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF	2DL, HE	8				

BORG is Basic Orbital Research Group. HBDC is Heavenly Bodies Development Corporation. FEARLESS is Forward Extraction and Resource Location Exoterrestrial Space Services

Available Upgrades

New Arrivals: Outpost, Scientists, Laboratory, Scientists, Robots

Upgrade	Minimum Bid	Available	Not Yet Delivered
Warehouse (Wa)	25	1	0
Heavy Equipment (HE)	30	0	0
Nodule (No)	25	0	0
Scientists (Sc)	40	2	2
Orbital Lab (OL)	50	0	5
Robots (Ro)	50	2	4
Laboratory (La)	80	2	5
Ecoplants (Ec)	30	0	6
Outpost (Ou)	100	3	4

Roobie-Roo, FEARLESS, and Brosarium took a Mega Water cards.

Bulldog Turns 4.4 to 5.4 Deadline Turn 5.5 to 6.5, 4/29 Tuesday

Turn 4

Andy rolls a 4. Dave H. and Dave P. each gain 2 woll, and Mike gains one wool. Passes. During the special build turn, Dave P. upgrades settlement at C5 to a city. **Dave H.** rolls an 11. Mike and Andy each gain 1 lumber, Michael and Dave H. each gain 1 wool. Dave H. trades 3 brick for a grain at the ? Port. During the

Mike rolls an 8. Mike gains 2 brick, Dave P. gains 2 ore, Michael and Dave H. each gain 1 brick, and Chris gains 1 ore. Passes. Dave H. builds a road from C13 to B13.

Dave P. rolls a 12. Chris gains 1 lumber. Trades 1 ore to Michael for 1 brick, trades 4 brick for 1 grain, and builds a settlement at E5. During the special build turn, Chris builds a road from B15 to B14.

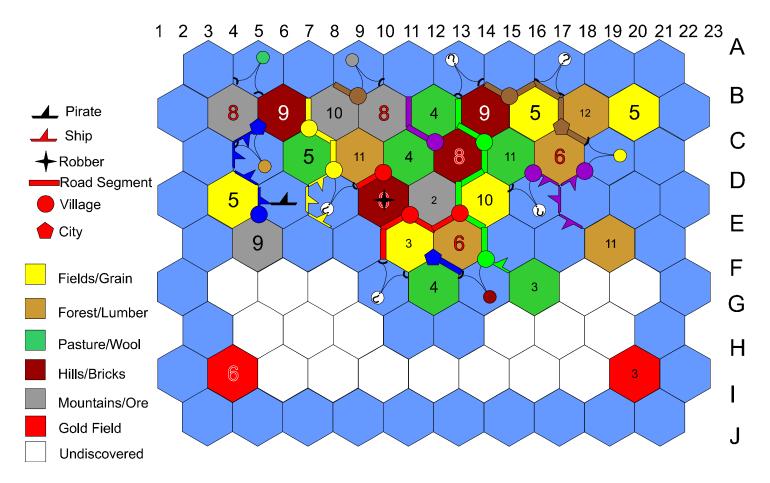
special build turn, Mike builds a road from E10 to F10 and Andy builds a ship from E7 to E8.

Chris rolls a 9. Dave P. gains 2 brick, and Michael, Andy, and Chris each gain 1 brick. Passes.

<u>Turn 5</u>

Michael rolls a 7. Moves the Robber to the 8-Hells at D/E 10 and steals an ore from Mike. Trades 2 brick for 1 lumber.

Andy rolls an 8. Dave P. gains 2 ore, Michael and Dave H. each gain 1 brick, and Chris gains 1 ore. Passes. During the special build turn, Chris upgrades his settlement at C17 to a city.



Income

Mike

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<u>Open Tr</u>ades

Michael offers 1 brick for 1 ore or 1 lumber.

Turn 5 Rolls

Dave H. 6

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Chris

Turn 6 Rolls Andy

7

Dave H. 8

The Players

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Player	Color	Grain	Wool	Brick	Lumber	Ore	Development Cards	VP
Mike Scott	Red		1	2		2		3
Dave Partridge	Blue		1			3		5
Michael Longdin	Green		2	2	1	3		2
Andy York	Yellow		1	2		2		4*
Dave Hooton	Purple	1	3	1		1		3
Chris Geggus	Brown			1				4

8

Michael

* Longest trade route.

