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ANCIENT WARGAMES CAMPAIGN

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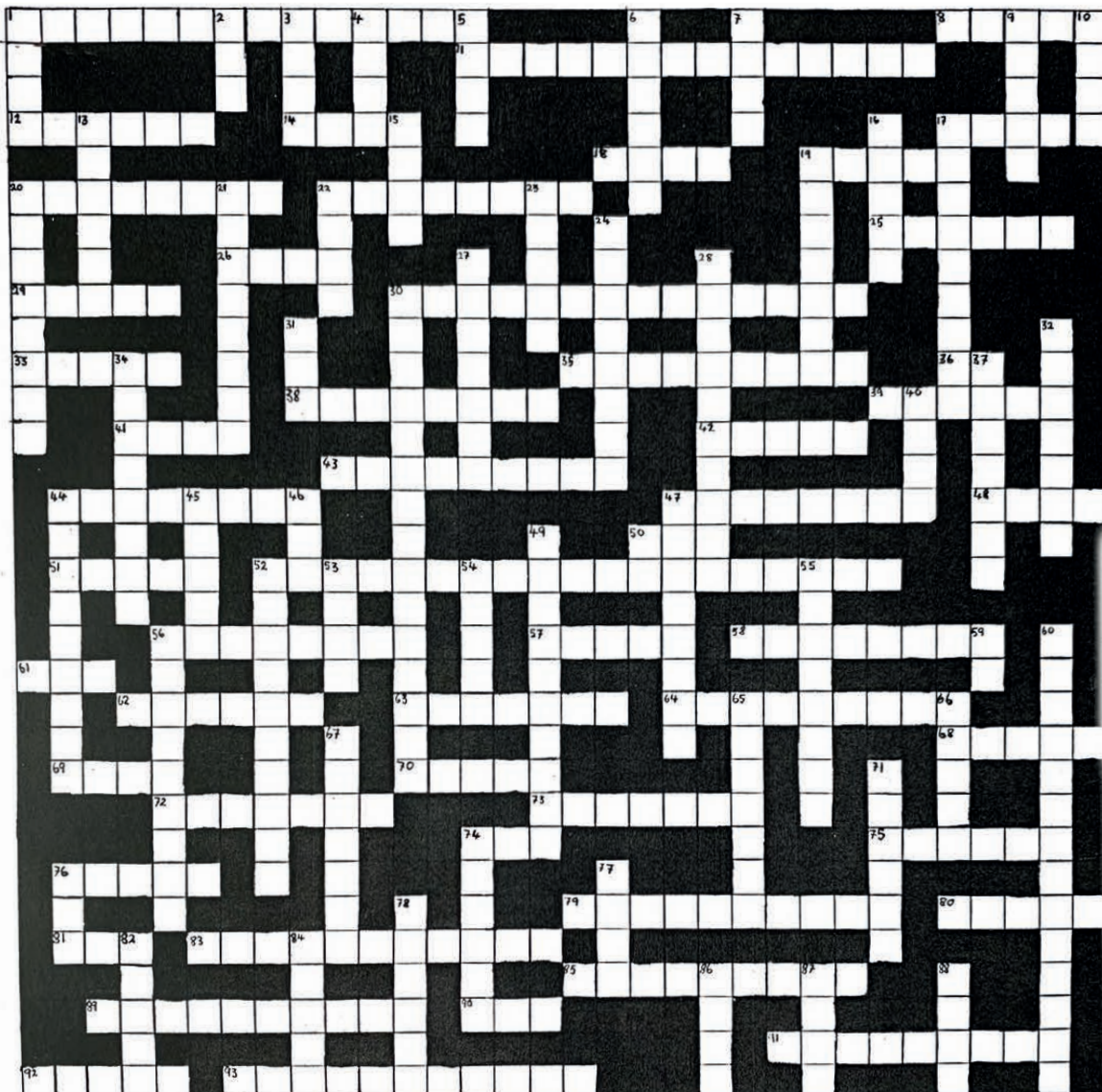
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The *In-Continent*

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.



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WEEK I of MARCH, 967bc.

West closes ranks against Ayatollah



Pictured here in one of his famous photo-opportunities, the Ayatollah prepares to launch one of his revered blitzkriegs. Dressed in a rather fetching traditional battle dress, the fundamentalist Islamic Potentate reflects on the hostility shown by most Methuselahn states towards the Serpian Empire and its fundamentalist culture. "It is, as always, best seen as an opportunity" he said. The Ayatollah changes gear on his chariot from second to third as he moves off on manoeuvres.

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LAST RIGHTS

The Athenian League is officially to be over run by nomadic nasties in the near future unless pledges of subscriptions are received by mid-March 967.

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APPOINTMENTS SECTION

Serpian Military Enterprises Appointments Committee hereby announces that the new Provincial Governor to be appointed will be FRED KOTT following his successful application last week. The Committee judged he demonstrated the necessary initiative and aplomb, and in any case, he was the only applicant. Kott also scored high marks for his correct response to the essay question. The Tandoori Restaurant concerned is on the Cowley Road, Babylon (HH16). Kott is invited to appear to take up his duties at Serpia City by III March.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR: THE POST OF
ADMIRAL IN CHARGE, AEGEAN DETACHMENT, SERPIAN IMPERIAL FLEET.

Usual requirements: cunning, ruthless, swashbuckling etc. Job specification: To help the armies without battles to reach the battles without armies. The successful applicant is expected to join the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEA-CAPTAINS IN TRIREMES FOR THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE OF SERPIA. (N.A.S.T.I.E.S.). Usual union rates apply.

LATE JOB APPLICATION

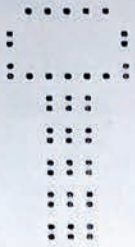
Dear Sir,

In reply to your advertisement of IV December, 968 I offer myself as a uniquely qualified candidate. My application surely needs no further explanation.

Yours,

Ben Hernia.

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M.A.S.A.

The Methuselahn Advertising Standards Authority (MASA) are prosecuting the Serpian Empire for the placing of last weeks advertisement for a Serpian Admiral in the Aegean. MASA find the contents of the advertisement deceitful and misleading due to the following reasons:

- i) The poor bugger who gets the job will be killed in a short time by more experienced naval forces from South Methuselahn Countries. This suicidal risk was not mentioned.
- ii) Union rates in Serpia mean the pay will be so low as to lead to starvation and scurvy. This medical hazard was not mentioned. In fact anyone daft enough to apply for positions in Serpian Military forces will not last long. Such persons of low intelligence i.e. Dark Empire Nationals are strongly advised to ignore this and any other lying offers from that jumped up little Islamic tyrant the Ayatollah.

Question: What's the difference between the Serpian Imperial Court at Babylon and a Cactus?

Answer: A Cactus has it's pricks on the outside.

ANON

RELIGIOUS RELATIONS RESTORED
(SEXUAL RELATIONS STILL UNDERGOING RE-FURBISHMENT)

Amid scenes of unparalleled jubilation and ecstasy not witnessed since the Ayatollah liberated the Bacterian Caliphate many months previously, Al Capon II and the Serpian potentate yesterday drew up the new working agreement to cooperate in religious enterprises. Although many parts of the document were necessarily secret, it seems likely that the treaty will cover the setting-up of a new missionary foundation to spread the message of the true way to the heretics of the Methuselahn West.

