

Where have all the House Funds Gone:

Analysis with Historical and Philological Commentaries

Analysis: Following is a house protest song in Hitchcock, responding to the squandering of the budget surplus by the “Lame duck house council pissing out” of 2008. It focuses on the futility of Dave-Franklin-led theoretical accumulation of house funds. *Meeting next week normal time. It will be Dave, Kat, Ben, & Jenny's last meeting. You should come b/c Dave promises to get drunk for it.*

Where have all the house dollars gone?

Short time expiring

Where have all the house dollars gone?

Short time ago

Where have all the house *Reichsthalers* gone?

The house meeting has spent them every one

When will we ever learn^{[fiscal responsibility]?}

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Analysis: Previous is written with additions in neo-Ugaritic, indicating a composite document. *Kat announced that her play has 2 more nights to run: 8pm Friday and Saturday, Kat reports that reviews have been very awesome, so you should come.* The redactions cover up Dave Franklin's admission that he hates doing study breaks and is “doing nothing with my life”. ‘Dollars’ was altered to ‘Reichsthalers’ to avoid mentioning the *BBQ this weekend June 1st outside, details forthcoming*

Where have all the house meetings gone?

Long time lasting

Where have all the house meetings gone?

Long time ago

Where have all the house meetings gone?

Dispersed to play assassins every one

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

Analysis: The second stanza was originally accompanied by Cuneiform carvings of James Huff boasting that he remains undefeated in Fancypants Adventure 2. The assassins has a dual purpose, relating to the first and second house meeting periods: the first mentions how *RCA Grider is angry with you about the printer problems, something electro-mechanical has been purchased to fix the smudges and should be in soon.*

Where have all the assassins gone?
Long time in hiding
Where have all the assassins gone?
Long distances ago
Where have all the assassins gone?
Gone for IM Sports fund purchases every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?

Analysis: The third stanza has Sumerian rhythm that cannot be reproduced here. It references a standard diplomatic codex of Ancient Hittite known as "Crafts for the Assassin" originally composed in Hammurabi's court (see reproduction after the poem). Anna M's hand is broken; all is well in section 2 except B^2's math homework; Section5babies.blogspot.com. *Ben and Jenny are taking their Balls with them when they leave, specifically their soccer ball and their football. IM Sports persuaded the house to give 60 dollars to acquire at least three new balls.* The verse refers to protests after Jordan remarked on the House's wish to pond Ben and Jenny, who don't want to be ponded.

Where have all the IM Sports fund purchases gone?
Long time trip taking
Where have all the IM Sports fund purchases gone?
Long time ago
Where have all the IM Sports fund purchases gone?
Gone to Section Jeopardy every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?

Analysis: Section Jeopardy was an Elamite ritual fought on chariot-back with lions. The lions asked questions about knowledge of the house. Chief Steward of Upper and Lower Sections *Dix is asking for 30 dollars for Section Jeopardy sometime next week, details forthcoming by email; the funds were approved.* The especial virulence of this section, as reflected in the imperative tense used throughout reflects *House approval to use the remaining funds to buy the largest possible tent for camping. We have no money.* All of it was spent rather than put back in the general fund. Speaking of Money, or the Egyptian Middle Kingdom: Sam Bowman sold (according to him; I have no independent verification and take his word for it) his body, his flesh, and a lung to buy *Scav Victory T-shirts which will be in by Tuesday of next week, so for his sake you should pay for your shirt and take it- details forthcoming.*

Where has all the Section Jeopardy gone?
Long time waiting
Where has all the Section Jeopardy gone?
Long time with Dix
Where has all the Section Jeopardy gone?
Gone to waste house funds every one
When will we ever learn?
When will we ever learn?

Analysis: This is getting boring and stupid. *Dean's Men* show Friday at 7pm and Saturday at 2pm- Peter wants you to come and watch him play a minor role. The Assyrians make this whole thing sort of pointless, since they'll swoop in and capture everyone anyway, but their high king *Andrew Alexander* doesn't discourage house meeting attendance, but *Jurassic Park* is playing at 9pm at Doc next week, and this Sunday at 7pm Doc is playing the cool silent film *Metropolis*. In addition to carrying on the rituals of the high priest of Lydia, Andrew commits to the promise that "We'll work something out for hide and go seek in the Reg next week."

Crafts for the Assassin:

I, SaRoss-Kelgon, King of Sections, King of Babylon, King of Assassins, King of Sumer and Akkad and the Five Quarters of the House. To the Kings of Sections: Greetings, Peace, Potency: email Ross if you want to be added to the Assassins game, the game starts at midnight tonight on the watch of Ishtar on the Gates of the City where the Men of Hattusa tremble before me. Only objects that squirt, and pure Tigris water alone, may be used to squirt from guns or water bottles with squirter tops, not water bottles with open tops or pressured hoses for those are witchcraft most fell. Squirt not with witnesses, and by the veil of Marduk of whom I am arch-regent 12 inches of the cedar of Gilgamesh must intervene lest abomination be committed.

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