

# The Phargol-Horn

Volume 20

Greetings fellow Krystonians, and my humble welcomes to this edition of the Phargol-Horn. My name is Grickle, troll-wife of no great personal claim to fame beyond that of being mother to those two infamous twin-trolles, Tig and Tag.

When Turfen first approached me and asked if I would consider writing to all our friends beyond, I was thrilled but apprehensive. What could I, a simple troll-wife, write about which might be of interest to such knowledgeable readers? Then, when I considered the merry dance I have been led by my two sons, I realized that my problem would be one of what to miss out rather than what to include.

So, for those of you considering parenting twins, I have written about my own experiences in the hope that you might either learn from them or, at least, sympathize with any parents you know who are trying to cope with "double trouble."

Close friends often ask me why I came to be mother to twins in the first place – it being a rather unusual pudding basin for a troll-wife to find herself in.

Well, let me explain.

A troll-wife who wishes for anything really special and close to her heart cooks a very special sponge cake – called a "Bless Me Cake" – using secret ingredients which are extremely short in supply and which she receives (as part of her dowry) only when she selects a husband. When the cake is baked, it is placed upon the windowsill of her kitchen and the troll-wife has to wish hard (very hard) and wait patiently to be rewarded for her efforts.

The reward can take many forms. Sometimes she will be rewarded with nothing more than a new rolling pin. Sometimes every plant in her vegetable plot will grow to thrice its expected size. I have heard of one troll-wife who awoke to find her home decorated and hung with new curtains throughout, and yet another who discovered her husband had been suddenly seized with a severe case of Ragloss Fever and was never seen or heard of again. (All, I must add, were satisfied with the outcome of their efforts!)

The most common wish, however, has to be, that the baking of a "Bless Me Cake" will result in the arrival of a healthy infant trolle.

I wished, long and hard for the latter. I doubled the recommended amount of each secret ingredient. To cap it all, I added a double-yolked egg to the final mixture.

Lo and behold, Tig and Tag appeared, as alike as two moonberries grown upon the same stalk!

Of course, I was double dumbfounded. Then doubly delighted. Soon followed by doubly desperate and deranged!

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Their poor father – never a great intellectual, even by male troll standards – was unable to comprehend that he had two sons rather than one and insisted upon calling them both Tigtag. Off he would go, proudly pushing one son in his infant “trolley” (now you know the true origins of the word!) up hill and down hill, over stone and through mud, only to return triumphantly home to find his “son” had managed to arrive before him. Thinking he must have forgotten the infant in the first place, he would set off again. Eventually, he became so exhausted he retired to his bed for a half season and, even when I knew him to be fully recovered, refused to believe me on the grounds that he was still seeing double.

So, Tig and Tag grew, their father (despite taking to wearing a patch over one eye) became increasingly confused, and I was left to try and keep some semblance of normality about the home.

This was not easy, I can tell you.

If I made a new pair of shorts for Tig I had to make an identical pair, right down to the last stitch, for Tag or be accused of favoritism. When I managed to achieve this, first Tig and then Tag complained that I was failing to treat them as an individual. Where any normal troll-mother had to suffer a single experimental bridge being constructed in the middle of her carefully tended vegetable patch, I had to demolish two before I could pick juber-root for supper. They even measured the width of every sponge cake I baked for them and counted up the number of berries it contained. If this was found to be equal, then they would argue about who was going to eat theirs the fastest and ask me to referee. There was no such thing as a satisfactory decision: even a draw resulted in demands for a rematch.

Then, almost overnight it seemed, a change took place. Though Tig and Tag still appeared identical outwardly, their separate personalities began to develop.

Tig became helpful, affectionate, and popular. Tag became argumentative, aggressive and – mainly by virtue of his indiscriminate use of a large wooden club – most unpopular indeed. Invitations to Birthing Day celebrations began to arrive marked: “TO THE FRIENDLY ONE” or “PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A CLUB-FREE CELEBRATION!”

