

# The Phargol-Horn

Volume 11

Greetings to all friends of the Obelisk and welcome to another edition of The Phargol-Horn, brought to you by Hottlepottle Pepperbottle — known fondly by all culinary connoisseurs as Hotpot.

Early this morning, while those lazy apprentices were still snoring, Turfen appeared in my kitchen and asked if I would care to write a few words for our friends. Of course, I obliged, even though it meant breakfast preparations had to be entrusted to the incompetent Zygmond. I find it incredible that, after all the years of training, the endless hours of patient advice and instruction lavished upon him, the boy still cannot heat a pan of Mahouda milk without burning it! He moans that I spend too long insisting that he polish pans rather than cook but, as I have frequently pointed out, if he didn't show such a talent for blackening them, perhaps he'd have more time for cooking.

There are those who mistake my occasional, and perfectly understandable outbursts of frustration for a short temper. Fiddlesticks and spicejars! Zygmond is enough to try the patience of a comatose Om-ba-Don, let alone a gastronomic miracle worker such as I! Yet people insist on jumping to conclusions. Just because I am seen chasing him around the kitchen I am accused of brutality when I should be congratulated upon the ingenuity of my training methods. What they are witnessing — if only they had sense enough to realize it — is my dedication to ensuring Zygmond's peak physical condition is maintained at all times. Any master chef worth his chopping board knows how important agility and keen reflexes are in a busy kitchen. The sharp knife is but an innocent device whose sole purpose is to give the exercise routine some sense of reality for Zygmond's benefit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to completely refute Haapf's accusation that I deliberately hit him with a soup ladle. As you can imagine, I thought putting expanding dust in my pudding mix when I was trying to prepare the evening meal for three hundred spellmakers was a *SIMPLY WONDERFUL* joke. It was because I was laughing so much that I slipped, lost balance and accidentally connected the soup ladle with the top of his head.

Turfen did mention that I might give you the benefit of my vast experience and offer a few cookery tips to help give your meals that little extra piquancy. I did wonder if I should write down a recipe or two but then remembered Kephren telling me you might have some difficulty obtaining supplies of orchid spice and sun-cured Marle flipskipper. Fortunately, I believe there are some golden rules which apply to almost any dish.



HOTPOT



Firstly, ensure all ingredients are fresh. It may sound obvious, but I've lost count of the times devious Trolle smallholders have attempted to bring sub-standard supplies into my kitchen. Once they dipped everything in the river and told me it was dew. The fact that it was mid-afternoon on a blazing hot day would have been evidence enough of their deceit but, more ludicrous still, they were delivering four trays of Trolle-wife dessert sponges! I didn't bother giving them a piece of my mind . . . Krystonia knows no fury to compare with an angry Trolle-wife.

Secondly, never overcook vegetables. There is nothing which looks or tastes less appetizing than a vegetable which has been boiled for longer than it took to grow. I have often thought that Zygmund's whole life must be dedicated to the complete removal of any flavour (apart from water) from any vegetable he encounters. Those unfortunate enough to have sat down to a plate of new season's vegetables cooked by Zygmund can tell them apart only by their last remaining traces of colour!

Finally, never be mean with the spices, they can turn an otherwise ordinary meal into an unforgettable experience! Why, only yesterday I added six times the recommended level of 'Gumflame Granules' to the mid-day casserole and transformed it from a nutritious but bland dish into stew with enough flavor to burn holes in your stockings! (This is a proven fact, I know because I accidentally splashed some on mine.) It's the first time I've witnessed three hundred diners weeping with appreciation. Haapf told me that Gwillum, who eats so quickly that nothing ever stays in his mouth long enough to be tasted, consumed three helpings before being taken off by Wodema to burn weeds out of her herb garden. Why he seemed to think I should regard this observation as either significant or amusing, I have no idea. His mind really does work in the most peculiar manner . . .

I conclude with a word concerning competitors. Spyke who, for reasons which escape me, appears to have some influence amongst the younger and more impressionable members of our society, has brought around a ramshackle cart from which he serves food (and never has the term food been used more loosely) which would make a Snord wrinkle up its snout. 'Sizzlin' Spyke's', as he calls it, provides disgusting lumps of uncertain origin and ingredients thrown between two slices of soggy lava bunbread. He has convinced many of the apprentices that 'Double Dragon Delights' (with or without 'Sizzlin' Spyke's' Super Secret Sauce) are 'the fast and last word in food for the socially skillful student of spellworking.' If his cooking compares to his singing I expect a severe idiotic idea which could never catch on and certainly no threat to real cooking. Besides, I have taken steps to bring his business to a speedy close by spreading a rumour that he also serves 'Grumpy Grunch Crunch' in honour of Cairn-Tor's President. If this fails I shall simply have to invent a new recipe . . . Tail of Dragon Soup sounds interesting, don't you think?