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Good Evening. This is the six O'clock news from the B.B.C. The Serpian Empire, led by its extraordinary visionary prophet, took one step nearer it's historic destiny today. Another Parbeerian invasion force was eliminated at the borders of the Caliphate of Bacteria. The Ayatollah was reported as saying:

"I'me lost count of the number of times I've been in the right place at the right time with a lot more troops. It's almost uncanny."

The centre of attention now shifts to Serpia City where a reshuffle of the Serpian High Command is expected. Tipped for the Chief of the Imperial General Staff is Akbha the Pestilential. Salman the Satanic, who has just spent half an hour with the Ayatollah, is thought to have been offered the job of Secretary of State for War Munitions. First Lord of the Admiralty is to be Sharman the Magical.

King Eric has been replaced by Von Fartenblaster as Leader of the Opposition.

Lonely female seeks experienced sailors for fun on the high seas!

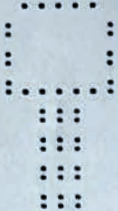
Must be young and virile and able to aid in navigation.

Pot bellied pirates need not apply.

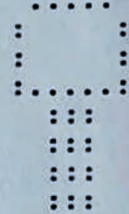
If the excitement and thrills appeal to you

contact Senioritta Boubeara of Seville.

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BELTIC PROBLEMS.

Pope Herpes the Great has launched an invasion of the Belt of Occult for the second year running. Fleeing nymphs and shepherds have reported pushes on all fronts in great numbers, involving all manner of troops types: Assyrian Chariots, Visigothic Infantry, Hoplites, Romans AND Parthians. But this is not the only problem in the Belt:

Some rulers may know that Andy Mummery who plays Boaconstrictia of the Occult has just had a major operation in hospital, and would no doubt welcome communications from other rulers of a "get well soon" nature. Liz says that Andy may be off work for six months. All cards etc via God. ||

UNPRECEDENTED FOUR PRONGED ATTACK ON UNNAMED COUNTRY

It is rare that anyone in Methuselah annoys so many other countries so much at the same time. Four armies of invasion have launched themselves against an unnamed central Methuselahn nation and its unnamed leader must be considering his position. The best advice he could take right now is to repair his fences with his opponents. These fences, however, should now be several miles further up the road than they were.

BLUDDHIST JOIN UP

The Visancryme Protectorate's policy of recognition for the fierce devotees of Bluddhism appears to be meeting with success. Recruiting offices in the North of the Country have been jammed with applicants wanting a slice of the action against the nearest bunch of heretics.

DIPLOMATIC VISIT

The first state visit by the Ayatollah to the Khanate of the Golden Horde was announce this week. The Ayatollah, who leaves his Deputy Prime Minister, Akbha the Pestilential, in command in his absence, left for the state capital of the Horde on Saturday. (Robert Fletcher has gone on holiday to Russia - God). ||

A spokesman for the Horde said, yesterday; "we are hoping to discuss great issues of state, that is, treachery, duplicity, and aspects of cuntting as applied to military strategy. We are currently engaged in a very similar campaign against the Gothes, the Visisgoths the Vikings and Fulham F.C. Supporters Club".

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Your interview is arranged for next week. You will need to pass extensive aptitude tests in the following:-

- 1) The Art of cleaning the decks. (mops provided).
- 2) Sextonometry (please bring your own rod and tackle)
- 3) changing the sandpaper in the parrots cage.

I must admit I am rather concerned about your age. At 85 I think you are more likely to "Pass OVER in the night!"

If you are the successful applicant you will be joining the up and coming force of the time. Your benefits will include BUPA (Blisters under Pirates Arms Association). Four weeks holiday, (you will be left on a deserted Island with a mermaid for four weeks and then picked up later.) I will also take this opportunity to announce a possible liason between the Pirates and a Greek State, so as you can see, the Pirates are here to stay.

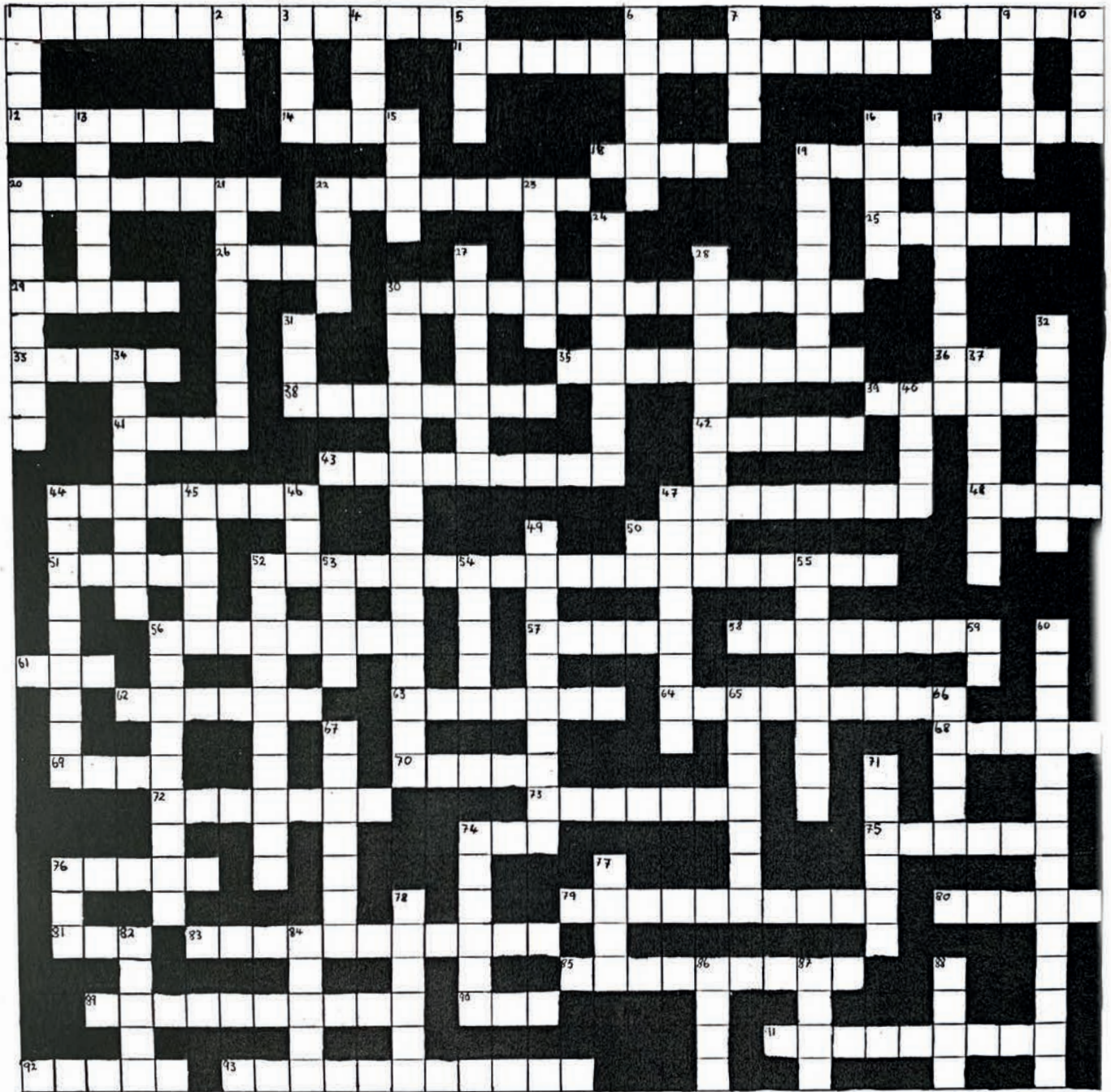
Boubeara of Seville.

