

## Notes from Hades

Still not much to report on the home front. The boys' $14^{\text {th }}$ birthday was good, and we had a nice relaxing spring break.
Purebred finishes this issue. Congratulations to Boger von Schoenfeldt on his victory. Also, we are one turn away from completion on Pick of the Litter. A number of games are close to starting, so please sign up so we can get them underway.

The next deadline is Tuesday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Please do not call after 10:00 p.m. Pacific time. My family tend to retire early.

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|  | Game Openings |  |

Foxhound. New World. Have Bob Robles(\$), Andy York(\$), Andy Lewis(\$), Dave Hood(\$), Martin Burgdorf(\$), Brendan Whyte(\$). This game starts this issue.
Airedale. Power Grid. This game will be conducted via email. Players will vote on exact map and deck options at game start. Have Dave Hooton(\$), Chris Geggus(\$), Bill Scharf(\$), Geoff Kemp(\$), will take up to 2 more.
Azawakh. History of the World. Will start after Shaggy Dog ends. Have Chris Geggus(\$), Andy York(\$), Kevin Wilson(\$), Dave Anderson(\$), Christopher Hunt(\$), Geoff Richardson(\$), Martin Burgdorf(\$), this game is closed.
Papillon: Discworld: Ankh-Morpork. A humorous card-based game set in the city of Ankh-Morpork on Terry Pratchett's Discworld. It will run via email. Have Bill Scharf(\$), Christopher Hunt(\$), Andy York(\$), will take up to 1 more. Game fee waived for this game.
Basenji. Age of Renaissance. Will be run via email. Have Christopher Hunt(\$), Chris Geggus(\$), Bob Robles(\$), Kevin Burt(\$), Martin Burgdorf(\$), Geoff Richardson(\$). This game will start next issue!

Spaniel. Race for the Galaxy. A card-based game of galactic colonization and development. Will use the The Gathering Storm and Rebel vs. Imperium expansions. Have Bill Scharf(\$), Christopher Hunt(\$), Bob Robles(\$), Geoff Richardson, will take up to 2 more.
Beauceron. Puerto Rico. This will be the base game and it will be run via email. Have Chris Geggus(\$), Christopher Hunt(\$), Martin Burgdorf(\$), Geoff Richardson(\$), will take up to 1 more.
Players who have a (\$) after their name have paid the necessary game fee.

## Wish List

Goa. Have Chris Geggus, Bill Scharf, will take up to 2 more.
Puerto Rico. This will use the Buildings expansion and will be run via email. Have Chris Geggus, Christopher Hunt, will take up to 3 more.
Puerto Rico. This will use the Nobles expansion and will be run via email. Have Christopher Hunt, will take up to 4 more.
Kremlin: Will use the Revolution cards. Have Bob Robles, will take up to 5 more.
Dune: Will use the Ixian, Lansraad, and Bene Tleilaxu variants, as well as the cards from the Spice Harvest and Duel variants. Have Bob Robles, will take up to 6 more.
Machiavelli. Scenario and optional rules to be decided. Have Kevin Burt, will take up to 6 more.

Silverton: Will use the advanced rules. Will take up to 6 .
Agricola. Will be run via email. Have Chris Geggus, will take up to 4 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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## Purebred <br> Fall 1261

## Advanced Rules, Natural Disasters, Special Military Units, Moneylenders, Conquest, White Press, Standard Victory Deadline for End of Game Statements 5/31 Tuesday

Venice and Milan combine to squeeze Aragon while Florence and the Pope go on the defensive.

## Expenditures

Venice borrows 19 ducats for 2 years ( 29 ducats due Summer 1263) and spends 12
ducats each to disband Aragon F Dalmatia and Aragon F Lower Adriatic

## Outstanding Debt

Fall 1262: 27 ducats due from Florence (18 borrowed)
Fall 1263: 29 ducats due from Venice (19 borrowed)

## Orders

Aragon (McHugh): A Otranto supports A Aquila to Bari, A Aquila to Bari, F Gulf of Naples to Naples, F Lower Adriatic supports F Albania to Ragusa (nsu), F Dalmatia supports F Lower Adriatic (nsu), F Albania to Ragusa
Florence (Partridge): A Lucca support Venice A Bologna to Modena (nso), A

Pistoia supports A Lucca, A Pisa supports A Lucca, G Arezzo holds (u)
Milan (Schoenfeldt): A Modena supports Venice A Bologna holds, F Savoy to Ligurian Sea, F Marseilles to Gulf of Lions, F Ligurian Sea to Tyrrhenian Sea, F Gulf of Lions to Western
Mediterranean, F Sardinia supports F Ligurian Sea to Tyrrhenian Sea, F (EM) Tyrrhenian Sea to Palermo, F Tunis holds

A Rome holds, A Arezzo besieges, $\boldsymbol{A}(E M)$ Florence supports Florence A Pistoia to Bologna (nso)
Venice (Robles): A Bologna holds (u), A Ragusa to Herzegovina, A Bari holds (DisLodged, retreat Salerno, garrison, OTB), F

Urbino supports F Ancona to Upper Adriatic, F Upper Adriatic to Croatia, F Ancona to Upper Adriatic Your treasury:

## Notes

And with that, Milan now controls 17 cities, which is more than the 15 required for victory. Congratulations to Boger von Schoenfeldt on his victory.