May all your pie crusts be perfect,  
Hotpot

## LONG BEACH COLLECTION EXPO:

Once again Krystonia will be a participant in the Consumer Collectible Show in Long Beach, California, on March 13th and 14th. We can't wait to see all our loyal collectors again. Creators David Lee Woodard and Pat Chandok will be on hand along with a Krystonia Master painter direct from Stoke on Trent, England. Dave and Pat will be glad to answer all of your questions about the World of Krystonia, and bring your camera to take your picture with a costumed Krystonian. Even though there are no retail sales allowed it is a great way to spend an afternoon. Announcement of the 1993 retired Krystonia figures will be made and the 1993 new introductions will be on display. March 11th and 12th the show will be open to retail dealers only. For show information call McRand International at 1-708-295-4444.

*See you there!*



## CLUB NEWS

Year number three is beginning to wind down at the Krystonia Collectors Club. February 1st will kick off the fourth year, and we can't wait to get started. Anyone not in the third year should join immediately to receive their lantern and redemption certificate for Vaaston. Kephren's Lantern and Vaaston are already lighting up many of your homes. I've been informed that delivery for the lantern is taking approximately 4-6 weeks, sometimes quicker, and sometimes a little longer. We have just finished the fourth year gift, and it came out great. Remember — you have to redeem your Vaaston certificate before June 1st, 1993, and Dragon's Play certificates are no longer redeemable.

The first year we gave you the "Key," to unlock your imagination, and enter The World of Krystonia. Next came "Kephren's Chest," which stores many of the secrets of Krystonia, followed by Vaaston searching for a secret message, using the third year gift "Kephren's Lantern." It looks like Vaaston has also found something very interesting in the brush, considering how his complexion has turned. What could this be? Could it be the fourth year gift?

Another mystery! The urgent message Vaaston found with the lantern has finally been decoded and it reads:

*"It is urgent you come! Things are hot now. If you wait it will not be good, please have Wodema bring some fresh herbs. If you let the meal get cold, you wizards will have lost an opportunity to enjoy another one of my fabulous creations at its best."*

Hotpot

We should have known!

## From The Factory . . .

Accumulation seems to be a strong point here. Everywhere I look there is more and more and more space taken up by boxes of materials. I decided it would be best to rent an area to store all this excess. In this busy time of the year I thought it best to disrupt our workers as little as possible, so I decided to hire someone to handle the moving job. I called Moplos Moving and Storage. They came very promptly. When they arrived I looked all around but I didn't see any vehicle to move with, all I saw was Moplos, Mos, and one helper. "Where is your crew?" I asked. "Don't need one," replied Moplos. And with that, he instructed his helper to stand by Mos, who was approximately 200 feet away. I stood by watching, very annoyed. Moplos then picked up a very large, heavy box and threw it to his helper 200 feet away, his helper then caught it, and sat the box on top of Mos's back. With great ease Moplos continued to throw the boxes to his helper for sometime, until there was only one box sitting on the floor. I thought to myself . . . why did I ever pay movers to do this when I could have handled this myself . . . ? I pushed Moplos aside, and confidently barged in, "I'll get the last one." I bent down and gave a tug, nothing moved. I couldn't budge the box, and also realized I couldn't straighten my back either. "Excuse me," said Moplos, as he tossed the box to his helper with one hand, who then loaded it onto Mos.

As they walked away from my hunched body, I realized an important lesson, that you should never be so vain as to take someone else's accomplishments for granted for you may be the one who ends up losing.



