

# The Phargol-Horn

Volume 19

Dear Friend of the Obelisk,

I awoke from a particularly long and comfortable sleep to find a note from Grunch rudely pinned upon my rump requesting, no demanding! – I write something for this edition of the *Phargol-Horn*.

I suppose if you have got time on your paws to spare, it is an honor of sorts to be asked to perform this duty. But, if you only knew the inconvenience, the interruption, the downright irritation that this task has personally caused me, then you would understand my annoyance.

I am ab-so-lutely sick and (it goes without saying) tired of all the inconsiderate busyboilers in this place! You know the sort I mean: always dashing here and there, organizing and writing lists of things they really must do before they can think of going to sleep; up with the birds and asleep a long while after sunset; much too busy to stop and discuss the weather but, at the same time, always happy to waste half the morning talking about what it is they're so busy doing! I tell you, if there wasn't SOMETHING THAT JUST HAS TO BE DONE, then they would have to organize a meeting to discuss the reasons why!

So, when they come, all-a-rush, upon some dragon like myself, peacefully reclined in a meadow full of perfumed flowers and enjoying the play of warm sunshine upon my belly, they jump to the conclusion that I'm doing nothing worthwhile and feel duty bound to wake me up and subject me to their version of the "Krystonia would grind to a halt if we all did nothing but lay about in flower meadows" speech. Or else, they stick notices upon my exposed hide exhorting me to perform some really useful service that involves a vertical rather than horizontal attitude.

Well, if I cannot avoid having to put paw to parchment, I shall use this as an opportunity to promote my personal opinion in the hope that – even if you do not finally support my argument – you will, at least, be informed enough to let a sleeping dragon lie undisturbed should you come upon one...

Strip away everything else, and there are (as far as I'm concerned) only three fundamental states in life. The first is being awake. The second is eating. The third is sleeping.

A simple and uncomplicated philosophy, don't you agree?

If you accept this then, obviously, you only need to stay awake long enough to find food. Having found enough food then you are left with the all-important but often overlooked matter of sleeping. And it is here, at the final but most critical point, that the true value of maximum sleep-quality and sleep-length are all too frequently forgotten in the daily competition to be seen as busy, busier and busiest!

Do not be deceived by those frantically rushing around you! Of all our basic needs, sleep is the most important and, it follows finding the right place in which to conduct your sleeping, is the most important factor of all.

It is to this hitherto neglected subject – the choice of sleeping location – that I shall devote the remainder of this newsletter.

The nests of birds may appear inviting at first glance. They are invariably lined with soft down feathers and are usually placed well beyond the reach of all but the most determined of searches. But be warned. Very few are engineered to be of a size and strength capable of supporting any but the smallest and thinnest of dragons. Of the few I have found initially suitable, difficult climbs, overcrowding, persistent complaints from the rightful owners and excessive rocking back and forth in the wind, all tend to interfere with the pursuit of unbroken slumber. Birds nests are, therefore, generally to be avoided by the discerning dragon.

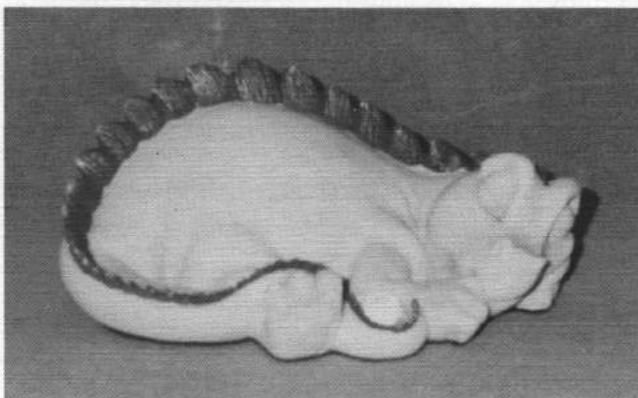
Drifts of fallen leaves are a readily available and practical alternative offering the combined benefits of insulation and camouflage. However, torrential rain and creeping insects can prove irritating. Leaves are best sought out only after a long period of settled weather and subjected to additional winnowing to dislodge undesirable bugs and suck-like before bedding down.

