## Number 3



## Notes from Hades

So, here we are again, with another exciting issue of S.O.B. So far, it has been about what I would have expected, effort-wise. In fact, the possibility exists that I could even start another game. We'll see. Work still takes up a lot of my time, so it all depends on what happens. I'll see what my schedule is like after "Anubis" fills.

Here are some plans for the future. I will be starting another Dune game as soon as "Sand Dog" finishes. It will be a seven player game; the seventh player being the Lansraad. This is from a variant published in the General volume 26, number 1. If you don't have a copy and are interested, drop me a line and I will be happy to provide you with a copy. Other possibilities include the new Avalon Hill/Smithsonian game Mustangs, Time Agent from TimJim Games, Die Macher, and By Hook or By Crook a.k.a. Adel Verpflichtet. If there is a game not on this list that you would like to see, let me know, and if I have it, I will consider it. If I don't have it and it sounds interesting, I will probably buy it. So, let me have your input.

Included in this issue is a ballot. It is the 1993 Diplomacy Hobby Awards Ballot for the finalists in the four major Dip awards. So, please take some time to fill it out and send it in. The deadline for ballots is July 31. Also included are the results of the 1993 Marco Poll and the list of PDORA auction items.

This issue's deadline will be Friday, July 16.
--Cerberus

## Current Games

"Dingo's Delight"

## The Gates of Hades / MGN\# O/B/8/ABC/1 Summer 1461 <br> Deadline/Fall 1461 7/16 Friday

Florence marches on Milan, but Milan is not caught unprepared. The Papacy ducks out of the way while Naples and Venice bump fleets. France retreats into a shell and hopes the rest of the world will go away.

|  | Orders |
| :--- | :--- |
| Florence: | A1 Savoy to SALUZZO |
| (Mann) | A2 Sienna to PISA |
|  | A3 FLORENCE holds |
|  | A4 GENOA to Montferrat |
|  | A5 Pisa to LUCCA |
|  | F1 (EM) Western Tyrrhenian Sea to WESTERN GULF OF LYON |
| France: | A3 Provence to MARSEILLES |
| (Whitham) | F2 Eastern Gulf of Lyon to PROVENCE(SC) |
| Milan: | A1 Tyrolea to AUSTRIA |
| (Kinsel) | A2 TURIN supports A5 |
|  | A3 (EM) Carinthia to CARNIOLA |
|  | A4 Trent to VERONA |
|  | A5 Pavia to MONTFERRAT |
| Naples: | F1 LOWER ADRIATIC to Upper Adriatic |
| (Hurley) | F2 IONIAN SEA to Lower Adriatic <br>  |
|  | F3 Corsica to EASTERN GULF OF LYON <br> F5 Western Gulf of Lyon supports F3 (cut, DISLODGED, retreat |
|  | Sardinia, Corsica, Avignon, Western Mediterranean, OTB) |
|  | F7 Western Mediterranean to WESTERN TYRRHENIAN SEA |
| Papacy: | A3 BOLOGNA to Ferrara |
| (Scharf) | A4 URBINO supports F1 |
|  | F1 Upper Adriatic to ANCONA |

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Venice: Al (EM) Bosnia to HERZEGOVINA
(Robles) A2 FERRARA holds
A3 DALMATIA supports A1
A4 VENICE converts to G1
F1 VENICE LAGOON to Upper Adriatic
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## Proposals

Florence/Milan/Naples/Venice draw fails. Naples/Florence/Venice draw proposed

## Press

Coyote - Howler (Yipper?): Et al.
EC - Jackal: OK dog, enough of this murky press. Who have I ever called a "fool" you idiot!
Flo - All: No other press is mine.
Flo - Pap: How's it going?
Naples - Florence: No need for thanks about the press-writing, I do it for everyone.
Naples - Florence: History repeats itself -- even in Mach!!
Papacy - GM: I'm beyond being two-faced, I must be four-faced by now.
Cerberus - Papacy: Just blame it on all of the about-faces.
Papacy - Naples: Once I get Ancona you can support me back out.
Papacy - Venice: Would I vacate the Upper Adriatic if I really meant you harm?
Venice - Milan: ...and after all I've done for you! You're breaking my heart.
Venice - Milan: You're right I am an idiot. This is what I get for asking you for strategic advice.
Venice - Milan, Papacy, \& Naples: Quite a menage a trois you guys have going there. Just don't be the one to drop the soap.
Venice - Papacy: What at Maroon!
Venice Tribune: 1000 Venetian troops drown as they attempt to stage a victory march down the Grand Canal.
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PAPACY: NMR! A2 Spoleto holds (DISLODGED, retreat Tivoli, Capua, Aquila, OTB)
(Pomeroy?) A5 ROMAGNA holds
F1 ANCONA holds
Venice: A1 Salerno to OTRANTO
(Scharf) A2 Mantua to MODENA
A3 DURAZZO to Tunis
A4 Ferrara to MANTUA
A5 (EM) NAPLES converts to G1
F2 LOWER ADRIATIC supports A1
F3 UPPER ADRIATIC supports F2