Malamute Turn 5 Deadline Turn 6, 4/29 Tuesday

Planning

Swedes maintains 3 ships (\$12) and buys 2 soldiers (\$20) for \$32. Portuguese maintain 4 ships (\$16) and buy 3 ship (\$36) for \$52. 4 ships declare

Dave P. 11

pirate versus France.

Spanish maintain 1 ship (\$4), buy 3 ships (\$36) and 4 soldiers (\$40) for \$80.

Dutch maintain 5 ships (\$20) and buy 7 soldiers (\$70) for \$90.

English maintain 5 ships (\$20) and buys 5 soldiers (\$50) for \$70.

French maintain 4 ships (\$16) and buy 4 soldiers (\$40) for \$56.

Outbound Naval Movement

Swedes Move to K. Dice: 1, 2, 4. No losses.

Portuguese Move to R. Dice: 2, 2, 3, 6. No losses.

Spanish Move to V. Dice: 1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5. Loses 2 colonists.

Dutch Move to N. Dice: 1, 3, 4, 5. Loses 1 ship containing 1 colonist and 1 soldier.

English Move to Y. Dice: 1, 2, 2, 4, 5. Loses 1 soldier..

French Move to C. Dice: 2, 3, 6, 6. No losses.

Mining

French loot 3 gold in D. Swedes mine 1 gold in G (mine depletes). English mine 1 gold in O. Spanish mine 1 gold in P.

Discovery

Swedes discover a mine in G. Spanish discover a mine in S.

Land Movement

Swedes move 1 gold from G to K, 1 soldier from K to G, 1 soldier from F to B. It is a climate 3 area with 1 site and 2 natives. Move 1 soldier from J to G, 2 soldiers and 4 colonists from fleet to K.

Portuguese move 1 colonist from R to T, 2 colonists from R to U, and 5 colonists from fleet to R.

Spanish move 1 gold from P to anchorage dot, move 4 soldiers and 2 colonists from fleet to V. It is a climate 4 area with 2 natives.

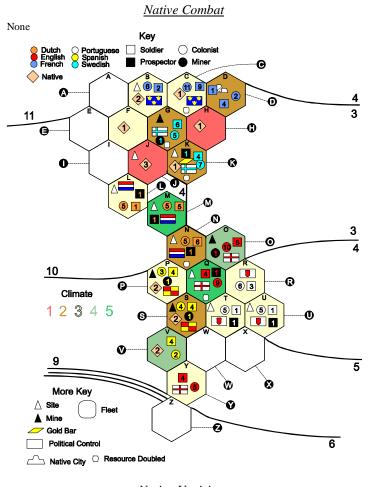
Dutch move 1 soldier and 4 colonists from M to L. 1 soldier prospects. Move 4 colonists and 5 soldiers from N to M. 1 soldier prospects. 2 colonists and 6 soldiers move from fleet to N.

English one colonist in O mines, move one soldier from O to O, one soldier in O prospects, and move 5 colonists and 4 soldiers from fleet to Y. It is a climate 3 area with no natives.

French move 3 gold from D to anchorage dot, 5 soldiers and 6 colonists from C to B, 4 soldiers from D to C, 2 colonists from C to D, and 4 colonists and 4 soldiers from fleet to C.

Combat

French attack Swedes in B. French lose 3 soldiers, Swedes lose 1.



Native Uprisings

Climate is a 5. Uprising in K (2 colonists killed).

Survival

Climate is a 6. No losses.

Political Control

French gain political control of B, Dutch gain political control of L, English gain political control of Y, and Portuguese gain political control of U.

Homebound Naval Movement

Swedes: Dice: 1, 4, 5. No losses..

Portuguese: Move to D. Dice: 2, 6. No losses. Attack port at D. 2 pirates lost. To Home: Dice: 3, 3, 5.

Spanish: Move to P. Die: 3. No losses. To Home: Dice: 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4. No losses.

Dutch: Dice: 5, 6, 6, 6. No losses.

English: Move to O: Dice: 6, 6, 6. No losses. To Home: Dice: 1, 3, 4. No losses.

French: Move to D. Dice: 2, 6. No losses. To Home: Dice: 1, 1, 2. No losses.

<u>Income</u>

Swedes: Political Control: \$90, resources: \$48.

Portuguese: Political Control: \$120, resources: \$32.

Spanish: Political Control: \$90, Gold: \$40, resources: \$18.

