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The Snowdragon

Being much like others in Krystonia the dragons of Carin-Tor love to laugh and have a good time. Practical jokes are almost an order of the day. On one particular day a trick didn't end up with the results that two dragons had planned.

Spigot and Plyme were known for having too much time on their paws. Both were quite inventive but the direction they took with their creativity often left much to be desired. Where many in Krystonia did not even venture out when the snow would fall these two loved it. They would slide, glide, roll and make things out of the fallen snow. It was on one these snowy days they conceived what they thought would be a great practical joke. They would make a snowdragon.

Their plan was to model it after someone who never ventured out when the snow was falling and therefor would not have seen a snow sculpture before. Who better than Owhey?

They went about their task by rolling several large balls and stacking them on top of each other. Carefully they sculpted the balls until they were formed to resemble Owhey. It was not long before they were done and ready for the next step in their plan.

They went to Owhey's cave and called in. After a few moments Owhey sleepily appeared. They informed him that he had a visitor who had been standing outside for quite some time and if he didn't come soon the snow might bury him. The thought of someone standing in the cold waiting for him convinced Owhey to leave his warm cave to see who it was.

Spigot and Plyme hurried to hide behind a tree so they could watch without being seen. As Owhey approached the snowdragon sculpture and greeted it they could hardly hold their laughter. Owhey got closer and spoke again but still no reply came. Moving closer he put his paw out to touch the supposed dragon. It was very cold and its mouth seemed frozen shut.

Owhey became very concerned. Not only could he not get it to talk back but also this dragon must have become frozen waiting for him. This made him feel quite bad. He noticed that three red buttons had been on its front and one had fallen off. Since he could not find the button he took a crystal he had and placed it where the button had been.

Instantly the dragon's wings began to flutter. Within a matter moments it was airborne and disappeared into the sky. Owhey looked a bit puzzled. He waived good-bye and started back to his cave muttering something about the visitor not being overly friendly. He was pleased though that he was all right.

Behind a tree Spigot and Plyme lay motionless. Evidently when the snowdragons wings started to move Spigot and Plyme were so startled that they tried to run away. In the process they ran right into each other bumping their heads together.

Sometimes it just doesn't pay to play practical jokes.

I like the new designs!

This will be for many of you, your first peek at the new Krystonia for 2001. I know some of you have already looked them up on the web-site. There are only six new designs created for spring. Since we had a great response to the Wild Ride we have added two complementary designs. One will win your heart while the other tests your more adventurous side.

Snowdragon has Owhey fascinated with a new visitor. It reminds him of someone but he can't quite figure out whom. In the figurine **Tarnhold Pass** we are shown some of the hardships that the Om-ba-Dom encounter.

With the retirement of Proposal and Acceptance we have added the next step. In **See me** the young dragon is once again showing off to impress his female friend. **My hero** shows her obvious pleasure that so much effort for her attention is being made.

A little fun is evident in **Teacher's Pet** where Pultzr has gathered many books, maybe too many, to read for the evening. Although the Maj-Dron travel in the searing heat of the desert they do get a well-deserved rest at night. Polishing crystal Shigger finds to be a very relaxing meditation. Meanwhile Shrug is taking a fast look around to make sure no Hagga-beasts are on the loose. All this is portrayed in **Along the Steppes of Shim**.

These six designs should be in your dealer's sometime in April. Each will be limited to 2500 pieces or less.



2001 retirements

This year we are altering the way that retirements will be announced. We will do the major announcement now. After this we will announce future retirements as the year goes on. This will give you an opportunity to pick up your favorite pieces while still available.

One retirement area that will be effected is all new introductions. With the new lower limited edition sizes many figurines will retire sooner. This will create a situation where many new characters will be available for a shorter time. One result of the lower limits is that your collection will be much more desirable.

Almost all characters we alerted you to last year are now retired. Listed below are the figurines we anticipate that will retire this year. Each will retire at different times depending on how fast you add them to your collection and the stores are sold out. Some are extremely low. A good way to stay on top of the retirements is to check the Precious Art web-site, www.preciousart.com, for updates on figurine status.

<u>Style #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
3946	Gulbar-Gul	seaweed aside very nice
3947	Grunchesta	Grunch's mommy
3949	Ready or not	movin' on
3957	Misuus	too much mail not being delivered
3958	Truly Amazing	Second of computer dragons
3963	Sweet herbs	off to collect more herbs
3965	Grackene's Sponge Cakes	eat them before they're gone
WC2	Rueggan's Exp.	Great detail/ one of best ever
4001	On Watch	first Timeless Treasures

The following ornaments we project will retire.