Game Summary

|  | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{' 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 9}$ | $\mathbf{\prime} \mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{' 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{6 2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ara | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 |
| Flo | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Gen | 3 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mil | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 17 |
| Pap | 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Ven | 3 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 10 |



Austria invades Venetian territory while Florence and the Pope stay defensive.

## Outstanding Loans

Fall 1503: 15 ducats due from Venice ( 10 borrowed)

## Orders

AUSTRIA (Burgdorf):
A Provence to Savoy, A Montferrat supports A
Provence to Savoy, A Carinthia to Carniola, A Slavonia to Croatia, F Palermo supports F Gulf of Naples to Tyrrhenian Sea, F Gulf of Naples to Tyrrhenian Sea, $\underline{\text { F }}$

Papacy (Anderson):

Venice (Wilson):

Ionian SEa to Lower Adriatic
A Pisa to Lucca, A Florence supports A Arezzo, A Arezzo supports A Florence, A Sienna holds (u), F Ligurian Sea to Corsica, F Piombino to Tyrrhenian Sea A Genoa holds, A Naples holds, A Patrimony supports A Perugia, A Perugia supports A Patrimony A Treviso to Friuli, A Ferrara to Padua, A Bologna to Istria, A Urbino to Ancona, A Ancona to Ragusa, A
(EM) Aquila to Bari, F Upper Adriatic transports A Bologna to Istria, F Lower Adriatic transports A Ancona to Ragusa
Treasury:
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## Press

The Austrian Emperor to the Pope: There is no Austrian language. There is only a German language. One world one nation
Venice to Austria: Oh, what tangled webs and all that...

## Notes

The concession to Austria fails with 2 votes against and 2 votes for.

## Rescue Dog <br> Spring 1455 <br> Gunboat, Advanced Rules, Natural Disasters, Special Military Units, Moneylenders, Conquest, White Press, Ultimate Victory Deadline for Wummer 1455 5/31 Tuesday

Venice continues its war against the Turks while the Turks and Naples stalemate each other. Milan and France consolidate their positions and Florence and the Pope continue on the defensive.

Rescue Dog


Venice repays 7 ducats to the moneylenders.

## Outstanding Loans

Summer 1456: 11 ducats due from Venice (11 ducats borrowed)
Fall 1456: 21 ducats due from the Turks ( 14 ducats borrowed)

## Orders

Florence $\square$

France $\square$


Naples

Papacy
$\square$ A Modena to Genoa, A Arezzo supports A Perugia, A Perugia supports A Arezzo, A Bologna supports Milan A Mantua to Ferrara (nso), F Ancona holds (u), G Ancona holds (u)
A Albania holds, F Durazzo to Ionian Sea, F Central
Mediterranean supports F Durazzo to Ionian Sea, F Tunis to Western Mediterranean

A Ferrara supports A Padua to Verona, A Padua to Verona, A Carniola to Croatia, F Venice to Upper Adriatic, F Upper Adriatic to Lower Adriatic, F Lower Adriatic to Herzegovina
Your treasury:

## Press

Pope to Milan: My Milanese friend. It is pleasant in Ferrara at this time of year. I can provide directions.
Venice to Turkey: In response to your question--The Papacy and the Naples player are not interfering with Mare Adriatic.
When I control everything from Venice to Durazzo then I will stop attacking you.
As you see in my other moves I am just taking over the neutral centers. I take on only power at a time unless provoked or attacked by them. I even repay my debts.

## Spring 1455 Famine Losses

Autonomous garrison Ragusa

## Summer 1455 Plague

Poor Year - Row Only: Turin (Turkish F eliminated), Sienna (Florence A and autonomous garrison eliminated), Messina (Naples F eliminated), Padua, Ferrara (Venice A eliminated)