Dutch: Political Control: \$120, resources: \$40.

English: Political Control: \$120, Gold: \$40, resources: \$66.

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French: Political Control: \$90, Gold: \$120, resources: \$60.

Turn 6 Initiative

Portuguese, Dutch, French, Swedes, English, Spanish Portuguese attitude is (dr = 8+1) Piracy versus France.

<u>Players</u>								
Country	Player	Money	Available Soldiers	Ships	Colonists			
French	Dennis Cain	\$286	4	4	4			
Swedes	Andy Lewis	\$233	11	3	4			
Dutch	Andy York	\$198	6	5	5			
English	Dave Partridge	\$258	6	5	5			
Spanish	Cary Nichols	\$153	10	4	4			
Portuguese	Non-Player	\$175	15	5	3			

Cats and Dogs

Epoch II Vedic City States, Greek City States, and Scytheans Deadline Epoch II Carthaginians and Persians, 4/29 Tuesday

<u>Epoch II</u>

100% Pussycats (Longdin) VEDIC CITY STATES: Plays Civil Service. Army and Capital Upper Indus (Sumerian army eliminated), army Ganges Valley, Ganges Delta, Eastern Deccan, Eastern Ghats, Lower Indus (vs. Indus Valley; V: 4, 2; I: 6; loses), Lower Indus (vs. Indus Valley; V: 5, 1; I: 3; wins, Capital reduced to city), Western Deccan (vs. Indus Valley; V: 5, 2; I: 2, wins). Builds Monument Upper Indus. Points: Dominance in India (4), Presence in North Africa (2) and Southern Europe (2), 1 Capital (2), 1 city (1), and 1 Monument (1) for 12 points.

Systematic Chaos (Cain) plays Rebellion in Wei River (vs. Chou Dynasty, R: 6, 2; C: 2, wins, Capital reduced to city). Plays Disaster in Upper Indus (Monument destroyed, Capital reduced to city). GREEK CITY STATES: Army and Capital Morea (Egypt army eliminated), fleet Eastern Mediterranean (vs. Royal Manticoran Historical Society; SC: 5, 1; RMHS: 2; wins), army Crete (vs. Minoans; G: 6, 4; M: 3+1; wins, Capital reduced to city), Pindus (vs. Phoenicia; G: 6, 2; P: 1; wins), Levant (vs. Assyrians; G: 6, 2; A: 5, 1; wins, city eliminated), Shatts Plateau, Upper Tigris (vs. Assyrians; G: 6, 1; A: 2; wins, Capital reduced to city), Middle Tigris (vs. Babylonians; G: 6, 1; B: 6; G: 5, 4; B: 5; G: 5, 3; B: 5; G: 6, 5; B: 2; G: 6, 3; B: 3; wins, Capital reduced to city). Points: Dominance in Southern Europe (4), Presence in North Africa (2), Middle East (3), and China (2), one Capital (2), four cities (4), 1 Sea (1), and two Monuments (2) for 20 points.

The Questioner (Partridge) plays Barbarians in the Syrian Desert. Upper Tigris (vs. Greek City States; B: 3, 1; G: 1; wins, city eliminated), Middle Tigris (vs. Greek City States; B: 4, 1; G: 2, wins, city eliminated), Lower Tigris (vs. Babylonians; Bar: 3, 1; Bab: 6; loses). SCHYTHEANS: Plays Jihad. Army Caucuses, Eastern Anatolia (vs. Babylonians; S: 6, 5; 5; B: 2, 1; wins, city eliminated), Upper Tigris, Middle Tigris, Lower Tigris (vs. Babylonians; S: 5, 2, 1; B: 1, wins, city eliminated), Levant (vs. Greek City States; S: 3, 2; 1; G: 1, wins), Zagros (vs. Assyrians; S: 6, 4, 2; A: 6; wins). Builds Monument in Levant. Points: Dominance in Middle East (6), Presence in China (2), one Capital (2), and three Monuments (3) for 13 points.