MOPLOS

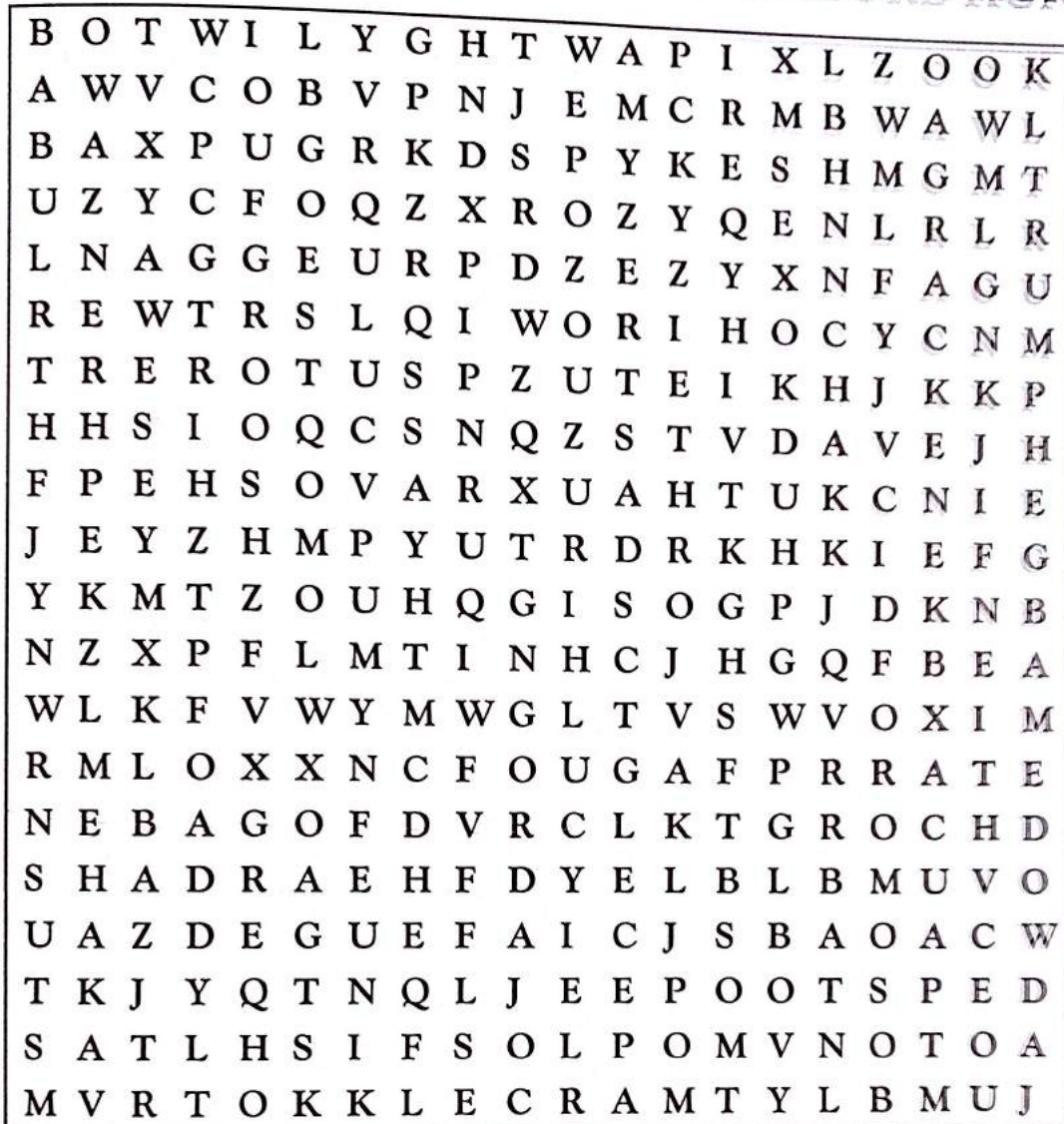


## A FEW COMMENTS FROM SOME OF YOU! — OUR KRYSTONIA CLUB MEMBERS —

- "Your figurines are not only beautiful, but fun for the imagination!"*  
— Casey Currey (3329), Spartanburg, SC
- "Those are some of the cutest I've ever seen!"*  
— Rhoda Smith (12180), Franklin, NC
- "The Phargol-Horn is our favorite mail!"*  
— Brian and Susan Kaeser (9608), Juneau, AK
- "Keep up the great work!"*  
— Adam Skapikas (9403), Sinking Spring, PA
- "I love the workmanship of my baby Tokkle!"*  
— Misty Warren (12136), Live Oak, FL
- "All of your pieces are wonderful — keep making the magic!"*  
— Michael McClain (12139), Hender, NV
- "I love the animated facial expressions on all of the pieces!"*  
— Elain Plott (9567), Canton, OH
- "It's great getting lost in another world; considering the kind of world we live in now!"*  
— Sherry Holt (2569), Lake City, FL
- "I'm Hooked!"*  
— Donald Coyne (9722), Eastlake, OH
- "I have looked for something to collect for a long time and I could never find anything I liked as much as these!"*  
— Kasey Green (12093), Ventura, CA
- "I like the miniature world!"*  
— Dan Mouradian (12086), Plantation, FL
- "Finally something came out which I would like to collect!"*  
— Joe Mitchell (12094), Brooklyn, OH
- "I enjoy reading the tales to my kids!"*  
— Maggie Vayuez (12099), Miami, FL
- "They're really neat and exciting!"*  
— Curtis Perez (12191), Wichita, KS
- "I like the cute expressions and the beautiful workmanship!"*  
— Jacqueline Salisbury (12509), Venice, CA
- "Thanks for the adventures, laughs, and dreams. The figurines are a dream for me, but it's nice to be able to picture each character as I follow the adventures!"*  
— Mary Albertson (12170), Port Richey, WA
- "Krystonia pieces are unique and special! I love them all!"*  
— Amber Pompelil (1237), Youngstown, OH
- "These figurines are the most delightful pieces — they make you feel good!"*  
— Ester Birmingham (12200), Angel, AK