To the uninitiated, sleeping under water may seem a bizarre choice. Well, perhaps it is, but this only adds to the attraction as far as I'm concerned—who would ever think of looking for a sleeping dragon in such a place! Find a shallow pool that has been warmed to a pleasant temperature by the sun, plug the nostrils with clay, place a hollow reed stem in the mouth to serve as a breathing tube, and lie back. I once slept for so long in such a place that, by the time I awoke, the pool had all but dried up around me! As an added benefit, the cool mud is a wonderful hide conditioner. One word of warning, for obvious reasons this type of location should be avoided by restless sleepers who are prone to rolling over in their sleep.

And finally to warm cavern floors, the natural resting place for a dragon and without any of the problems associated with the other examples I have given. They are dry, warm, sheltered and safe. Which is why they're always full of other dragons who snore, fidget, have rumbling boilers, talk in their sleep, accidentally snort fire and, worst of all, wake up too darned early!

That's it! I've had enough! I'm off to find a bed of leaves for the rest of the day . . .

May all your sleeping be long and undisturbed.



*Grasszi*

## SECOND TIER OF RETIREMENTS

As we informed you in the last newsletter we will announce retirements in three segments. We hope you had success in getting the first group #1109–Dubious Alliance, #1102–Small Stoope, #1703–Small Rueggan, #3811–Azael and #3203–Small Tarnhold. If you didn't purchase these pieces for your collection, you can still contact your dealer while supplies last.

The second announcement of retirement is now, and we will announce the third grouping at the end of June.

Announcing the retirements of — (Drum Roll Please!) . . . . . Okay so you can't hear it!)

Our lovely troll couple #1041–Groc, and #1051–Grackene. I'm sure they will appear again some day, who knows when or how? Also, with developments as they are, in the forth book (which is due out in the summer), #2101–Large N'Chakk is departing us. At the current time N'Borg couldn't be happier. We would suggest you contact your local dealer for these while they are available. They may order them as long as supplies last. I must go for now because I'm starting to cloud up. Boo-Hoo! for Groc and Grackene, and just Boo! for N'Chakk.



