

# THE BOOK OF METHUSELAH

ANCIENT WARGAMES CAMPAIGN

In 4 volumes

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## VOLUME III



# METHUSELAH

IN-CONTINENTS: 968 BC

## The *In-Continent*

The weekly newsletter, labelled the *In-Continent* played a vital role, and generated astonishing quantities of unfettered fun and enjoyment throughout the three years of the campaign.

All players, as well as God, freely contributed to this popular publication, sometimes anonymously, disseminating news items, battle reports (many of which were bogus), cartoons, a vast campaign related crossword, joke adverts, insults, oracle predictions, a blues number, various tragic poems and much more.

Most copies have survived but some are hard to read. They have been reproduced here as legibly as humanly possible.



----- THE INCONTINENT FOR JANUARY, 968bc. -----

NINE-SIX-EIGHT IS UNDER-WAY.

Please send in for next week-end any IN-CONTINENT offerings for February 968. By the following week-end, please send in all orders for WEEK I, March, 968. (Does'nt time fly).

The Gods are currently discussing amongst themselves, the possibility of presenting each and every country with a buck-she tax free sum to get every-bodies' year off to a good start. The awards would be given confidentially, and on a random basis. This may go some way to helping out those Countries, which compared to this time in 968 (with 3000 in the bank) are SKINT - which includes most. Also, if the awards are random and confidential, things may start to get very interesting. Eg: what if Farten Blaster could suddenly recruit a huge force on the border with the Seleucidites????? Or: Athenicus discover a large mercenary force ready and willing to invade the Empire's mainland???

METHUSELAHNS PARTY.

Now fixed up for Sunday, July 3rd, at about lunch time. Be there.

\*\*\*\*\* OLD PLATUS'S ALMANAC \*\*\*\*\*

Predictions for the year ahead from the source that is entirely reliable - accept no substitutes!

MARCH 968

Great rains will fall in the Belt of Occult and a plague of frogs will lay waste Sage (C2). The ruler of the Dark Empire will offer the Belt a surrender once more. Farten-Blaster recaptures Red Salami, and many beans are eaten. Serpia will invade another Country.

APRIL 968

The Kingdom announces sweeping tax reforms in the budget. Intense heat grips Indianus for two weeks and some chariots catch fire. Many Cohorts march on the Belt from all directions but get lost in the mist. Another Country invades Serpia.

MAY 968

A new army from the South lands on the coast of the Empire in strange vessels - Nubia is invented by God. The Empire recaptures Red Salami, while Farten-Blaster is ill with the shits. Athenicus emerges from hiding and claims Exandra in a minor skirmish. King Eric reported "asleep".

JUNE 968

Torrential rain in the Belt as Boaconstrictia recaptures Flats (F1). Sophia announces that she is pregnant - nobody owns up.

----- THE INCONTINENT FOR JANUARY, 968bc. -----

Troop movements reported in Kingdom. Herpes has a new commode constructed entirely from mother-of-pearl and placed on captured chariot wheels. Serpia invades the country that invaded it.

JULY 968

Huge rebel army commanded by Athenicus defeated at Olympias (Q10). Beltic armies emerge from woods to invade Empire, are blinded by intense sunlight and are cut to pieces by Seleucidite mercenaries(!). King Eric rumoured to have signed secret pact with Empire months previously. Locusts ravage Serpia. Huge Athenian fleet sunk off Southern Indianus by Catapults firing pelletized elephant turds.

AUGUST 968

Farten-Blaster revealed as father of Sophia's baby. Eric reported to be "devastated". Snowstorms in the Belt as Empire attacks again. Seleucidite mercenaries fighting for Empire revealed as fakes - tactics and weaponry too inferior to be real. The Country that invaded Serpia invades the one that Serpia next invaded, as Serpian invades it's new invaders. Red Salami recaptured - by Indianus!

SEPTEMBER 968

Carnage amongst world leaders!!! Herpes run over and killed by rogue Seleucidite charioteer at the Venicium Games. Farten-Blaster chokes to death on over-large Bean Stew after celebrating victory at Toilesh. The Khazi-Khan is overthrown in a new coup. Athenicus found dead in the hills after betrayal. Other leaders get nervous. There is rain in the Belt.

OCTOBER 968

Death stalks the Continent! Civil war rages in the Empire. Boaconstrictia run-over by chariot in rush to invade northern Empire. Athenian League rendered helpless by internal strife. Many countries dissolve, leaderless, into chaos.

NOVEMBER 968

A great power rises in the East! Home guard units of the Seleucidites restore order to the battered continent as thankful citizens pay their last respect to Sophia who does not survive childbirth. Peace falls over the Continent thanks to the Kingdom. Showers fall in the Belt.

DECEMBER 968

Methuselah is at peace. King Eric dies in his sleep. Predictions for 967 suggest a) more trouble, b) more lies.

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ANON.

**INCONTINENT**  
**FOR**  
**FEBRUARY, 968bc**



\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR ALL OF FEBRUARY, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

SPRING BEGINS NEXT WEEK!!

The new campaigning season is now here! Orders for Week I, March 968bc for NEXT WEEK. We are delighted to welcome Mr Robert Fletcher as a brand-new Serpian Ruler. See following item. I hope he will be able to attend the Methuselahn's party on July 3rd, here at 36 Benson Road, from Middyay??? Fancy dress mandatory.

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"HERPES THE SUCKER"

Intelligent observers of last week's Incontinent will have noticed the premature haste with which old Herp rushed in to claim support from the Serpians. Closer examination would have revealed the application to be a fake, intended to lull the Dark Empire into a false sense of its own importance!

An anonymous Seleucidite.  
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SPECIAL REPORT FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN SERPIA.

A Palace coup has dislodged King Khazi, and the Democratic People's Republic of Serpia has been established under the leadership of THE AYATOLLAH.

Islamic fundamentalism is sweeping the land, but it is not certain how this will affect foreign affairs. The Ayatollah has terminated the commissions of several of his generals (with a scimitar) and the establishment of a New Model Army, trained according to Islamic principles is under way.

The Ayatollah wishes to begin diplomatic affairs afresh, no matter how decadent all other countries are. In particular he revokes "Membership" of the Empire, which had caused such dissent in Serpia (letters to the Serpian Times, questions in the House, programmes on Channel Four, etc). Here is an extract from a recent speech given by the Ayatollah:

"We need to get back to the old traditional values; Islamic values, of the family and personal morality. Serpia will be strong again only through hard work, individual responsibility and personal equity plans.

"In the field of foreign affairs, we respect the right of individual nations to self-determination. We renounce the Imperialist ambitions of King Khazi, and extend the hand of friendship to King Eric. We signal our specific intentions by withdrawing from Ciccinegroinae. While favouring no specific

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nation, and concentrating on internal reform, we transmit fraternal greetings to all Islamic peoples everywhere and encourage them to follow our lead by rejection of bourgeois revisionism wherever it is to be found."

Our correspondent continues:

Observers have commented upon the ideological confusion in the speech and this is frankly reflected in the organisation of the old Empire. Rival factions of the religious revival are breaking down the internal cohesion of the Country and a certain anarchy prevails, but there is no doubt that something is stirring in Serpia!!

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**THE IN - CONTINENT**  
***SPECIAL***  
***BIRTHDAY EDITION!***  
*March 1969 - March 1968.*





\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK I of MARCH, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

FOUL PLAGUES AND NASTY DREAMS.

The above mentioned afflictions are reported to be hitting the North and North West of Methuselah as a result of a lack of orders from the barbarian rulers. Perhaps they are so barbarian that they do not possess a calendar, and because the weather this week is STILL rain and floods etc, they think that it's still the winter!(?) Come on you filthy heathens... lets av some orders.

And now, a new series hits the INCONTINENT: A regular glance back at the Methuselah of yesteryear. This week's episode: "Excitement at Exandra", in which Alexander the Great gives Psoriasis Sergius a nasty shock, but Herpes has a dirty, loathsome and lascivious shock lined up for Alex, in:

ONE YEAR HENCE.

In March 969, a Dark Empire Command, the LEGIO BRIX, secretly set sail from Keysius (K17) with the intention of landing at Aetolia (P17) in the LEAGUE, hiring some of the heavily advertised mercenaries there, and marching into the south of MACEDON, with aggressive intent! Meanwhile, Psoriasis Sergius, and Hepititus, attack across Macedon's northern borders at Exandra (M8), only to be defeated by Alexander HIMSELF, with a large force of heavy and light cavalry, two phalanxes, and supporting peltasts, archers and javelinmen. Hepititus decided to retreat with the effect that most of Macedon's defending forces started a long and eventually fatal journey north; unaware of the threat posed to their rear! Wait for next week's exciting look at "ONE YEAR HENCE".

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SERPIA.

The Serpian Government yesterday announced sweeping domestic reforms. In strict accordance with Islamic and democratic principles, new generals have been appointed to the New Model Army. One appointment will be of wider interest: that of Selim Abdullah to the Imperial Fleet. Selim-the-Gratuitously-and-quite-unnecessarily-cruel as he is known in Serpia, is typical of the uncompromising nature of the new commanders. Serpia has also embarked on a programme of recruiting conscript armies composed entirely of traffic wardens, encyclopaedia salesmen and members of the supporters' associations of certain disreputable football clubs. Having renounced expansionist ambitions, it nevertheless seems the Ayatollah is firmly committed to a rigorous defence of Serpia. So watch it!

PEACE BETWEEN SERPIA AND SELEUCIDITES.

An end has been announced to the border infractions between SERPIA and the SELEUCIDITES. The Ayatollah has given his account of the events:

"Herpes put us up to it", he claimed, yesterday. SERPIA and the KINGDOM have now signed a treaty and rumour has it they will launch an attack on the Dark Empire with an expeditionary force of Seventh Day Adventists.

SPLENDID PARTY.

Geoff, you missed a good laugh. Thanks to all who turned up, and particularly to all those who dressed up in silly costumes: Bad breath, ear ache and spotty bums to Empire troops this week as punishment for Herpes the Great not wearing any sort of costume.

The historical "First Anniversary Chariot Race", held last weekend at Zoya (Y10), was won by FRED KOTT AND FRIENDS, (how DOES he do it?), second was Herpes' Champion, and third, the Macedonian Slave Rebellion Bone Shaker, only just before the Parbeerian Charioteer was thrown out, and killed by a demented and thoroughly blood-crazed Celtic General, BELTCHER THREE-BUTTOCK. The amazing druid worshiper was by this time WITHOUT ANY wheels - but he did well for a first ride! Ben Hernia came a miserable fifth, and the Ayatollah's mobile siege tower pulled by four bullocks was lucky to get around the course! The Athenians didn't run.

OFFER.

Would anyone like to participate in a multinational crusade against the Dark Empire? Reply P.O. BOX NO 1, c/o GOD, and meet off the coast of Bacchus (M21) in eight weeks time. Split the proceed equally?

RUMOURS.

There have been may rumours of troop movements and border infractions along the Serpian - Indianus borders. The Empress Sophia has clearly decide to strangle the threat of Islamic fundamentalism at birth. Will the so-called New Model Army of Serpia be able to respond to the challenge?

GENEROUS OFFER TO EMPIRE TROOPS.

Athenicus, war-lord of Macedon, offers a generous settlement to the oppressed foot soldiers of the evil Dark Empire. Any Empire unit in Macedon desiring to escape the tyranny of Herpes' awful regime, will not only be granted an amnesty, but will be welcomed into the slave army at DOUBLE RATES OF PAY. Offer closes III/3/968.

SERPIAN DOMESTIC REFORMS.

Serpia announced more domestic reforms today. Several state owned industries were sold off to provide much needed cash for the military reforms under way. Other parts of the domestic economy have been established on a fully commercial basic; the sock market has been invented, a new PLC has been floated and shares offered to the public: SERPIAN MILITARY ENTERPRIZES (SE-M-EN) is now a viable concern, and is engaged on it's first take-over-bid.

Elsewhere the Serpian Mediterranean Fleet is undergoing sea-trials. The Ayatollah said to a rally of crazed shiite militiamen: "The time is past when Serpia could be pushed around and humiliated in the chancelleries and on the battlefield of Methuselah. The Continent will learn of our determination to defend ourselves. DEATH TO THE INFIDELS.

\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK III of MARCH, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

ACTION AT LAST!

God has been particularly over worked this week as every-body seems to be "AT IT". Congratulations to all involved, and may the best country win. It would seem that, refreshed from the winter break, everybody has returned from their vacation, with an over-riding and healthy thirst for violence.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SERPIA.

Government spokesmen were today tight-lipped about rumours that the Serpian fleet had landed a large invasion fleet on an island in the Mediterranean. Similar rumours that Babylon was under siege from an Indianus force were being dismissed by the Ayatollah in a major speech today:

"There is nothing to be gained from attacking Serpia. The Empress Sophia will get nothing but the bum's rush from us. Any invasion will only give us the excuse to push her borders back to the river Indus."

The Ayatollah was seen afterwards purchasing a ticket for a holiday "abroad somewhere".

Serpian Stop Press: The now famous Democratic Republic of Serpia's ruler would not comment on the news that Republican Forces have clashed with the Empire's in Southern Macedon. News is early and brief concerning a battle West of Pella (U13) involving Alfredo Dermatitis and Kerim the unpleasant. More on this next week.

Dear Sir,

In your article "Serpian domestic reforms" last week did you really mean that the Serpians have invented the SOCK Market, and if so, won't things be a little tight?

Dear Madam,

No!. My mistake. Sorry. - God.

THANKS

The Empress Sophia would like to thank everyone for a wonderful party last week. She would also like to point out in reference to the rumours article in last week's Incont. that she has no intention of strangling the threat of Islamic Fundamentalism. She'd much rather shoot it.

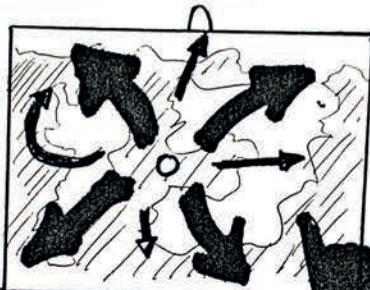
King Eric would like to thank the anonymous person who warned him about the imminent Parbeerian attack on his country. Thank-you Sophia.

ALEXANDRIA IS IN MACEDONIAN HANDS  
AGAIN. LONG LIVE ATHENICUS AND  
HIS BRAVE SLAVES!!