## Pick of the Litter

## Turn 23, Phases IV-VI and Turn 24 Phases I-III Turn 24, Phases IV-VI due 5/31 Tuesday Turn 23

## Operations

Red (Bishop) operates \#92 (\$40, 3 coal), \#86 (\$20, 3 coal), \#88 (\$50, 3 coal), \#84 ( $\$ 20,5$ coal), \#31 (\$80, depletes), delivers 14 gold from Cripple Creek to Pueblo for $\$ 3150$, 3 coal from Canon City to Pueblo for $\$ 240$, and 6 coal from Raton to Denver for $\$ 840$, gains $\$ 2170$ from passenger revenues. Trades in a 9 train and buys a 42 train for net $\$ 280$.
Brown (Partridge) operates \#54 (\$40, depletes), \#74 (\$20, 5 coal), \#77 (\$20, 3 coal), \#131 (\$20, 2 lumber), \#27 (\$40, 2 gold), delivers 5 gold from Leadville to Denver for $\$ 1125,4$ lumber from Steamboat Springs to Denver for $\$ 800,8$ coal from Elk Springs to Denver for $\$ 1120$, and 3 coal from Craig to Denver for $\$ 420$, gains $\$ 2270$ in passenger revenues.
Orange (Hooton) operates \#83 (\$20, 3 coal), \#116 (\$30, depletes), \#121 (\$30, 2 coal), \#107 (\$50, 3 copper), \#125 (\$20, 5 coal), \#117 (\$50, 2 lumber), \#100 (\$40,
depletes), \#33 (\$50, depletes), \#65 (\$30, 2 lumber), \#64 (\$40, 3 lumber), delivers 7 lumber from Cloudcroft to El Paso for $\$ 1120,7$ coal from Capitan to Santa Fe for \$840, 5 silver from Hillsboro to El Paso for $\$ 2000$, and 5 gold from Pinos Altos to El Paso for $\$ 1125$, gains $\$ 510$ in passenger revenues. Buys a +2 snowplow for $\$ 40$.

Cyan (Scharf) operates \#71 (\$20, 3 coal), \#68 (\$20, 2 coal), \#130 (\$80, 1 copper), \#67 (\$30, 3 coal), delivers 10 coal from Schofield to Salt Lake City for \$1000, gains $\$ 20$ in passenger revenues, buys a 72 train with $\$ 460$ and credit from returning a 9 train.
Blue (Anderson) operates \#47 (\$40, 1 silver), delivers 6 coal from Bowie to Denver for $\$ 840$, buys a 42 train for $\$ 320$.

## Determine Price Changes

| Gold: -2 to $\$ 175$ |
| :--- |

## Turn 24

Red (Bishop) no prospecting or surveying
Brown (Partridge) no surveying, prospects \#41.
Orange (Hooton) no prospecting or surveying

## Dispute Resolution

No disputes. Brown spends $\$ 140$, Blue spends $\$ 100$.

## Notes

Remember that Turn 24 is the final turn of the game and that it is a winter turn.
The Plavers

| Player | Color | Starting Location | Money | Trains | Snowplows | Personnel |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Howard Bishop | Red | Denver | $\$ 30,360$ | $15,24,42,72$ | $+4,+5$ | $\mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{P}+2, \mathrm{P}$ |
| Dave Partridge | Brown | Denver | $\$ 25,485$ | $24,24,42,72$ |  | $\mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{~S}+2, \mathrm{P}+2$ |
| Dave Hooton | Orange | El Paso | $\$ 34,225$ | $24,24,42,42$ | +2 | $\mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{P}+2, \mathrm{P}$ |
| Bill Scharf | Cyan | Salt Lake City | $\$ 13,015$ | $15,42,42,72$ |  | $\mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}+1$ |
| Debbie Anderson | Blue | Pueblo | $\$ 4,135$ | $9,15,24,42$ |  | $\mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{P}+1$ |

Purchased Claims

| $\#$ | City | Owner | Type | Goods | Operation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 92 | Raton | Red | Coal | 0 | $\$ 40$ |
| 123 | Gallup | Red | Coal | 3 | Depleted |
| 86 | Canon City | Red | Coal | 0 | $\$ 20$ |
| 88 | Walsenburg | Red | Coal | 18 | $\$ 50$ |
| 61 | South Fork | Red | Lumber | 3 | Depleted |
| 84 | Durango | Red | Coal | 5 | $\$ 20$ |
| 49 | Silverton | Red | Silver | 3 | Depleted |
| 50 | Silverton | Red | Silver | 3 | Depleted |
| 74 | Elk Springs | Brown | Coal | 0 | $\$ 20$ |
| 77 | Craig | Brown | Coal | 5 | $\$ 20$ |
| 131 | Hot Sulphur Springs | Brown | Lumber | 2 | $\$ 20$ |
| 27 | Dillon | Brown | Gold | 2 | $\$ 40$ |
| 41 | Leadville | Brown | Silver | N | $\$ 50$ |
| 128 | South Fork | Orange | Silver | 4 | Depleted |
| 83 | Durango | Orange | Coal | 8 | $\$ 20$ |
| 121 | York Canyon | Orange | Coal | 1 | $\$ 30$ |


