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The Society of Dragon Studies

The sign above the door says - "to expand the mind, raise the spirit, and nurture the soul". In ordinary cases you would assume a sign so written would be placed over the Obelisk or its library. In reality it rests above the door to the Society of Dragon Studies.

Nothing carries more importance than education in Krystonia. There are many areas of higher learning. This makes it possible for all willing to participate. Among these are the Junior Wizards Apprentice Workshop, Home of Food Engineering, and the School of Incantations and Master Spell Weaving. There is even one that very little is known or even spoken of. It is found at Krak N'Borg. The way you know it is in session is by the dark clouds that drift across the sky followed by brilliant lightning and often accompanied by great downpours of rain.

All young dragons attend the Society of Dragon Studies. Here they learn the three R's, reading, writing and aerobics. While it is important to grow the mind, let us not forget that a healthy body is also necessary.

Today class starts out in the physical expansion facility or more commonly known to the dragons as the exercise place. The intent here is not only to try to be in better shape but to burn off some of the high-octane energy that rolls in the door every morning. This program is led by Lafala, Flayla's sister, who is known to be a bit of a tom-dragon herself. She is in excellent shape and more than a match for any of the youngsters. She puts them through a rigorous routine of pull-ups, push-ups, running and stretching. She is always on her guard for pranks. The dragons still occasionally slip one past her. After announcing the class would involve lifting dumbbells Groosh and Zanzibar snuck out and returned with a bundle of blankets. As everyone started to do their overhead presses they picked up the blanket and lifted it into the air. Strange muffled rumblings were heard. Lafala tromped over to inspect the source only to find Stoope stuffed neatly inside. Sternly she asked for an explanation. Even she couldn't help not to have a smile break across her face when the two explained that they wanted to lift the heaviest dumbbell in Krystonia and Stoope served the purpose.

After a short break classes are held in a variety of subjects including history, reading, math and astronomy. Different classes are rotated each day. This keeps the dragons on their toes and makes them afraid to not attend with the fear that they might miss one of their favorites.

Astronomy is one class Koozl loves to attend. The desire to know what sits beyond the twin moons fascinates him. His interest has been further encouraged by an item that was found in one of the caves. It is a long metal object with glass on the end that by placing one end to your eye and looking through, items appear to be much closer. Pointing it towards the twin moons not only lets him see them in much greater detail but other items he never knew existed become visible from afar.

History is by far one of the most popular classes. This is the time where many of the items that are found throughout Krystonia are examined. Most of these were assumed to have been left behind by the ancients.

Only three objects are allowed in the classroom each day. This allows enough time for each to be inspected and discussed. When the dragons enter they tend to naturally migrate to the one that most catches their fancy. At the end of the session each group tells about the item and what the purpose must have been. There is always much-heated debate and the exchange of ideas is marvelous. Opinions are plentiful and facts are scarce. Trial and error is a natural way to decipher the purpose of these mysterious finds. Sadly the truth may never be known as to their real meaning.

Today the three items are quite different. The first is a long metal pole with two pegs on it. Attached to the bottom is a coiled spring. Several tests are conducted. When thrown against the wall, it bounces right back. Then Jumbly trips and his feet land on the pegs. The spring sink to the floor and in a heartbeat shoots upward. Jumbly and the item bounce off the ceiling leaving a perfect imprint of Jumbly's head. They now know what they have found, a dragon propulsion system. This helps a dragon to take flight from standing still. Who said this was hard?

The second item is a small black article that fits in the palm of your hand. Writing and buttons cover the top. Some buttons are round and while others are oblong. It must have had heavy use as part of the writing is worn off. The dragons know they have an item of great power. It also must have been able to dictate silence, cancel and control volume. Apparently it could be used in food preparation since it had a menu button. At last it becomes obvious that it is a toy. So the dragons pointed it at each other in a game of dragon says. Stop, pause, play, pause, play, stop, they push all the buttons but this got rather boring. They sit it aside. Whatever the purpose, it must have been used by those of lower intelligence. Maybe they should give it to the trolls.

Another glass box has been found and this is the last item for the day. These are often found in large craters. Sometimes hundreds are found at a time. How wasteful this seems. They are still very interesting and must have had some important use. No one has been able to solve their mystery yet. Pultz found some papers with this box and hopes that they will help him uncover more about the item. Unfortunately it all reads like dragonese to him. The past successes they have enjoyed involved when crystals were placed on the top of the boxes. When they do this it sparkles, crackle, says words, and colors flash. I had recovered this one myself and had an unexplainable feeling something was different from the ones previously researched. I removed a crystal from my pouch, recited a few charm words and placed it on top. Slowly words started to appear. The message read Krystonia Fifteen Years. How strange, what could it mean? Someone's birthday, an anniversary or maybe both?

The horn blows to announce the end of the school day. The dragons move quickly out the entrances and head towards Carin-Tor. As for me I have much to do to prepare for the next day. While they will find time for play and who knows what else Lafala and myself do not. It is our job to make the dragons long for the next batch of learning and we dare not fell, as the future of Krystonia will be very much poorer if we do.