	<u>Pl</u>	ayers	
Player Name	Player Faction Name/Color	Empire Strength Points	Victory Points
Dave Anderson	The Time Traveler (orange)	4	8
Andy Lewis	Marching through the Ages (red)	4	5
Michael Longdin	100% Pussycats (green)	11	19
Dave Partridge	The Questioner (yellow)	11	17
Paul Bolduc	Arachnids (blue)	11	16
Kevin Wilson	Royal Manticoran Historical Society (purple)	12	31
Dennis Cain	Systematic Chaos (black)	13	29

Positions

Systematic Chaos: Fleet Eastern Mediterranean. SUMERIANS: Army Persian Plateau. REBELLION: Army, city, and Monument Wei River. GREEK CITY STATES: Army and Capital Morea, army and city Crete, armies Levant and Shatts Plateau.

100% Pussycats: EGYPT: Army Nubia. VEDIC CITY STATES: Army and city Upper Indus, Lower Indus, armies Ganges Valley, Ganges Delta, Western Deccan, Eastern Deccan, Eastern Ghats.

Marching Through the Ages: MINOANS: Army and Fort in Western Anatolia, army Balkans.

The Time Traveler: INDUS VALLEY: Army Western Ghats.

Royal Manticoran Historical Society: ASSYRIA: Army, city, and Monument Nile Delta, armies Libya, Palestine.

The Questioner: SHANG DYNASTY: Army and Capital Yellow River, army Si-Kyang. SCYTHEANS: Army and Monument Levant, Upper Tigris, Lower Tigris, armies Caucuses, Eastern Anatolia, Middle Tigris, Zagros.

Arachnids: ARYANS: Armies Turanian Plain, Hindu Kush, Persian Salt Desert NORTH AMERICAN MIGRANTS: Armies Great Lakes, Great Plains. CHOU DYNASTY: Armies Great Plain of China, Checkiang, Tarim Basin.

							<u>yhound</u> ial Bids			
		Deadli	ne Ini	tial Toke	n Purch			hases 1 throug	gh 3, 4/29 Tu	esday
Michael Longdi	n bids \$3, c					oids \$0, cho		·		oids \$0, chooses Barcelona
Dave Partridge l				Dav	ve Hood b	ids \$0, cho	oses London		Robert Koehler	bids \$0, gets Genoa
						The	Players			
Player		Country	Mise	ery To	kens	Money	Order	Dominance	Ships	Advances
Michael Longdii	n Ve	enice	0			\$37		0		
Dave Partridge	Ha	amburg	0			\$38		0		
Bob Robles	Pa	ris	0			\$40		0		
Dave Hood	Lo	ondon	0			\$40		0		
Steve Koehler	Ba	urcelona	0			\$40		0		
Robert Koehler	Ge	enoa	0			\$40		0		
		Comm	odity L	og					Card	s
Commodity	Michael	Dave P.	Bob	Dave H.	Steve	Robert			<u>euru</u>	<u>.</u>
Stone (2)			1							
Wool (3)				1						
Timber (4)		1								
Grain (5)										
Cloth (6)	1					1				
Wine (7)					1					
Metal (8)										
Fur (9)										
Silk (10)										
Spice (11)										
Gold (12)										
Ivory (12)										
Silk (10) Spice (11) Gold (12)	 									

Just a reminder of the rules. We are using the advanced rules with the addition of the treachery cards from the Spice Blow and Duel expansions. Please submit a preference list of the powers you want to play. We are using the six traditional powers plus the Lansraad, Ixians, and Bene Tleilax. Since this is a seven player game, one of you will be playing the Bene Tleilaxu.

Gaspode Gamestart Turn 1, 4/29 Tuesday

<u>Notes</u>

I corresponded with the players, and the consensus on using the expansion buildings was not to. The vote was three to one against, with one abstention.

-		<u>The Players</u>							
Player Name	Role	Plantations	Buildings	San Juan	Doubloons	Stored Production	VP		
Andy York		Indigo			4				
Dave Partridge		Indigo			4				
Andy Lewis		Indigo			4				
Chris Geggus		Corn			4				
Tom Howell		Corn			4				

Player in bold is the Governor. Plantations and buildings in bold are manned. Buildings that can be manned by more than one colonist will have the number manning

them in parentheses after the building name.

