

# The Phargol Horn

Volume 10

To friends of Krystonia both old and new, I, Flayla, send greetings on behalf of all who embrace The Great Design.

Those of you familiar with the *Phargol-Horn* will know what to expect; but for the benefit of anyone who has recently joined our special family, this edition, like those before, will concern itself with offering useful hints and advice upon a subject close to the writer's own heart. In my case, as chair-dragon of the Mothers Infants and Newborn Dragons group (M.I.N.D.), and full-time dragonlet-minder, I shall concentrate upon aspects of practical parenting.

Without doubt, the most common enquiry I receive is from distraught female career-dragons who want to continue going out to work after their dragonlets hatch, yet feel, in some way, they are depriving their offspring of motherly love if they do so.

Firstly, let me say that there really is no substitute for a mother's love. However, the solution is one of quality rather than quantity. Anyone with more than a pinch of common sense would prefer a small but perfectly baked cake to a much bigger but badly baked one. So it is with youngsters. Even though you may spend less time than you would like in your own cavern, make sure whatever time you do have together is full of interest, of tranquility and love. Sweeping the cavern floor can wait until after you've given junior a cuddle. And get father involved. If he's too hungry to wait for his meal then he's got two choices: either he learns to cook, or forgets his paperwork and plays Snords and Dragons (and make certain he's the Snord!) and leaves you free to prepare dinner. No matter how hard a day you've had, not a cross word should be spoken until after the babes are asleep—by which time you'll probably be too tired to argue anyway.

Added to this, there are certain advantages. It is inevitable that a dragon-couple will, at some time, wish to go out together of an evening (perhaps to hold paws, watch the sunset and share a charcoal cookie) and will seek to enlist the services of a dragonlet-sitter. A dragonlet



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who is already used to mother going off (and who knows that she'll be coming back) is far less likely to have to be prized off her tail, kicking and screaming, the moment she takes a step beyond the cavern entrance. Good dragonlet-sitters are in great demand and, you can be sure, they will be 'permanently booked' if your pride and joy gains a reputation for being uncommonly difficult. Oh, yes, and if you do hire a dragonlet-sitter, make sure they're registered with M.I.N.D. or, as Grunch prefers to call our group, Mothers And Dragonlets, Newborns, Eggs, and Storytelling Society (M.A.D.N.E.S.S.).

Apart from concerned career-dragons, I am often asked for advice by Dragon-in-Laws who have been called upon to relieve an expectant mother from the tedium of egg-tending and, after agreeing, are terrified they might do something wrong.

Rest assured, there really is nothing simpler. As you may know, dragon eggs are incubated upon the hot volcanic slopes surrounding our ancestral home of Cairn-Tor and, with one or two exceptions, it's a case of sitting back and letting nature take its course. Either rake a good depth of hot ash over the eggs, or turn them regularly in order that they become uniformly warmed. Under no circumstances should you engage in arguments, cursing, or any other verbal outbursts which might be 'heard' by the eggs and affect the personalities of the resulting brood once out-of-egg. One only has to think of N'Grall to understand the implications of 'negative sound' upon dragon eggs at this critical phase. If you do get annoyed with your partner, and it really can't wait until you get home, I strongly suggest you resort to sign language!

Mothers who believe their dragonlet is late in producing first-flame is another of the more common day-to-day enquiries I have to deal with. My advice here is to be patient. If you listen to any proud mother, their dragonlet made first-flame, first-word, first-flight long before yours had begun to shake the wet eggshell from behind its ears! Ignore this. Your dragonlet will do all of these things when — AND NOT BEFORE — it is ready. I know of more than one unfortunate dragonlet pressed into making flame too early who suffered blowback, damage to their boiler, and had to undergo a long period of remedial therapy as a result of over-anxious parents. Those of you familiar with circumstances leading to Owhey's first-flight will already know that self-confidence is the key to success.

Finally, I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of good storytelling. One carefully chosen story told at bedtime can achieve more than a hundred chastisements.

A story well told lasts a lifetime!