Aware of this, Tag became increasingly devious. I still shudder when I recall the day he infiltrated a party posing as his twin brother and, having wrenched a table leg free, used it to render the hired entertainer unconscious.

Still, as a mother of two now full-grown trolles, I am equally proud of both. Tig has carved out a career in the bridge-building industry and is currently employed as “Most Useful Troll” on a major civil engineering project and Tag is undisputed champion and record holder of the Krystonia Open Rock Splitting Competition.

Both of their portraits ( I was fortunate enough to obtain two for the price of one!) now occupy pride of place on the shelf above the fireplace in my best room and, when I look at them, I can now afford to smile and think that all the trouble was worthwhile.

Not all your rewards be doubled and your problems halved!

*Grickle*



## FALL RETIREMENTS

Krystonia has experienced it's largest group of retirements ever in 1995. Much of this is due to pieces that have been in the line since the late 1980's. As you know every Krystonia character will have a retirement date. To help you in your search for the 1995 retirements here is a listing. Pictured are the final group for 1995. They are 1105, 1402, 2401, and 611. At this date we see no surprise retirements such as #3912, Boll who due to shipping problems had to be retired immediately last fall.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| - 1102 - Sm. Stoope       | - 1041 - Groc        | - 1105 - Flayla w/Jumbly |
| - 1703 - Sm. Rueggan      | - 1051 - Grackene    | - 1402 - Babul           |
| - 3203 - Sm. Tarnhold     | - 2101 - Lg. N'Chakk | - 2401 - Tokkel          |
| - 1109 - Dubious Alliance |                      | - 611 - Mini N'Grall     |
| - 3811 - Azael            |                      |                          |



#611 Mini N'Grall



#1105 Flayla w/Jumbly



#1402 Babul



#2401 Tokkel

## WAY TO GO, JOHNNY!

We have received this wonderful article from a Florida dealer, that was run in the newspaper. Johnny, we at the club salute you and hope you are having a great time collecting. Sorry Johnny, but we had to cut the article down to fit.

"Trying to keep up with Captivan Johnny Riegert, whose unique collection of characters and artifacts from the fantasy world of Krystonia can be seen in the display case near the youth section of the Sanibel Public Library, is like trying to catch one of our little island Anoles."

"Johnny is a collector of quaint elfish creatures who inhabit a tiny world, Krystonia, in which two moons shine. It is a land where perpetual blizzards rage across high granite mountains, sand dunes shift over forgotten cities, and talking dragons, wizards, gorphs, and snords must deal with balancing good and evil by the help of crystals."

"Johnny is in the program for gifted students at Sanibel Elementary School and particularly enjoys the Petropolis projects where students are given a confusing situation and expected to solve it."

Johnny buys most of his pieces at the Sir Richard gift shop in Ft. Myers. Johnny's favorite character is Kephren, the recorder of tales of the past and deeds of the present, of which he says of himself.



- Captiva Current, 1/20/95

## 1995 ORNAMENTS AND MORE!

For Fall 1995 there will again be two dated ornaments. They are *Haapfy Wishes* and *Stargazer*. They will be dated on the bottom and be flat so they can either hang or stand. *Haapfy Wishes* portrays "you know who," casting the merriest of spells. I just hope with his practical joking nature he doesn't cast a spell to make you disappear. In *Stargazer*, Poffles is using the many facets of a crystal to further enhance the stars beauty. By looking through the crystal he doesn't see only one star but many. These pieces will only be available for the fall and then they will be retired.

In *Away We Go*, Koozl has joined in the journey to look for the crystal. Not even considering leaving his best friend behind he has obtained a wagon to make sure he is comfortable on the long trip.

*Skarf* is another matter all together. This is one Mugrah that you don't need to run into as Klip can testify. Arrogant, cocky and not swift of brain is one way to describe him.