AL CAPON II MAKES DISASTOUR MOVE.

It appears that despite the recent reforms, the Vysencryme Protectorate is unable to shake off the ineptitudes of it's past. In an effort to increase popularity amongst the green voters, Al Capon was said to have experimented with a new force of environmentally friendly lead-free wargames figures, with disastrous consequences. He was last seen trying to extract the remains of his once great army from a huge bolb of melted paint and araldite.

EX-KING ERIC IN KIDNAP CRISIS

News has reached the offices of the incontinent that the infamous Eric is being held against his will by an extreme Islamic group operating in northern Serpia. Reports that the group is demanding large sums of money from each Methuselahn ruler NOT to release him have yet to be confirmed.



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*** JUMBO CROSSWORD!! ***

Yes, here it is folks! The long awaited crossword. The author hopes it brings you plenty of fun while you attempt it, moreso than farting, fornicating or taking someone elses land away from them. All you have to do is put your mind in its most evil, foul and libelous state that you can and get stinking -err- thinking!

Not all answers are as straightforward as the clues infer, but most clues can be answered from refering to back issues of the Incontinent if you can't quite remember past events. The solution will appear in a week or two's time.

From fear of mass reprisals the author has been advised to remain anonymous. All correct answers to be left c/o the address below :-

Behind the hot water pipe,
Basin number 9,
Gents Wash and Brush Up,
Central coaching stables,
Goulays,
Parbeerian Dominion

- * First correct entrant to receive a years free supply of Serpian horsemeat.
- * Second correct entrant to receive a dagger up the arse and three months free supply of air freshener.
- * Third corrected entrant to receive an autographed engraving of 'Indianus Mounting Elephant units' (EHCm, JLS, 36" pricks)

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ACROSS

- 1 Hanky Panky with this Methuselan character could lead to a rather deadly embrace (14).
- 8 Common to both the Serpian Imperial Court and a cactus (5).
- 11 Parbeerians believed to be traditionally partial to a bit of this when they invade a foreign land (4,3,7).
- 12 From whence we get our sit-reps (6).
- 14 There are six of these to be found nowadays from amongst the rulers/main characters of Methuselah (4).
- 17 Purporting to the nether-regions, and a deadly weapon from particular country (4).
- 18 Appropriately named tributary river leading to a certain Sea (4).
- 19 The Serpians are not well known for this human quality (5).
- 20 Three of these items hang as a trophy on the walls inside the Dark Empires palace (8).
- 22 A well known type of common use archer-cum-light cavalry unit (8).
- 25 This happens all over the map in various places from time to time (6).

- 26 Undo this village in the Indianus Region to take out 92 across? (4).
- 29 Obligatory state of dressware for all Dark Empire 'Roman' type panties - OOPs! - parties. (5).
- 30 A famous dead general from the Kingdom, he liked to fondle beneath the belt? (6,8).
- 33 A tactic often used to deceive an enemy state. (5)
- 35 This 'looney/angry' type of soldier did worst in the recent auction (9).
- 36 '___ drunk ___ a fart' (2).
- 38 This very Northern town gives its name to the occasion of the triumphant defeat of an enemy (8).
- 39 Capital of a Southern country (6).
- 41 Indianus town at the end of a road (4).
- 42 Currency of the Kingdom (5).
- 43 Charioteer who was second in the most recent chariot race for the Kingdom (3,6).
- 44 Bring one of these to Fartenblasters parties, sure to liven up things (8).
- 47 Eric has more than his fair share of these events (8).
- 48 We all become one of these to each other from time to time, especially the Serpians (4).
- 50 Natural fermentation vessel of brave Parbeerians (3).
- 51 Blue Peter dog; pirates usually have one (5).
- 52 Serpian commander of recent notoriety (7,2,7,3).
- 56 A cartoon character; female organ (8).
- 57 We all love to receive these, don't we? (5).
- 58 Force protecting a city (8).
- 61 Drunk all over Western Methuselah (3).
- 62 A sort of perennial prophet (6).
- 63 God sometimes gets sit-reps in this condition! (7).
- 64 Who is this Southern leader who needs a length of rope? (9).
- 68 Of lions and wardrobes; most likely to be found in the Belt (5).
- 69 Edric will need one of these if he wants to have his way with the latest nomadic player (4).
- 70 You can buy shares in this 'hot and sticky' company (5).
- 72 Type of Athenian fighting unit; sort of ingredient in beer (7)
- 73 Drive to the pub in one of these in 967 b.c. (7).
- 74 Human bodily function; Fartenblaster is not quite as well known for this (3).
- 75 If these are not regular then expect plenty of insults (6).
- 76 Road, way (5).
- 79 You are in trouble if this is cut (6,4).
- 80 Regroup again (5).
- 81 Bunch of angry peasants (3).
- 83 You might get an alcoholic dividend from shares in this company (5,6).
- 85 Can be had for hire but of dubious quality (9).
- 89 Mounted fighting unit that knocks the shit out of most others (10).
- 90 This will happen to the Serpian leader, sooner than he thinks! (3).
- 91 New ruler of the Kingdomette (2,7)
- 92 Potential nickname for the new Indianus potentate (5).
- 93 An Athenian general (11).

