

Border Zone

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Preface to the Story

Washington and Moscow are the capitals of the Superpowers, but the Cold War is fought at the front: in Eastern Bloc countries like Frobria and adjacent neutral countries like Litzenburg. In these countries, where all strangers are suspect and all actions observed, paranoia and vulnerability are inescapable. In these countries, innocent travelers get caught in the web of international espionage. This is the setting for Border Zone. , Border Zone consists of three chapters. In each chapter, you play a different character (an American businessman, a Western spy, and an Eastern spy) involved in the assassination attempt of an American ambassador. Each chapter is a story unto itself, with its own unique puzzles and goals. The chapters take place at different times and at different locations; as a player, you will get the most satisfaction if you play the chapters in order. , Border Zone has a built-in clock which drives the story forward. Unlike other Infocom stories, the clock in Border Zone continues to tick even while you stop to think. So if you find yourself in a dangerous situation, you can't just sit back and relax. Whether you type in a command or not, characters will move around, events will happen, and the story will proceed.

Speeding Up or Slowing Down the Clock

The clock in Border Zone always runs; it cannot be turned off. However, the clock can move at two different speeds: SLOW and FAST. Chapter 1 starts with a SLOW clock; Chapters 2 and 3 start with a FAST clock. You can change the clock speed by typing SLOW or FAST. , Experienced Infocom players ought to try Chapter 1 with a FAST clock, since it's a greater challenge. Slow typists and players with weak hearts may find Chapters 2 and 3 more enjoyable with a SLOW clock.

Questions

Every now and then, someone in Border Zone will want you to answer a specific question. When this happens, you will see two prompts (>>) instead of the usual one (>) on the command line. You must answer the question to proceed; simply type YES or NO and press the RETURN (or ENTER) key. Unlike other Infocom stories, time passes in Border Zone whether you type something or not. Like a real spy, you probably won't be able to plan your moves as slowly and carefully as you want, since timing is critical and you are usually being watched or chased.

FAST - Chapter 1 starts with a SLOW clock. By typing FAST, you can make the clock in Chapter 1 go faster. Experienced Infocom players are encouraged to play Chapter 1 with a FAST clock, since it's a greater challenge. See also SLOW below.

HINT - If you have difficulty while playing the story, and you can't figure out what to do next, just type HINT. You will see a list of questions you can ask. Just follow the directions at the top of your screen to see the hint of your choice.

SLOW - Chapters 2 and 3 start with a FAST clock. By typing SLOW, you can make the clock in Chapters 2 and 3 go slower. Slow typists may find the SLOW clock more to their speed. See also FAST above.

FROBNIZIZIM!



I AM FROBNIA



Fortunate Tourists Guide and Phrasebook

PIMND, FROBNIZ!

Beyond your wild dreams is Frobna, a republic to please happy tourists! From alpine mountains to billowing fields, there is in Frobna for all tastes. Although Frobna is mostly for crop, do not forget to visit our most modern cities, with cafe for your pleasure. Also to hand is the famous factories of Frzi.

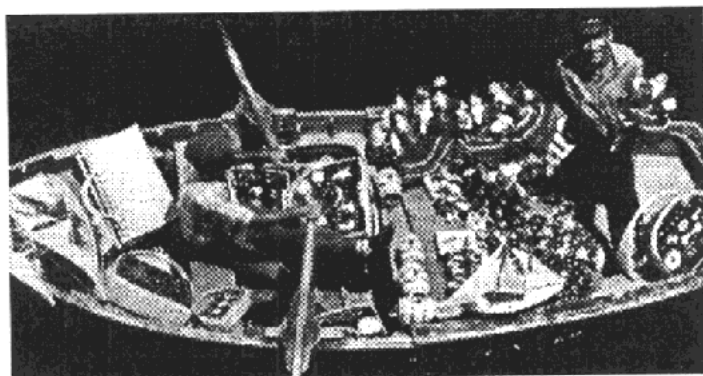
In Frobna, you will go onboard train, the efficient transport for Frobnaian and tourist alike. You will find there much to please you, from delicious refreshments at convenient station to cheerful peoples you will meet.

Do not forget to greet your new friends. This little booklet helps you find precise words to say.

Enjoy our efforts! Each wonderful page shows the treat ahead for fortunate tourists like you ... visitors of Frobna.



Our attractive peoples welcome you to Frobnia.



The shrewd merchants of Khoblatz will sell you many interesting souvenirs.

Here are many salutes you will use in our goodhumored country.

Hello.	Pimsna.
Goodbye.	Zlettna.
Yes.	Yep.
Yes, sir.	Yep, vaz.
No.	Nyep.
I am sorry.	Izi slep.
Please.	(no translation)
Thank you.	Prep tipna.
You're welcome.	(no translation)
I can't tell you that.	Snemetz pushna.

OOPZI DAZI!

Walking on the street, you will use many friendly words.

