

The Phargol Horn

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Greetings my fellow artistes! It gives me, Stoope the Stoopendous Grumblypeg, Artistic Director of Cairn Tor and V.I.D. - That's Very Important Dragon - great pleasure to present this sizzling, scorching, sensational edition of "THE PHARGOL-HORN!!" No boring spells or rhymes this time folks! No! Just a wealth of Entertainment with a capital 'E' from Krystonia's brightest (though sadly underestimated) star!

You'll notice that this is the first time that a Master Wizard has not been asked to set quill to parchment on your behalf but, as most discerning con...connis...followers of the footlights will tell you, I'm a Master Wizard of the stage instead of the spellbook, so I guess I must have been a natural choice.

Turfen, Doyen of The Council of Wizards, has asked me to make his letter as interesting and informative as possible. The cheek! How could he expect anything less from the most extraordinarily talented dragon ever to put on granite-dust makeup! Still, I suppose even Master Wizards are not above a little professional jealousy. It's something one has to learn to live with when one is permanently the centre of attraction.

So, with scarcely time to change costumes before the roar of the expectant crowd calls me forth from my luxurious dressing cavern, I shall do my best, as always, to amuse and entertain...

After the rip-roaring success of the Cairn Tor Gron-Hayha celebrations, (and those of you who've read Kephren's latest tales will already know how much Grunch owes to my expertise), I've been rushed off my paws trying to keep up with the demand for the artistes I so carefully trained and nurtured and set on the precarious 'path to superstardom'.

Dr. Pultzr the Amazing Memory-Dragon is fully booked for the next two seasons but, under my guidance, has still managed to learn the complete works of William Rattlesword by heart. Grunch and Rueggan are trying their best to convince him that he owes it to Krystonia to commit himself to a scientific career. They may as well save their breath: I know a stage-struck dragon when I see one!

Jumbly the Juggler can only be described as the biggest boxcavern smash since I made my debut, and has earned a place in **The Book of Really Ridiculous Records** as the only individual ever to keep a score of baby Bobbols off the ground all at the same time! He's still young, and I've already advised him to try the same with Trolles once he's grown a bit! Who knows, once he reaches full size he might even manage to juggle the entire Council of Wizards! Now **that** would be a show-stopper!



Even Screamin' Spyke and the Adolescents have built up a considerable following amongst the younger, more impressionable young dragons and Apprentices. Their music (Is it really music?) is getting louder as they become increasingly popular. If spyke dyes his mane bright green one day, half the dragonlets in Cairn Tor are sporting bright green manes the next, and many of the Apprentices have begun to say their practice spells in what's called 'Dragon-Rock' speak. As an example, I quote the lyrics of their hit song, 'Dragons Love Rock':

There's a brand new sound
It's shakin' the ground
From the deserts in the East
Near the Hagga-Beast
From the mountains of Kappah
To the Valley of Wendlock
It ain't no shock
That Dragons Love Rock!

It ain't no shock, Dragons Love Rock,
Everybody scream along with me
Listen up dudes (and dudettes too)
Rock is here to stay and there's
Nothing you can do!

(Loud lute and log drum solo)

Many of the Master Wizards are furious at being referred to as 'Dude', 'Man' and 'Daddio', and being told to 'Chill and be like sand!' It has to be seen to be believed! Showbiz can still surprise me. Better still, when Spyke and his band aren't performing for the benefit of the youngsters he's finding considerable employment as a bird-scarer in the settlements!

Of course, masterminding all this has meant that my own career has had to suffer. Despite numerous requests, nay, pleadings, I've had to turn away disappointed fans almost every day. It's only fair that I sit at the back of the cavern and give the youngsters a chance to show off what I've taught them. I admit, I did give in to the public demand for my return recently just to let them see what they were missing. I wish you could have seen the reception they gave me! It brought tears to my eyes. Because there were no flowers conveniently at hand, the audience threw whatever was closest. It was unfortunate that this was mostly rotten fruit and stones, but it would have been mean of me to complain. After all, it's the thought that counts!

I only wish that bad-tempered, grouch of a dragon, Grunch, could learn to appreciate me half as much. Again, I suspect that his nasty comments and meanness are due to him being consumed with jealousy over my popularity. I tell you, he's even trying to deprive me of an honest living. It is because of me that Gron-Hayha was such a triumph. It is because of me that dragon entertainers are now the most sought after in Krystonia and, because of me that the youngsters can look forward to a bright future. All this, and I was only asking a perfectly fair

thirty percent! Two or three store caverns full of charcoal cookies at most in return for my priceless knowledge and expertise. Any half-reasonable dragon would have thanked me and recognised the bargain they'd got. Not Grunch. He took all the profits made by performers and formed a new corporation, 'Dragon Entertainments, Inc.' which is directly controlled by young Shadra (and what do females know about business and entertainment, I ask you!) with Grunch acting as advisor. All Grunch payed me was a small bag of cookies - and then he had the nerve to tell me to be grateful that he was feeling generous! What a tight-paw!