| $\#$ | City <br> 107 | Santa Rita | Owner | Type | Goods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Orange | Operation |  |  |  |  |
| 125 | Capper | 6 | $\$ 50$ |  |  |
| 122 | Lee Ranch West | Orange | Coal | 8 | $\$ 20$ |
| 117 | Cloudcroft | Orange | Lumber | 1 | $\$ 50$ |
| 100 | White Oaks | Orange | Gold | 2 | Depleted |
| 33 | Silverton | Orange | Gold | 2 | Depleted |
| 65 | El Vado | Orange | Lumber | 2 | $\$ 30$ |
| 64 | Lumberton | Orange | Lumber | 3 | $\$ 40$ |
| 71 | Sunnyside | Cyan | Coal | 8 | $\$ 20$ |
| 68 | Scofield | Cyan | Coal | 6 | $\$ 20$ |
| 130 | Bingham | Cyan | Copper | 5 | $\$ 80$ |
| 67 | Coalville | Cyan | Coal | 14 | $\$ 30$ |
| 48 | Ouray | Blue | Silver | 2 | Depleted |
| 79 | Bowie | Blue | Coal | 1 | $\$ 40$ |
| 53 | Lake City | Blue | Silver | 4 | Depleted |
| 82 | Crested Butte | Blue | Coal | 6 | $\$ 20$ |
| 85 | Canon City | Blue | Coal | 8 | $\$ 30$ |


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| $\begin{gathered} \# \\ 47 \end{gathered}$ | City <br> Ouray | Owner <br> Blue | Type <br> Silver | Goods $3$ | Operation $\$ 40$ | \# | Type <br> A | Route <br> Santa Fe - Albuquerque | Payoff $\$ 90$ | Owner <br> Orange | Notes |
| 52 | Lake City | Blue | Silver | N | \$40 | 2 | A | Salt Lake City - Provo | \$20 | Cyan |  |

Purchased Passenger Lines

| $\#$ | Type | Route | Payoff | Owner | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | A | Denver - Colorado Springs | $\$ 50$ | Red |  |
| 5 | A | Denver - Pueblo | $\$ 80$ | Red |  |
| 7 | A | Pueblo - Santa Fe | $\$ 120$ | Red |  |
| 17 | C | Denver - Santa Fe | $\$ 420$ | Red |  |
| 18 | C | Gallup - Santa Rosa | $\$ 500$ | Red |  |
| 24 | C | Denver - El Paso | $\$ 1000$ | Red |  |
| 1 | A | Denver - Boulder | $\$ 20$ | Brown |  |
| 9 | B | Denver - Leadville | $\$ 120$ | Brown |  |
| 10 | B | Denver - Aspen | $\$ 130$ | Brown |  |
| 22 | C | Denver - Salt Lake City | $\$ 800$ | Brown |  |
| 20 | C | Salt Lake City - Pueblo | $\$ 600$ | Brown |  |
| 21 | C | Salt Lake City - Colorado | $\$ 600$ | Brown |  |
| 4 | A | El Paso - Deming | $\$ 60$ | Orange |  |
| 14 | B | El Paso - Albuquerque | $\$ 220$ | Orange |  |
| 13 | B | El Paso - Santa Fe | $\$ 140$ | Orange |  |


| Available Claims |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\#$ | City | Type | Claim | Operation |  |
| 127 | Westcliffe | Silver | $\$ 60$ | $\$ 20$ |  |
| 55 | Walden | Lumber | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 50$ |  |
| 120 | Cuba | Coal | $\$ 40$ | $\$ 30$ |  |
| 73 | Hiawatha | Coal | $\$ 60$ | $\$ 20$ |  |
| 40 | Aspen | Silver | $\$ 40$ | $\$ 40$ |  |
| 126 | Santa Rita | Coal | $\$ 60$ | $\$ 30$ |  |
| 70 | Price | Coal | $\$ 80$ | $\$ 40$ |  |
| 118 | Cimarron | Lumber | $\$ 60$ | $\$ 20$ |  |

Claims in italics are under first right of refusal. Card \#94 is drawn, resulting in the deck being reshuffled.

| Available Passenger Lines |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\#$ | Type | Route | Payoff | Cost | Notes |  |
| 23 | C | Salt Lake City - Santa Fe | $\$ 900$ | $\$ 1340$ |  |  |
| 19 | C | Salt Lake City - Albuquerque | $\$ 600$ | $\$ 975$ |  |  |


| Available Trains |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type | \# Available | Cost |
| 9 | 5 | $\$ 80$ |
| 15 | 3 | $\$ 120$ |
| 24 | 2 | $\$ 200$ |
| 42 | 1 | $\$ 320$ |
| 72 | 5 | $\$ 500$ |

Available Snowplows

| Type | \# Available | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Die +2 | 2 | $\$ 40$ |
| Die +3 | 4 | $\$ 80$ |
| Die +4 | 4 | $\$ 140$ |
| Die +5 | 5 | $\$ 200$ |

## Shaggy Dog

## Epoch VI Timurid Emirates, Incas \& Aztecs, Ottoman Turks Deadline Epoch VI Ottoman Turks, Portugal, Spain, Mughals, Tuesday, May 31