#752 Stargazer



#3925 Skarf



#3926 Away We Go



#753 Haapfy Wishes

## A WONDEROUS WEBB

The fourth book is getting ready for printing. It is called a *Wonderous Webb*. You will find it to have a blend of ongoing stories, with several sub plots involved. I don't want to give anything away but you won't believe what N'Chakk does. For that matter if Gurneyfoot would be careful N'Borg would have never found out about the...As a matter of fact there is a side of Klip I have never seen before. I guess I better shut up now before I start giving something away. Kephren just walked by and I wondered who he was talking about when he said "blabbermouth."



### SAFE PASSAGE

The huge success of the first Fair Maiden piece, Faithful Companion is now history. The 1,000 piece limit sold out very quickly. On its heels carries another maiden protected by her winged horse. His powerful legs would trample anyone who would get in his way. She rides safely on his back and only she will ever occupy that spot. He has but one purpose, to guard her "Safe Passage." Safe Passage is limited to 1,000 pieces and can be ordered from your Krystonia Dealer.



#1001 Safe Passage  
Fair Maiden Series

### **SORT OF UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, AS YOU WANT TO GET!!**

Classic Moment figurine Enough is Enough portrays a game of "Kick the Pook." As you know N'Grall and Rueggan are not the best of friends. They, however, have in the name of sport set aside their differences long enough to see if the wizards can retain their Krystonia Pookball titles. With the score tied and N'Grall getting ready to kick, Rueggan has taken a defensive position to block the shot. Only one problem though, the Pook has sprouted legs and is calling it a day. The shocked expressions on the dragon and wizard's face tells it all. This Pook has decided that today "Enough is Enough."

When this figurine was made, the original pose was to have N'Grall's leg lifting off the ground. This proved impossible to come out of the mold. To still show the action in the piece N'Grall's body and back leg was positioned as he is about to kick. The mold was then made to include N'Grall and the base as one piece. The Pook and Rueggan had to be molded and glued on separately. We chose a lighter color Pook because as you know, Pooks have lighter hair in their early years. We felt this was more humane and anyway elder Phyl wouldn't agree to be the ball. (Next newsletter Okinawathe and Family...)

**CLUB MEMBER ONLY SPECIAL**

We are truly shocked at the response that we received on the special members only waterball offer. The requests we received to do this kind of program has been incredible. Good news here we go again...

Krystonia has four wonderful plaques that can be either hung or stood up. They are #8001-*Poffles*, #8002-*Trumph*, #8004-*Owhey*, and #8006-*Graffyn on Grunch*.



You must save your receipts on all purchases made between August 1st and November 24th, 1995, from your Krystonia dealers. For each \$75 in receipts, you may purchase one Krystonia plaque for \$9 U.S. or \$14 Canadian. You may purchase up to four plaques per collector. As an extra bonus each plaque will be signed by a Krystonia artist.

**Example:** \$300 in receipts entitles you to purchase 4 plaques at \$9 U.S. each.

Checks should be made out to the Krystonia Collectors Club and mailed to:

110 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

This is another benefit of being a member of one of the top collector's clubs in the world.

**WATERBALL SOLD OUT**

Due to the huge response of waterball requests we received, style #9004-*Owhey*, is sold out, and is no longer available. Congratulations to everyone who received this figure!

**ONE MORE TIME BUT PROPERLY**

We are repeating one of our contests from last newsletter. It must have been N'Borg's fault but one word was misspelled. Some of you still figured it out. Great Job!

We have drawn winners for both contests and the winners are: Jackie Loftis of Bucyrus, OH and Diane Brooks of Naples, FL.

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To enter the contest again please send a post-card with your answers to:

Krystonia Collectors Club  
110 E. Ellsworth Rd  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

We will draw another winner to receive a signed Okinawathe. Good Luck! (You may enter again for this contest, even if you sent a card in for the last newsletter, for the winners have already been chosen, but please only one post-card per member!)

**HINT:** There are nine Krystonia words you are searching for, and we gave you one, to get you started.