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### THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR IN HELIGOLAND.



It seems as though the French government has underestimated the patriotic feelings of the German people (and hence their government...) towards their colony of Heligoland. All the French wanted was to gain a foothold in Afriboria other than the godforsaken desert their "Légion" is holding in the north of the continent... Perhaps they should have sent their *expédition* to another part of the Dark Continent, but that is all water under the bridge now: neither France nor Germany can withdraw their forces from the island without losing face in Europe as well! Fortunately for the Germans the French have not been very successful so far, but that might change...

Anyway, there is more good news for the German CIC, General Ohnewürstchen (**his wife is en route to join him**, see below!). Due to his (or was it General Bauernkopf's?... ) stubborn resistance, the French have not yet succeeded in pushing the Germans into the blue of the Heligoland Straits, let alone conquer Kaisersheim. The German Crown Prince rewarded our "hero" by sending him his **very own** limousine (with his personal *chauffeur*) to drive Würstchen around the battlefield. Furthermore, the commander of the Dahomey Amazons (Général Verneukdt) has become agitated towards the French CIC (Général Monamour) who has also lost some of his best European combat units in the last few battles and Général Chérie will certainly take the first opportunity to disgrace Monamour. That doesn't look too well for the would be son of Flashy, but the German side too has suffered some setbacks...

General Bauernkopf (for one) was unable to prevent the destruction of his beloved "Bauernhof", but he has taken this very well, since he has already started the construction of a new "summer palace" of his own, called "the House of the Rising Sun". The building is being erected on the exact spot the "Bauernhof" once stood. Bauernkopf (as the uncrowned Viceroy of Heligoland) has a reputation to keep up and rumours are that the new building will be even more luxurious than the original. "Köpfchen" made the following comment on the French: "Animals! The "House of the Rising Sun" will rise from the ashes of the Bauernhoff like a phoenix and will include even more special rooms\*..."



**Bauernkopf's newest project:  
"the House of the Rising Sun"**

\* We can't comment on that here, we're not a tabloid!

We suppose he can well afford it; if there is one person profiting from the war, it certainly is Köpfchen: he owns (at least partly) many of the businesses catering for the needs of both the army and the individual soldier. This is not always much to the liking of Ohnewürstchen but there is little the CIC can do about it. Furthermore, Bauernkopf – for obvious reasons - is a very popular person in Heligoland (except perhaps with Salah Dhin and his gang, but the slave trader is not much in a position to challenge the German colonial powers for the moment...).

As we have already mentioned briefly above, there is more good news for General Ohnewürstchen: he has received the following letter from his beloved wife, *Frau Marie-Jeanne d'Écqueren*:

Mein kleines Rondellechen,

You are regarded a true hero in the Fatherland! Last week I was summoned to Berlin to be present at a party celebrating your recent victories. I talked with the Crown Prinz (for half an hour!) and it pleases me to inform you mon amour (I mean: my love) that he speaks very highly of you. He also told me that - as a token of gratitude - he has sent you his own black limo and private chauffeur to drive you around the battlefield in comfort!

I was ever so pleased to hear this! As you know very well, I'm not much good with horses and that was the only reason I did not yet join you to share in your victories. However, since you now have a car worthy of a lady, I have already packed and am on my way to Heligoland. See you soon (I can hardly wait!).

Your kleines Pietenollechen,

Marie-Jeanne D'Écqueren.

P.S. I suppose your chauffeur is a Potsdam Grenadier with big whiskers?



As you may observe in the picture above, the "personal *chauffeur*" of the Crown Prince is all but a Potsdam Grenadier! We really don't know how *Frau Marie-Jeanne* (a very religious lady, devoted to *Gott*, as they say in German) will react to this...

Anyway, news travels fast and Général Monamour has already scouts on the lookout to intercept the vessel carrying Ohnewürstchen's wife. True to his character, it is not below Monamour (all but a gentleman...) to try and take the lady hostage to use as a pawn in possible negotiations with Ohnewürstchen, be it only to save his own skin!



**"Sisters in Pray" selling their skin dearly.**

Salah Dhin, deprived of his lucrative slave trade, has received even more bad news: Général Chérie has succeeded in outmanoeuvring him and has taken Salah's palace by surprise, killed the unit on guard duty and sacked and destroyed the place. Some of Salah's most precious possessions were hidden in and around the palace and he has sworn to get'm back. As we all **know**, this doesn't include a sheik's harem nor alcoholic beverages (Salah being solely devoted to his religion), but - in spite of fierce resistance - the quarters of his "*Sisters in Pray*"\* were overrun and the women were all put to the sword (or Amazon spear...).

\*The "*Sisters in Pray*" were a +100 strong group of young fanatical religious women, leading a secluded life in Salah Dhin's palace, guarded by eunuchs. Each night Salah would retire to their quarters to **pray** together with some of them (at least, that's as far as our information goes...).

Salah Dhin - mad with grief - wants to avenge their death and is moving his army towards the ruins of his one time palace. Général Chérie (as you know, a former police officer and cold blooded bastard) has anticipated Salah's reaction. Actually, destroying the palace and killing the "*Sisters in Pray*" was part of an elaborate trap to bring the elusive army of Salah to battle. Whether or not Chérie's plan will succeed, remains to be seen...

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