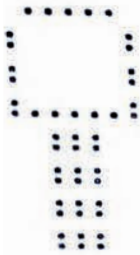
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- 1 Parbeerians never take them (4).
- 2 Not an endearing term (3).
- 3 To flee (4).
- 4 Belt of Occult national (4).
- 5 Often shown in defiant gesture to advancing force (4).
- 6 Gatecrash a country (6).
- 7 Gods tool. Little red one has lead inside! (4).
- 9 A fanatical, hysterical faith of the low intelligent (5).
- 10 This general was fated in love (4).
- 13 Use of force where diplomacy fails (6).
- 15 Happens to the private parts if you overdo it (4).
- 16 Financial persuasion that sometimes occurs (5).
- 17 He's supposed to be dead but he's still very much alive (9).
- 19 Natural by-product from 20 down (7).
- 20 A Parbeerian delicacy on cold winter days (8).
- 21 Serpian monarch who reminds one of the bog (4,4)
- 22 The official title of the Dark Empire ruler (4).
- 23 Most famous and troublesome of ex-Athenians, recently deposed (5).
- 24 Town to visit if you have an upset stomach from eating in nearby Parbeerian taverns (8).
- 27 Imperial throne of a Western country (7).
- 28 A Parbeerian general who was killed in action a few months ago, who possibly had severe dysentery (4,6).
- 30 This greedy general used a 'penile protruberance' against his Northern neighbours (8,7).
- 31 A village in the Indianus Region (3).
- 32 A Sea, also Gods dogs name from time to time (7).
- 34 Fartenblaster promised toilet seats made of this stuff in last years Macedonian election campaign (8).
- 37 From where the latest 'madam' came from (7).
- 40 City that will get a horse full of trouble one day (4).
- 44 Certain embarrassing condition obtained from 71 down (9).
- 45 Many an Indian restaurant has since been named after this town (5).
- 46 The number of which most parts you should have (3).
- 47 There is a lot of this in the Incontinent most weeks running (8).
- 49 A lethal physical quality of one reknown general (10).
- 52 Our continent (10).
- 53 Nickname for a leader and also an abbreviation for another embarrassing personal condition (4).
- 54 Person of religious persuasion typical to the Belt (5).
- 55 Sophias lover drew his name from this Indianus village perhaps (8).
- 56 Serpian name for an annexed chunk of another country (9).
- 59 Will the Parbeerians ever learn the secret of fresh breath? (2).
- 60 A venerial Bludhist of recent notoriety (7,7).
- 65 Outcome of a successful 'frank exchange of views' between your force and an enemy one (7).
- 66 A fighting implement (5).
- 67 Eric was renown for this tactical manouvre (67).
- 71 Methuselan ladies of services in high demand in certain parts (6).
- 74 Result of imbibing in Mesopotamian beer (6).

- 76 What was to have been done with the 'penile protruberance' owned by 30 down. (3).
- 77 The armies of the Belt often fight in this state. It is encouraged by their leader too. (4).
- 78 Of the Occult area (6).
- 82 Two of these Indy settlements normally accompany 92 across; unless you are a coward (typical of Methuselan base humour) (5).
- 84 A sweet, viscous dessert often made from figs, served typically in Parbeerian households (5).
- 86 Perhaps the oldest Methuselan character, this one once claimed Chinese ancestry (4).
- 87 Do not do this with your so-called Methuselan Allies in times of trouble! (4).
- 88 Not a lot of this type of fellow around in Methuselah as yet - thank goodness. However you might find one in a closet somewhere (perhaps in Athens if their frescos are anything to go by!) (4).

Answers on the back page....

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ORDERS

Due to August bank holiday weekend, orders for week II of April are not required until Saturday 3rd September - one week later than usual.

BOA ON THE RUN

The ruler of the Belt of Occult had a lucky escape last week, when, alone and surrounded by enemy troops, in the pouring rain, she had no option but to flee "to the woods"! Until she has reemerged, Thor the Brainless will be taking over as the interim Caretaker ruler, particularly after the savage murders of both Baldrix of Garth (Boa's ex-No.1), and Smurd The Unspeakably Viol. We welcome BEN JONES, (Oxford Wargames Club) who has kindly agreed to help Andy out while he is recovering, on the proviso that he is offered a Country of his own just as soon as God has created one (no rest for the wicked).

The embryonic idea at the moment is to devise another map to the south of Methuselah, involving many other Ancient armies/rulers. These would possibly include Early Hebrews, Assyrians, Sumerians, Nubians, Egyptians, Mycenaeans, Midianites and possibly Arab Conquest Arabs and/or Late Crusaders. This is very much for the future though.

LEAGUE NEWS

Reporter yesterday said there is no tree in the area willing to have Athenicus as a hanging ornament. So what can one do with a small person but burn him? Invidious has said that any General handing Athenicus head over to him will be paid in gold coins plus a choice of Macedonia City to rule.

Invidious is vehemently counter attacking the unprecedented invasion of his country by the Macedonian upstart Athenicus. Recent successes have included the complete routing of a large force hoping to out-flank the Athenians near Philipia, and the demise of another slave rabble and subsequent capture of the "now no longer a legend"; General Sparticaria. This confirmed news is sweet music to the ears of the Athenian League, who have suffered severe set backs throughout the Spring UNTIL NOW.

Islamic Message

The Ayatollah would like to apologise on behalf of himself for not really having enough time to do anything but think about Davotchka, who is a bit

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in Siberia, and consequently cannot this week crow about the latest Serbian successes. (I can't believe that - God). But he will make up for it next week. However, he does have time to make public (Ah, I thought so - God) the fact that the Serbian Empire is the first Country to have reached a five figure tax income. Nuts to the rest of you.

GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING

The Parbeerian general Assembly/disarray in Goulays (AA3) is acting with grave concern following recent reports of complaints from consumers of Parbeerian food produce in neighbouring Countries. Serprians on holiday near Black Sea resorts were taken ill after eating Parbeerian potted beans with meat balls, many jars of which contained chunks of glass and bronze rivets.

Hinrich Von-Partenblaster himself is very concerned at the appalling lack of knowledge of traditional Parbeerian cuisine, and has ordered a Parbeerian food promotion campaign in the Serbian Empire, so start soon...

He announced that these so-called contaminations are merely additives used for their roughage qualities so beneficial to the healthy digestive system. He also said: "These Serbian Grockles are an ignorant lot! They come over here, can't take the strong beer, smash up Woya Sea-front restaurants (Y10), then accuse the Parbeerian hoteliers of poisoning them! Our militia will deport all Empire lager louts this Summer! They might next accuse us of putting the wrong type of Salmonella in our cheeses!"

ANCIENTS MUSICIANS UNION ARMY LIST 650-200 BC

CinC "Reg B" LI with Baton (counting as dart) @100 pts	1
Regular strings "Reg C" MI JLS Sh @4 pts	7 to 12
Mercenary strings "Irreg B" HI JLS Sh @ 5pts (only available on eve of battle)	up to 43
Back desk Violas "Irreg D" MI B @ 1 pt	20 to 32
Double Bass Crossbows "Irreg C" MI CB Pa @3 pts	1 to 4
Principle Woodwind "Reg B" HC JLS Sh @ 11 pts	3 to 6
Other Woodwind "Irreg C" HC JLS Sh @6pts	6 to 9
Elite Woodwind "Reg A" EHC L B Sh D @ union rates only	up to 2
Ex-Saboon* Artillery "Reg D" Organ Gun @ 20 pts (*Ancient Indianus Bassoon)	up to 1
High Brass "Irreg B" HK L @ 11 pts	up to 6
Heavy Brass "Irreg B" EHK L @ 17 pts	up to 9
Soloist "Irreg A" in mobile tower @ 30 pts	1
Sacred music stands @120	1 per desk
Herd of incendiary pigs to create interval distraction for Oxford Times reviewer @20 pts	up to 2
"Reg A" Cymbal Player for French pastiche numbers @ free	up to 1

government and the lack of reform in the Protectorate, have flocked to the border with their neighbours in the West: The Caliphate of Bacteria. One such refugee was reported as saying: "There's just no fun in the Protectorate. At least the Serpians have fun and attack places."