## Epoch VI

Great Giant (Burgdorf) plays Disaster against Central Europe (city and Monument destroyed). Plays Crusade. Army Nile Delta, Libya (vs. Egypt; C: $3+1$, $3+1$; E: 6; loses), Libya (vs. Egypt; C: $2+1,2+1$; E: 5; loses). TIMURID EMIRATES: Army and Capital Turanian Plain (Ming army retreats to Tarim Basin), army Hindu Kush (vs. Seljuk Turks; T: 4, 3; S: 4, 1; T: 5, 1; S: 4, 2; wins), Tarim Basin (vs. Ming Dynasty; T: 3, 2; M: 4, 4; loses), Tarim Basin (vs. Ming Dynasty; T: 6, 2; M: 5, 3; T: 6, 6; M: 3, 2; wins), Wei River (vs. Ming Dynasty; T: 3,1 ; M: 6, 5 ; loses), Wei River (vs. Ming Dynasty; T: 4, 1; M: 6, 4; loses), Wei River (vs. Ming Dynasty; T: 3 , 3 ; M: 5, 1 ; loses), Wei River (vs. Ming Dynasty; T: 6, 4; M: 5, 1; wins). Points: Dominance in Eurasia (2), Presence in North Africa (2), Middle East (2), China (3), India (3), Northern Europe (2), 2 Capitals (4), 1 Sea (1), and 4 Monuments (4) for 23 points.

GEGS (Geggus) plays Black Death in Eurasia and Northern Europe. Mongol army Manchurian Plain eliminated. Plays Safavids. Army and Capital Persian Salt Desert (Gupta army eliminated), army Hindu Kush (vs. Timurid Emirates; S: 6, 4; T: 4; wins), Upper Indus (vs. Mongols; S: 2, 1; M: 2; S: 6, 3; M: 6; M: 4, 2; M: 6; loses). INCAS: Army and Capital Northern Andes, army Southern Andes. AZTECS: Army and Capital Mexican Valley, army Deep South. Points: Dominance in North Africa (4), Middle East (4), Presence in India (3), Southern Europe (2), Northern Europe (2), Southeast Asia (2), Eurasia (1), North America (1), South America (2), 3 Capitals (6), 3 cities (3), 1 Sea (1), and 5 Monuments (5) for 36 points.

Stooges for All Time (Anderson) NMRs.
Players

| Player Name | Player Faction Name/Color | Empire Strength Points | Victory Points |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bill Scharf | The Human Race (blue) | 37 | 91 |
| Christopher Hunt | The Gardeners (green) | 43 | 89 |
| Dave Anderson? | Stooges for All Time (orange) | 47 |  |
| Kevin Wilson | Royal Manticoran Historical Society (purple) | 50 | 87 |
| Howard Bishop | FAC-51 (black) | 56 | 80 |
| Chris Geggus | Galactic Expeditionary Guard Ship (yellow) | 59 | 120 |
| Martin Burgdorf | Great Giant (red) | 61 | 157 |

Notes
Dave Anderson had NMRed. Will Dave Partridge please submit standby orders for the Ottoman Turks!

## Positions

SfAT: Fleet Western Mediterranean. NORTH AMERICAN MIGRANTS: Armies Great Lakes, West Indies. CARTHAGINIA: Army, Capital, Fortress Shatts Plateau. GOTHS: Army and Monument Albion, two armies Western Gaul, army Caucuses. FUJIWARA: Army and Capital Hokkaido. FRANKS: Army Lower Rhein. GEGS: Fleet Red Sea. EGYPT: Two armies Nubia, army Libya. NILE KINGDOM: Army, city, and fort Upper Nile. ROMANS: Army and city Pindus, Crete, army Morea. KHMERS: Army Irrawaddy. SELJUK TURKS: Army and Monument Levant, Upper Tigris, Zagros, armies Western Steppe, Dnieper, Persian Plateau, Central Europe.
FAC-51: Fleet Sea of Japan. SASSANIDS: Army and city Lower Tigris. HUNS: Army Lower Indus. SCOTS: Army, city, and fort Highlands. HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE: Army, city, and Monument Southern Appenines, army and city Northern Gaul, armies Dalmatia, Northern Appenines, Central Massif. MING DYNASTY: Army, Capital, and Monument Chekiang, army and Monument Great Plain of China, Yangtse Kian, Si-Kyang, army Honshu.
Great Giant: Fleet North Sea. PERSIA: Three armies Western Anatolia. ARABS: Army, Capital, and Monument Arabian Peninsula, army Palestine. VIKINGS: Armies Scandinavia, Baltic Seaboard, North European Plain, Eastern Steppe. TIMURID EMIRATES: Army, Capital, and Monument Turanian Plain, army and Monument Tarim Basin, Wei River, army Hindu Kush.
The Gardeners: Fleets Black Sea, Eastern Mediterranean. VEDIC CITY STATES: Three armies and a Fortress Ceylon. MAYANS: Army, Fort, and Capital Central America, army Guiana Highlands. HAN DYNASTY: Army East Indies. GOLD COAST KINGDOM: Army, city, and Fort Gold Coast. BYZANTINES: Army, Fort, and Capital Balkans, two armies Danubia, army Eastern Anatolia. SUNG DYNASTY: Three armies, Capital, and Fortress Szechuan.
The Human Race: Two fleets Bay of Bengal. SUB-SAHARAN MIGRANTS: Armies Central Africa, East Africa. MAURYA: Army and Fort Sumatra. GUPTAS: Armies Persian Salt Desert, Western Deccan, Western Ghats.
RMHS: Fleet South China Sea. CHOU DYNASTY: Army and city Yellow River. CELTS: Armies Pyrenees, Southern Iberia, Western Iberia. MONGOLS: Army and Monument Malayan Peninsula, Ganges Delta, Upper Indus, armies Mongolia, Ganges Valley, Eastern Deccan, Eastern Ghats, Mekong.