## Press

Anon: Word to the wise: Buy TurPOC!
Anon - Venice: I hope you agree it's time to but this "D.O.G." to sleep. Hasn't he given you enough reason?
Florence - Milan: Thanks...what shall I do with it?
The French Emperor, speaking from behind a gas mask: "The Austrian dogs have resorted to biological warfare! Having been bested on the field of battle by conventional means, they unleashed an unholy sickness on my people. God in heaven will punish the plague carrying rat that is the Austrian tyrant." Thereupon the Emperor broke out in a fit of coughing, and began to scratch madly at the red ulcers spreading across his body.

Notes
Will Jeff Whitham please submit standby orders for Naples and Andy York for the Papacy.

## Spring 1461 Famine

Good Year! Ferrara, Rome, Pavia, Arezzo, Brescia, Saluzzo, Albania, Genoa

## Spring 1461 Income

Provinces or cities in italics could change hands based on retreats and those underlined do not produce income this turn.

## Provinces

Aus: Avignon, Swiss, Turin, Tyrolea, Como, Montferrat,
Fornova, Piancenza, Milan, Trent, Carintha, Austria, Slavonia, Hungary
Flo: Sardinia, Corsica, Lucca, Pisa, Pistoia, Piombino, Sienna,
Patrimony, Perugia, Arezzo, Florence, Urbino, Bologna, Spoleto
FRA: $\quad$ Provence, Marseilles, Savoy, Pavia, Genoa, Cremona
NAP: $\quad$ Rome, Tivoli, Capua, Palermo, Messina, Tunis
Romagna, Ancona, Aquila
Padua, Vicenza, Treviso, Friuli, Venice, Carniola, Croatia, Istria, Dalmatia, Herzegovina, Ragusa, Albania,
Durazzo, Naples, Otranto, Salerno, Bari
Seas
FLo: Eastern Tyrrhenian Sea
NAP: Bay of Tunis, Ionian Sea

## Cities

Aus: $\quad$ Avignon, Swiss, Turin, Montferrat, Tyrolea, Milan(3),
Trent, Austria, Hungary
Flo: Sardinia, Corsica, Lucca, Pisa, Piombino, Sienna,
Arezzo, Perugia, Florence(3), Bologna
FRA: Marseilles, Savoy, Genoa(3), Pavia, Cremona
NAP: Rome(2), Palermo, Messina, Tunis(2) (4)
PaP: Ancona
VEN: Modena, Mantua, Ferrara, Padua, Treviso, Venice(3), (15)

Modena, Mantua, Ferrara, Padua, Treviso, Venice(3),
Carniola, Croatia, Dalmatia, Ragusa, Albania, Durazzo,

Bari, Naples(2)

## Pack of Curs / MGN\# 0/B/8/ABCG/1 Winter/Spring 1455 Deadline/Summer 1455 7/16 Friday

Milan and Austria continue to press the attack against Venice, who has apparently frozen in terror. Florence and the Papacy start in on each other, while Naples offers a hand toward Venice, and only Venice's comatose state saves the Turks from destruction.

## Builds



Totals

| Coun | Rolls | Var | Prov | Sea | City | Gross | Treas. | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AUS | 4 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 11 | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| FLO | 1,2 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 11 | 28 | 5 | 33 |
| FRA | $2,2^{\mathrm{G}}$ | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 16 |
| NAP | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| PAP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| VEN | 2,5 | 7 | 20 | 2 | 15 | 44 | 4 | 48 |

${ }^{\mathbf{G}}$ This is the roll gained by holding Genoa.
Game Summary

|  | $\mathbf{1 4 5 4}$ |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 4 5 5}$ |  |  |  | Fal |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coun | Spr | Sum | Fal | Spr | Sum | Fal | Spr | Sum | Fal |
| Aus | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Flo | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| Fra | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Mil | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nap | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Pap | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Tur | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Ven | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |


|  | 1457 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coun | Spr | Sum | Fal |
| Aus | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| Flo | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Fra | 9 | 8 | 5 |
| Mil | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nap | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Pap | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Tur | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ven | 14 | 14 | 14 |

NAPLES: A2 DURAZZO supports Venice F1 to Albania (nso)
(Lewis) F1 IONIAN SEA to Lower Adriatic
F2 Tunis to WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN
Papacy: Al (EM) Perugia to AREZZO
(Robles) A2 SIENNA besieges (Autonomous garrison destroyed)
A3 Rome to PATRIMONY
A4 ANCONA holds
F1 Bologna to UPPER ADRIATIC
TURKS: Fl ALBANIA to Lower Adriatic
(Johnston)
VENICE: NMR! A1 FERRARA holds
(Pomeroy?) A2 Trent holds (DISLODGED, retreat Bergamo, Verona, Vicenza, OTB)
F1 RAGUSA holds
F2 VENICE LAGOON holds

## Summer 1455 Plague

No Plague in 1455!