# KRYSTONIA WORD SEARCH TREASURE HUNT



In Krystonia we are always looking for something, be it Krystals or Snords. Now let's see how good you are. Thirty figurines are hidden in the word search above. How many of them can you find? Once you have finished the search, put all of the names you found on a postcard with your name, address, and phone number, and mail it to: Krystonia Collectors Club, 110 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Canadian Collectors should send their postcards to: Krystonia Collectors Club, 1250 Tewillegar Ave., Ashawa, Canada L1J 7A5. The postcards we receive containing all thirty figurines correctly, will be dropped into Wodema's Pot and one lucky winner will be drawn, to receive a Krystonia figurine.

No magic krystals are allowed to be used and all wizards, trolls, dragons, and their Krystonian inhabitants may not enter the contest. All entries must be received by March 31, 1993. You must be a Krystonia Club member, and you're only allowed one entry per club member.

Good Luck, and Happy Hunting!!



Shadra and Gateway to Krystonia



## BUY, SELL, TRADE

We have received the following requests from our Collectors Club members. The Krystonia Collectors Club will play no part except as a listing agent. Good luck in your dealings and we advise you to exercise proper safeguards to make sure all parties are happy. We will only list members that request to be listed.

### BUY:

#### #1091, N'BORG

Barry D. Kruemmel  
12131 Gray Star Way  
Columbia, MD 21044  
Tel: 301-596-4517

#### #1071, OWHEY

#### #1091, N'BORG

#### #1152, SHEPF

#### #1101, STOOPE

#### #1302, WODEMA w/2 crystals

#### #1901, HAAPF

Traci Drumm  
P.O. Box 6426  
Burbank, CA 91510-6426  
Tel: 818-846-6242

#### #1021, MOPLOS

#### #1011, GRAFFYN/GRUNCH

#### #1301, WODEMA w/2 crystals

#### #1302, WODEMA w/2 crystals

Coleen Guyer  
2401 Linda Rd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Tel: 219-477-4670

#### #501, PULTZR

Beth Hopkins  
18108 Central Ave.  
Mitchellville, MD 20716  
Tel: 301-249-9307

#### #501, PULTZR

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

#### #2201, N'GRALL

Dari Russell  
P.O. Box 9  
Moody, AL 35004  
Tel: 205-995-9983

### SELL:

#### #1091, N'BORG

#### #1012, GRAFFYN/GRUNCH

#### #1701, RUEGGAN

Kelly Meyer  
Bridgeview, IL  
Tel: 708-547-6100 (day)  
708-598-0324 (night)

#### #1152, SHEPF

#### #1301, WODEMA

#### #1701, RUEGGAN

#### #1071, OWHEY

#### #1901, HAAPF

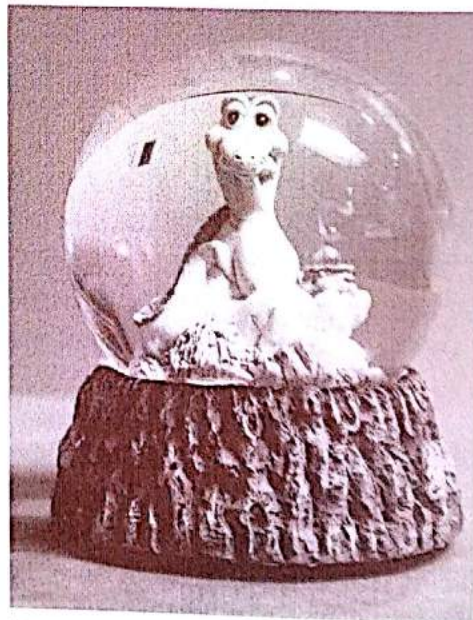
Coleen Guyer  
2401 Linda Rd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Tel: 219-477-4670

#### #1091 N'BORG

Steve Elliott  
17C Blackhall St.  
New London, CT 06320  
Tel: 203-442-2092

#### #1042, SMALL GROG

Lisa Obertin  
11900 45th Ave.  
Kenosha, WI 53142  
Tel: 414-857-9448  
(Please, only serious inquiries)



#9003 STOOPE WATERBALL

*From All Of Us At The World Of Krystonia:*

*Our sincerest wishes that you and your loved ones enjoy a happy, healthy, and prosperous holiday season!!!!*