Excuse me.	Oopzi dazi.
Forgive me.	Hartzi dazi.
Pardon me.	Pripsa dazi.
You are in my way.	Vinchim dorn.
It is my fault.	Popka izim.
It is not my fault.	(no translation)
It's not allowed to ...	Nye mneshna ...
take photographs here.	fotomattni.
walk here.	pletska bli.
look at this.	skopil fresna.
talk to him/her.	snemsna link/dink.
do that.	vilmí fresna.
You're under arrest.	Ouzna gotcha.

Even you can learn counting in Frobnia!

- 1 Entz
- 2 Trentz
- 3 Mrentz
- 4 Pentz
- 5 Gribni
- 6 Squibni
- 7 Plibni
- 8 Glibni
- 9 Kipitz
- 10 Nimitz
- 11 Enimitz
- 12 Trenimitz
- 13 Frenimitz
- 20 Trenimski
- 30 Mrenimski
- 50 Gribnimski
- 100 Nimnimski
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1 o'clock	entz ornim
2 o'clock	trentz ornim
2 fifteen	mrentz-pentz gribni ornim
2 thirty	grip gribni ornim
2 forty-five	entz-pentz gribni ornim

Don't go at haphazard! Plan your journey from the interesting sights of Frobnia.

Where is ...	Kap ...
Where are ...	Kop ...
the mountains?	edelvas?
the catacombs?	toumzim?
the swamp?	gazni?
the factory?	anzingetz?
the forest?	chopom?
the market?	ugetzis?
the border?	hazbniget?
the road?	stritz?
the museum?	folkznip?
the tunnel?	blakiz?

INTZ KEM FROBNIZ!

Why not make a companion of Frobnia?

Hello.	Pimsna.
My name is ...	Riza yorp ...
Gurthark.	Gurtark.
Bob.	Bob.
I am from ...	Intz kem ...
Frobnia.	Frobniz.
Litzenburg.	Litzenka.
the KGB.	KGB.
Where are you from?	Kap kladni?
What is your ...	Snim pli ...
blood type?	corpzim?
age?	heriznip?
potato ration?	viski huritz?

ALP!

Not to worry about emergency in Frobnia. Our many assistants will soothe you.

Help!	Alp!		
I've been ...	Hapenz ...		
We've been ...	Hapninz ...	shot.	bagní.
robbed.	stolní.	stabbed.	vezní.
killed.	hazbní.	beaten.	grushní.
seduced.	olinkí.	bludgeoned.	reznětí.
photographed.	fotomattní.	garrotted.	meretzní.

SUFRIZ?

At the top of the world is medical care in Frobnia.

Hello.	Pímsna.		
I have ...	Sufrizim ...		
a headache.	anzin.	bullet wounds.	bagním enzom.
diarrhea.	fludgetz.	stab wounds.	veznim enzom.
bad diarrhea.	fludgetz oboi.	cyanide poisoning.	poizním cianídom.

OOPZI DAZI!

On trains is the best way to see the varied sights of Frobnia.

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Where is track ...	Kap ínsken ... rallní?
number one?	entzen
number two?	trentzen
Where is the train to ...	Kap choozhoo ...
Ostnitz?	Ostnezka?
Litzenburg?	Lítzenka?

All aboard!	Gormnash floogle nomnetz! (literally - it will leave without you)
I must search your baggage.	Mischen rifna bagní.
Open the bag!	Enzen bagní!
This/that is contraband!	Esna/fresna gorbnesh!
You're under arrest.	Ouzna gotcha.

FINGIM FISH!