## Notes

Steve Koehler is now the Florentine player of record. Will Andy York please submit standby orders for Venice.

## Press

Austria - World except Venice: Venice must be pushed hard NOW or mister money bags is going to romp when Austria and I are assassinated. Milan - Venice: I believe we have the ability to work closely together (finger dagger behind back), perhaps we could discuss those two gentlemen over there [Naples and the Papacy] in a matter mutually beneficial to us both (wave discreetly at Naples and the Papacy). Perhaps over cordials this afternoon? (Mental note, consult with Lucretia about her specialty.) Until then, I hope we can remain friends (ah, my friend Niccolo will have a whole chapter about me in that new book of his).
Naples - France: Thanks for the note about what you're doing but I'm not Austria.
Turks - Naples: Save yer yappin' for the moneylenders! Wall Street Journal Hapsburg Edition: Crown Prince indicted in Turkish Junk Bond scandal.
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## Machiavelli Stock Exchange <br> Turn 4 <br> Deadline Turn 4: 7/16 Friday

## Notes

In the interest of brevity, the following abbreviations will be used: Aus Austria, Flo - Florence, Fra - France, Mil - Milan, Nap - Naples, Pap Papacy, Tur - Turks, Ven - Venice, GOH - "Gates of Hades", MAS "Mastiff", POC - "Pack of Curs". Each country will be represented by a six letter abbreviation which will consist of the country name and the game name.
This game is not closed. New players may join by simply sending me their $\$ 2.00$ game fee and their buy orders for the current turn. The current prize for the winner is $\$ 5.00$ credit toward the S.O.B. gamefee or subfee of your choice.

|  | Current Players: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Name | Nickname |$\quad$| Code |
| :---: |
| Dave Anderson |


| Sells/Buys |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stock | DA | $\underline{\text { RJ }}$ | SJ | BS | MS | Total |
| FloGOH | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| FraGOH | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| MilGOH | -- | -- | -- | +61 | -- | +61 |
| NapGOH | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| PapGOH | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| VenGOH | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| AusMAS | -- | -- | -48 | -- | -- | -48 |
| FloMAS | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| FraMAS | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| NapMAS | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| PapMAS | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| VenMAS | +19 | -- | -- | -- | -- | +19 |
| AusPOC | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| FloPOC | -- | -- | -- | -- | -20 | -20 |
| FraPOC | -41 | -- | -- | -- | -8 | -49 |
| MilPOC | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | 0 |
| NapPOC | -- | -73 | -- | -74 | -- | -147 |
| PapPOC | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| TurPOC | -- | +217 | +144 | -- | -- | +361 |
| VenPOC | -- | -- | -- | -- | +20 | +20 |


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## Press

2-4-10 - Space: Fill up and enjoy the great taste of two ships at once. Black Bear - Anyone Interested: How would you like a Switch Switch? My ship can't fully exploit it with only two dice. Perhaps we can make a deal. King Fischer - 4-2 Blue Jay: Dated 5/19: It is hard not to notice that the score is Boston 10, Toronto 0 after two innings. Good luck!
King Fischer - All: A three-legged dog walks into a bar and says, "I'm looking for the men who shot my Pa." Okay, okay, it was the shortest dog joke I could think of.
Cerberus - King Fischer: And at that, it was too long.

King Fischer - All: Have you seen Jurassic Park yet?
$\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{R}$ - Cerberus: Ugh is not a noun -- 2-4-10 is a noun that is a great drink. One Proud Hockey Fan-Entire World: In case you were wondering where the nickname Black Bear comes from, it is the nickname of the University of Maine's sports teams, including the 1992-1993 NCAA Division 1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! M-A - I - N - E Gooooooo BLUE! Perhaps I should call myself the "42-1-2 Black Bears".
Sean - Andy: Heck of a lot of good all those relics did me; I seem to remember that you guys clobbered me. I'll have to get my revenge at Avaloncon.




| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 2. } & \text { Black Bear } \$ 70 \\ \text { Fast Scout } \\ \text { 6: } 5 & 5 \\| / 7: \\ \text { H } & 3\end{array}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hold 1 <br> Mulch Wine 3/\$60 | Hold2 | Hull |
|  | Mulch Wine 3/\$60 | Gate <br> (\$100) |
|  |  | Switch Switch (\$100) |
|  |  | Shield (\$60) |