Yours in celebration of small paws,

Flayla.



## FALL 1992 INTRODUCTIONS

Azael has finally arrived. One of the most requested of Krystonia's wizards, he will be available in stores this fall. You will notice a distinct difference in Azael and his wizard partners. Azael has been sculpted in his early years before he grew one of the longest beards in all of Krystonia. As you may remember Azael was sought out by Shoof and Gilbran to stop a terrible storm that was wreaking havoc on Krystonia. Two poses are available. One sculpture shows "Azael" consulting his spell diary, which was always at his side. He kept meticulous notes in it. After casting the spell to end the fierce storm, the wizards deemed him the "Stormslayer," which is his second pose. Both of these styles are limited to 15,000 pieces worldwide.

The Cudha tree is also a fall introduction. This mystery tree was a source of krystals to the wizards, but they had no idea how the krystals appear there. Book three will reveal the secret to this puzzling Krystonian riddle and how the krystals got there.



AZAEL



STORMSLAYER



CUDHA

### *From The Factory . . .*

I love all the beautiful things that nature provides us. The flowers, the trees, the blooming, the pruning, the watering, I love it all! My name is Pansy and I'm the groundskeeper at the factory. I've been a groundskeeper for 700 years, but nobody knows it. As a matter of fact, no one knows I exist. Everyday I pass over and inspect every piece of vegetation, around the factory. Maybe one day I'll move on, but when you've had a spirited job like mine for 700 years, you don't just disappear.



## QUESTION? ANSWER! QUESTION? ANSWER!

This time we are going to devote the column to your inquiries about the differences between the first production figurines and the current. Regarding questions such as color, size, crystals, etc. . . . We will be assisted by Myzer.

**Question:** I have a #1011, Graffyn on Grunch, that has Graffyn wearing a green robe. When was this made?

**Answer:** In 1987 the first production runs of #1011 were painted green. We haven't seen a lot of these since then, and we were extremely surprised to meet two collectors in Kansas City who had them in their collection.

**Question:** What's with Grackene's legs — sometimes she has them — sometimes she doesn't?

**Answer:** Grackene is made both ways; you can purchase her with legs or without. The factory had a terrible time getting her legs to come out of the mold without them breaking so sometimes they lower her skirt to cover those beautiful limbs.

**Question:** Didn't #1301 medium Wodema, #1302 large Wodema, and #1703 small Rueggan have two crystals when they were first introduced?

**Answer:** Yes. All three pieces had two crystals when they were first made. Wodema traded one crystal for a beautiful large apple, which we think she ate. Rueggan donated his crystal to the wizards and has found an interesting book about ancient machines.

**Question:** Where can I find retired or re-designed figurines?

**Answer:** There are several different ways to go about this. Secondary market exchanges such as Opa's House in New Braufels, Texas or Calabash Nautical in Calabash, North Carolina (who just sold a 1042 small Groc for \$4,600) is one way. Another way is to find a collector who purchased more than one of the character and is willing to part with one. A third, is to check all the dealers in your area, and when you travel. You'd be surprised what turns up in a store's backroom after being misplaced.

**Question for Myzer:** Are you as greedy as everyone says?

**Answer:** "Of course not! Who says I'm greedy? Would I have bought a new cloak if I was cheap? If you remember I first wore my blue cloak and now I have a new brown one. The rumor that I have two because I needed the other one cleaned is ridiculous. Leave me alone, I have to go check my crystals! I think one is missing. One million one . . . One million two . . . One million three . . .



MYZER



## COLLECTOR'S CORNER:

We are thrilled with the wide range of collectors who have chosen Krystonia to be a part of their lives. In our last newsletter we asked for young collectors to send in pictures of themselves along with their collection.