# INCONTINENT

PARBERIAN WAR  
OFFICE

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HERR FARTERBLASTER  
IST DE SERPIAN  
PLAN OV ATTACK



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\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK IV of MARCH, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

FIGHT TO THE DEATH AT WOLFS.

The biggest ever Methuselahn battle took place last week at Wolfs (H2), where Boaconstrictia herself, lead a powerful counter attack against the combined might of Syphillis and Glutinous Maximus, commanders of the Empire's "Army of the North". Spitdribbler, Colonel Gritpipe, Colonel Volestrangler, and the famous BELTCHER THREE BUTTOCK, (leader of a secret unit operating in SAS style) all PERISHED in the first desperate few hours of this most fierce of encounters.

It was not until a large contingent of reinforcements could come to the rescue, that the Empire was finally surrounded by a combined total of over 2,700 pts of Beltic warriors! The fighting ended suddenly, when Batavious' Heavy Cavalry were caught in the rear by Clungegrubber II's horse. The Empire cavalry broke, along with a nearby Cohort, caught in the flank, too close to woodland surrounding the village. These two disasters were followed by another: The Auxiliaries of Enteritis fled when charged by Cataract's brave light cavalry. This lead to a "snow-ball" effect, right the way up the red and silver lines of the Empire's Cohorts. It took Boaconstrictia herself, with her personal bodyguard of retired beltic generals, to launch themselves bravely at the last remaining "intact" Cohort, with the desired effect that it too fled, taking with it the hated Septimus Syphillis, still frantically trying (in vain) to rally his demoralized army. Glutinous Maximus was pursued, and taken prisoner in the dying embers of the evening, on his way out of the Belt.

FOR SALE

The first public issue of shares in a military enterprise

SERPIAN MILITARY ENTERPRISES PLC

Shares were today quoted on the Serpian Stock Exchange at 100 mazumas each (or equivalent in foreign currency). Dividends will be issued in the form of booty, plunder, ships, chariots and other chattels, according to the profits made.

Applications for shares from major foreign consortiums will be welcome.

This is a go-ahead modern military concern, trained according to the best Serpian traditions inspired by Islamic fundamentalism, embarked on it's first take-over bid.

\*Money back guarantee\*

If your consortium is the subject of a take over bid, we offer a money back guarantee for your investment. WARNING: share prices can go down as well as up!

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AYATOLLAH SENT PACKING

A brief skirmish between an expensive but antiquated Serpian expeditionary force and the elite cavalry scouts of the Seleucidite Kingdom took place at Ciccina-groine this week. An exemplary performance by the village's D Class bowmen militia resulted in a bloody nose for the misguided Serpian invaders. Gropus Grouniad, the Kingdom's cavalry general, was later awarded high battle honours by King Eric in recognition of a particularly effective cavalry charge against the tedious Serpian camelry. A statement issued from the palace is reported to have warned the Sepians not to try again unless they wanted real trouble.

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THE EMPRESS SOPHIA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT BUM'S RUSH IS, AS SHE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF IT FROM THE SERPIANS AS PROMISED IN LAST WEEKS INCONTINENT.  
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# INCONTINENT

AYATOLLAH ADVANCES



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\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK I of APRIL, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

THIS IS THE BBC WORLD SERVICE.

A spokesman for the Serpian government today expressed a wish to correct an erroneous report in the Incontinent for 4th week March. "It's all lies" he said. "We had no intentions of attacking Ciccinagroinae. The Military detail was merely there to deliver a consignment of Mesopotamian beer to help Gropus Grouniad celebrate his birthday. The camels just slipped", he insisted. He also warned King Eric: "any further rejection of our missions of good will in this way, will seriously affect our alliance, and next month's tour of the Seleucidite Kingdom by the Trojan Male Voice Choir will certainly be off". In a later interview he also criticizes God, who, as editor, "really ought not to allow such inaccurate reports to pollute his columns."

God has also come under attack recently for getting the accounts wrong (as usual). God now claims that the programming fault is now corrected, and thank you to those careful rulers who spotted the deliberate mistake.

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VON-FARTENBLASTER IS REPORTED TO BE ANGRY ABOUT STORIES OF ATTACK FROM THE EASTERN HALF OF METHUSELAH. THIS WILL ONLY LEAD TO REPRISALS, AMOEBIC DYSENTRY AND A CONTINENT-WIDE SHORTAGE OF TOILET PAPER.

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FINANCIAL NEWS.

Newly floated shares in the Serpian Military Enterprises P.L.C. were today selling at 104 mazumas, up 4 points on last week's price. Traders were suprised at the volume of transactions, and there are rumours that the Ayatollah has personally invested heavily, with the prospect of making an early killing.

SHOCK NEWS.

The God's are perturbed by the brevity of orders received from both Mad King Eric, and The Recently Deranged Ayatollah. One would have thought that, particularly in the circumstances, both countries would have sent in more than just the average fifteen sides of A4, thirty six 6'x 4' index cards, and five square feet of flow-chart analysis each.

COME ON LADS, PUT SOME EFFORT INTO IT!!!!

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# INCONTINENT



11.4.968

\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK II of APRIL, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

HEAVEN HAS MOVED. PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS.

Orders, STARTING NOW, must be sent to the address below, or as on the strip of sticky labels enclosed for your use! On your orders for next week only, PLEASE USE THE NAME GODDARD IN YOUR ADDRESS as we don't actually move in until Friday 5th August. The people there till then are devoid of any sense of humour, and will probably destroy mail not labelled in an orthodox fashion!!

5 FAIRFAX AVENUE  
OLD MARSTON  
OXFORD  
OX3 0RP

TELEPHONE OXFORD 251825

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

Coming for one week only at Goulays Ampitheatre:  
TOILESH AND DISTRICT LADIES FORMATION SPOT-WELDING TEAM  
Live entertainment for all the family, Week III, April 968.

A GENTLEMAN'S SMOKING EVENING TO BE HELD WEEK IV AT THE AMPITHEATRE  
Featuring "Amanda" from Semenovich (V7):  
LIVE NUDE GO-GO DANCING ON STAGE  
To the musical accompaniment of  
THE WIND SECTION OF THE LETTOFF CASTER-OIL SOCIETY  
(Don't tell the wife about this strictly adult showing).

AT FARTENBLASTER'S PALACE: WEEK I, MAY, 968  
ORGY AND WHIPPING SESSION.  
(Bring a Strumpet).

THE SAGA OF OCCULT (Cont).

In the not so very far off days (Oh best beloved), the Empire was well and truly stuffed! Up until week III of March 968, the Dark Empire had made substantial inroads into the Belt until the not inconsiderable Beltic forces were jammed, back to back, in an area approximately the size of Herpes' torture chambers. Something had to give! We tried poisoning the rivers, (but they were frozen, which made it a little difficult,) and so there was nothing for it but to sort the buggers out....

See Stuff the Empire Blues....

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THE STUFF THE EMPIRE BLUES

Well I woke up this mornin', what did I see?

Well I woke up this mornin', what did I see?

Whole hordes O'them Dagoes

All Chasin' after me.

(dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum tete tete tete)

Well I says to my brothers, hey what ya gonna do?

Well I says to my brothers, hey what ya gonna do?

Pretty dam soon now....

An' the Ol' Empire's rulin' You.

(dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum tete tete tete)

So I took up my weapons, down by the river side.

So I took up my weapons, down by the river side.

An' I done rode off to Boa

Jes' about as fast as I could ride.

(dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum tete tete tete)

Well we found ol' Glutinous carousin' on our land.

Well we found ol' Glutinous carousin' on our land.

an' we all done said to him

"Bugger off!"

(does'nt fit the chord sequence, but it's direct and effective!)

(dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum tete tete tete)

Well ol' Glutinous, he's a cruel man, an' he wouldn't march away.

Well ol' Glutinous, he's a cruel man, an' he wouldn't march away.

So we done said to him,

better get down on your knees and pray.

(dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum de dum tete tete tete)

So the battle raged for many an long hour that day.

So the battle raged for many an long hour that day.

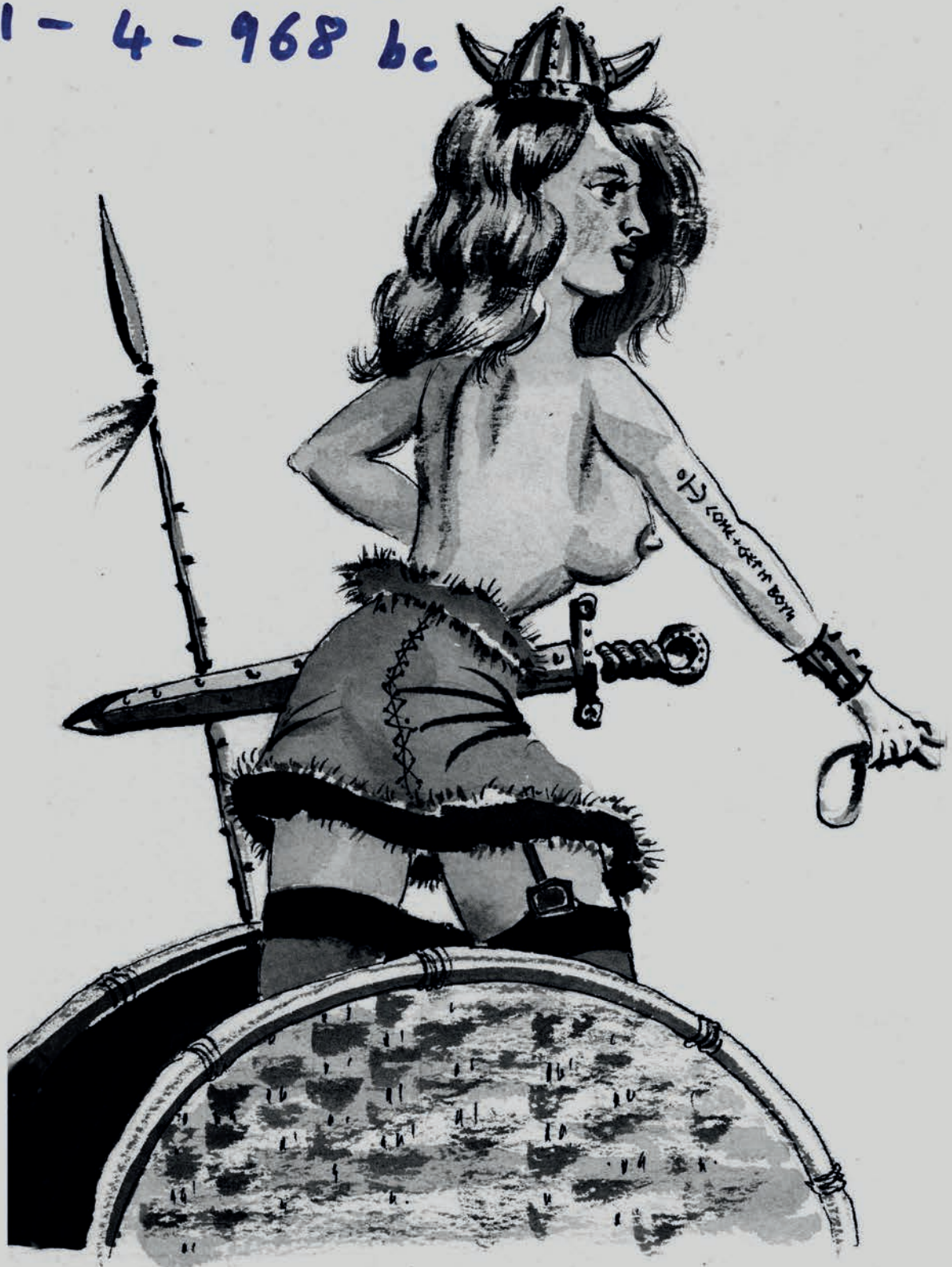
and in the end we well and truly stuffed the rotten old Empire  
and not a lot of them got away....

Oh Yeah.

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INCONTINENT

III - 4 - 968 bc



GEORGE OF THE EMPIRE THE ONE + ONLY  
— BOACONTRICTIA —

\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK III of April, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

#### RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY RAGES.

The renowned expert on Methuselahn religions, Molto Adagio of Arcadia, last night added his voice to a growing chorus of protest against the theological credentials of the Ayatollah, Serpia's current ruler. "Many have called him a fake", he intoned, "and I believe that he is not being true to the basic principles of the fundamentalist religion he claims to represent". Other, more extreme voices such as the Mighty Gonad worshipper's leader, Ug Niggeretch, were calling for the population of Serpia to "rise up and overthrow the imposter!" Protest are thought to be taking place in Serpia itself. The Serpian Stock Exchange has reacted badly to this news, although Serpian Government spokesmen maintained last night that most indexes had risen.

#### SHOCK NEWS.

An unnamed village on King Eric's Caspian Sea Coast yesterday fell to the amphibious assault reported in last week's Incontinent. Reporters present at the landing have written into this office telling of "minor casualties", caused mainly by the local population catching a particularly virulent strain of dysentery from the invaders. The villagers did not rout so much as run off in search of a lavatory.

#### SWEET DREAMS.

Mighty Invidious of the League, step forward! Three visions are granted to you this week (courtesy of the Gods). All involve great success in your fleet actions to the East. Hail!!

#### RECOVERY.

Sophia of Indianus is reported to be recovering well in hospital in Kaushambi (MM15) after an unfortunate fall from one of her Elephants in the race held two weeks ago, attended by Eric, Herp, Sophia, and Buddha. She hopes any one concerned for her well-being, will send flowers, get-well cards, or aphrodisiac potions to her bedside before the end of the week. Congratulations go to the Serpian Empire for winning the race, which had, till last week, been won by an Indianus Elephant for the last 76 moons.

#### HERPES ANNOUNCES CANDIDATURE.

"No Contest" announced Herpes this week; "T.E.L.E.C.O.M. is undoubtedly mine. The Ayatollah is hardly fit to call himself a P.R.A.T. (Puny Ruler in A Turban)".

\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK III of April, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

MESSAGE.

The Ayatollah would like to express his thanks to the Empress Sophia and assures her that all she asked for will be granted to her if she moves as arranged.

ERIC UPSET.