Event Cards

## Epoch VI Empire

| Turn 9 <br> Turn 10, Tuesday, May 31 <br> Program Robots |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Robot | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Phase 3 | Phase 4 | Phase 5 |
| Александру Робот | Shut Down |  |  |  |  |
| GEGS | Shut Down |  |  |  |  |
| Marvin | Rotate Right (80) | Move 1 (550) | Rotate Right (140) | Rotate Left (170) | Rotate Right (260) |
| Dalekbot | Rotate Left (270) | Rotate Left (250) | U-Turn (60) | U-Turn (20) | Rotate Right (120) |
| The Hand of Doom | Rotate Right (220) | Move 1 (530) | Move 3 (790) | Rotate Left (110) | Move 1 (540) |
| UltraMan | Rotate Right (400) | Rotate Left (150) | U-Turn (30) | U-Turn (10) | Move 2 (700) |
| Čapek | Back Up (430) | Move 1 (560) | Rotate Left (290) | Rotate Left (190) | Rotate Left (370) |
| Clockwork Hauler | Move 1 (500) | Back Up (450) | U-Turn (40) | Rotate Right (180) | Move 3 (840) |

Registers in italics are locked.

## Phase 1

Clockwork Hauler moves ahead 1 to E2, Čapek backs up to F1, UltraMan rotates right to face east, Dalekbot rotates left to face east, The Hand of Doom rotates right to face north, and Marvin rotates right to face south. Conveyor belts: GEGS is moved to D11, Marvin is moved to E10, Dalekbot is moved to B6, and UltraMan is moved to J6. Čapek and Clockwork Hauler are not moved because the belts would move them to the same space. The Hand of Doom shoots GEGS.

## Phase 2

Čapek moves ahead 1 to G1, Marvin moves ahead 1 to E11, The Hand of Doom moves ahead 1 to D11, pushing GEGS to D10, Clockwork Hauler backs up to E3, Dalekbot rotates left to face north, and UltraMan rotates left to face north. Conveyor belts: GEGS is moved to C9 and rotated to face east, Marvin is moved to D11, Dalekbot is moved to B5, The Hand of Doom is moved to C11, UltraMan is moved to J7, and Clockwork Hauler is moved to F3. The Hand of Doom shoots GEGS.

## Phase 3

The Hand of Doom dashes forward 3 to C8, pushing GEGS to C7, Capek rotates left to face north, Marvin rotates right to face west, Dalekbot makes a U-turn to face south, Clockwork Hauler makes a U-turn to face south, and UltraMan makes a U-turn to face south. Conveyor belts: GEGS is moved to C5, Marvin is moved to C11, Dalekbot is moved to B4, The Hand of Doom is moved to C5, UltraMan is moved to J8, and Clockwork Hauler is moved to G3. The Hand of Doom shoots GEGS and Čapek shoots Clockwork Hauler with its rear-firing laser (register 2 locked).

Phase 4
Čapek rotates left to face east, Clockwork Hauler rotates right to face east, Marvin rotates right to face north, The Hand of Doom rotates left to face west, Dalekbot makes a U-turn to face north, and UltraMan makes a U-turn to face east. Conveyor belts: GEGS is moved to D4 and rotated to face north, Marvin is moved to B11 and rotated to face east, Dalekbot is moved to B3 and rotated to face east, The Hand of Doom is moved to C4 and rotated to face north, UltraMan is moved to J9 and rotated to face west, and Clockwork Hauler is moved to H3. Dalekbot shoots Clockwork Hauler, locking register 1.

## Phase 5

Clockwork Hauler dashes ahead 3 to K3, UltraMan moves ahead 2 to H9, The Hand of Doom moves ahead 1 to C3, Čapek rotates left to face south, Marvin rotates right to face south, and Dalekbot rotates right to face south. Conveyor belts: GEGS is moved to F3, Marvin is moved to B10, Dalekbot is moved to C3, The Hand of

Doom is moved to D3, UltraMan is moved to G9, and Clockwork Hauler is moved to K5. GEGS is shot by an on-board laser, UltraMan is shot by an on-board laser (register 4 locked).