## Sand Dog

Turn 6 Combat - Turn 7 Combat

## Players

Atreides: Sean Cousins
Bene Gesserit: Andy Lewis
Emperor: Ken Goldstien
Fremen: Bill Scharf
Guild: Chris Hurley
Harkonnens: Tom Swider

## Combat <br> Arrakeen

The Bene Gesserit play a Truthtrance card on the Emperor, asking if he has fewer than or equal to 6 spice. The answer is no.
The Bene Gesserit Voice the Emperor not to play a shield.
The Bene Gesserit play the La, La, La card as a Karama to negate the Sadaukar bonus.

|  | Emperor | Bene Gesserit <br> Leader |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Burseg (3) | Reverend Mother Ramollo (5) |  |
| Weapon | None | Maula Pistol |
| Defense | None | None |
| Dial | i2 - becomes 9 | $41 / 2$ |
| Spice spent | 9 | 4 |
| Total | 9 | $91 / 2$ |

The Bene Gesserit are victorious. Burseg goes to the tanks (and 3 spice to the Bene Gesserit) along with 9 of the Emperor's tokens (including 3 Elite Sadaukar) and 5 Bene Gesserit tokens. No cards are discarded.

Bene Gesserit:
Fremen:
Harkonnens:

## Spice Collection

2 spice (Arrakeen)
8 spice (Habbanya Erg)
3 spice ( 2 spice Carthag, 1 spice Tuek's Sietch)
Turn 7
Storm Movement
The storm moves 6 sectors to sector 5. 12 spice Cielago South is destroyed. Tuek's sietch is in storm, and the 4 Guild tokens in False Wall South are immobilized.

## Spice Blow

10 spice South Mesa (destroyed by the storm)
6 spice in Wind Pass North

## Bidding Round

CHOAM Charity recipients: Bene Gesserit and Harkonnens.
CARD 1 goes to the Guild for 5 spice.
CARD 2 goes to the Guild for 5 spice.
CARD 3 goes to the Guild for 5 spice.
CARD 4 goes to the Bene Gesserit for 4 spice.
CARD 5 goes to the Bene Gesserit for 4 spice.

## Revival and Movement

The Bene Gesserit coexist everywhere except Arrakeen and Wind Pass North. The Guild choose to move first.


## Revival

Atreides: 2 tokens
Bene Gesserit: 1 token
Emperor: 1 token (Elite Sadaukar)
Fremen: 3 tokens
Guild: 1 token

Fremen: 3 tokens to Sietch Tabr
Guild: 1 token to Arrakeen (1 Bene Gesserit to Polar Sink)
Harkonnens: 3 tokens to Sietch Tabr ( 1 Bene Gesserit to Polar Sink)
Movement
Bene Gesserit: 3 tokens Arrakeen - Imperial Basin - Polar Sink - Wind Pass North (18)
Fremen: 8 tokens (1 Fedaykin) Habbanya Erg - Habbanya Ridge Flat Habbanya Ridge Sietch
Harkonnens: 3 tokens Carthag - Hagga Basin - Plastic Basin - Sietch Tabr

## Combat

Sietch Tabr: Fremen vs. Harkonnens. Fremen is aggressor. Available leaders: Fremen: Stilgar, Chani, Otheym, Shdout Mapes; Harkonnens: All


Atreides:
Bene Gesserit:

Final Positions
3 tokens in the tanks, 17 tokens off-planet 2 tokens Pasty Mesa, 3 tokens Wind Pass North, 1 token Sietch Tabr, 4 tokens Polar Sink, 1 token Carthag, 1 token Tuek's Sietch, 3 tokens off-planet, 4 tokens in the tanks.
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Emperor: $\quad 11$ tokens (2 Elite Sadaukar) in the tanks, 9 tokens (3 Elite Sadaukar) off-planet 10 tokens (2 Fedaykin) Sietch Tabr, 2 tokens in the tanks, 8 tokens (1 Fedaykin) Habbanya Ridge Sietch

| Guild: | 2 tokens in the tanks, 4 tokens False Wall South, 13 |
| :--- | :--- |
| tokens off-planet, 1 token Arrakeen |  |
| Harkonnens: | 7 tokens Carthag, 7 tokens Tuek's Sietch, 6 tokens Sietch |
|  | Tabr |

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## Standbys

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, lets get those people standing by. I need standbys for the following games: Machiavelli, Dune, New World, Merchant of Venus, and the Machiavelli Stock Exchange. The current standby list is:

Machiavelli:
Dune:
New World:
Merchant of Venus:
Machiavelli Stock Exchange: Steve Koehler
Steve Koehler, Jeff Whitham, Andy York, Bill Scharf
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Steve Koehler, Andy York

## Standby Calls

"Mastiff" Jeff Whitham for Naples and Andy York for Papacy
"Pack of Curs" Andy York for Venice