Here is one of the many letters we received. This is what a seventeen-year-old from Seattle, Washington had to say about her Krystonia Collection:

*Dear Krystonia Collectors Club:*

*I was so excited when I received the recent newsletter and saw that you wanted to hear from young collectors. I am seventeen years old and have been collecting Krystonia figurines for three years. I have over twenty figures and each one brings me much joy.*

*My collection started with Triumph. I was feeling really down one day and my mom got him to cheer me up. Needless to say it worked, and as a result of that day, I began my collection. Now I purchase and receive Krystonia figurines for special and happy events in my life. Each of my Krystonians has a meaningful story behind it.*

*Thank you all so much for the wonderful creation of the delightful characters of Krystonia. I look forward to the next figurine I get.*

*Sincerely,*

*Katie Tredway*

*Krystonia Collector*



We want to thank the many young collectors of whom we received responses from. We enjoyed the pictures of each individual collection along with the experiences those collectors shared with us, relating what their own personal collection meant to them. Collectors of all ages are invited to send us a black and white photo and their feelings about their Krystonia collection. Photo's will be selected at random to be included in the *Phargol Horn*.

Happy Collecting!!!

## COLLECTOR'S CLUB INFORMATION:

The Krystonia Collectors Club continues to grow and grow. By now most of you already have this year's members-only gift, the lantern, in your possession. Some of you also have the third-year-members only piece, Vaaston, included in your collection. The rest of you have until June 1, 1993 to take your redemption certificate for Vaaston to your local dealer to place your order. The third year will officially end January 1, 1993. We know that you're going to love next year's gift and we also just learned from Kephren, that he has been able to decipher the first part of the message that Vaaston found. This is what he has been able to decode:

*It is urgent you come! Things are hot now. If you wait it will not be good, please. . .*

We can't wait to find out what the rest of the message says. We hope Kephren will be able to decipher the rest by the next newsletter!



VASSTON



## Buy, Sell, Trade

This is the third listing of this column and we hope this is helping some collectors in finding those loved characters you need to fill in your collection. The Krystonia Collectors Club plays no part in the transaction, except to list requests of club members. Please exercise proper safeguards to make sure all parties are happy, and good luck!

### BUY:

#### 501 - PLUTZR & KEY

James Belt  
6204 42nd Ave.  
Hyattsville, MD 20781  
301-699-8867

#### 1901 - HAAPH, 1152 - SHEPF

Duane Sparks  
914 S. Main St..  
Crown Point, IN 46307

#### 1091 - N'BORG, 1101-STOOPE 1701 - RUEGGAN, 1012 - GRAFFYN ON GRUNCH, 1152 - SHEPF

Matthew Reinemeyer  
1206 Ricker Street  
Delphos, OH 45833  
419-695-3451

#### 501 - PULTZR

Lisa Warren  
139 Cold Indian Springs Rd.  
Wayside, NJ 07712  
908-922-3566

#### 1301 - LG. WODEMA, 2 CRYSTALS 1302 - MD. WODEMA, 2 CRYSTALS

Kelly Meyer  
708-547-6100  
708-598-0324

#### 1071 - OWHEY

Brenda Gibney  
8214 Glenwood Rd.  
Brooklyn, NY 11236

#### 501 - PULTZR

Kathleen Proctor  
40 Broadway, Apt A4  
Amityville, NY 11701  
516-598-1319

#### 1302 - WODEMA, 2 CRYSTALS 1302 - WODEMA PURPLE COAT 1301 - WODEMA, 2 CRYSTALS 1703 - RUEGGAN, 2 CRYSTALS 501 - PULTZR, 1042 - GROC

Tom Diehl  
P.O. Box 411  
Batauia, IL 60510

### SELL

#### 502 - DRAGON'S PLAY

Elizabeth Doney  
2475 Twin Lakes Dr.  
Uniontown, OH 44685  
216-699-6124 (after 5 pm)

#### 1101 - STOOPE, 1071 - OWHEY, 1152 - SHEPF, 1201 - MYZER, 1301 - WODEMA

Charles Koch Jr.  
505 Weldman  
Sinking Springs, PA 19608

#### 1071 - OWHEY

James Belt  
6204 42nd Ave.  
Hyattsville, MD 20781  
310-699-8867



OWHEY