King Eric is sorry to hear of the Serpian liability to accidents in which first some camels appear to have accidentally impaled themselves on Seleucidite lances, and secondly a friendly expeditionary Serpian Missions to Bacteria had to have their bottoms wiped by some D class bowmen. He hopes sincerely that similar accidents will not befall the late-night parties going on in other parts of the Kingdom and suggests respectfully that the best place for people who can't hold weapons properly is back in bed (without contraception).

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SERPIA.

In an emotional speech yesterday, (Not ANOTHER one!!) the Ayatollah called upon his allies to keep their word at this critical moment in Serpia's history. "King Eric is still resisting the delivery of our consignment of Mesopotamian beer, despite the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade signed in Tobolsk four years ago. We demand that Eric lifts his illegal import controls and barriers to free trade are removed. This is surely in the interests of everyone."

Horst Wessel Beers P>S were reported to be shocked and amazed at King Eric's action. "1992 is only just around the corner, you know."

CITY NEWS

Shares in Serpian Military Enterprises PLC were today down one point on last week's price at 103. Horts Wessel climbed two points at hints of a takeover bid. Recent issues in TELECOM were unchanged.

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IV - 4 - 968

HIS EXCELLENCY BELCHER THREKBUROCK  
(LORD HIGH GENERAL + FORMER CULTURAL  
ATTACHE!)



\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK IV of APRIL, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

Front cover this week shows Gertcher Grommet's amazing statue of Beltcher Three Buttock, due to be erected later this year..... see below.

#### RELIGIOUS RAMBLINGS OF RELEVANCE.

Please send in orders for week I of May - as normal - by next weekend (27th August). However, only send your orders for Week II of May after having received the following Sit-Rep. God and the Empress Sophia are hoping to go on holiday in the near future: destination unknown, exact timing unknown. Please bear with us, and respond with orders only in response to latest Sit-Rep!

#### PIRATES!

AENUS CURLY-BEARD, an ex-Macedonian fisherman, and his vicious crew of rough Adventists, have ransacked Hephaestion (N10). His fleet of ex- trawlers, now equipped with the latest in Pirate technology, including Javelins AND Shields, sailed into the town harbour, ramming innocent vessels. He then disembarked, and with his bastardy band of cut-throats, sacked the Town Hall, running off with the Town Silver, The Mayor's chain, and the Town Clerc's daughter, and put the place to flames! This incident, the first of it's kind, can only be attributed to the bad times in which we live.

Aenus Curly-Beard, (known by his friends to be a bit of a bum), became disillusioned with the Macedonian Authorities after they refused to pay him compensation when all his best prawn nets were removed from his small fishing fleet in Plutach. They were used by the Plutarch Town Council to cover secret pits in a panic attempt to thwart the Empire Invasion back in the spring of '69. It took Aenus three months to re-coup his losses, when Psoriasis Sergius, The Empire's "Macedonian West" General, ripped all his nets accidentally during a water polo contest last summer. Having not even received an apology, Eanus, with the help of some helpful neighbours, repaired his prawn nets, but unluckily, they were banned after a petition from the Exandra Green Peace movement was accepted by the Hephaestion Town Council: The petition called for an end to the use of the Prawn nets because of the harm they did to the innocent sea life of the Area. The last straw was when Augustus Enteritis hired a fleet of fishing vessels for the use of the Empire's troops some weeks ago, and failed to pay for their use! The result is MARAUDING PIRATES!!!!



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FOR SALE

OUT NOW:

"The collected speeches of the Ayatollah"  
(40 Mazumas, 1250 p&p)  
by S. Correspondent.

".... effective treatment for insomnia": T.L.S.

".... long ....": Literatii Review of books.

SHOCKING NEWS

Cholera, dysentery and bum-boils have reached epidemic proportions in Tertis Province in the Kingdom. Suleman the Scatological has put in a bid for the toilet-paper franchise for the area, which has been accepted by a grateful nation.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SERPIA.

Sources close to the Ayatollah yesterday reported him as "furious" over King Eric's refusal to acknowledge the Single European Union Agreement. "You can't buck the market", a spokesman said. "punitive controls on imports: high rates of V.A.T., overly officious bureaucracy, outright military resistance - all are futile. We demand the free export of goods and services."

Reporters have commented that by "goods" the Ayatollah meant arrows, spears and the usual Mesopotamian beer, and by "services" he meant camel-bottom wiping, and major operative surgery (with swords).

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CITY DESK.

Serpian Military Enterprises PLC: up 5 points at 108  
T.E.L.E.C.O.M. (Ayatollah): up 4 points  
Horst Wessel Beers: up 3 points

MEMORIAL SCULPTURE.

Subscriptions are invited from other sympathetic and friendly rulers united in their hatred of the Dark Empire, towards the erection of a huge bronze statue to the late, great and very lamented-

BELTCHER THREEBUTTOCK.

The designs for the statue have been drawn up by Gertcha Grommet, architect in chief to Boaconstrictia and the projected edifice will not only have the required number of posterior appendages, but will also feature a ring-pull at the back THIRTY CUBITS LONG which, when tolled, will replicate ThreeButtock's truly prodigious belch.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to have your name engraved at the base of this truly great man's likeness: The First Methuselahn Martyr in the Crusade against the Evil in the West.

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NEW TREATY.

The chancelleries in Impervious and Serpia City were buzzing last week with the news that King Eric and the Ayatollah have drawn up a new treaty confirming their intention to work together in future. An agreement to set up a joint defence force was one of the more suprising clauses coming so close, as it does, after the famous Ciccinagroinae Incident. Discussions are reportedly at a "very advanced stage", and meetings at a General Staff level gave identified areas of common interest. Incontinent sees this hew combination as having great potential in East Methuselah.

WARNING.

TO WHOEVER IT MAY CONCERN.

I know what you're up to, and I know where to find you. I don't know who you are yet, but I'm hoping to find out pretty soon, and when I do there's going to be BIG TROUBLE. I suggest you might like to think it through, find a good excuse and slip off quietly and maybe we can forget the whole thing. Right new you're living dangerously, Buster.

Yours, a friend.

CITY DESK.

Rumours of a completion in their recent take-over bid pushed shared in S.E.M.E.M. higher at 110, up 2 on last week. Shares in other recent issues were unchanged. It is thought that King Eric has been behind some heavy buying into HORST WESSEL BEERS last week. On the foreign exchanges, against a basket of currencies the Serpian Mazuma was up tow clicks at the close of business on Friday.

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PARBEERIA IS THE JEWEL IN METHUSELAHS BACK PASSAGE THAT  
OTHERS TO THE EAST WILL NOT HAVE!!!  
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#### Fartenblasters Last Rites

In view of the recent public interest in the proposed lifelike statue of Belcher Threebuttock, trusstees to the Royal court in Goulays have just released archived details of a similar plan for a suitable memorial and epitaph to General Fartenblaster when he eventually passes beyond to that great wind-machine in the heavens (no blasphemy intended!).

In particular, the edifice will have truly realistic anterior appendages up to 100 cubits long, the appropriate one which when pulled will replicate the glorious rulers awesome and greatly feared flatulant prowess.

Send donations to Stinka Bossas benevolent pot-pourris fund for a miniature bedside/chariot dashboard working model of the above c/o: Pecker Necrophilium, CinC Redsalami Batallion, Redsalami, Parbeerion Dominion.

The court trustees would take this opportunity to point out that pot-pourris are made in Parbeeria of various flavours and aromas, not all of which resemble dried camel excrement and fermenting lentil beans, although this is the number one best seller in Parbeeria.

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#### LOST AND FOUND

Found at the recently held Toilesh and District Ladies Formation Spot-welding Team dance evening:-

- . One imperial Toga
- . One large key (for chastity belt?)
- . Numerous personal effects including undelivered Babylonian Gay Times magazines, blood-stained swords and a manacled leather clad Athenian pig which answers to the name 'Twinky'.

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HEAVEN BEING REBORN.

Sorry about the delay with Sit-Reps this week. It was not all the postal strike. Heaven, (the wargames room at the new house) is being rebuilt. This week there is new plaster on the walls, but still a lack of flooring, shelving, doors, and ceiling! PLEASE allow one further week's delay before we get back to normal fully blown aggressive wargaming\campaigning. Orders, therefore, are required to be in by

Saturday 15th October for May III, 968.

PEACE IN OUR TIME

The Kingdom's diplomatic envoy to the Serpian Empire, Mr. N. Genitalia Chamberlain, returned to the capital today with news of a lasting peace agreement between the two countries. "Mr Ayatollah has given me a peace of paper guaranteeing our mutual friendship and cooperation in exchange for minor concessions involving trading freedom in the new liberalized market in elephant skin condoms, plus a small amount of Seleucid territory", he said. "The 30% stake in Sousa Chariots PLC will now go into a mutual trust and regular artistic tours from one country to the other can begin."

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Emporess Sophia would like to announce her engagement to Fred Kott, the great charioteer. The announcement was made last night at an elephant swapping party. A spokesman from the palace said that Fred had fallen in love with Sophia after seeing her at a saucy Sari party and when asked to Marry Fred, Sophia replied that she'd do a lap with him any day.

MACEDON'S HONOUR RESTORED.

In an emotional ceremony at Alexandria, administrative shackles of the Dark Empire's rule were officially cast off today as Macedon declared itself free once more. The poplar liberating leader, Athenicus, has put himself forward for election to the newly created post of President.

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LOST

One large Key  
(Claimed NOT to be Sophia's Chastity Belt Key)

Reply to Fred Kott, c\o Faridkot Town Hall.

THE SERPIA-SELEUCID AXIS: AN UPDATE.

Further details of this new combination have been leaked to the diplomatic desk of the Incontinent. A massive Axis army composed of Serpian and Seleucid troops has been formed under the joint leadership of Majahideen the Magnificent and Tuna Daius, and it is understood that this is already on it's way to it's first objective. Eric and the Ayatollah have begun talks on the creation of a Single East Methuselahn Market, which they see as being in place in eighteen months' time.

DEAR ED,

What's this about us wanting to divvy up Parbeeria? It's a load of Rubbish.

Yours,  
The East.

**DARK**



**EMPIRE**

THE EMPEROR SPEAKS ....

Let it be known that nothing remains secret from the EMPIRE. My powers of inner sight tell me that an evil allegiance is stirring in the eastern hemisphere of Methusalah. Such rebellion will not be tolerated. From this day forth any act of aggression against the Imperial Army will be considered a DECLARATION OF WAR and the consequences will be far reaching.

Eric the "stark raving mad" hear this: One peep out of you and I'll blow you off the face of Methusalah. To date you can thank your lucky stars that a stretch of water lies between us. My first fleet has been given orders to sail to within striking distance of your shoreline, so if by any chance you have it in mind to play games with me and join these rebels, be warned..... your dim witted peasant "army" will be no match for the EMPIRE.

Elephant Nel of Indianus, you are likewise warned. Your illegal occupation of Parbeeria has not gone unnoticed. Keep your distance for the local people from Tarnish U2 to Red Salami U5 are loyal to the Emperor and are grateful for the support given to the Parbeerian Liberation Organisation.

And as for the Ocult. While you busy yourself with the history of your hideously deformed race your future is looking decidedly empty. You have but a short while to swear allegiance to the Empire before my soldiers reduce your villages to charcoal.

AND FINALLY...

Full battle honours are given to Glutinus Maximus who despite an absurd attack from a bunch of bloodthirsty barbarians never once forgot his military training and ran like mad when he thought he was loosing. Such unheroic action is the cornerstone of our generalship at undoubtedly spurred the army on to victory...GOOD SHOW GLUTTY!

*Herp.*





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METHUSELAH BACK TO NORMAL.

The Heavenly Hosts are proud to announce the return to normal of the campaign after various terrible delays and interruptions. We are on the verge of the height of the campaigning season as the weather improves. N.B. Rulers (not mentioning any SE dictator in particular), who complain to God about the weather, OR the forecasts, will be sent thunder bolts in bulk.

METHUSELAHN OLYMICS: FINAL RESULTS.

Modern Biathalon  
(Dirty Tricks and Double-Crossing)  
EMPRESS SOPHIA

Synchronised Troop Movements: Team Event  
VON FARTEN-BLASTER

5000 Metre Retreat.  
KING ERIC (New personal best!)

4X100 Metre Relay Event: around the Kingdom  
SERPIAN EMPIRE

Exercise of Sheer Evil.  
HERPES THE GREAT

Wins the Gold Medal, but is subsequently disqualified for illegal use of performance enhancing drugs. Silver medal was granted to one of Von FartenBlaster's posterial emissions.

TESTS IN THE NHOB AREA!

Reports today were coming through of a new Indianus war-weapon- the amazing exploding elephant bladder. Secret tests in the Nhob area (NN9) are being held at this moment by Military Bacteriologists.

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SHOCK NEWS

King Eric converted to Islam!  
"I did'nt feel a thing" he said, at an interview today.

TREES ON THE MARCH

Observant readers of last week's Incontinent will have noticed the apparent suggestion that Athenicus has liberated trees as well as Macedon. As a spokesman for Friends of the Earth, I should like to officially thank Athenicus for his conservationist approach and wish him many years at the 'ELM before he become ASH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

King Eric was 74 yesterday. Cards gratefully accepted.

SERPIAN WAR STRATEGY REVEALED

After months of speculations and rumour, the Ayatollah yesterday finally came clean about his long term ambitions at a lunchtime visit to the new dealing house in Literatii. "Having subdued the Kingdom, I shall be turning my attentions to the West", he said. "The Dominion's trading practices are notoriously illiberal, and we must not tolerate price-fixing in the new competitive era that we have encouraged Methuselah to enter". Sharp falls were reported in the quoted price for bean stocks following the news.

PUBLIC LETTER.

Fartenblaster, you S T I N C K ! love, Sophia.

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STARTLING REVELATION  
(Caught in the ACT!)

It is rare that any Methuselahn Ruler is genuinely caught with trousers around ankles, but Incontinent has pleasure in reporting a real case in point. Forces carrying the colours of the Empress Sophia were last week encountered on the territory of the Serpian-Seleucid Defence Force. It seems there are few breaches of territorial sovereignty that the Empress will not stoop to. She is surely running out of friends to stab in the back! Watch out! The Olive branch is poisoned.

The Editor adds: The force was duly consigned to the scrap-heap of history by the joint Defence force, in a pants-off jobby in Pubilia. Further details will follow.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT.