I plan to have my revenge, you'll be glad to hear. I have sent out invitations to all my many admirers asking them to attend the Stoope the Stoopendous Benefit Show. Entrance is a very reasonable five high-grade charcoal cookies and all proceeds will go to yours truly. So far, advance bookings have been a little disappointing, but I realize this is because everyone is saving up all the cookies they can lay their hands on so they can bring their friends along to my show. Of course, if by any chance you have five charcoal cookies to spare...maybe even two...or even one...and you fancy an evening of real entertainment, forward your payment in a plain envelope to:

STOOPE THE WONDERFULLY STOOPENDOUS DRAGON WHO'S FAR MORE POPULAR THAN GRUNCH, CAIRN TOR, KRYSTONIA.

See you at my show!

Yours in Showbiz,



Stoope

Footnote by Grunch Grumblypeg, President, Dragon Transport

Dear PHARGOL-HORN reader,

Please note that the information contained herein is almost entirely inaccurate and misleading. Two points in particular require clarification:

1) Stoope is not a V.I.D., but a V.I.P. This as I'm sure you will realize, stands for Very Inflated Personality.

2) Those thinking of attending the Stoope the Stoopid Benefit Show will be pleased to know that I shall be performing the finale - frazzling the hide off the ungrateful worm!!

Membership for second year

All members whose memberships end 01/31/91 will be mailed a second year application form in January of 1991. The price of the second years membership will be \$20.00. There was quite an argument from Grunch to raise the fees. Grunch, being in his usual frame of mind wanted a 100% increase. His main argument being that to have to make and deliver all these newsletters is very tiring and heavy work. The dragon transport would refuse to fly them from Krystonia without an increase. Graffyn thought for a minute and then came up with the solution.

"Grunch," he said, "I have an idea to lighten your load. 1/3 of the journey we will have shipped by Tulan's raphan, 1/3 will be shipped by Maj-Dron & Mahouda beasts. Then all you will have to do is take them to their final destination, and we will still pay you 1/3 of the rate. That way they do most of the work and yet you get 1/3 of your old rate."

"Deal!", replied the lazy Grunch.

So the fee stays the same at twenty dollars until Grunch discovers Graffyn has tricked him again.



Grunch #602

Graffyn #601

West Coast Collectors Show - Long Beach, CA

We have just received information on the Long Beach Collector's Show. It will be held on April 25, 26, 27 and 28th. The 25th and 26th will be for retail stores only but the 27th and 28th are open to the public. Many of you attended the shows in South Bend and White Plains this year and we enjoyed getting to chat and see pictures of some great home displays. These showings are not to sell product but are a great way to see some of the finest collectibles on the market. Seminars on Krystonia will be held during both days. Characters will be in full costume and Krystonia designers Pat Chandok and David Woodard will be in attendance. Also, one of our leading British painters will be there. For more information please write McRand International Ltd., One Westminster Place, Lake Forest, IL 60045 or call 708-295-4444.

From the Factory

All Krystonians look forward to the day they will be made into a figurine. To do this, a skilled model maker spends many long hours to make sure the figurine truly captures the personality of the subject. On one occasion, we hired Mad Murlock the Model Maker. Murlock was known to have great ability but to be a little off kilter. Myzer was probably not the best choice for Murlock's first figurine. When Murlock entered the room, Myzer was seated waiting for him. Murlock looked him over for a moment. "Stand up!" he ordered. Myzer complied grudgingly. "Alright, give me your *best* smile. And stand on one leg. Close one eye..." With each command Myzer looked more and more ridiculous. Finally, Myzer collapsed in a heap on the floor. "Oh, this isn't working," sighed Murlock. "I know, get rid of that silly krystal." The greed in Myzer's eyes flashed. "You just want my krystal for yourself!" With that, Myzer stomped out of the room. Murlock started after him but Myzer had already run out of the studio. Murlock turned to return inside when he noticed that in his haste to leave, Myzer had dropped his krystal on the ground near the door. Myzer must have also noticed this, because he turned and started running back to the studio. Murlock suddenly had an idea. He took the krystal and ran back inside, bolting the door. It was not long before he heard a frantic pounding. "Please! Let me in! I need my krystal!" Murlock smiled to himself and slowly opened the door. He handed the krystal to Myzer who quickly snatched it from his hands. The greed in Myzer's eyes glowed as he stroked his krystal. Before Murlock could stop him, Myzer ran out the door again, laughing with glee. Murlock grinned and began to sculpt the figurine — Myzer had unwittingly shown him his true personality, and in doing so, had made the perfect pose himself.



Myzer #1201



✓ Flayla, #1105

We have received many letters from collectors requesting a complete list of all Krystonia figurines available. Well, here is a list you can use to check off what figurines you have, and need to get!