758-Shush	760-A Merry Ride	762-Sticky Paws
759-Backpacker	761-Story Time	763-Special Delivery

We have just discovered two other figurines that are much lower than we thought and are selling out faster than anticipated. They are 3969 Gurneyfoot and 3970 Bookdragon.

Collector's Festival in Chicago

Krystonia will be an exhibitor at the new collector's festival in Chicago. This festival is to be held at Chicago's famous Navy Pier. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday the 14th and 15th of June from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We will show all the current Krystonia and attendees will be able to join the club, talk with Krystonia creators and find a few surprises. Come join us for a few days of fun and excitement in a great city.



New updates on the Web:

If you haven't looked at the club section on the web lately we just added a new feature. It will allow us to get information to you much quicker. In the past areas of interest came up between newsletters and we had no way of telling you. This column will solve this problem and be updated on a regular basis. To review the new column go to our web-site www.preciousart.com and click on the Krystonia Collector's Club. At the top of the following page you will see an area that says club news that you will click on. This will then take you to the new area. Kephren the recorder is in charge of the column so you are bound to get some interesting updates.

The new club is ready to go

Once again we are up to our old ways where the club gift and redemption figurines go together to make a scene. We really like doing this, after all Krystonia is a story line. Let me tell you a short story that explains a little about this year's collector club figurines.

There is no more worthy cause for celebration than when a new addition arrives in Krystonia. Everyday new inhabitants make their first appearances. Some arrive gracefully, others with a little struggle and a few with the feeling that you have been caught in the middle of a storm without your cloak. In other words when a baby dragon is hatched there is no way to know what to expect.

There is one thing that never changes. Flayla is always there to greet them. She has a natural way with youngsters and is what we would probably think of as an egg midwife.

Dragons do not have a set period they spend in their egg. It can vary as much as a sixty-moon difference. They say much of this has to do with how development goes in the egg and how big a hurry the inhabitant is to leave. Some dragons are very small when hatched and can hardly walk while others wings have already formed and they literally fly out.

There is a room in Carin-Tor where eggs are kept under supervision at all times. Flayla claims this room as her own. She has been known to sit many a day judging which egg may be the next to hatch. Once she picks one out she positions her chair close by. This way the minute the egg hatches and the dragon becomes visible, she can stand and with outstretched arms welcome it warmly saying "Come to me".

As I mentioned earlier every dragonlet is different and their looks can vary greatly. On this particular occasion you can tell that this young dragon took its time leaving her home.

Her size is a little larger than most. None the less when her time has come and the egg cracks she jumps up to announce to all of Krystonia "I'm here".

"I'm here" is the 2001 gift figurine you will receive when you join for the twelfth year. She may sit alone or may be placed on the base of the redemption figurine for 2001 "Come to me".

When you join you will receive a redemption certificate from the club that makes you eligible to purchase "Come to me". You will be mailed a renewal application or you may join at any time you desire.

Club fees remain at \$30.00.

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Club News!

Grunch's head

As you are probably aware, we gave a bonus gift to everyone who joined the club for the eleventh year. You should have received this gift; a stickpin of Grunch's head, in your fall newsletter or enclosed with your club gift. If you did not receive one please inform us when you send in your membership for the twelfth year. The pin as we call it, can be used on a hat, scarf, or lapel. If you do not wish to pin it on anything, it will look (great) sitting with your collection. Whatever your desire we have only one caution. Do not place it to close to Graffyn or you are bound to start an argument over their latest shipping contract.

Speaking of the eleventh year

If you did not receive a renewal for the eleventh year there is still time to join. Let me take a moment to refresh your memory on what the club figurines are. We have had several phone calls from members not sure if they have them.

The member's only gift figurine is Flopple. He is part of the boboll family and his engaging smile is a dead give away. Floopple is just as mischievous as the rest of the clan and his heart is set on swiping the crystal from Myzer's latest acquisition.

The member's only redemption figurine is titled Why 2000?. It shows Myzer and Stoope carrying what we recognize as a sundial/calendar that has numbers on it. To Myzer it is just a cool round disk that he has to have. You know Myzer is a pack rat to the millionth degree. An added bonus to him is that the item has a crystal on it. He loves crystal.

If you remember bobolls have the power to become invisible. As Myzer and Stoope carry the item it seems to have gained weight. This is because the now invisible Flopple has made his way to the center of the disk and is about to accomplish his mission.

Now go over to your collection and see if you have these figurines already. If not send in for your membership today. The dues are still \$30.00 and should be sent to:

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