Candidates for election to the post of  
PRESIDENT OF MACEDONIAN REPUBLIC

are asked to submit their candidacies by I/6/968 at the latest. The election will be held on IV/6/968 after a brief, non-military campaign. Entries so far:

ATHENICUS (running mate for VP, ZEUS)  
DODGE HYPOCONDRII (Independent Illiterate Athenian Shepherd)

All entries are expected to publish a brief election address in the Incontinent of I/6/968 to allow the voters to make an informed decision (those that can read anyway).

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BUST-UP AT DIPHTHERIA (HH11)

The Indianus expeditionary force in the Seleucidite Kingdom came up against a large force of Serpian Heavy Cavalry at HH11 last Sunday night. The fighting was bloody, determined, and both sides proved brave and spirited.

Alli-Katt's Elephants were caught in the flank by the redoubtable Youseff the Visually Impressive with his 18 Heavy Cavalry. All looked grim for the Wogs' army until a catastrophe occurred, and Youseff was cut down by a mahout, and killed. His brave troops suddenly became less brave, and ran away.

Meanwhile on the other flank, after effective skirmishing from eighty paces, Sheik Abdul - "The Persuader" with another 18 HC, charged impetuously into a large unit of the famous Indianus Heavy Chariots, under their CinC, Alli-Katt. The fighting continued for hours, with both side's pushing each other back. The Chariots became exhausted, but continued to push back the brave Sheik and his men. The melee was finally decided by Mohamed Ahmed al Chelsea Fan, with 12 more HC, who charged in, and broke the chariot unit (now only two horses, three natives and a dog). Alli-Katt, the Indianus commander was cut down, and the rest of the chariots fled.

PUBLIC REPLY

Sophia, so do you! Get off my territory! Love Fartenblaster.

OLD PLATUS' ALMANAC - AN UPDATE STOP-PRESS

Violence in the South-West of the Kingdom looks a distinct possibility in the next few weeks.

NAN (CC5) FALLS TO SKYTHIAN KURDS!

Kurdish fundamental separatists have liberated Nann from the oppression of the Indianus Religion. Their leader, Bor Drigid, said to the Incontinent: "We intent to take no further moves in Indianus. We assure the Empress we are not interested in expansion. We wish only to secure our independent Kurdish State".

There are further reports from other sources of religious trouble brewing again in Lachrymosa (KK5). Bluhdism has always been a volatile religious practice, and the recent news that holy men have been sacrificing the local town council on mid-night bon-fires can only confirm this.

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ELECTION NEWS

[DON'T FORGET ALL YOU RULERS; NOW IS THE CHANCE TO ADMINISTER TWO COUNTRIES. MACEDON IS "UP FOR GRABS"]

As election fever begins to build in Macedon, the Incontinent has advance information on the likely manifesto of Athenicus, the liberating slave gladiator. Rumours suggest that foreign policy may well change dramatically following Athenicus's election, in particular that neighbours will be under scrutiny for their behavior towards the greater good of the Continent. Watch this space!

The Ayatolah wishes to announce that he is hereby a candidate for the election to the presidency of the Macedonian Republic. The new Serpian-Seleucid Axis is from this moment running a joint candidature with King Eric sharing the ticket as Vice Presidential nominee.

Here is the Axis election address:

My fellow Methuselahnns: Our claim to the Presidency of Macedonia is based on free market principles. We believe in the extension of our single Methuselahn market, with free movement of capital and troops across National boundaries, and the elimination of restrictive practices on the battlefields. This, and an extension of the sharebidding autocracy is entirely within the interests of all Methuselahnns. Watch this space.

THE NEWS FROM THE MONEY MARKETS (YAWN)

Stocks in Sophia's Indianus enterprises fell sharply on the futures markets last week. Her force A has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and it seems likely that her takeover bid in Parbeeria will be blocked. Free market critics o Sophia's regime point to the very poor level of import penetration and it seems the Serpian-Seleucid Axis is poised to make inroads.

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KING ERICS BIRTHDAY PARTY ISSUE

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#### HISTORIC MESSAGE

The Athenian League last night opened it's two year silence in the Incontinent, by sending our Editor the following proclamation:

R I S E M Y F R E I N D S .

The message is thought by some experts to be in CODE, triggering some great, and long planned act of military significance. Others are baffled, and suggest it refers to some of Invidious's closest generals' sexual habits.

#### INVASION

Incontinent has reports of an amphibious landing on the west coast of Athenia. Details are as yet sketchy but the flags have been identified as those of the Dark Empire. We hope to have further details in next week's edition. Watch this space.

#### ELECTION NEWS

Speaking from his election campaign headquarters in Troy, where the Ayatollah is masterminding his candidature of the Macedonian Presidency, the fundamentalist leader spoke out against Athenicus, the slave gladiator. "What the people of Macedon understand and appreciate is not fancy words and posturing-but hard cash. The Axis slate, Eric and Myself, promise to put the Country back on a sound financial basis. We promise tax reform: revenues from all major Macedon towns will be used not only to finance a defence force, but also to revive inner cities devastated after the Invasion of the Empire. Deprived areas will qualify for Regional development Grants under the East Methuselahn Community Scheme. We hear nothing from Athenicus on these matters.

A MORS opinion poll put the Ayatollah a long way in front with 53%. Athenicus received the support of only 17%. A further 15% did not believe Sophia actually intended to pull out, while another 15% preferred "The good old days under Herpes", who at least made the trains run on time. The remaining 2% were for the SDP. NO potential votes were cast for DODGE HYPOCONDRII (Independent Illiterate Athenian Shepherd Party).

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

What are "Enterprises"?

Love Sophia.

P.S. Is a Kurdish fundamental separatist something you spread on toast?

DOUBLE CROSSER CROSSED and CROSS!

The Empress Sophia was reported to be incandescent with rage at the loss of her force under her trusted general Alli-Kat. But Incontinent wonders if she can be all that surprised. She has now achieved what many thought was impossible: The unification of Parbeeria, Serpia and the Kingdom AGAINST her. After watching her stab so many of her allies in the back, it cannot be surprising of they should get fed up. As Chipati (002) falls to an expeditionary force from the North, and her adventures abroad come unstuck, and Kurdish separatists in Nann look jealously on Meerut and Sirsa (LL6), observers are now talking about the dismemberment to the Indianus Region. Diplomatic consultants Maachi and Maachi have advised Sophia to repair relations with her powerful neighbours immediately, but will it be in time?

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VON FARTEN-BLASTER'S FINANCES ON THE ROCKS.

It is reported that the large and once revered Parbeerian Dominion is greatly out of pocket, and rebellions among the poorer sections of the community are breaking out around Goolays, up and down the River Oder, and in the marshes of Pantsoff (Y1). Unpaid wages, lack of state provided laxatives, and un-kept cess-pits are adding to a problem that has been building up for months. Only the army is kept well, fighting for freedom abroad.

Scwelch Wellybottom: Incontinent's Dominion correspondent.

INCONTINENT SAYS:

The volume of intentional misinformation has reached an all-time peak in recent editions, but in all of this propoganda, the beacon of light has shone through: diplomatic associations between Parbeeria, Serpia and Seleucia are as strong as ever, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise!

The combined rulers of East Methuselahn Economic Community.

ELECTIONS NEWS

In an amazing about-turn this week, the Ayatollah and King Eric have sought to circumvent the restrictions laid upon them by the election commission by:

- a) Applying for honorary citizenship of Macedon. (King Eric had a great aunt once who lived in Anexra (N14) and the Ayatollah has an honorary degree in ballistics from the University of Eucephalus (S10).
- b) Paying the election deposit in East Methuselahn futures bonds. (Easy that one).

They responded to the third criticism (distortion of the truth) by saying that it was rather like criticizing fish for breathing water. It comes rather naturally to politicians. Going onto the attack they said: "Let us have a presidential debate. Let the People of Macedon decide not some commission whose constitutionality is itself in doubt"

In a HARPLAN poll taken at the weekend, the Ayatollah stretched his lead to 72%. Another 5% still could not find the Seleucidite Kingdom on the map, and 7% thought "Athenicus" meant a terrible indecisiveness over the existence of God, who, as we all know, is the one who sends out Sitreps each week.

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ELECTION STOP-PRESS

General Hinrich Von Farten Blaster is up for election in Macedon!

The following are offered by the General:

- 1) Improved road drainage scheme.
- 2) Freedom for Macedonians and self autonomy of rule.
- 3) Concrete toilet seats.
- 4) Free holiday scheme to sunny Eastern Parbeeria to first 2000 Macedonians who apply.
- 5) Six months FREE supply of Andrexus papyrus bog paper to each man, woman and child.

SERPIAN SOUR GRAPES

Following last week's rejection of the undemocratic electoral advances of the almost universally detested Ayatollah, border skirmishes with the Sepian tyrant's evil forces were reported at Clitus. These infringements of the sovereign territory of the Macedonian Republic coupled with the Macedonian force's decisive action to repel the raiders was reported to have led to a surge in support for the leading election candidate, Athenicus.

SECRET ALLIANCE REVEALED

Incontinent can now reveal the existence of a hitherto unsuspected secret pact between Indianus and Parbeeria. Under the guise of mutual distrust and suspicion, a daring thrust at the Serpian protectorate in the Kingdom has been mounted, with the aim of ejecting the forces of monetarism from this area.

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GREETINGS FROM ATHENIAN LEAGUE

We do not wish to make rather boring speeches in this election news.

We are not interested.

It costs too much money.

UNWELCOME VISITORS.

To the Force of Pirates, enjoying a brief visit to our sunny coast.

A short message:

GET OUT !

TO EANUS CURLY BEARD

Please call again. We would love to welcome you in the old fashioned Athenian way: An old custom called THE SWORD!

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MY FRIENDS,  
WE THANK YOU.

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INCONTINENT III.6.968

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In the deepest depths of the Dark Empire there lies the Palace of that scourge of Methuselah, Herpes the Great. Once a splendid example of Roman Imperialism, it now wallows in the stench of pure evil. In the corridors that lead to the Emperors throne, the trophies of his hugely successful campaigns clutter the damp, mildew walls. The door that leads to the Emperors private study is decorated with his most prized possession..... the additional appendage of one Belcher Threebuttock.

It is twelve months since I last reported on my audience with his Imperial Majesty. In that time few places in this continent have not felt the wrath of his mighty army. Macedon fell with little resistance. Parbeeria was divided and shared with one Princess Sophia. The Belt of Occult was driven to the brink of total destruction. And then, without warning, his army withdrew.

What then had made the Evil Emperor take such unusual and uncharacteristic action? This was the question that all of Methuselah wished to ask.

"Basically for two reasons," the Emperor replied. "In the first instance, the lack of serious opposition made the whole game quite boring. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the Imperial army has undergone serious reforms. Due to unforeseen deterioration in the Methuselah economy, there has been a serious imbalance in the strategic importance of some member countries."

At that point I had to intervene. Was Old Herp finally recognising the values of Political diplomacy?

"Certainly not. All I am saying is that there are one or two monarchs who are not playing the game. There are simply some people who think that they can sit around and watch whilst the others destroy themselves."

"I am therefore appealing to all the rulers of this continent to join in with my initiative for a United Nations Conference with the following agenda:

1. Immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops to recognised boundaries.
2. Total Ceasefire from a mutually agreed date.
3. A working party to be set up to settle once and for all the Macedonian problem.
4. A system should be put forward to counter all misleading and inaccurate information/propaganda circulated so frequently in the incontinent weekly broadcasts.

I would like all leaders to consider the above and reply by IV.6.968 to God, PO Box 1, Methuselah. Thankyou"

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FULL TURN OUT  
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'Tis the end of the month, and one of the most enterprising for some months. All rulers have sent in orders of one sort or another this week, and in reward for such exciting behavior, offers will follow from the Supreme Being of extra income, armies, or other supplements just to keep everybody happy. More of this anon, when I have had some time to consider the details. Next week will be published some amendment suggestions from a "Western Ruler", for discussion.

\*\*\*\*\* ELECTION RESULTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

The official announcement of the results  
of the recent elections in the  
Macedonian Republic  
In alphabetical order:

Athenicus (Slave Commander)	44,362 votes
Ayatollah/Eric Alliance	13,529 votes
Dodge Hypocondrii	0 votes
General Hinrich Von Fartenblaster	12 votes

Athenicus is duly elected as the new ruler of the new:

MACEDONIAN REPUBLIC  
(WRG Army List 37, book I)  
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A HEARTFELT MESSAGE  
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To members of the East Methuselahn Economic Community.

I frankly have NO idea what's going on. I have no firm idea who I'm supposed to be allied with, and even less idea of who I'm invading. All this misinformation has scrambled my diplomatic arrangements. I really think we should play it a bit straighter; it's much too confusing like this. Yours, the Ayatollah.

PARBEERIANS ADVANCE, PART II  
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Advance guards of the frightened and depleted Islamic Protectorate Defence Force (Seleucidite Division) were subjected to an unaccustomed drubbing at the hands of a massive marauding Parbeerian army near Alumni last week. Their leader, Suleimen the Undemocratic, was left with very little trouser material. The tide appears now to be flowing strongly against the Ayatollah.

A SPECIAL REPORT  
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Incontinent has news of yet another secret pact. As the Ayatollah was

issuing his statement over the phone (see above) news was reaching the news desk of a joint Serpian-Athenian expeditionary force making it's first moves against an unspecified Country east of the Adriatic. Ir the Ayatollah wants to simplify things, he should maybe start at home!

#### SELEUCIDITE MILITIA APPEAL

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Bring and buy next week at the Vega women's institute. Proceeds in aid of "Save the Seleucidites" in tandem with "Concerned Peasants Against the Kontos"

#### AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

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The Empress Sophia wishes to announce to the world her intention to work together with the Ayatollah in future, and give notice to her former allies to this effect. So watch out, you stinkers!

Incontinent adds: this new pact is indeed a daring about-turn. Diplomats have obviously been working hard to dispel the mistrust between the two rulers so quickly after TWO of Sophia's armies were wiped off the face of the known earth somewhere inside the Ayatollah's Seleucid Protectorate. What, however, does this mean for all the other combinations in the area? Being God, and being omniscient doesn't help all of the time.

#### READER'S LETTER

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Dear Sir,

Further to the MARPLAN opinion polls in II June and III June, where exactly IS the Seleucidite Kingdom anyway? Is it one of those Pirate infested Islands of the Aegean, or is it within the Dark Empire?