With the Ayatollah negotiating an alliance with the Parbeerians, many commentators are wondering if this is the beginning of the end for the Protectorate. Can King Al II regain the initiative?

And now back to the studio.

BOACONSTRICTIA'S COVER BLOWN!

At last the truth is out. Boaconstrictia is really a TRANSVESTITE ex coal miner formerly known as Alastair Black. His/her cover was blown earlier this week when he/she/it was spotted searching frantically for it's "False Titties".

Apparently a particularly vicious attack by Hinrich-Von-Farten-Blaster had blown them "clean owff" from under her dress.

(This sounds extremely fishy, as she never wears a dress - GOD)!!

FROM THE LEAGUE

Your league correspondent has been holidaying in Phillipia(014) recently (A guest of a League Invasion Force). Unfortunately, Athenicus was also holidaying at the same resort, attacked and destroyed the Athenian force, and now both holidays have been cut short by the Macedonian Pursuit of the remnants back towards the League.

SERPIANS KNOWN TO BE ATTACKING THE LEAGUE

A large invasion force has landed at Olympia and is now advancing on Athens. The Athenian expeditionary force (currently on holiday) are believed to be hurrying to defend the Capitol.

P.S. Boubeara is said to have also been on holiday with the Athenian force in Phillipia. Several thousand men are said to be crawling back to Athens exhausted and "Sans" Pants!

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HERPES MAKES FINAL OFFER TO THOR THE BRAINDEAD

Herpes sent a message today to the caretaker of the Beltic rebellion to give up the hopeless struggle against the might of the empire. "You cannot run forever....."

PROTECTORATE'S POPULATION RALLYS

Last week's story claiming that the Protectorate's people are disillusioned could not have been more economical with the truth. A huge rally addressed by Al Caponii himself heard of the privations and slavery suffered by their fellow countrymen in the Caliphate, and pledged to liberate them. Huge numbers of Protectorate youth are now flocking to join up in the revitalized army, including many fanatical Northern Bluddhists.

"The boys will be home by Christmas" said an army spokesman.

BLOW FOR WILLAMAENA

In a large battle in Northern Indianus, Willamaena's forces were totally defeated by a numerically inferior army of superbly trained bean-eating fartars. How can she loose three generals in two years? How much ransom, Ayatollah, or we blast her with a bean-feast.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK.

"Mixed Methuselahn Cocktail"

Ingredients.

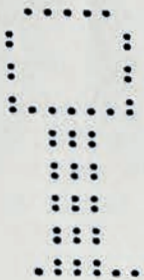
6oz	Ayatollah's knee caps
4 tblspns	Pope's ear wax
2 teaspns	Curry Powder
Pinch of	Al Capon's foot powder
1	captured Serpian's testicle
4 slices	Invidious tongue
Salt & Pepper	

Method.

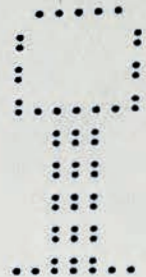
Place ingredients in bowl. make sure that captured Serpian showered before removing testicle. Mix rapidly. Empty mixture into tin and bake for 2 hours. Dish may be served to captured Athenians. Alternatively may be rolled into balls and used as ammunition.

Look out in next week's Incontinent for recipe for Von Fartenblaster spotted Dick!

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HEAVENLY NEWS.

- 1) Apologies for the unprecedented delay in orders for May IV. Reasons include illness, lack of printer ribbon, and the recent purchase of a new machine, which, on arrival at heaven, did'nt work! Still, all is now well. The new machine is an IBM clone AT. The OPUS XT is up for sale with Hi Res monitor, 20MB hard disk, 640Kram, etc: £600 O.N.O. (Sculls, Quints etc not accepted).
- 2) Orders are needed for the next TWO WEEKS, (June I & II) by November 11th. This is an experiment suggested by Herp. The two week life of each set of orders would add communication and "fog of war" type problems, and improve the chances of a) rulers getting orders in on time, b) God getting SitReps out on time!
- 3) Another experiment, (at prototype stage still :-your thoughts please....) is for orders to be written on a form, restricting Force Movements to one of the following: Rush, Attack, Probe, Wait, Hold, Delay, Retreat, and the inclusion of an intended direction. Scouting would be assumed if Probe, Forced March assumed if Rush, etc. This would add fog of war, increase importance of each General's characteristics, and speed the processing of orders up. Recruitment, Incontinent offers, letters etc would stay the same, with the plea that large incontinent offerings be typed out, and duplicated x15 by the author.
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GOD

THE AYATOLLAH IS A DIRTY OLD MAN
WHO WILL HAVE, BY NOW, CAUGHT A
DOSE FROM HIS LATEST CONQUEST -
SERVE HIM RIGHT TOO! A SIMPLE
BUT EFFECTIVE CURE IS TO CUT IT OFF.

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BORING SKUTATOI DEFEND VULGAR CROSSING.
(CONFIRMED BORING).

"The small but perfectly formed Visancryme army mentioned in the Incontinent of II/5/967 was last week subjected to a fierce and determined but ultimately useless attack from absolutely billions of marauding Parbeerians, somewhere in the back passage", reports Brian Boring, the Protectorate's ex-Major of Tedious and last year's scourge of the Bludhists.

"Our small and gallant band of Skutatoi infantry were drawn up at the Vulgar Bridge waiting to greet our Parbeerian allies when suddenly a mass of Irregular A camels thundered over the bridge in a extremely bad mood. They had obviously been getting high on psychedelic beans and with this threat our men prepared to defend stoutly. This was just as well because the camels threw up wildly(!); fortunately we were well armed. The modern Visancryme army is well equipped and we fired a hail of darts, dropped our caltrops, speared them with LTS and fired our Kalashnikovs into their flanks. Well, I can tell you it was a close thing because we got pushed back, then they got pushed back, and it was a real ding-dong battle. Meanwhile our support troops were being shot up and I must admit that it gave me great satisfaction to see our Bludhist mercenaries break and rout, I never did like them, you know. Anyway, we finally managed to push the camels into the river, just in time to be attacked by some cataphracts next. My boss Boris was rallying some shaken cavalry now and things still looked difficult as the battle raged on. He wouldn't really let me join in, which I thought was a bit of a swiz, because I've got a second-hand javelin now after going to the sales. It's a Spear and Jackson No.3, which is particularly well suited to this sort of battle because it's got a special rubberised grip, which helps to keep.....

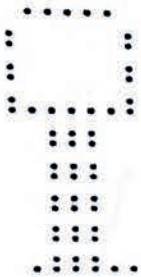
[Brian Boring continues his epic 97 part saga of the battle of the Coracle Bridge next week, with an account of the crucial EHC dismounting and his attempt to repair a chip on his javelin shaft. He is not this year's Booker prize winner.]

THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT GOOLAYS.

The Government Health Department at Goolays wishes to reassure those Methuselahn inhabitants who recently felt the earth literally move beneath them. It was not due to a close encounter of the sexual kind; rather it was due to an experiment that went badly wrong at the Parbeerian Weapons Research Establishment in the Seleucidite desert at JJ4 (Epicentre). The new rocket launcher that was to have been deployed in battle has now been postponed. The Parbeerian government will pay any claims for damage to property and hearing loss in full. The soldier used as a human launcher has been pensioned off with a lifetimes free supply of castor oil and cold cream.