## Cleanup

None

## Plavers

| $\#$ | Player Name | Robot Name | Color | Options | Position | Flags | Lives | Damage |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Brendan Whyte | Александру Робот | Blue |  | E14>W |  | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | Chris Geggus | GEGS | Yellow | Extra Memory | F4>N | $1,2,3$ | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | Howard Bishop | Marvin | Orange | Gyroscopic Stabilizer | B10>S | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | Andy York | Dalekbot | Black | Reverse Gear, Conditional <br> Program | C3>S |  | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | Bill Scharf | The Hand of Doom | Gray | Circuit Breaker | D3>N | 1 | 3 |  |
| 6 | Andy Lewis | UltraMan | Red |  | G9>W | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 7 | Dave Hooton | Čapek | Purple | Rear-Firing Laser | G1>S | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 8 | Christopher Hunt | Clockwork Hauler | Green | Fire Control, Radio Control | K5>E |  | 3 | 9 |

GEGS is Geo-Enhanced Guard Sentinel

## Program Cards

## Poodle <br> Turn 9 <br> Turn 10, Tuesday, May 31 <br> Actions

H.I.C.K. buys a titanium factory (MWa) and a population factor (Ti12)

HALYCON buys a titanium factory (MWa) and a population factor (Or3, Ti8)
OLDHAM buys 2 titanium factories (MWa, MWa) and a population factor (Ti10)
Skynet buys a titanium factory (Wa8, Ti11, Ti13) and a population factor (Wa5, Wa5).
Delta Indigo 8487 opens the bidding on a Laboratory at 80 and gets it (Wa6, Wa7, Wa10, Ti10, Ti11, Ti12, Ti12, Ti12). Moves a population factor from a water factory to man the research factory.
Jack and His Friends buys a water factory (Wa5, Wa7, Wa8) and a population factor (Or5, Or5)
BarterTown buys a population factor (Wa5, Wa6)
The Players

|  | Outpost Name | Commander | Factories | Upgrades |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Delta Indigo 8487 | Andy Lewis | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF, ReF | HE, La |
| 2 | OLDHAM | Howard Bishop | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF | 15 |
| 3 | H.I.C.K. | David Hood | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF | No, HE |
| 4 | HALYCON | Michael Lowrey | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF | 13 |
| 5 | Skynet | Dave Hooton | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF | No, HE |
| 6 | Jack and His Friends | Bill Scharf | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF | 13 |
| 7 | BarterTown | Andy York | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF | No, HE |

H.I.C.K. Is Hood Interstellar Construction Kingpins. OLDHAM is Orbital Luckless Dismal Horrible Awful Metropolis.. HALYCON is Highly Aggressive Large Combined Yield Optimizing Network.

## Available Upgrades

Income
New Arrivals: Laboratory

| Upgrade | Minimum Bid | Available | Not Yet Delivered |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Warehouse (Wa) | 25 | 5 | 0 |
| Scientists (Sc) | 40 | 0 | 5 |
| Orbital Lab (OL) | 50 | 0 | 5 |
| Robots (Ro) | 50 | 1 | 4 |
| Laboratory (La) | 80 | 1 | 3 |
| Ecoplants (Ec) | 30 | 0 | 5 |
| Outpost (Ou) | 100 | 0 | 5 |

Jack and His Friends discard Or3.

## Pug

Turns 5.5 to 6.5
Deadline Turn 6.6 to 7.6, May 31

## Turn 5

5 ${ }^{\text {th }: ~ A n d y ~ Y o r k ~(W h y n o m / E r r a n d s, ~ T a s k s ~ a n d ~ C h o r e s) ~ R o l l s ~ U s e d: ~} 6$ * 3
Rainfall(o) - B - B - Rumble Port(o) - R - B - Y - B - R - B - Y - NC6

- Cobble Port(o) - Cobble Port(s).

Sells Designer Genes for $\$ 120$ plus $\$ 60$ demand (from the cup: Fare to 9 a at
Base and Immortal Grease at 6). Buys Cobble Port for $\$ 200$ and picks up

Fare to Base
6 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : Dave Partridge (Qossuth/Quo Vadis) Rolls Used: 456
Wet Landing(s).
Picks up Fare to Base. Trades in the IOU for $\$ 90$ credit and with that and $\$ 110$ cash buys Wet Landing.

Turn 5
$1^{\text {st }}$ : Andy Lewis (Niks/Mystery Machine 6) Rolls Used: 356
Minion(s) - Minion(o) - R - A - R - Y - A - NC6 - A - Wet Landing(p) $-\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{B}$.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ : Chris Geggus (Eeepeeep/Guardians Enforce Galactic Security) Rolls Used: 113

Asteroid City West - A - Y - TeleGate 1 - Y - Aerie.
Sells Bionic Perfume for $\$ 140$ plus $\$ 60$ demand (from the cup: Voll Silk at 1 b and Chicle Liquor at 7a). Buys Factory for $\$ 100$ and Primitive Art for \$60. Gains $\$ 36$ in port commissions and $\$ 30$ in factory commissions.
$3^{\text {rd }}$ : Bob Robles (Human/Publicly Underestimated Trading Zaibatsu) Rolls Used: 355

A - NC5 - NC6 - TeleGate 4 - NC6 - A - Wet Landing(p) - Wet
Landing(s).