Yours,

Ignorii Worried of Tertis (HH4)

#### EVE OF POLL VIOLENCE SHOCKER

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In what Herpes' war office belatedly described as "a last minute attempt to enter the Presidential contest", (!) a fierce but decisive battle was fought between the Macedonian Republic's elite gladiator units and the resurgent but dilapidated Dark Empire forces in hex S11. Athenicus, recently elected president of the Republic, sent us this on the spot report:

"Our election campaign units had drafted in support from the neighboring constituency, who first met up with the Imperialist Canvassers just down the road from Mrs. Smith in No 23. A fierce verbal abuse session followed, with the bourgeois Imperialists resorting to dirty underhand dart throwing tactics. Having seized the moral high ground early in the debate, the Macedonian men waited patiently for their moment and attacked decisively by implying that the Ayatollah was in League with the Dark Imperialists. This initiated a rout amongst the opposition and the local population rose on masse to congratulate our men for their well argued policies. There were no prisoners."

Neutral observers were predicting a huge surge in Athenicus' lead at the polls, and celebrations had already begun even before the election results were officially announced.

GOOD LUCK, YOU LIBERATED SLAVE PEOPLES!

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YET ANOTHER PACT

Following their dreadful misunderstanding on the borders of the Seleucid Protectorate, the Ayatollah and Von Fartenblaster met to repair the damage done to their alliance. But Fartenblaster put the affair down to the fact that his general mistook the Serpians for Seleucids. The General in command has now been given a crash course in enemy recognition (turbans good, pointy-hats bad) and the two old allies have joined up to help sort out their common problems.

SECRET PACT SHOCK

King Eric would like to make it clear that he is not involved in any secret pacts and that, at the age of seventy four, he is too old for that sort of thing anyway.

AGONY AUNT SECTIONS

Dear Incontinent,

I am an East Methuselahn potentate with only five towns and a city to my mane. I command four units of home guard, a troop of boy scouts, an extremely powerful and well armed branch of the Women's Institute, and three small dogs. Whom should I attack and whom should I seek an alliance with?

Yours,

Worried of Tertis (HH4)

Dear Worried of Tertis,

How about Aenus Curly-Beard? On second thoughts, it would be a shame to risk the three small dogs. As to the alliance; if I were you I'd seek an alliance with anyone who wants one and hope the Ayatollah does'nt attack again.

Yours

Auntie Incontinent.



(Above: from Methuselah's first birthday party, June '88)

From left to right, The Ayatollah [then the lily white leader of the Serpian Empire - now a revered exponent of diplomacy], Empress Sophia of Indianus plus elephant, God [blessing all from the clouds], Boaconstrictia's cultural attache the late Belcher Three Buttock, Mad King Eric Seleucid [Trying to look studious], and an unidentified barbarian gate crasher - Rumored to be General Hinrich-Von-Fartenblaster of the Parbeerian Dominion. In the distance, the roof tops of Circumcizia (G4).

(Picture taken by Herpes the Great, Empire Castings PLC).

\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK II of JULY, 9685c. \*\*\*\*\*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Yours,  
Uncertain of Goulays (AA3)

Dear Uncertain of Goulays,

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SOPHIA OF INDIANUS CAPTURED BY AYATOLLAH.

Confirmed reports from Kyber (JJ15) indicate that the famous leader of the Indianus Region has been taken prisoner by the infamous Serpian Islamic leader. A vast Indian army charged the small village on the borders, defended by an immense Serpian invasion force. After a dreadful battle, the pants of the Emporess were firmly removed, (metaphorically), and the beloved lady taken screaming and kicking from her personal elephant, by KING ERIC SELEUCID'S TROOPS, now in the service of the Serpian Peoples Democratic Dictatorship.

ANONYMOUS MESSAGE.

T H E R E ' S A L I G H T I N T H E  
D A R K E M P I R E D A R K N E S S  
  
C O U L D M A R S T U R N R E D W I T H  
T H E B L O O D O F H E R O W N T R O O P S  
F I G H T I N G A T T H E W A L L S  
  
W A T C H T H E S E A S ? ?  
  
T H E F L E E T S A I L S A R E S E T !

DOES THE KHAZI KHAN STILL LIVE????

Unconfirmed reports alarmingly suggest that the old Serpian Empire Monarch: "The Khazi Khan":- a Herpes Puppet, is commanding a rough tribal command of pro-Empire Hunnic Light Cavalry, against the Beltic Hoardes, up on the North West Frontier! When the present Ayatollah took over the Serpian post, the Khan slipped away in exile. Does he still exist???

LETTER FROM INDIANUS.

To my noble and faithful people of Indianus,

On this day (Week IV July, 968), I hereby announce what may be my last works to you. I am about to be captured by the evil Ayatollah who asked me to give up most of our beloved Country. I leave the choice to you - be ruled by an evil fundamentalist, or burn your settlements and crops and remain faithful to Buddha. The north of the Seleucidite Kingdom and Parbeeria are friendly territory: I will meet you if not on friendly soil, in the great heaven of Methuselah.

I want all the people of Indianus to know that our army was brave in the face of an army greatly outnumbering them and we all fought to the



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bitter end letting none of our number be caught only to be used against our allies in future battles: as the Ayatollah has done many times before....

Let the Ayatollah not gain from his victory. DESTROY ALL THAT MAY HELP HIM and we will rebuild Indianus together someday.

Buddha be with you always,

Sophia of Indianus.

HERP IN A LUCKY ESCAPE.

More confirmed news: The ever unpopular leader of the Dark Empire was also nearly removed kicking and screaming from his personal "Battle Comode", when a huge Beltic Hoard of druid worshipers assaulted Milano (J3) last week. The fat old Patriarch was carried away from the battlefield just in time by his trusted four negro Comode carriers, after a disastrous flank- marching maneuver nearly ended in another pants off for the famous O'Cultic campaigner "Cataracts".

AGONY AUNTIES STILL BULLSHITTING

Dear Auntie Incontinent,

I am an East Methuselahn Potentate with a MASSIVE Empire and many overseas possessions and colonies under my control. Despite my affable and trustworthy nature I have found it difficult to make friends and influence people. What should I do?

MAGNIFICENT of Serpia

Dear Magnificent,

You don't need to be affable in order to win battles. With a record like yours the only thing you need is a biographer.

Yours, Auntie Inc.

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Dear Auntie Incontinent,

I am an East Methuselahn Potentate with a HUGE empire of home and foreign states under my command. My writ runs large over the known globe BUT, frankly, I am getting bored with the whole business and the lack of real opposition. I also pretend to be fundamentalist but little do my people know that in reality I want all the power for myself rather than for Islam. What should I do?

BORED of Serpia (CC16)

Dear Bored,

Why not abdicate or join a monastery?

Yours, Auntie Inc.  
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Dark Empire 1. Aug 968

- B. Boat to make night raid on Keysius and attempt to destroy harbour by fire. Then on to Bacchus - MZI.
- O Recruit a new general (19pts) and move to F6 to join main army Florenti.
- X:ZN. Move to Florenti; fortify the town. Defend if attacked.
- E From K5 to K4 then MILANO J3. Cut off supply lines - if opposition met evade, otherwise head for MILVUS G4. If opposition met, evade & scout to report on Bellic strengths.

RECRUITING PTO.

VISIGOTHS at BICCHESTER! (I9)

1 Unit 31 irreg C MI, JLS, Sh @ 3pts + Gen @ 50 = 143 Pts  
1 Unit 32 irreg C MI, JLS, Sh @ 3pts + CF @ 25 = 121 Pts  
264 Pts

(I will make these - hopefully - before they meet opposition!)

Ps. FORCE P Sergius Psoriasis still shown as HC not EHC, L, B, Sh. - I did pay to convert Mem, didn't I?

last = Reports from Macedon ~~are~~ that a large Imperial fleet was sighted off the coast of Anaxora, sailing south, have caused rumours of an invasion of the ATHENIANS (at long last!)

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LARGE FLEET

Last Reports from Macedon that a large Imperial fleet was sighted off the coast of Anexra (O15) sailing south have caused rumours of an invasion of the Athenians [AT LONG LAST!] Reports that the advance guard of the Imperial fleet has made an attack on the Keysius harbour by night, in order to leave the Athenian expeditionary force there stranded have been CONFIRMED by several sources. The Empire have been building up their naval power for months, and now it looks as though a show down is imminent.

REAL LETTER FROM VAISTATI

To all Methuselahns:

Please disregard all Islamic propaganda. (See last edition). The Indianus Region still survives, and the Empress Sophia is NOT in captivity. The struggle continues although if anyone would like to lend me any money my bank account details will be available on request from God. Please give generously.

I would like to announce, however, that a new Indianus-Serpian alliance has just been agreed. The final details of this will be revealed in the very near future.

TO WHOMEVER IT MAY CONCERN.

You're pushing your luck, Buster. However, if you slip off quietly and without any fuss, I'm prepared to consider the whole thing a ghastly mistake on your part, and will say no more about it. One step further and you're in deep do-do.

Yours,

A Friend.

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BLUDHISTS RISE UP

Early and unconfirmed reports suggest that the Kingdom may be on the verge of yet another Bludhist revolt in the Northern Provinces. King Eric's military police gave apparently already brought the Seleucidite shield out of storage in readiness for trouble.

A CLARION CALL ON THE TRUMPET OF RIGHTEOUSNESS CONCERNING  
GOOD NEWS FROM THE WEST.

At last it can be told: Following extensive and elaborate preparations in the utmost secrecy a major invasion of the Dark Empire is now nearing a successful conclusion. Belt of Occult forces, in overwhelming numbers and moving with whirlwind rapidity have, in a very short period, secured large tracts of the Empire, including the Cities of Juventus (C5), Milinus (G4), Milano (J3), and Venicium (J5), Pronto Printii (L6), Coastus (M7), Circumcizia (O5) and Financium Timus (N4). Herpes himself was seriously incommoded in a clash at Milano. The War Office of Boaconstrictia confidently expects news of his capture in the next few days. He is surrounded, with his back to a lake, the sea, and a river held by a huge Beltic force.

The reasons for the above actions were explained by the delightful Miss B. herself: "We need Lebensraum" she said, "A Place in the sun and an ice-free port". Tired of playing with her fleet in the bath (let alone her admirals), Boa is after a deep-water port. "After all, we are only extending the Belt to it's natural historic boundaries", she said. "We have been welcomed in every place we have liberated as kinsmen, not conquerors."

Tales are emerging of the appallingly repressive regime of the Dark Empire from which these poor people are now free. "We're over the moon, Brian" said Boa, (49) [Chest]: "IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME INNIT!"

A MESSAGE

R I S E   M Y   F R I E N D S   A N D   P R O T E C T  
Y O U R   A L L I E S .  
T H E   T I M E   H A S   C O M E .

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DEAR AGONY AUNT,

I am an obnoxious and self-important East Methuselahn tyrant, trying to understand why people don't like me. They avoid me like the plague. What can I do to improve my social standing?

Dear obnoxious,

First of all give up eating garlic. Only the Magnificent Von Fartenblaster has the privilege of being admired for awful smelling flatulence. Perhaps people perceive you as a grotty social climber since your military power is a mere fraction of what you claim to have over Sophia and Eric. Have you considered the fact that you are widely believed to have a highly contagious and debilitating disease of the NETHER REGION? The latter is the WORST thing to affect you. You can duly grow more strong in military power, and in smell sense, but you cannot re-grow a pecker that has 'dropped off'.

INDIANUS - SERPIAN ACCORD

Full details of this accord are now available. A new Caliphate of Mohenjo-Daro has been established. In return for the Ayatollah limiting his territorial ambitions, the Emporess has guaranteed safe passage for Serpian troops to the troublesome North East frontier of Indianus, where the two countries have common objectives. A joint Serpia-Indianus task force has been established. The two countries are now at peace.

REPUBLIC'S FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE

Following a period of restoration and reconquest, emissaries from the government of President Athenicus are beginning to make their first contacts with other powers interested in joint initiatives. Parties wishing to strike the best deals are advised to apply early.

STOP PRESS  
FISHING FLEET ABLAZE

A fishing fleet has sighted burning ships in the Adriatic Sea. Reports say the Empire Ships are ablaze. Also MARS (E14), has fallen to enemy unknown. (From our reporter at E14).

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### A CLARION CALL ON THE TROMBONE OF EVIL

Being otherwise engaged on maneuvers this week, Herpes has been unable to take part in a recent charity trombone event at Bigchester (I9). Many of the capacity crowd were disappointed: "I came all the way from hex J( to hear old Herp", said a certain Georgus Mellati. "I was particularly looking forward to his big number, 'Exit of the Gladiators'. Herpes the Great will shortly be appearing at Chardium Town Hall (E11).

### BOLLOCKS TO AYATOLLAH

A once major Methuselahn nation of Curry eaters has rubbished last weeks false claim of a Serpian-Indianus treaty. "There is no treaty", said a spokesman "The Ayatollah is speaking jolly rot".

### INVASION

It has just been announced that a massive Parbeerian and Empire invasionary force is marching on Troy (Y15), inside the Serpian Empire. Unconfirmed reports state that this combined army has advanced into Far Eastern Macedon shouting the ancient battlecry "HERWEGO HERWEGO" at locals from time to time, and seem set on victory. It appears that Von Fartenblaster and Herpes the Great have at least set aside their differences, helped at least by Parbeerian forces adherence to a zero roughage, high fat diet and activated charcoal lined underwear.

### VON-FARTENBLASTER SPEAKS

In one of his more coherent interviews yesterday, the Magnificent potentate of Parbeeria gave some dazzling insights into the secret world of diplomacy. Speaking through a cloud of green, evil-smelling haze, he said: "The Ayatollah is not to be trusted. Anyone who engages in such questionable activities with the imperial camel units cannot be entirely straightforward. I ca reveal he has moved troops into the North of Indianus and the Bludhists of Tertis province have been in contact with him. The rule is:- when dealing with Ayatollah, always wear a condom.

Turning now to the Macedonians. I hear from the revered ruler of the Athenian League that Philipia (Q14) and Alexandria (Q13) have applied to join the League. I understand the triumphal procession to reclaim these long lost possessions will begin shortly. The Parbeerian Dominion would like to stake it's claim to Cleopatra (P9) and Bucephalus (S10) if no-one else wants them. The village of Andrex (T10) would also be entirely appropriate."