* 1011 __ Graffyn on Grunch	5 1/2"	1602 __ Turfen, the Wizard	4"	✓ 1107 __ Caught at last!	10"
✓ * 1012 __ Graffyn on Grunch	4"	✓# 1701 __ Rueggan, Wizard	6 1/2"	@% 3001 __ Krak N'Borg - Lg	11"
✓* 1021 __ Moplos	9"	* 1702 __ Rueggan, Wizard	5"	@ 3002 __ Krak N'Borg - Md	9"
* 1022 __ Moplos	6"	1703 __ Rueggan, Wizard	3 1/2"	✓@ 3003 __ Krak N'Borg - Sm	6 1/2"
✓# 1031 __ Mos	5"	✓ 1801 __ Shigger	3"	@ 3201 __ Tarnhold - Lg	11"
✓ 1041 __ Groc, the Trolle	4 1/2"	✓# 1901 __ Haapf, Wizard	4"	✓@ 3202 __ Tarnhold - Md	6 1/2"
1051 __ Grackene	4"	✓# 2101 __ N'Chakk, Evil Wizard	10"	✓ 3203 __ Tarnhold - Sm	4 1/2"
✓# 1061 __ Spyke, Dragon	5 1/2"	* 2102 __ N'Chakk, Evil Wizard	6"	8001 __ Poffles/Plaque	5"
✓*% 1071 __ Owhey, Baby Dragon	4"	✓# 2201 __ N'Grall, Dragon (2201)	10"	8002 __ Triumph/Plaque	5"
* 1081 __ Grumblypeg Grunch	5"	* 2202 __ N'Grall, Dragon	7"	8004 __ Owhey/Plaque	5"
* 1083 __ Grunch's Toothache	4 1/2"	2203 __ N'Grall, Dragon	4"	8006 __ Graf&Grunch Plaque	5"
* 1092 __ N'Borg, Evil Lord	10"	✓ 2301 __ Grazzi, Dragon	5"	9001 __ Poffles Snowball	6"
✓# 1091 __ N'Borg, Evil Lord	6"	✓ 2401 __ Tokkel, Baby Dragon	3 1/2"	9002 __ Triumph Snowball	6"
* 1094 __ N'Borg, on Throne	4"	* 2501 __ Tulan, Captain	6 1/2"	9003 __ Stoope Snowball	6"
* 1103 __ Stoope, Dragon	10" Ret.	✓ 2502 __ Tulan, Captain	4 1/2"	9004 __ Owhey Snowball	6"
✓*% 1101 __ Stoope, Dragon	5 1/2"	* 2601 __ N'Tormet, Cmdr.	6 1/2"	9005 __ Shepf Snowball	6"
1102 __ Stoope, Dragon	4"	* 2602 __ N'Tormet, Cmdr.	4 1/2"	9006 __ Graffyn/Grunch Snowball	6"
* 1151 __ Shepf, Wind Wizard	6"	✓# 2702 __ Kephren, Recorder	5"	9007 __ Haapf	6"
✓*% 1152 __ Shepf, Wind Wizard	4"	✓ 2801 __ Gorph, in Bucket	3 1/2"	9008 __ Krak N'Borg	6"
✓ 1201 __ Myzer	6"	2802 __ Gorphylia	4"	@ 600 __ Lands of Krystonia	12"
1202 __ Myzer	4"	✓ 2901 __ Koozl, Baby Dragon	3 1/2"	601 __ Graffyn Mini	1 1/2"
✓*% 1301 __ Wodema	7"	* 3101 __ Vena, Hydroglyph	4 1/2"	602 __ Grunch Mini	1 1/2"
* 1302 __ Wodema	5"	✓ 3301 __ Gateway/Krystonia	5"	✓ 603 __ Moplos Mini	1 1/2"
1303 __ Wodema	3"	✓ 3401 __ Shadra, Baby Dragon	4"	604 __ Mos Mini	1 1/2"
✓ 1401 __ Poffles	2 1/2"	✓ 3411 __ Jumbly, the Juggler	2 1/2"	✓ 605 __ Poffles/sled Mini	1 1/2"
✓ 1402 __ Babul	2"	✓ 2000 __ Chronicles/Krystonia		606 __ Triumph Mini	1 1/2"
✓ 1501 __ Triumph	3 1/2"	✓ 2001 __ Krystonian Adv.		607 __ N'Chakk Mini	1 1/2"
✓ 1601 __ Turfen, the Wizard	5 1/2"	✓ 1105 __ Flayla with Jumbly	6"	608 __ Koozl w/Bear Mini	

* - Limited/15,000 pcs. ! - Limited/7,500 pcs. @ - Limited/4,500 pcs.
 # - Retired, July 1989 % - Retired, July 1990

Twilight ✓
 Paltzer ✓