#1051–Grackene the Troll's Wife

#1041 – Groc, the Troll



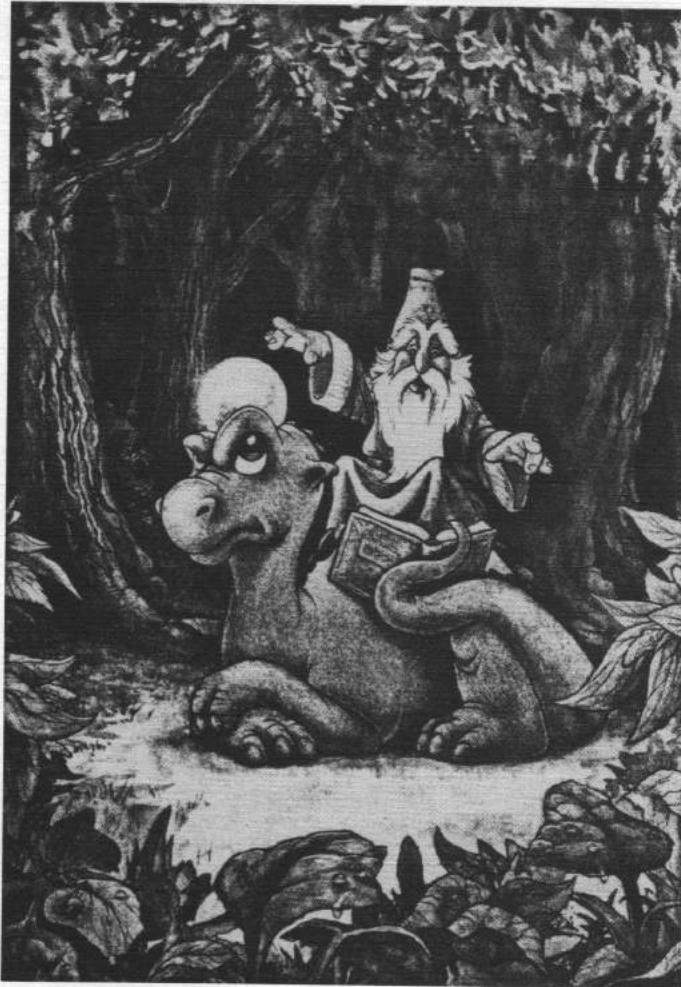
#2101–Large N'Chakk



## FIRST EVER LITHOGRAPHS

Krystonia has produced it's first series of lithographs. These are limited to 450 sets, and are signed and numbered. Not all dealers will have the litho's in stock, due to the small amount made. Pictured is Graffyn/Grunch, one of the four litho's offered in the set. The other three are: (2) Kephren, (3) Stoope, Tokkle, and Owhey, and (4) The Map of Krystonia.

Printed on acid-free paper these lithographs will enhance any Krystonia Collection.



## WATERBALL REMINDER !

Don't forget to get your receipts in for \$150 or more of Krystonia figurines purchased, to receive a Krystonia Waterball, for only \$12 each, to cover shipping and handling costs. All Krystonia purchases must be made between January 15th and June 15th to be eligible for this offer. You may purchase up to four waterballs, with \$150 in receipts for each waterball. The address that you mail your receipts to is: 110 E. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Hurry, while supplies still last!

## CLUB REVIEW

Just a reminder ... the 6th year club began February 1st, 1995. This year's free gift is called "Kappah Krystal," which is a wheelbarrow full of sand and crystal. The redemption piece is "Twingnuk," the mining troll.

The kits are shipping about 6 weeks after we receive your check, and the redemption is taking about 4 weeks after you turn in your card to your dealer. As we get more underway with the club year, kits and redemptions may take slightly longer to ship. However, if you don't receive your pieces within 8 weeks please contact us, to make sure we received your requests.

Welcome aboard for the next exciting Krystonia Club year.



#506 – Twingnuk  
6th Year  
Members Only Figurine

Kappah Krystal  
6th year FREE gift

## WELCOME CANADIAN KRYSTONIANS!

By now you have been contacted by our Canadian distributors explaining that we are consolidating the Canadian and U.S. Krystonia Collector's Club. We hope to service you as well, if not better than our previous Canadian counterparts. Please excuse us if we make any mistakes in the transition, but we're sure with your patience we will work any problems out. You will be working from February 1st to January 31st, as the official club year. As a matter of fact, the year has just started. All of your club mailings will be mailed from the Krystonia Collector's Club at: 110 E. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108. You can write to us or phone us with any concerns or comments at 313-677-3510. You also will want to mail any renewals to this address. We will mail your club kits from the U.S. club. You will still receive membership privileges for one year, from the date your renewals are received. You must understand one thing though, we have all these creatures running around the office here and the mischief they cause can be disruptive. We try to keep them from pulling off any of their shenanigans in the club but we don't always succeed. Now where did that troll go?

## IT'S CONTEST TIME AGAIN

Mark, our contest wizard from California, sent us a couple of new contests.

### DRAGON'S GIBBERISH

Unscramble the letters to find (9) Krystonia characters. Once you find the right answers for all nine characters, send them in on a post card to the **Krystonia's Collectors Club at 110 E. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108**. The winner will be drawn from the correct responses on June 15, 1995 to receive a signed Okinawathe.

1. M O A D W E	_____	○	_____	_____	_____	_____
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5. R H E K N P E	○	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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7. K G E E R A N C	○	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. D S A R H A	_____	_____	_____	_____	○	_____
9. K A H C N K	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	○

After you have unscrambled all of the words, write down the circled letters and unscramble them to find the Secret Word. Fill out the correct Krystonia word in the spaces provided.

(SECRET WORD) \_\_\_\_\_

### POOTER'S MAZE

Find (9) Krystonia characters. They can be found in a squiggly line, backwards, and forward. Once you have found all (9) characters, write your answers down and send it to: Krystonia Collector's Club, at the address above. The winner of the drawing will receive a signed Unhaapfy Ride.

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