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HERP DECLARES WAR ON INVIDIOUS POLIACARTES.

The Empire deplors the recent attack on the Holiday resort of Keysius on the Imperial Peninsula, the Costa Fortuna. This favourite sleepy seaside town was violently disturbed by a beerswilling bevy of Athenian Delphi United supporters. This is likely to provoke a speedy response from the Emporer.

SERPIAN SECTION

In a very busy week, the Ayatollah's copy writers have had little time to prepare a contribution to the Incontinent this week. The annual party conference is coming up next month, and the Ayatollah is working a big speech. He would, however, like to leave regular readers of the Mag with this thought:

	BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: (TOP)				
The Ayatollah	Played:9	Won:7	Drawn:1	Lost:1	Pts:8,650
BOTTOM:					
Von Fartenblaster:	Played:2	Won:1	Drawn:0	Lost:1	Pts:2,021
King Eric Seleucid:	Played:4	Won:0	Drawn:1	Lost:3	Pts:1,987
Sophia of Indianus:	Played:3	Won:0	Drawn:0	Lost:3	Pts: 950

VON FARTENBLASTER SPEAKS AGAIN!

General Heinrich Von Fartenblaster announces to all Methuselahn countries that his "R+D" department in Goulays Armament has perfected an awesome flame-thrower. It consists of a Parbeerian, fed on prime Black River beans fro a week, bent double and facing the opposition. On clenching his buttocks and breathing out, the escaping jet of methane is ignited by a fellow soldier, and the scorching flame is effective in bursts at up to 200 paces, (wiping out all but archers at a greater distance). Bookings taken also for party tricks. Be warned, O forces that would transgress against Parbeerians. We will have instant barbecued spare ribs for supper!!

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AUTUMN REARS IT'S DECAYING HEAD.

The weather from next week should actually get progressively worse. To hail the Autumn, the Gods announce the following rule amendments to come into force immediately.

- a) Boats/fleets/ships/rafts/inflated sheep's bladders: These are all now to be cheaper to both hire, and build. The cost is now to be in line with 7th Edition rules: One point per fighting FIGURE capacity, rather than per POINTS COST capacity. Elephants, Chariots, and other "models" should count as five here, and the crew go free.
- b) Movement through difficult terrain, OFF of roads will now not only be much slower, but will also be subject to DEVIATION, again in line with 7th Edition. Movement through difficult terrain, OFF of roads, in FOG or MIST will result in random exit from the hex in question, 1-6 on dice:= hex sides 1-6!

SORRY about this weeks sit reps not tallying up with the lists of accounts, and settlement listings. This is another omnipotent error, caused by the gods running the reports from the Data-Base in the wrong order this week: it being the end of the month. The correct Balance is that shown at the bottom of the Accounts. The correct Pay-Roll figure is that shown at BOTTOM of sit-reps. The correct Tax figure is that shown at bottom of Settlements listing!

DIPLOMACY STILL ON OFFER

Hurry, Hurry, HURRY! Alliances still going cheap at the great MACEDONIAN REPUBLIC bargain basement. This week's special offers:

- Non-intervention Pacts (2 pacts for 30 Currency Units)
- Rumour-Mongering (each rumour 5 c.u.s or 5 for 20)
- Violence (not cheap this week)

ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED



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AYATOLLAH REPLIES

In reply to a select committee of the Serpian Parliament, the Ayatollah struck back at his critics today.

"I have no communicable diseases: my reproductive organ is in working order; my personal popularity is at an all-time high within the Democratic Peoples' Republic, and in all those areas where our teams of cultural attaches have brought the benefits of Islam and the capital market, people have found us fair and honourable. We have some powerful friends in Methuselah, despite some pernicious letters to the Incontinent.

We would like to reassure other potentates that, with the exception of Eric, who deserved it anyway, we have only attacked those people who attacked us.\* There must be a moral in that somewhere.

Lastly, I have not spent any time recently with my Imperial Camel units, as Mrs. Ayatollah would be only too pleased to confirm. If any potentate would like a firm and lasting alliance, applications will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis. Only the clean-living and the pure-in-spirit need apply."

\*I remember it was Eric who waged war first on the unsuspecting Serpian Empire, initially on old Darius, and later on the Khazi-Khan back in 969 - GOD.

DUST CLOUDS IN KINGDOM

The intense heat that has gripped the continent for weeks seems also to have been affecting the desert lands to the North of the Seleucidite Kingdom. Amazed remnants of the shattered Indianus army have reported an enormous dust-cloud hanging over the Tertis area which appears to be moving slowly northwards. Visibility being poor it did not prove possible to identify the source of the phenomenon, but intelligence reports suggest either a huge body of men marching upon the Northern Dominion, a violent bludhist uprising, or an unofficial farting contest organised by Parbeerian refugees on the East Caspian Coast.

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ATHENICUS RECOGNIZED

Major diplomatic rows have broken out in the senate at Mars (E14) as Herpes the Great, Ruler of the Dark Empire, announce a breakthrough in Foreign Policy by finally recognizing ATHENICUS as the head of State for Macedon. "This is not a U\_turn", he said. "Our destabilising of Macedon is now complete. Alexander is dead: We look forward to a long lasting peace treaty with our Macedonian brethren."

DEATH THREAT

In an amazing development yesterday, the Ayatollah offered several mazumas to anyone who sends HERPES TO HELL. Herpes, author of the much-despised "Islamic drinking songs, volume Five" was said to be in hiding after hearing of the threat to his well-being. Several other Serpian mullahs have added further ransoms, including three chariot wheels from a Beltic wagon, six ounces of Macedonian goat's cheese (with chives and lysteria).

The Ayatollah added, tantalizingly; "We've also been able to strike some highly secret alliances with some very influential Methuselahn powers, but they're so secret I can't possibly tell anyone about them."

ANOTHER FUNDAMENTALIST DEATH THREAT

Following the Serpian attack on the Seleucidite University at Literatii, an incomplete manuscript has been found which is said to have been written by King Eric, which condemns the Islamic Fundamentalist activities of the Serpian Ruler. The Ayatollah, in his outrage, has sentenced King Eric to death.

King Eric, reported to be hiding up a tree in the Blacharnae forest, says he is not afraid. "This major work", he added, "about a little nodding man with a bell on the end of his hat, may have lost something in translation."

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Stop Press: Another treasure of Beltic Art has been sent to the Incontinent by Beltcher Three Buttock's Widow, but the Gods have not had time to photocopy it ready for this edition. Next week, we hope to publish this highly acclaimed satirical line drawing of ... ..

SEE NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.

NEW METHUSELAHN RULER!  
(CONFIRMED)

Mr DAVID FAIRHURST, (known by many as the evil bigwig of our most dreadful rivals..... The Oxford Wargames Club!) is now in full command of the powers that be in MACEDON. He assumes the full reign from President Athenicus. We look forward to the first confirmed reports from the Palace at Alexandria (Q13), and wish him every success in his dealings.

Many thanks are due to the long suffering surrogate ruler, Mr Ian McCubbin (Who doesn't look anything like Mad King Eric), who did well to transform Macedon from a wreck of a Country, on it's knees at the hands of Old Herp (Ah, those were the days, eh Herp?):- a territory in the depths of despair and on the brink of financial ruin, to a well respected Republic, and now quite a neat little earner.

AN AUTHOR REPLIES

Last week's threats to King Eric's safety and well-being are being taken seriously by officials in the Seleucidite Kingdomette(!). "The ravings of a mad ruler are obviously not confirmed to our own Country" commented an off-the-record observer.

However, an official spokesman for Eric produced the following terse statement:

"'The Serpian Rites' is a major literary event of the 10th Century of Methuselah and for the Ayatollah to issue spurious and irrational threats to the author is totally and utterly unjustified. The book deals frankly and unashamedly with many of the pressing philosophical issues of our enlightened age, and criticism of the manuscript from backward regions should be resisted. As evidence of the qualities of this volume, sources as diverse as the Tobolsk Literary Gazette (printed on reusable paper) and the Vesuvia Glee Club agree that if ever a cure for insomnia was needed in the world, this is it. The publishers of this tome, the will-known publishing house 'Viking Berserker Elephant' stand 100% behind the author as long as sales persist on an upward curve.

Long live King Eric????

### CHINA DISCOVERED

At last, convincing proof that Methuselah does not end in the QQ Hex Column. A Serpian geographical survey preparing a Domesday book for the Caliphate of Mohenjo-Daro has discovered a pathway leading eastwards from Moti (QQ18). Diplomats have been sent from Serpia City in the hope that the Chinese may be Islamic. So far the only discovery of note has been an entire village of Indo-Chinese claiming to be the great grand children of their long lost King: Erri Seroo Sid.

### ANOTHER AUTHOR REPLIES

I haven't been born yet - Enid Blyton.

### AYATOLLAH IN HIDING

After last week's threats to Methuselah's oldest leaders, the upstart Ayatollah was reported to be in hiding after a challenge to gladiatorial combat issued by Athenicus. "My friend Herpes does not deserve this foul treatment" said Macedon's leader "So I issue a personal challenge to the only leader who does not venture onto the battlefield to meet me in a dual in the arena. Then we will find out whom God truly supports".\*\*

(\*\* - No swearing please - God)

### THIRD REPLY THIS WEEK!

At great risk to his personal safety, Herpes the Great last night refused to accept responsibility for any volume of "Islamic Drinking Songs". "I can't actually write" he admitted, somewhat sheepishly, "there must be some mistake".

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\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK III of SEPTEMBER, 968. \*\*\*\*\*

#### ORDERS FOR IV SEPTEMBER

These are required one week later than usual due to holls. Therefore, Next orders will be processed at beginning of April. Don't forget that after November 968, only the four weeks of December remain to ensure all forces are garrisoned for winter in appropriate Settlements in supply. As usual, no movement is possible during January and February, but there will be one special winter issue of the incontinent for each of those months. Troops may continue an incomplected recruitment from March onwards without penalty, but Jan & Feb do not count for time spent. Troops are neither paid, nor taxes received during these two months.

God

#### HNOB STIFFENED, AND BHALLS SWELLING

The Ayatollah's activities with East Methuselahn Potentates of late has lead to speculation that is intentions may be deviant. Serpian troops are said to have stiffened Hnob (NN9), and troops are causing an unprecedented swelling of the Bhall (NN9) areas, (Within the Srohtaam district). An unofficial report from a Serpian officer stated that this was in preparation for a panties off following the usual preludes of a tactical advance, and firm yet gentle military manipulation above the Zihp (PP11). One possibility, reported the General, was to Raipur (QQ9).

#### CARTOON DUE OUT SOON

Free-lance satirical artists working within the Dark Empire have intimated to the Incontinent that a new Cartoon strip, leaked to be called CLIFERIX THE CELT is imminently due to be published. The first episode may even be ready for the last week of September.....

#### CHINESE IMMORTALS DISCOVERED

The Serpian geographical survey, now as far East as ZZ18, has located psychopathic Regular A class Immortal Gurkhas in a largish town in the foothills of a mountain range. Reports suggest the Gurkhas have offered their services to the Ayatollah and expect to appear on the map in four weeks time.

[Hey! How do they find out that Methuselah is not flat?? - God]

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MACEDON ALLIES WITH THE FLATULENT ONES.

The new administration of the Macedonian Republic has apparently been making fairly swift and immediate diplomatic advances with the barbarians to his north. Emissaries from the two countries met at Antipater (T8) to exchange views frankly and without outside influence. Fartenblaster was said to have welcomed the prospect of an alliance, saying that: "Athenicus would provide an Ally of an unusually valuable quality in this age of deceitful propoganda, false rumours, and even forged letters FROM YOUR OWN SO CALLED ALLIES!!!!".

ERIC REVOKES TREAT OF CO-OPERATION AND EXPOSES HIMSELF

In a frank exchange of views in a field outside Magnesia (FF9) King Eric Seleucid was today seriously embarrassed by the Serpian general Akhba the Pestilential. Serpian losses were slight as the collected might of the Kingdomette fetched up against the heavy armour Panzer units of the Caliphate station. One Immortal was said to have been bruise slightly and another sustained a cut on the knee. The Seleucid expeditionary force was, of course, annihilated. King Eric himself was shaken rigid and left the battlefield in great haste, pausing only to pull his pants and trousers up before fleeing to Imperious.

The Ayatollah has written to the King to thank him for providing his units with match practice. "Even Immortals need to keep in trim" he said, in between writing the letter and a new constitution for the Seleucidite Rump.

The Determination of the cream of Seleucid forces surely confirms the Serpian positions in the Caliphate. The Ayatollah has also written to Von- Fartenblaster for his help in the Caliphate's defence.



\*\*\*\*\* THE INCONTINENT FOR WEEK II of October, 968bc. \*\*\*\*\*

THEBECUS RETIRES

The famous right hand man of Athenicus's hugely successful slave revolt, took early redundancy this week from his much younger President. His leadership, although unreliable, will be remembered only by all those of his friends and ex-comrades who have not yet died of old age. Poor old sod.

SHOCK NEWS!!!

SOPHIA ELIMINATED!!!

The world at One. Forty minutes of news and comment this Wednesday lunchtime. In an amazing development yesterday, the Emporess Sophia was eliminated by judicial assassination at the hands of one of the Serpian general, Mohamed Ahmed all Chelsea Fan. In a court martial in Hoshangabad (LL8), Sophia was charged with incitement to revolt and various other crimes including: being unhelpful; attempting to escape; and several cases of secondary picketing. The Emporess was found guilty on all charges and was duly put to death by firing squad at dawn. (JLS Bow Sh).

An Official communique was issued from Vaistati (OO15) where the Serpian provincial government has it's headquarters: "The Emporess had been genuinely un-helpful these last few weeks: we regret what was done, but it was utterly necessary to make the point about hostages. I hope the Indianus people see this as an example and finally end their fruitless resistance to the benign control of Serpian forces."

Although the controversy surrounding the court martial has led the incident to be remembered as the "Death on the March" issue (letters to the Guardian; programmes on Channel 4; suppression of coroner's report; loss of Mohamed Ahmed's log book, etc) public opinion in Indianus was muted and depressed. World at One reporters found man Indians who did not regret her passing. Citizens of Dilldoneia (MM17) have only just rebuilt their village after it was sacked by Sophia in a fit of pique earlier this year. One said: "the years of that woman is enough for anyone! I've always voted for her before, but putting my house to the torch was the last straw".