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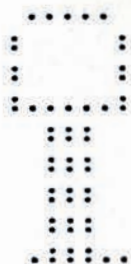
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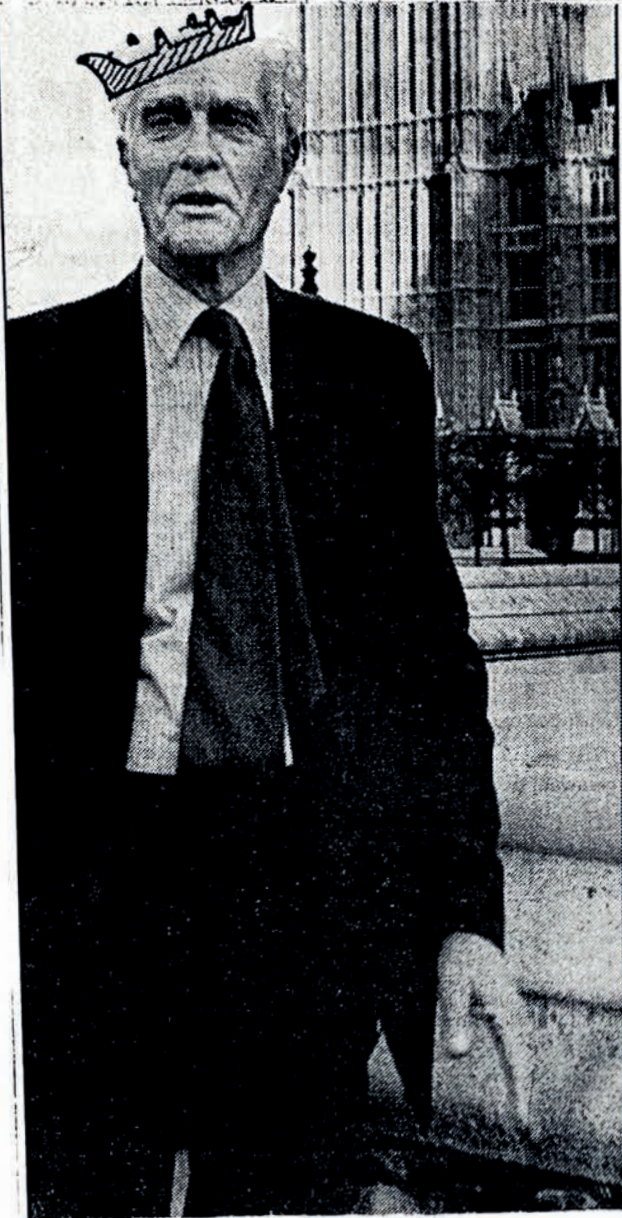
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A RELAXED KING ERIC ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY OUTSIDE THE PALACE

TO MY FELLOW RULERS, LOYAL
GENERALS, CITIZENS OF THE PROTECTORATE
AND ALL METHUSELAH!

I know that many of you were greatly saddened and disappointed towards the end of 968 as my long and glorious reign over the Seleucidite Kingdom appeared to reach a premature end. Well, like the future Mark Twain, I am now sending this personal message to the Incontinent to assure you all that reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated. The truth is that, in order to effect a successful reorganisation of the Kingdom's military forces, I staged my own disappearance leaving the day-to-day running of the country to my trusty lieutenant, Alcaponii.

You may be wondering why all this deception was necessary. I'm not going to tell you, but I have decided that changes in Methuseleh are long overdue.

For this reason, I am putting myself forward as a rival stalking-horse candidate for President of Methuseleh. We have all endured for many years the pretensions of our current self-appointed leader, who, it cannot

be denied, has had a share of military skill as well as his customary luck. However I believe it is appropriate to challenge the premise that he intends to go "on and on and on ..." and my candidacy is merely a prelude to a more senior figure from the West of the continent coming forward to mount an effective challenge to the barren nationalism of our present incumbent.

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Let us not forget the terrible ordeal that the Ayatollah Thatcher has inflicted upon our once happy continent. I list a selection of his atrocities below:

- Murder of Sophia of Indianus and the laying waste of that once-proud country
- Progressive nationalisation of the education budget and burning of all non-Islamic texts at the University of Literatii
- Refusal to join the EMS (European Military System)
- Breaking of sundry binding alliances with various parties
- Privatisation of essential public services such as chariot transport and sexually-transmitted disease clinics
- Rigid adherence to double-entry book-keeping as a form of Government

I could continue, but my point is made.

Let me finish by calling upon the nations of the free world to unite at last against the Ayatollah Thatcher. There is still time to thwart his ambitions of world domination and compulsory Islamic wailing. I understand from my military commanders that the Serpian has launched major assaults on the Protectorate, and that, yet again, he has demanded repressive terms for my immediate surrender. It is my pleasure to lead the way where I hope the rest of Methuselah will follow, and to respond to such demands with an unequivocal

BOLLOCKS!

THE INCONTINENT, FIRST HALF OF JULY, 967BC.

NEW SERPIAN SUCCESS

In a remarkable series of successes the Serpian Empire marches on this week. After a spectacular victory against the Methuselahn Pirates, two Serpian generals bloodied the nose of the Macedonian invasion (Pergamum). Fatima the Fell and Kerim the Unpleasant demolished the western threat while in the North, Herod the King invaded and captured the whole of Tertis province. At Calundae another Serpian notable, Yousef the Visually Impressive, faced an overwhelmingly large Seleucid force and seriously dented it.

Over the weekend, lights have been seen in the sky, three wise Kings from mystic lands to the east have been sighted making their way to Serpia City, and celestial choirs have heralded the dawn of a new Age.

Meanwhile, the Ayatollah is reported to have filed a complaint with the authorities for an alleged off the ball incident at Pergamum. The thrust of the complaint was that it was Al who retaliated before he did. The dispute has been referred to their lawyers.

PARBEERIAN TOURIST BOARD REPLY

The Parbeerian Tourist Board is reported to be dismayed at the rude rejection of traditional Parbeerian hospitality, culture, and bathroom ethics by the visiting Serpian expedition.

"If they don't find Parbeeria to their sissy urban tastes, perhaps they should return to Serpia", said one official. "Mind you, they didn't mention the intestinal fragrance bekown to Parbeerian Gourmets (and Gourmans!), or the practice of using flat, sharpened flint stone scrapers for a smoother, cleaner defecation - that is one custom we imported from the south!"

INCONTINENT OFFERING

A NEUTRAL OBSERVER TODAY WITNESSED THE END OF AN ERA - THE BELT WERE FINALLY SUB-DUED. HERPES NOW HAS THE BELT - WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH IT? A WELL KNOWN SERPIAN HAS SUGGESTED "HE PROBABLY WANTS TO HOLD HIS TROUSER UP".

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A recent study done in Goulays found that the large bit on the end of a man's penis is there to give the man great satisfaction during Sex.