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				Availe	able Items				
Colonists:	Supply: 90	Colonist Ship:	5						
Trading H	ouse: Empty								
Cargo Ship	os: Ship 1 (capa	city 6):	Ship 2	2 (capacity 7):	Ship 3 (c	apacity 8):			
Victory Po	ints: 122								
				Com	modities				
Corn:	10	Indigo:	11	Sugar:	11	Tobacco:	9	Coffee:	9
				Bu	uildings				
Column 1 Column 2 Column 3						mn 3	Col	umn 4	
Small Indig	o Plant (x4)			Indigo P	Indigo Plant (x3)		Tobacco Storage (x3)		d Hall
Small Sugar	r Mill (x4)			Sugar N	fill (x3)	Coffee Ro	baster (x3)	Res	idence
Small Mark	Small Market (x2)		Hospic	Hospice (x2)		Factory (x2)		rtress	
Hacienda (x	(2)	2)		Office	Office (x2)		University (x2)		ns House
Constructio	Construction Hut(x2)		Large Ma	arket (x2)	Harbo	Harbour (x2)		y Hall	
Small Ware	house (x2)			Large Ware	ehouse (x2)	Whar	f (x2)		
]	Rolls				

Builder, Captain, Craftsman, Mayor, Prospector (x2), Settler, Trader

Plantations

Quarry (x8), Tobacco, Coffee, Indigo, Corn, Tobacco, Corn

Pedagoguery

Space is a hostile environment. The lack of gravity and an atmosphere create huge problems for human habitation. Perhaps the most insidious problem, however, is posed by radiation, particularly cosmic rays.

Cosmic rays hare high energy atomic nuclei, mostly protons, that fly through space at nearly the speed of light. Earth is constantly bombarded by cosmic rays, but we feel very little in the way of effects on the Earth's surface. This is not due to Earth's magnetic field, which is far too weak to have much of an effect on particles with energies as high as those of cosmic rays. Rather, it is the bulk of Earth's atmosphere that provides the bulk of the shielding.

When a cosmic ray enters Earth's atmosphere, it typically travels about 1/14 of the way in before hitting the nucleus of an atom in the air. The collision will typically knock a proton or neutron loose from the nucleus and unleash a shower of gamma rays and particles called pi mesons, or pions. The gamma rays will propagate deeper into the atmosphere and generally produced electron positron pairs, which annihilate and produce lower-energy gamma rays. That cycle will continue until the gamma rays have too little energy to produce electron-positron pairs. The pions, however, will quickly decay into mu mesons, or muons, which penetrate to the ground. It is this shower of secondary radiation which makes shielding against cosmic rays so difficult. At sea level, however, it amounts to about the level of a couple of chest x-rays every year \Box enough for our bodies' natural self-repair mechanisms to deal with.

In space, however, this cascade of reactions takes place in the spacecraft and the astronauts, yielding about 5000 ions zipping through a person every second. These ions can cause a lot of damage, leaving trails of broken chemical bonds and damaging free radicals it its wake. Plus, heavier ions carry much greater potential for damage, since their ability to break chemical bonds is proportional to the square of their electrical charge. So, an iron nucleus does 676 times the amount of damage as a single proton.

The effects of radiation on the body are in many cases not well known. Most of the data we have comes from those unfortunate people exposed to massive doses in a short period of time, such as those in close proximity to nuclear tests or nuclear accidents. While an astronaut on a trip to Mars would suffer a similar radiation dose, it would be spread out over a much longer period of time, and no one knows is the comparison is valid. Even so, there is little reason to take any risk, so shielding astronauts from cosmic radiation is essential. Such shielding would also be effective against solar radiation as well, although solar storms are

much more intermittent.

Three mechanisms have been devised for such shielding. The first uses the same mechanism as the Earth: matter. Earth's atmosphere has a mass of about one kilogram per square centimeter. Astronauts could probably make due with half that, the equivalent of an altitude of 5500 meters (17,800 feet). Any less than that and the shielding would fail to absorb all of the xshrapnelx of the cosmic ray collisions. Assuming you use water, the shell has to be 5 meters deep (about 16 feet). That amounts to about 500 tons of water for a small capsule. When you consider that the space shuttle has a cargo limit of 30 tons, this starts to look infeasible, especially if you want to scale up. Water works well because the astronauts will need it anyway, and hydrogen works best as a shielding agent for a given mass, because in heavier nuclei, the protons and neutrons shield each other, giving the nucleus a smaller collision cross section for the mass than a proton. You can increase the quantity of hydrogen by using ethylene (C_2H_4) which can be polymerized into polyethylene, which is a solid. That reduces the shielding down to 400 tons, still not feasible.