King Eric is 103.

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STOP PRESS

Don't forget to reply re: the recently re-named party -

SOPHIA'S WAKE.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To coincide with both God's and Methuselah's birthday, (as last year), there will be a grand fancy-dress booze up/chariot race/blue movie session at Fairfax Avenue at the end of the Methuselah year. Please check the following dates and R.S.V.P. with some "yes" or "no"s to some or all of them....

Sunday 24th June (Afternoon, or Evening)  
Saturday 1st July (Afternoon, or Evening)  
Sunday 2nd July (Afternoon, or Evening)

Attendance is mandatory. Beer and nosh will be supplied, as will model chariots, rooms with beds for later, and aspirins/massage arrangements for much later. It has been suggested that a punting party be the heart of the entertainment. If the weather is as bad as last year, we may have to make do with indoor mud-wrestling, or be entertained by some of these nymph like slave girls that the Dark Empire are so fond of giving as presents- (infinitely preferable to the various bean based gifts from the Dominion)! Don't forget to rsvp in orders next week.

LETTER FROM GRAVES. (G2)

Good evening. Methuselah politics have always been largely a closed book to me, chiefly because, stuck on the periphery as we are, the machinations of the various "Central" powers are distant and mostly irrelevant. Events such as the fall of Macedon, the Capture of Sophia and the loss of whole armies at sea have passed us by with barely a nod of recognition and even the titanic struggles of the Dark Empire, close neighbours as they are, and the rolling back of the tide of Imperial success, have only affected us in an indirect way. Similarly the long running Beltic Wars, our invasion and reduction to a "Watchstrap" and the subsequent reconquest and triumphant eviction of Empire troops have left the rest of Methuselah distinctly cold.

It is therefore with a certain amount of barbarian concern that we detect rumblings from several "Civilised" nations about the explosion of Serpian fundamentalism and it's ensuing imperialist tendencie . Has the time come when one power is getting dangerously close to domination or are the tin-pot potentates whose bungling has lost them territory merely whining and rationalising their failure? Perhaps we won't know until the Ayatollah's shock troops are walking the streets (well tracks really) of Graves with sand on their boots and perhaps this is the first (maybe even the only) piece of serious political comment the Continent has seen!!

Good night.

(Boa).

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PARTY LOOKS SET FOR .....

25th June (a Sunday afternoon, going into evening)

PLEASE PUT IN DIARY. I HOPE THIS IS OK FOR EVERYONE.

(Even dead rulers)

NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS (For the Ayatollah)

In a characteristic news black out last week, the Ayatollah attempted to suppress news of his army's most serious reverse to date on the much tempered fields outside Bacteria (GG11). However, the best stories always come out in the end, and Incontinent is proud to reveal that the reciprocal troop reductions predicted in the I-10-968 issue have indeed come to pass!

With over-confidence now a serious problem for the power crazed turban monger, the Serpian forces were surprised by a two-pronged assault spearheaded by the impetuous Parbeerian horsemen under Dire Squites. King Eric's son and his men were also reputed to have taken part in the crushing of the fundamentalists but all the important fighting took place before they bothered to turn up.

Putting a brave face on an absolutely catastrophic and crushing humiliation, the Ayatollah, interviewed with his pants down, could only pretend that he was pleased to lose his excellent mobile towers. "Anyway, we can always replace the Immortals", he stuttered nervously."

In a smallish party hosted by King Eric in the Royal portable jacoozi afterwards, celebrations even went as far as opening the last bottle of elderflower wine homebrew from the vintage year of 982. "A toast to our Parbeerian allies" he said "and may their farts be as impetuous and daring as their brave troops".

Peace negotiations have now opened yet again between the Kingdom and the Empire, but with the Parbeerian troops outclassing them both, who can say what will happen next!!!!

ADVERTISEMENT

Offers are invited for fast food vending franchises in the Indianus Caliphate. Across the Region we are opening Elephant Burger facilities for the sale of jumbo-sized burgers to the natives. Hurry! We have to eat the Indianus Imperial Elephant Fleet before it goes off. Apply: Serpian Military Enterprises.

FOR SALE: Various second hand chariots. Only one previous lady owner.

CONDOLENCES SECTION

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King Eric would like to extend his deepest sympathies to the following Countries:

- 1) THE SERPIAN EMPIRE - for being forced under such intense provocation to slaughter a defenceless woman in cold blood whilst heeding shields.
- 2) THE ATHENIAN LEAGUE - for being on the receiving end of an unprovoked and vicious assault on a major strategic asset (two villages in the Aegean).
- 3) THE BELT OF OCCULT - for underestimating the Ayatollah's strength, which has just been cut anyway!
- 4) THE REGION OF INDIANUS - for the loss of their leader (what about offering to take over the leadership of Serpia?)
- 5) THE KINGDOM - for putting up with a doddering old fool as leader  
\*(surely some mistake - God)

\*I did'nt write that - GOD

#### A STATEMENT

The Ayatollah wishes it to be known that this (Indianus) is the last territorial ambition he has in Methuselah. Once the projected boundaries of the Serpian Empire have been established, the Ayatollah plans to return to his humble occupation as a painter in his beloved home town of Lydia. The scaremongering put about by Alastair Cook impressionists (see last week's issue) misrepresents the essentially pacific nature of Serpian rule. In a surprisingly conciliatory gesture, the Ayatollah has offered the post of principal Governor of Indianus Caliphate to a native of that Country. This once again reminds the continent of his well-deserved reputation for clemency. In a press conference yesterday, the Ayatollah added: "Anyone who thinks of me as a threat ought to look at my sit-rep. The mobilisation of Serpian troops is at it's lowest at any time during 968 and 969. We mean no-one any harm." After some reflection, the Ayatollah later withdrew his offer to show his sit. rep. to other heads of state.

King Eric is 107.

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STOP PRESS: Script writer required to work in conjunction with cartoon artist at Florenti (FG) on new weekly Incontinent feature. Must have appallingly filthy sense of humour, an uncommonly strong detestation of "good taste", and above all; must possess a squalid, vile, obscene, contemptible, base, foul and thoughouly dirty mind. Own transport may be an advantage.

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NEW GOVERNOR OF INDIANUS REGION

Confirmed report: The Ayatollah is to generously give one of his top administrative jobs to a native of Indianus, after that countries recent collapse. The identity of the new ruler of the Caliphate has not yet been revealed.

God

A WARNING

Warning to certain Eastern Methuselahn Invaders now under siege - give up now peacefully! Or be prepared to go in the horrible way your comrades have gone already!

For Sale: Numerous Serpian helmets, swords, jock-straps and other memorabilia; Helmets with genuine "made in Babylon" engraving. Free to any takers: Thousands of articles of underwear - many soiled.

DEVELOPMENTS AT BACTERIA  
(FURTHER BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE)

All those participating will be aware that the peace talks between King Eric and the Ayatollah have had an astonishing outcome. Taking him completely by surprise, Serpian troops and Seleucid troops trapped and attacked the Parbeerian force under Dire Squits outside Bacteria this week. Both rulers contesting the so-called Caliphate apparently decided that the Parbeerians constituted the main threat to a lasting settlement. The trapped army was, of course, completely eliminated. There were no survivors.

TO THE BELT OF OCCULT

B E W A R E   T H E   F O R C E ' S   M U S T I N G   F O R  
A N   E A R L Y   A T T A C K .   S O M E W H E R E ,  
S O M E B O D Y   N E E D S   H E L P ! !

ALSO: Has Mars lost her troops to the other side?

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LATEST UPDATE ON SELEU-SERPIAN PEACE TALKS

A provisional agreement was signed earlier this week, identifying areas of mutual interest and revising territorial boundaries between the two Countries. Strategic Troop Reduction talks have been a great success, and both sides have much to gain from a period of peace. Both leaders expressed some surprise at finding out they could actually, after all, trust each other.

The Ayatollah repaid the kind compliments King Eric has bestowed on him (see last week's Incontinent) by teaching him to spell "jacuzzi."

King Eric leaves no surviving relatives.

ANOTHER STATEMENT

(More bumph re: the 'Belt')

The Ayatollah would like to express some sympathy with the views expressed by the Beltic Spokesman (II Oct 968).

"It is not easy being on the periphery" he said yesterday. "We are the Accrington Stanleys of Methuselah. [Must be an improvement on being the Back Passage of Methuselah - God.] I have just finished reading Caesar's De Bello Gallico (a well known work of science fiction) and the Germans were on the periphery there, and they got stuffed all the time. And as for alliances; well, trust comes pretty expensive. As Caesar found out, you can only really trust people once you've annihilated them.. Nevertheless, I offer the hand of friendship to a kindred state on the other fringe of the map. There may be areas of mutual interest where we can work. And now back to the Studio...."

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TOWERS SURRENDER

The Ayatollah's mobile towers surrendered yesterday after resisting for a further three and a half weeks after the crushing defeat of the rest of the Serpian at Bacteria in I-10-968. The final survivors were brought into the open where some of them had not ventured for many years.

The Kingdom spokesman, talking to me even as the special oxy-acetylene cutting gear was being dismantled, expressed his amazement. "These towers were lavishly equipped" he said, "Huge banqueting halls, conference facilities, baseball stadia, sauna and shower cubicles, every little luxury! It takes THREE HOURS to climb to the top of those bloody things, and the fighting platforms even have rather pleasant bar terraces with a carvery or vegetarian spread if you want. I'm not surprised they didn't want to surrender!". Investigations later revealed that the towers were stamped "Made in Babylon" underneath.

MASSACRE AT JODHPUR

Serpian control over the Caliphate of Indianus was strengthened this week in a catastrophic reverse for the Parbeerians at Jodhpur (PP4). A sizable marauding horde was obliterated by a forward unit of the Caliphate's defence. The Ayatollah has decorated his subordinate with the Legion of Honour Share Certificate. The back passage is now open!

FOR SALE

4000 tons Genuine Parbeerian horsemeat.

Good for:

Cat Food, Army Burgers and  
for selling on to the Seleucidites after the "Sell-By" date has expired.

Apply: Serpian Military Enterprises, Bacteria.

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A STATEMENT FROM THE NEW COMMANDER  
OF THE CALIPHATE OF INDIANUS

WILLAMEANA KHAN

Confirmed - God

It is with deepest regret that our Country has seen the death of a Great and loving ruler - The EMPRESS SOPHIA OF INDIANUS. She will be remembered during her short life for her generosity and kindness. Indianus under her rule helped MACEDON, PARBEERIA and THE SELEUCIDITES in their respective struggles against greater powers and she gave her life fighting for what she thought was right.

Another era however is no dawning. My father the Governor General of Vaisati (0015), and ALL my family were executed by OUR OWN PEOPLE during the dreadful internal strife which racked our Country after the news of Sophia's capture and subsequent death. I escaped only by bribing Serpian Soldiers to protect me. I am not ashamed of this: I know the importance of a figurehead and strong ruler for a Country's stability - I feel that in time the Gods may give me that strength and power to be that leader and bring Indianus again to it's feet. In the mean time, we as the people of Indianus must tolerate Serpian rule. The Ayatollah has been very generous in making me a representative of our Countrymen - some say in the running of our Country. Let us try to live in peace together for only through unity will the Phoenix rise from the ashes!

PARBEERIAN PANTS-DOWN

The Parbeerians were this week caught with their pants down at Blewoff, where their allies, the Dark Empire, decided that income tax is more important than alliances when it actually come down to it. The move is being seen here in the Incontinent mud huts as visionary, and as bold and huge a gesture as the Bon Schlieffen plan. The real point of the invasion is probably not the Parbeerians at all, but they are the initial losers.

CURTAINS FOR THE BELT AT VENICIUM (J5)

Shock news of a massive defeat for the invading Beltic Barbarians at Venicium has caused a wave of fear to return to the border villages as a counter attack by the Emperor, Herpes the Great, is expected.

In a masterful plan to out-wit their arch-rival BOACONSTRICIA, Herpes gave orders for his third fleet to transport his Army of the East across the Adriatic and launch a surprise attack from the south, whilst Parbeerian allies crossing the River Coma kept large numbers of warbands at bay.

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The Commander in Chief of the Imperial army, HOWARD THE FRANK, took up positions on the steep hills just outside the town, and waited for the Beltic attack. At a crucial point, Pecker Necrophilium and his Parbeerians broke through on the flank. Seeing the Warbands take flight, Howerd gave the order to attack. Outnumbered three to one, the Imperial army shoed once again their superior fighting ability and charging impetuously down hill, all serious Beltic opposition was thwarted.

Hordes of barbarians were taken prisoner in the rout that followed. Herpes is said to be in a conciliatory mood now that his favorite seaside fishing port and holiday resort had been recaptured, sent a message to Boa offering a truce.

#### THE AYATOLLAH SPEAKS

The Ayatollah last night replied to the Kingdom's article of the Mobile Towers issue:

"I am quite happy to see the towers are being put to good use. They have a maximum speed of 100 paces in a fortnight, and there is a recurrent problem with the gear-box. The rear bogies on the under-trolley had rusted over on on of them and we never could get the coffee machine on another to work. If the Seleucids wish to buy them from us for scrap we will not stand in their way. We have forty-seven more of them in the marshalling yards outside Babylon (JJ16) and we are currently moving them north to Bacteria for a car-boot sale. They are not expected to contribute to the hostilities there as their estimated date of arrival is ii may 952."

#### FOR SALE - TO THE SELEUCIDITE KINGDOM

4000 tons of Genuine FRESH Parbeerian Horsemeat. Good for:

Curries  
Doner Kebabs  
etc

Free offer thrown in: 100 packets toilet paper.

APPLY: MACEDONIAN BARGAIN BASEMENT

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### GIFTS

Good news for those rulers who are so poor, they are using their coffers as laundry baskets:- GIFTS WILL BE GIVEN BY NEXT SIT REP!!!!

ALSO NOTE: Orders are required for the next TWO WEEKS (I-12-68 and II-12-68) by next real week. (December should only be used for tidying up loose ends anyway, and maneuvering to Cities or Towns IN SUPPLY, in which to spend the winter.

NOTE ALSO: That the following week, orders will be required for the last two weeks in December 968. It is proposed to publish an Incontinent during the months of January and February, to take up one real week (in July). This will speed things up, and allow us to start again not only with earnest, but also with spanking new recruits AND more money, in three weeks from now!