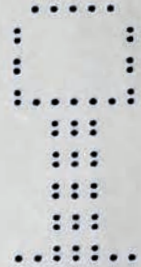
A similar study conducted at Vaisatii concluded however that the tip of the organ was there to give the woman pleasure during the copulation act.

However, a long and serious debate involving many men at Serpia have just proclaimed that the bit at the end is to stop the Serpians hand slipping off!!!!

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NEXT ORDERS DEADLINE

Orders are required by January, Saturday 20th (MIDDAY), for the first two weeks in August (climax of campaigning season!).

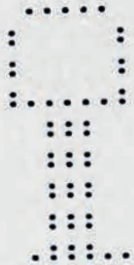
AYATOLLAH ASSASSINATED

The Serpian Empire was in deep shock yesterday when the news broke that a guerrilla unit of Parbeerian commandoes had assassinated the Ayatollah. The Islamic leader was understood to be in his bath in his divisional headquarters in Literatii when the commandoes burst in and shot him at point blank range. The commandoes had been shipped from Goulays by fishing vessels, and had secretly made their way across Caliphate territory.

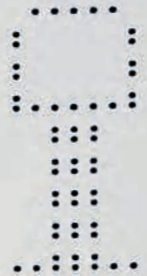
This is believed to be the first time such a play has been used in Methuselah, and it raises several questions about the security of leaders. The immediate need, in Serpia, is to find a replacement for the dead potentate, but such is the disarray in the Empire that weeks may pass before the Islamic armies are once again coordinated.

King Eric may yet live to fight another day!! What this space for further developments.

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Apologizes for the bad printer ribbon on sitreps. Assume hot weather has damaged parchments and made scout's messages hard to read..... Fog of war....

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Rumour has it that the people of the Dark Empire are about to undergo another change!

Is the Real name GALIFREY?
Are they time lords?
Is the Pope really Dr. Who?

All these and other question will be answered soon.

DEVELOPMENTS IN SERPIA

Following last month's assassination of the Ayatollah, several new groups are contending for control of the Empire. There has also been an uprising of the Indianus Army at Bereft. (Confirmed). These factions include: Civic Forum, New Forum, Islamic Forum and the People's committee for collective Ad Co-operative Security; Peace, Bread, Land And Parbeerian Horse Burgers. Serpia City was last night in turmoil but the party grouping which has made most ground in recent days has been the Islamic DEATH TO ERIC alliance. Meanwhile, one of the largest Serpian armies ever collected is currently allowing a Parbeerian army half it's size to siege in the hope that a Serpio-Parbeerian alliance might at last emerge following the death of the Ayatollah.

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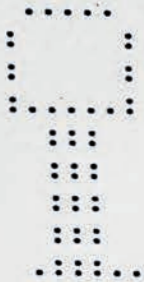
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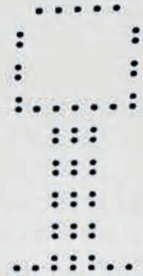
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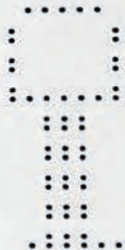
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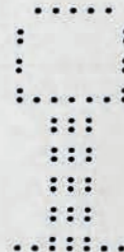
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*King Eric's
Birthday Issue
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DARK EMPIRE VANDALS STRIKE.

Towards the end of August, a new phenomenon hit the world: "Vandalism". A Dark Empire force was spotted demolishing the bridge at Bucephalus. A Macedon force sent to prevent it were very unlucky (I've heard that before - GOD) and had to withdraw. This horrible past - Time MUST STOP before our civilizations crumble!

SOUTHERN METHUSELAH IS ON.

Please send in your COUNTRY NAMES, TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGES, ETC to Cartography Dept, Empire Castings, Mars, C/O GOD..... for next week!!!! (Tom:- your time has come... thanks for the info you gave me months ago!).

Those interested in running a second country (eg: those on the brink of total destruction(?)), should submit any details they want putting on the map... proportions of Cities to Towns, Desert to Hills, how many ports, or just an endless series of oasises...

A PUBLIC PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF IMPERVIOUS

Resistance is useless. Come out with your hands up. A lifetime's supply of Parbeerian horse burgers is guaranteed to every Seleucid soldier who throws in the towel.

Signed... General officer in command, Serpian Army Group East.

DISCONTENT IN LEAGUE'S DEMOCRATIC COUNCILS

Rumblings of discontent are reported from the league where Invidious Poliorcates appears to have abandoned proper leadership. Senior statesmen from the different states are thought to be in the process of seeking a new man to give glory to the might of the League's armed forces.

ERIC ISSUES FINAL CHALLENGE

The long-suffering population of the Visancryme Protectorate (Still referred to as the "Kingdomette" by out dated northern equestrian rulers) last night took heart from a proclamation issued by their senile leader, King Eric, 132. The document was a lengthy statement about the economy working well under the Conservative Party and that inflation must be beaten at all costs. A small section of the text referred in hostile terms to the Ayatollah and challenged the Serpian Army's 5000 point army outside Impervious to a three-legged ludo contest to determine once and for all who ruled the Protectorate. The Ayatollah was reported to be "considering his position" and had reputedly

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requested a contingent of A.N.C. marshals to oversee such an event.

JOB ADVERT: REPLY

Dear "Worried" - I apply for all three jobs as I have the skills:-

- 1) I cook superbly as long as you like bean cuisine; I am also immune to all household poisons and smells.
- 2) I would make a good bodyguard as I am a good shot: I can fart the eyebrows off a knat at 50 paces.
- 3) I detect lies well; in fact I know exactly when I am being bull-shitted to by a jumped-up, pint sized amateur, well out of his depth in foreign lands, with sand up his arse.

Pay negotiable, tax free, paid in bullet beans, in advance.

Yours, Casteroil Crapalotti.

BATTLE REPORT: YEFREM (X8).

An characteristically bold move y the Serpian command in Parbeeria nearly led to disaster this week. Finding themselves faced with a Parbeerian army group much larger than they expected, the Serpian decided, after early and unsuccessful probing, to fight a rearguard action and retire to the safety of Tololsk. The battle was fought over two days and well into the early hours of a third day. In fact, the milkman arrived just as the Serpian troops left the field (3.10am - GOD).

Although Ibrahim the Improbable sustained some losses, including the rather humiliating recapture of a sacred standard, a substantial proportion of the army regained the safety of prepared positions in Tobolsk, and the Serpian frontier was secured at the expense of some villages on the Zoyan peninsular. Serpian High Command convened a special conference in how to close down and defeat the Parbeerian armoured divisions. They are, as yet, no closer to a solution.

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SOUTHERN METHUSELAH

Would all potential rulers please submit their list of settlements (including you God) for the above mentioned by III-10-967.

Thankyou,

The God of the South (ie God2)

SHOCK CANNIBALISM RUMOUR DENIED

Observers of the siege at Impervious were last night buzzing with the news that food supplies in the city seemed to have shrunk to members of the populations itself. Although all was quiet last week on the battle front, the city simmered in a haze of disquiet as the Serpian invaders tightened their grip still further.