Sells Mulch Wine for $\$ 60$ plus $\$ 40$ demand (from the cup: Demand for Grease at 9a and Psychotic Sculpture at 10).
4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : Debbie Anderson (Dell/DA) Rolls Used: 236
Ice Station(s) - Ice Station(o) - TeleGate 5 - TeleGate 2 - Paintfall(o) Paintfall(s).
Sells Chicle Liquor for $\$ 90$ plus $\$ 60$ demand (from the cup: Mulch Wine at 3 and Servo-Mechanism at 7b).
5 ${ }^{\text {th }: ~ A n d y ~ Y o r k ~(W h y n o m / E r r a n d s, ~ T a s k s ~ a n d ~ C h o r e s) ~ R o l l s ~ U s e d: ~} 5$ * 3 Cobble Port(s) - Cobble Port(o) - R - B - R - B - Y - B - R - Galactic Base.

Delivers Fare for \$150 (from the cup: Demand for Dust at 7b). Delivers Fare for $\$ 180$ (from the cup: Demand for Wine at 4a)


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On the Board:
1a (Nillis): 1 Bionic Perfume
1b (Volois): 6 Voll Silk
2 (Graw): Demand for Designer Genes $(+\$ 40)$
3 (Niks): 2 Demand for Bionic Perfume (+\$60), 3 Mulch Wine, Demand for Voll Silk ( $+\$ 60$ ), Demand for Space Spice $(+\$ 60)$
4a (Dell): 5 Finest Dust, 2 Demand for Mulch Wine ( $+\$ 60$ )
4b (Humans): Rock Videos, 2 Demand for Space Spice ( $+\$ 40$ )
4c (Wraiths): 4 Visible Holes, Demand for Voll Silk ( $+\$ 60$ )
5 (Shenna): 4 Melf Pelts, Demand for Mulch Wine (+\$50), Demand for Finest Dust (+\$50)


## Foxhound

Gamestart
Turn 1, Tuesday, May 31

| Country | Player | Money | Available Soldiers | Ships | Colonists |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Bob Robles | $\$ 160$ | 24 |  | 0 |
|  | Andy York | $\$ 160$ | 24 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Andy Lewis | $\$ 160$ | $\$ 160$ | 24 | 0 |
|  | Martin Burgdorf | $\$ 160$ | 24 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Bill Scharf | $\$ 160$ | 24 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Brendan Whyte |  | 24 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |

Notes
As a rules recap, we will be using all regular rules except 13.3 (Secrecy) and we will be using optional rule 16 (Piracy). This will also be the exploration game. Since we only have 5 players, the sixth will be run using the non-player rules.
For this first turn, I will need your complete first turn orders including Initial Anchorage Bids and whether you want to roll for colonists or take the automatic 4 . If you express no preferences, your bid will be 0 and you will get 4 colonists.


|  |  | Addresses |  |
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Anybody who gets onto my standby list automatically receives one free issue of S.O.B. In addition, if you actually submit standby orders, you get another free issue. So, let's get those people standing by. The current standby list is:
Machiavelli (gunboat and regular): Bill Scharf, Bob Robles, Ward Narhi, Pasquale Giovine, Andy York, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Jack McHugh Dune: Kevin Wilson, Ward Narhi, Andy York, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Jack McHugh, Chris Geggus New World: Andy York, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Merchant of Venus: Carrie Lewis, Bob Robles, Andy York, Dave Partridge, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin Outpost: Michael Lowrey, Kevin Wilson, Andy York, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin History of the World: Andy Lewis, Kevin Wilson, Chris Geggus, Andy York, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Stellar Conquest: Kevin Wilson, Andy York, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Liftoff!: Dennis Cain, Andy York, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin Age of Renaissance: Bob Robles, Michael Lowrey, Dave Partridge, Michael Longdin, Brad Martin Kremlin: Andy York, Andy Lewis, Pasquale Giovine, Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Michael Longdin, Brad Martin, Chris Geggus Silverton: Bill Scharf, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Andy York, Eric Brosius Settlers of Catan: Michael Lowrey, Chris Geggus, Dave Partridge, Brad Martin, Andy York Gunslinger: Jack McHugh, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin Industrial Waste: Michael Longdin, Brad Martin Puerto Rico: Brad Martin, Andy York, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin Power Grid: Brad Martin, Andy York, Chris Geggus Robo Rally: Andy York, Chris Geggus, Brad Martin Phoenicia: None so far.

## Standby Calls

Dave Partridge for Stooges for All Time in Shaggy Dog