NOTE TOO: That troops are still not required to be paid over the months of January and February, and unlike previous years TROOPS MAY BE RECRUITED OVER THIS PERIOD. This is a situation that could liven things up for March 967, but details of recruitment will be needed by IV-12-968.

MORE NOTINGS: God is promising bargain mercenary units ready for tenders next sit-rep. These units have promised to march to the friendly settlement of your choice by March 967 pending a contract to be arranged by the end of the year.

The annual Christmas party:- next Sunday 25th June, is from 1.00pm onwards. If you can bring a bottle, all the better, but we hope to provide some of the famous Serpian standard issue lager - brewed in Antioch (II21), Diptherian Bitter, and side dishes fresh from Goulays (AA3). If you turn up without a bottle, no-one will mind, but if you FAIL TO TURN UP IN FANCY DRESS (AS YOUR RULER- OR SIMILAR) you will be forced to start the Christmas Chariot race with a wheel missing. Those rulers who attend in time for the annual chariot race will be given a gift of 20 Dabloons with which to place in a kitty:- winner takes all.

GOD.

FROM OUR VARIOUS SELEUCIDITE CORRESPONDENTS FROM IMPERVIOUS:-

### MILLIONS TAKE TO THE STREETS IN IMPERVIOUS.

TiananEric Square in the centre of Impervious was today awash with an ocean of humanity. In remarkable scenes, the population of the city here has been demonstrating against what they see as the inefficiency of the leadership. King Eric has so far reacted with uncharacteristic indecision and troops belonging to the Northern military district of Tertis have so far not been ordered into the square.

### UNREST IN THE KINGDOM

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Reports of freedom and democracy marches taking place in towns and cities of the Kingdom are reaching the Incontinent. Fighting has now been reported in Impervious (GG8) and Sprita (EE4) as the People's Militia have been called out to quell the demonstrations. No sigh has been seen of the aged King Eric (98) for some weeks and rumours are beginning to emerge of his demise in a palace coup!

#### ERIC PRAISES ARMY

A Kingdom spokesman read out a prepared statement at noon yesterday purporting to be from the King. "I support the moves of our gallant army to crush the revisionists seeking to overthrow my enlightened socialist monarchy. Death to the rebels!

(He's gone really mad this time - Editor).

#### CONFIRMED REPORT: PARBEERIANS DOUBLE-CROSSED!

In an exchange outside Magnesia (EE10), the Parbeerian invasion force which had been rudely disturbing Caliphate peace, was eliminated by a joint army of Seleucid and Serpian troops. The Serpian Sacred Standard was regained.

For Sale: 4000 tons of genuine Parbeerian Horsemeat.

#### APPEAL

Obituaries are required for the following Methuselahn characters, all of whom sadly passed on last week:

MOHAMED AL CHELSEA FAN (Serpian Cavalry leader)  
AENUS CURLY BEARD (Aegean Pirate)  
DIRE SQUITS (Parbeerian Cataphract General)  
THE AYATOLLAH (Obscure Serpian Islamic Prophet)

#### A STATEMENT

The Ayatollah would like to make it clear that rumours of his death have been greatly exaggerated. There were scenes of jubilation in Troy (Y15) this week as the Ayatollah rode in to reinforce troop morale with one of his famous photo-opportunities. Indeed, such was the enthusiasm of his supporters, the Ayatollah had to agree to an additional lap of honour around the City, and many offered their services to Islam free. Or at least very cheap. In a speech inaugurating the latest addition to the Serpian General staff, Ibrahim the Inscrutable (Bold), the Ayatollah agreed to assume the traditional title of Imam (immoderately Murderous and Mad).

STOP PRESS: SORRY ABOUT ENDLESS OCTOBERS IN ACCOUNTS. PROBLEMS-GOD.

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FEELING OPPRESSED?

FEELING DOWNTRODDEN?

FEELING JUST PLAIN FED UP?

WRITE TO:

PO BOX 666

SOMEWHERE IN THE LEAGUE.

CHARIOT RACING LATEST

At a drunken party in Zog (E22) on Sunday, the Ayatollah won an all-star Chariot race by a clear half lap. Ben Hernia (now tipped as next King of the Kingdom) roared in second having ran over the prostrate body of no lesser Charioteer than Pope Herpes I! The Pope was thrown from the khazi-equipped Pope-mobile after being stunned from a vicious whip attack from the Ayatollah's rather unusual "hover throne" style chariot. Bravely getting to his feet for a second time, he was thrown to the ground again by the rampant Camel-Pulled Car of General Hinrich von Farten-Blaster who came third. Must unlucky of all, was the Governess Willeameana of Indianus, whose Elephant powered vehicle completely disintegrated on the last lap, having convincingly led the race from the start! The Serpo/Indian failed to finish.

The Ayatollah takes the total sweepstake of 100 Mazoomas.

CONFIRMED STOP-PRESS

An official announcement was made by Catchus Clappio, dressed in a fetching pair of tennis shorts, standing on a wargames table at the annual Christmas Party on Sunday last: ERIC THE KING IS DEPOSED: HE HAS BEEN EXILED. Latest speculation is that he has become a Pirate King in the Caspian Sea.

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### GIFTS

Last year, "Pennies from heaven" were handed out to give the beginning of 968 a good start. This year, a "Christmas Bonus" has this week been given out. And a happy new year to you all.

As promised, Mercenaries are currently roaming the Continent looking for contracts for next year. They are as follows:

Ex-Assyrians:	40	"Reg D" HI JLS Sh [130]
"	24	"Irreg C" LMI JLS Sh/B Hopshu [85]
"	20	"Irreg C" LI S, Sh [85]
"	18	"Irreg C" EHC half:B half:JLS B [208]
"	2	"Reg A" 4-horse HCh inc SG 2B, 2JLS, ud [107]
Macedon Borders	30	"Irreg C" LMI JLS 2HCW (Thracians) [145]
"	12	Thebans "Irreg B" HC JLS [118]
"	12	Thracian "Irreg B" LC JLS [85]
Unemployed NE Meth.	10	"Irreg C" LI B (Caspian Archers) [45]
"	12	"Irreg A" SHCm Lance (Cataphract Camels) [265]
Possibly Bludhist	12	"Irreg A" LMI 2HCW Sh (Swordsmen) [73]
Progressive Islamics	3	"Irreg A" Dummy Elephants ud, 2 with B [193]
Discontented Farmer	4	Stampeeding Cattle (Expendable) [65]
Anonymous:	1	Nude Berserker (Could this be King Eric?) [5]

The advantage of Mercenaries is that they do not need to be recruited. (There is no initial charge - although they must be paid monthly as normal). Their main disadvantage is that their primary allegiance is to their bank balance, and will desert if things are going very badly. Their prowess as fighters is also a little unknown. The following new rule has been dreamt up to cope with this: On first contact with enemy, a dice is thrown. 1=DOWN a class 6=UP a class! However, Irregular A Class (including expendables) go down to "D" if 1 OR 6 thrown. The nude berserker is a status symbol only, and does not fight.

The contracts for the above units must be bartered for. Offers in the region of the above salaries shown within [] will be considered. Offers made by next week will be given preference to later offers. It is quite conceivable that mercenaries may be put back on the market after a successful campaign.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT:

A Company called HISTORICAL ENGINEERING run postal wargames. They are much glossier than Methuselah, involving colour lazer printed maps. However, the orders are processed without imagination on a 9-5 basis by chipmonks, there is no progaganda paper, and players are tied to standardised forms for orders etc. The other problem is that EACH MOVE costs EACH PLAYER something in the region of £7.50! Why am I telling you all this?

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BAD NEWS:

In the Incontinent of Week I of July, 968, an appeal was sent out for a voluntary subscription of £10 per player for the whole of that Methuselahn year. Most paid up. Therefore: on the basis that Methuselahn is NOT more than FIFTEEN times shoddier than Historical Engineering, the Gods for 967 are appealing for sacrifices of what amount to 50pence per week per ruler to help cover the weekly costs of Sit-rep, Postage, Envelope, Incontinent, and the monthly cost of Accounts & Settlement listings, annual party, free use of figures etc etc. On the basis of ten Methuselahn months, each of four weeks, (winter comes with compliments) - the annual subscription would then work out to be in the region of £20.00 each. While still making a loss, the heavens would at least not be make such a big loss.

Last year, prompt payment guaranteed a) no further requests for dosh that year, and b) no bad plagues/floods/droughts/bad harvests. THIS YEAR, while swift payment will guarantee both a) and b):- STINGY players are GUARANTEED all of: plagues, floods, droughts, bad harvests, AND serious head injuries (and that all in Week I of March '67).

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A COMPLAINT

Mrs Sally Sidite of  
14, Thehovels, Pig Pen, Diptheria (HH10 9QT)  
would like to register a complaint.

"Mostly I blame King Eric" she says. "We were just settling down to a bit of peace after the last lot and what happens? A massive invasion from the north and a new battle. Each time I plant some new delphiniums, there's three squadrons of cavalry and a pike unit having a frank exchange of views on my lawn. This is the fourth major battle to take place here in a year and I'm fed up with it. The cat has been on top of the wardrobe ever since, and I can't get her to come down. There's rubbish all over the flower beds and the swearing has been quite dreadful"

"I am getting a petition together", she adds, "what these Kings and Emperors don't seem to realise is that all this unnecessary fighting is very unpopular with ordinary people. I don't think my bean row is ever going to be the same again."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN THE LEAGUE

The unrest in the Kingdom has spread. Reports are flooding in to the office about a peoples uprising. A force of Freed Slaves seems to be roaming the League led:- (if the reports are to be believed) by a young woman called Sparticaria. The people are flocking to her cause.

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Like Mad King Eric, there is no word of Invidious Poliorcartes. The military units of the Athenians are apparently paralyzed. The magnificent fleets, so triumphant only weeks ago in the Dark Empire, are back home, moored up on the key-side, and deserted. Is there a religious holiday that the incontinent has not heard about in the League? Is Invidious dead? Will Sparticaria remove his pants while he is sleeping??? Find out, in 967.....

#### ERIC INCOHERENT

Unconfirmed rumours suggest that after ten years of monarchy and a drastic upset in the recent Euro-elections, Eric might be on course for a real breakdown in mental balance. Denials of a palace reshuffle are commonplace as senior Generals jockey for position. The available evidence (from a Royal Palace Servant) is that Eric has been in a straight-jacket for 2 weeks and that his last known statement was "INVADE POLAND with the force of red cabbages outside Tertis (HH4) but don't add too much seasoning". Incontinent leaves it's readers to judge whether this represents a deterioration in Eric's previous health.

#### AYATOLLAH OFFERS SUPPORT TO BLUDHIST REBELS

In a major diplomatic gamble today the Ayatollah offered Serpian support for the Seleucidite Bludhist Revolt. The Serpian cultural attache was said to have been smuggled into the Seleucid capital at Impervious and to have mingled with the student rebels. The attache, Muammar Katadey, threading her way through the crowds did eventually get lost, emerging from the throng in Polloi (II7), but not before an agreement was reached. This was symbolised by the construction of a huge statue of the Ayatollah in TiananEric Square.

Later, Khatadey spoke to the Incontinent: "Bludhism is obviously a close relation of Islamic fundamentalism. We are hoping for a major shift in Seleucid foreign policy. We promised the student rebels any amount of support up to and including military intervention."

#### KINGDOM UNDER MARTIAL LAW

As the demonstration against the leadership continued to gain momentum, a committee of senior generals acting under the authority of a weakened King Eric have declared martial law within the Kingdom. Catchus Clappio, nominated as spokesman for the committee, yesterday condemned the disturbances and promised to restore order by "reasonable force only". Reports were coming in as we went to press of invasions of Impervious (GG9) by rival army factions under Clappio and the heir elect, Prince Suleiman Seleucid.

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#### MERCENARIES

These have received numerous bids, but no contracts will be signed until all response has been received, by next weekend. The dummy elephants ("Irreg A" and counting as E1) have received no bids, and are feeling alienated. The nude berserker, riddled with disappointment, has put his clothes back on.

#### MONEY

Thankyou to Serpia, Empire, and ExKingdom. Half-hearted partial response from Macedon may warrant worms in water supply. NO response so far from League, Dominion, and Belt - may God preserve you!

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Ayatollah would like to warn all Methuselahns that Islamic armies don't stop for Christmas holidays. Serprians celebrate Ramadan which is at a different time of year, though not, of course, with decadent self-indulgence. We shall probably celebrate it with a successful campaign against our enemies.

#### SPOTTED!

In a fishing smack off Magnesia, an aging, bald-headed East Methuselahn Potentate. Serpian forces have refused to grant King Eric sanctuary in the hope of concluding a more permanent settlement with the Rump, and it's new leaders.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT TO METHUSELAH

The Kingdom is to be renamed. Following the ascent to power of the new ruler, Alcaponii, the land is henceforth to be known as the

"VISANCRYME PROTECTORATE"  
(Almost Byzantine! - God)

Greetings, fellow rulers! The corrupt and effeminate rule of the wimp Eric is over and I spit on his memory. I offer you all peace and great support in your endeavors. In particular I acknowledge the Ayatollah's success and immediately offer him support in a holy crusade against the infidels in the West. For those of you interested in trade, I offer great bargains on luxury goods - quality is our business here in the Protectorate.

I look forward to dealing with you all, one way or another.

ALCAPONII (CONFIRMED - GOD)

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PURGE OF TOP BRASS

A complete change at the highest levels of the Protectorate's armed forces was in full swing last night. All the old guard have been imprisoned, exiled or pensioned off and Incontinent correspondents have today witnessed the ritual execution of King Eric's son and heir, Prince Suleiman.

Recognition of Bludhism as the official state religion by the incoming regime has brought great rejoicing and support amongst the population. Great changes are a foot!!

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YOUR WORST ENEMY - INVIDIOUS

APPOINTMENTS SECTION

Applications are invited for the post of:

PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

Serpian Military Enterprises (Seman) announce this appointment ahead of a new takeover bid planned for 967. The successful applicant will be: fanatically fundamentalist, competent in several foreign languages including Seleucid, and have all the usual military virtues ie: ruthless, cunning and a poetic nature. A proven track record in the field is essential. An ability to drive chariots would be an advantage, as would evidence of gratuitous cruelty.

Apply in triplicate with three references and a short essay on how Islam inspires the military leadership and strategy of the Serpian High Command.

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