A Palace spokesman firmly denied the rumours of desperate cannibalism within the city as he tucked into his evening meal of shoe leather and candle wax. "We've got them on the run now" he maintained "it won't be long before the Ayatollah gives up". Worries about the health of the monarch on a starvation diet also persist. Eric has not been seen outside the palace for some time.

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MEDIA

Cecil B. De Mille to film Ayatollah's conquest of the East.

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AYATOLLAH PUNISHED.

Dissent and other sins akin to "arguing with the ref" have been punished by God this week after a red card incident in the league game at Pella last month. An entire command, recruited some way from Pella has been sent off the map after being showed the yellow card some weeks previously. The force was strategically important for the Islamic tyrant, and the ruling is designed to discourage all arguing with the referee.

Be warned, those who play with fire!

ROOF-TOP PROTEST IN IMPERVIOUS.

As Serbian troops were finding barracks in Impervious last week, the only part of the Seleucid capital holding out against Akbha the Pestilential was the Palace. On top of the Palace roof, and refusing to come down, was the Seleucid High Command: Al Capon II, Brian Boring and several King Eric impostors. Al Capon, who is still receiving a certain amount of pocket money from Herpes the Great, is reported to be "holding out for more favourable terms". However, Incontinent can reveal that King Eric HAS signed a treaty with the Ayatollah detailing the terms of co-operation between the two commands. Here it is, in full:

TREATY OF IMPERVIOUS

- 1) All remaining Seleucid troops are under the command of Serbian generals.
- 2) All remaining Seleucid territory is ceded, in perpetuity, to Serbia.
- 3) Seleucid Command to bear the full responsibility for having initiated the war. (War Guilt clause).
- 4) Have a nice day.

Observers believe this treaty opens the beginning of a new and permanent period of co-operation between Serbia and the unpredictable Seleucid

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HERPES SENDS A WARNING TO THE SERPIAN AGGRESSOR.

Information has been passed to the Dark Empire which supports the view that the Ayatollah has been involved in organized acts of terrorism against Herpes. The Emperors reaction was to issue a warning in the strongest possible terms to the Ayatollah. Independent analyses have commented that the continent of Methuselah could be submerged into a new "cold war."

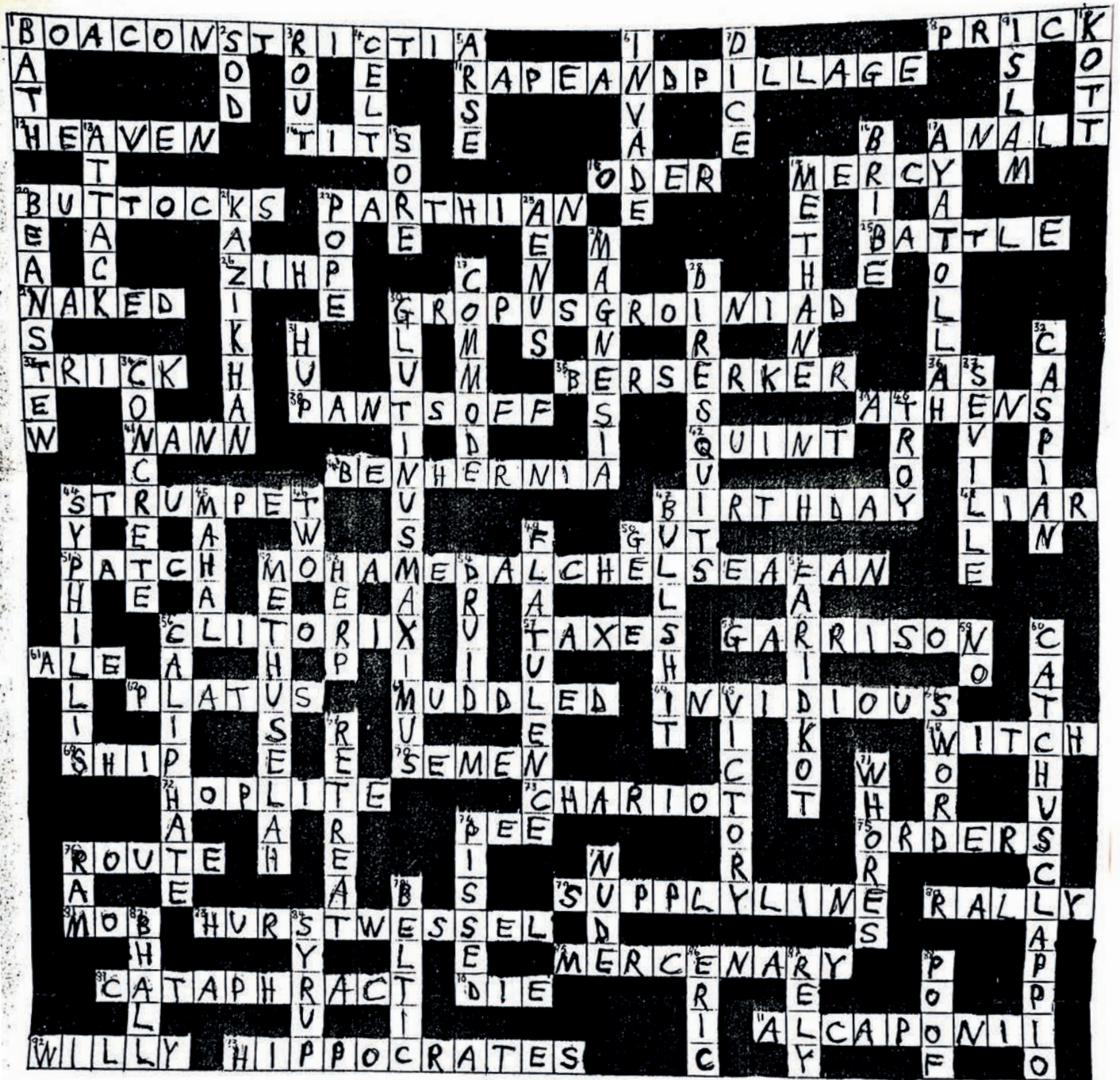
Emperor Herpes, leading the Imperial/Athenian/Parbeerian alliance, and rejoicing after the reconquest of Macedon, was reported to be in good mood and looking forward to taking the opportunity to forcibly evict the Serpian Invasion force from Macedon.

966 promises to be an interesting year for Methuselah.

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CONFIRMED REPORT 1: - AYATOLLAH SHOWN THE MACEDONIAN DOOR AT PELLA. MASSIVE SERPIAN LOSSES REPORTED. COULD THERE BE A DUNKIRK TYPE OPERATION AT CLITUS, OR HAVE THEY ALL BEEN WIPED OUT??

CONFIRMED REPORT 2: - IMPERVIOUS FALLS AT LAST. THE SIEGE IS OVER. DAMAGE TO THE ROOF AND SURROUNDING INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT OVER 4 MILLION POUNDS. AL CAPON AND HIS STAFF WERE LIFTED OFF OF THE PALACE ROOF DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING, MAKING V-SIGN GESTURES OF DEFIANCE IN THE FACE OF THE VICTORIOUS AKBHA THE PESTILENTIAL.



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