A second possibility is magnetic shielding. If you could generate a sufficiently strong magnetic field, you could deflect the incoming cosmic rays. The problem is, it needs to be very strong: about 600,000 times the strength of the Earth's magnetic field. Such a strong field would require superconducting wires to handle the strong current. A suitable scheme for this has been devised that mases only 9 tons \Box an improvement but still pretty massive. Naturally, it has some drawbacks. First of all, magnetic fields would provide no shielding at the poles. This means that the living quarters of the spacecraft would have to be dough nut shaped, to leave the magnetic axis empty. Secondly, a magnetic field that strong could have serious biological effects and no one knows what they might be. People experiencing a field 1/40th the size have reporting flashing lights and a string acid taste in the mouth when they move in such a field. One possibility is to use a second superconducting magnet to partially counter the field in the living quarters. Unfortunately, this does not completely cancel the field and it greatly increases the complexity of the system.

The third possibility involves electrostatic shielding. If you can fling away electrons from the ship, you leave the ship with a net positive charge. That can repel incoming cosmic ray particles if it is strong enough. The advantage of this is that it has no coverage gaps and produces no hazardous effects for the crew. However, to be effective, the ship would have to be charged up to two billion

volts, requiring a gargantuan electric current. Plus, it would server as a powerful attractor to any negatively charged particles in the vicinity. It is the solution that to be overcome if the safety of the crew is to be assured. has had the least study, however, so perhaps the issues can be overcome.

In the final analysis, interplanetary travel will require some major problems

Next issue: what were the first stars of the universe like?

Best in Show A Partial List of Winners and Games Won

<u>Machia</u>velli Name Winner The Gates of Hades Chris Hurley Mastiff Bill Scharf Pack of Curs Bill Scharf Doghouse Dave Anderson Rude Dog Ward Narhi The River¹ Ken Marcinonis Not Guilty¹ Dave Anderson Ward Narhi Rabid Dog Fleabag Renken/Ray Grib/Pasquale Berry Giovine Feral Dogs Pasquale Giovine Pasquale Giovine Citizen Dog New Tricks Phil Reynolds Dave Partridge Wild Dog Off the Leash Pasquale Giovine Shepherd Pasquale Giovine Pasquale Giovine Dogfight Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Dave Partridge Cheap²

¹ Rehoused from Jason Wilke's Won if by Land

² Rehoused from Phil Reynolds' ishkibibble

<u>Merchant of V</u>	enus
Winner]
Caleb Cousins	
Andy Lewis	
Dennis Cain	
Andy Lewis	
Andy Lewis	
Dave Partridge	
	Winner Caleb Cousins Andy Lewis Dennis Cain Andy Lewis Andy Lewis Andy Lewis

Dune

Name	Winner
Sand Dog	Chris Hurley
Canine	Paul Bolduc
Running Dogs	Andy York
Pavlov	Bill Scharf and Cary Nichols

Outpost

	$\underline{Ouiposi}$
Name	Winner
Dog Breath	Andy York
Mutt	Kevin Kinsel
Dogstar	Kevin Wilson
Canes Venatici	Michael Lowrey
Wolfbane	Dave Partridge
Retriever	Eric Brosius
Hound	

	<u>History of th</u>	<u>e World</u>
Name	Winner	
Fenris Wolf	Dave Anderson	
Mongrel	Andy Lewis	
Wolfpack	Sean Cousins	
Dogpaddle	Andy Lewis	
Dog Days	Andy Lewis	
Dogface	Andy Lewis	
Dogwood	Andy Lewis]

	<u>New World</u>
Name	Winner
Anubis	Bill Scharf
Chihuahua	Bill Scharf
Pooch	Bill Scharf
Coyote	Andy Lewis
Hounds of Tindalos	Andy Lewis
Doggerel	Andy Lewis
Gray Wolf	Dave Partridge
Jackal	Andy York

Settlers/Seafarers of Catan

Name	Winner		
Rin Tin Tin ¹	Brendan Whyte		
Benji ¹	Brad Martin		
Fenris	Ward Narhi		
Wolfhound	Dave Partridge		
Salty Dog	Kevin Wilson		

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	<u>l</u>	Liftof
Name	Winner	
Astro	Andy Lewis	
Dog Pound	Dennis Cain	
Rover	Bill Scharf	
Watchdog	Bill Scharf	
Laika	Andy York	

Age of Renaissance

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Dog Show	Dennis Cain		
Dog Chow	Paul Bolduc		

Kremlin

Name	Winner
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Name	Winner	
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