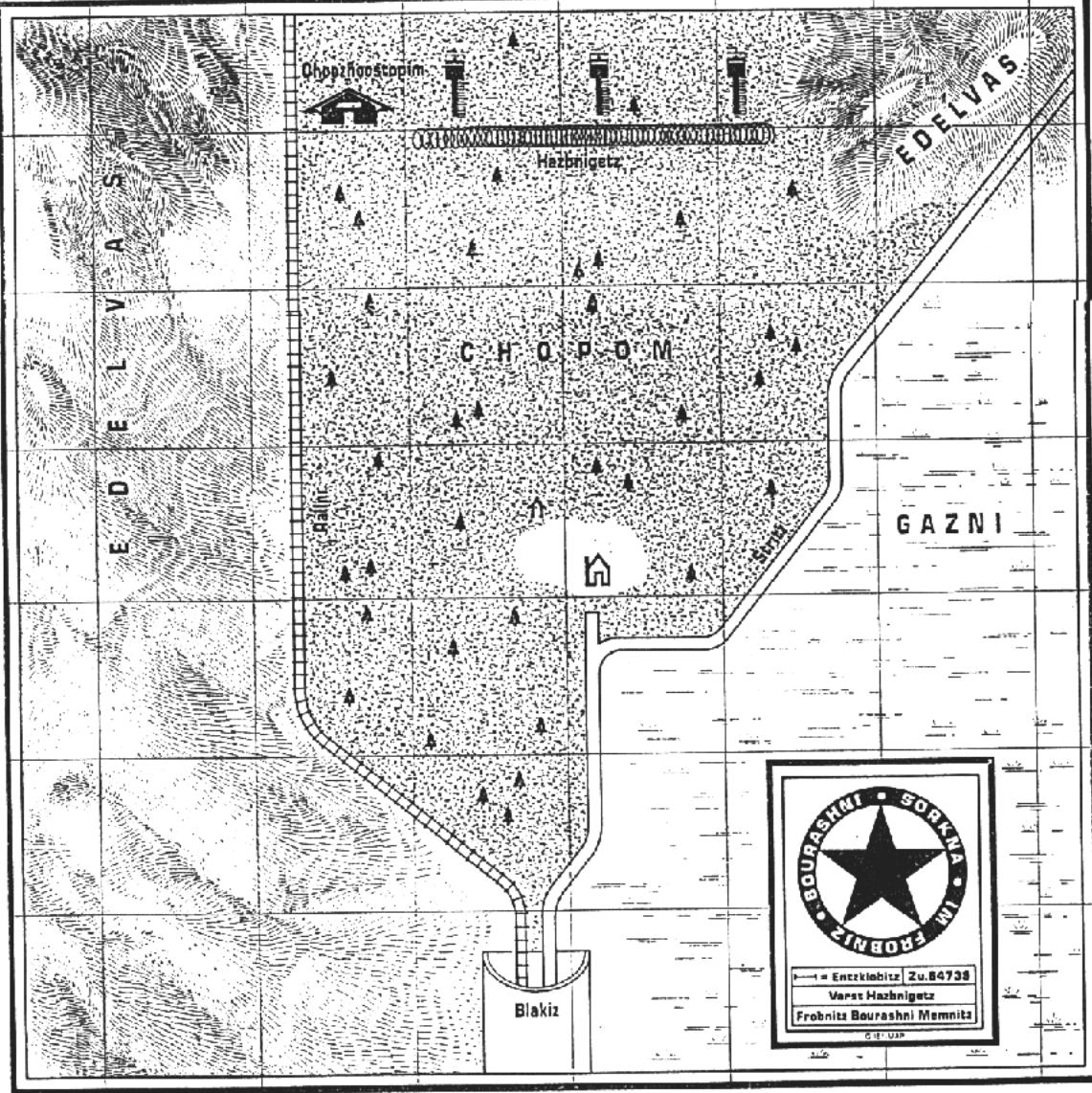
Why not eat where food is good! It tastes best from Frobnia.

I would like ...	<i>Fingim</i> ...	Sorry, we don't have ...	<i>Slep, nye fingri</i> ...
steak.	<i>beef.</i>	steak.	<i>beef.</i>
lamb.	<i>lamb.</i>	lamb.	<i>lamb.</i>
chicken.	<i>chicken.</i>	chicken.	<i>chicken.</i>
veal.	<i>veal.</i>	veal.	<i>veal.</i>
fish.	<i>fish.</i>	fish.	<i>fish.</i>
	Well, what do you have?	Om, <i>sní fingrom?</i>	
	What is 'slopz'?	<i>Sní slopz?</i>	
	Really?	<i>Nyep!</i>	
	Is there nothing else?	<i>Fingrom oltz?</i>	
	Where is the bathroom?	<i>Kap ínskem vashnoo?</i>	
	I'm leaving.	<i>Rízítz na.</i>	
	You're under arrest.	<i>Ouzna gotcha.</i>	

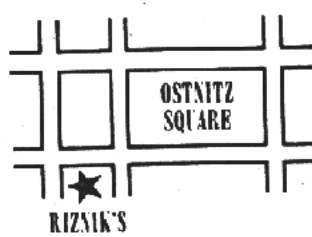
TRAINS FROM FRZI TO VIENNA DAILY!

M Th ex H		Iv Frzi	late morning	ar Vienna	evening	via Knuckla	☞ ☛ ☛
F		Iv Frzi	early morning	ar Vienna	late afternoon	via Ostnitz	☞
W T	express	Iv Frzi	mid-afternoon	ar Vienna	after midnight		☞ ☞ ☞ ☛
S Su ex H		Iv Frzi	noon	ar Vienna	early morning	via Yinsli	☛ ☞ ☞ ☛ ☛ ☛
M W	express	Iv Frzi	late morning	ar Vienna	midnight		
H "vacations"		Iv Frzi	mid-morning	ar Vienna	early evening		☛ ☞ ☞ ☛ ☛
Th S	express	Iv Vienna	late evening	ar Frzi	noon		☞
M W F ex H		Iv Vienna	afternoon	ar Frzi	early morning	via Yinsli	☞ ☛ ☛
Su		Iv Vienna	morning	ar Frzi	early evening	via Ostnitz & Knuckla	☛ ☞ ☞ ☛ ☛ ☛
T M	express	Iv Vienna	noon	ar Frzi	late morning		☞ ☞ ☞ ☛
F S Su "weekend"	☞	Iv Vienna	early afternoon	ar Frzi	midnight	via Sizka	☞
ex H	express	Iv Vienna	evening	ar Frzi	noon		☞ ☛ ☛

Please see agent for current schedule.



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BOURASHNI KALLNI**



**RIZNIK'S
ANTIQUES**
Rare Books and Curios

In Historic Ostnitz for 35 Years
Velkom! Pimsna! Welcome! Willkommen!