Master Wizard of Knowledge

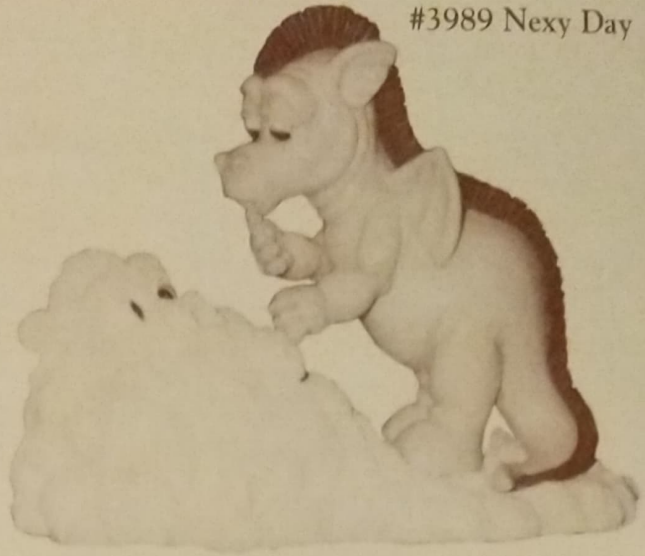
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Spring 2002 Introductions

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Anniversary Year Figurines Are Almost Here

During April the spring figurines will appear at your dealers. Although Fifteen Years is most often mentioned as being an anniversary figure, I think all the figures truly fit the bill.

We have decided it is time to tell a story of what goes on in Krystonia by letting the characters spell it out. This spring we send you to school, dragon school that is.

As you are aware from our stories all dragons must learn to read. They usually do this at a place of higher education. After reading the lead story you have found out some of how their schooling is conducted. How do our new characters fit in? Read on:

Fifteen Years-

With the collaborative efforts of the dragons the box has finally come to life. These glass boxes seem to possess a life all their own. When a charged crystal is placed on top they flash and crackle and make strange noises. This box has sent a message. It reads Krystonia Fifteen Years. What could this mean?

Step Two-

A scroll has been discovered that may help explain how the box works. Pultz studies it carefully hoping to decipher its meaning. Unfortunately it all reads like dragoneese to him.

Rohan

Master wizard Rohan enjoys watching the dragons work together. Whereas it is usually hard to keep them in one mindset for very long they become very intrigued by the glass boxes. He steps back to let them find their way although some of the answers are at the tips of his fingers. He is one of the oldest teachers/instructors and loves his work.

At Rest

Lafala is Flayla's sister and has taught at the society for years. She concentrates on physical activity but also teaches reading and other sciences. Lafala stays in tiptop shape so she can keep up with the youngsters.

The Astronomer

The item he found has magic glass that brings objects closer to him. Many nights and days you will find Koozl studying the skies. Beyond the twin moons he sees fascinating objects and dreams he could get closer.

Furgurples

Furgurples are usually found only in the forbidden lands and few in Krystonia have ever seen them. This will be a real treat if some can be brought back. They make a noise like a baby pook but their fur is much softer.

Next Day

Poor Owhey, where did the snowdragon go? Nothing last forever but this seemed a bit short.

Club Updates:

2001

The club year for 2001 is coming to a close but you still have time to get in. The member figurine is called **I'm Here** and the redemption figurine is **Come To Me**. They make an adorable pair when placed together. We love to tell a story with the club figures and this is a heart-warming one. Who doesn't like to receive a loving greeting? If you haven't joined send your \$30.00 membership fee and mark your check for the twelfth year. If you have lost or not received your redemption card for **I'm Here** please let us know so we can replace it. If you are having trouble redeeming your card also contact us at the club.

2002

Here we go again. The thirteenth year is ready to go. It is going to be a high-flying time. The club figurines certainly demonstrate this.

The club member figurine is **Gee Wizards**. This is what Shera yells, as she can no longer contain her excitement. This will be her first flight and having no wings it will give her a chance to see Krystonia from a new angle.

Meanwhile, Gorch can't wait to be **Up and Away**. It is also his maiden voyage and he hopes many more will follow. There are a few minor problems he must first deal with.

How does he inflate the balloon? By giving two charcoal cookies to Hairwald the blowhard. Hairwald will make quick work of this job.

The second is space. He is limited to a one-trunk carry on.



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Retirement alert

A couple of the new figures have retired themselves due to rapid sales. They are **Snowdragon** and **Wrong Castle**. Many collectors have already added these to their collection but if you haven't please check with your local dealer. We have an extremely small amount of **Wrong Castle** but these may possibly be gone by the time you receive your newsletter.

We are aware that many people who purchase Krystonia are collectors while others purchase them for gifts. This hastens the figures retirement. **My Hero** and **See Me** are great wedding or anniversary gifts. **Teacher's Pet** and **Which Scroll** are perfect for teachers, professors, librarians or instructors. **Tree Sweet Tree** works well for a house warming or moving occasion. These are but a few reasons that I mention. One reason we hear very often is to raise a person's spirits. Evidently people are giving gifts that will be treasured for a lifetime and Krystonia is a natural.

New e-mail address and web site?

If you have e-mailed us in the last couple months we probably did not receive it. We had a major computer crash around Christmas and we have recently recovered. We have to blame someone for the ugly virus we caught so let's choose N'Grall. He is a rather ruthless creature and maybe one of his fireballs caused our system meltdown. Our new e-mail address is krystoniaclub@hotmail.com.

We are restructuring our web presence and are looking at some exciting ideas that if we can make them work will be very interesting. At the time of this writing www.preciousart.com is still up but this could change at any time.

Fifteen Years Young

They say time flies when you are having fun. We must be having a blast because it seems like only yesterday that we started making the first Krystonia figurines. In reality it started fifteen years ago. Over those years we have been honored to have thousands of people find a place in their homes and their hearts for our figurines.

It all started with nineteen characters. This group had an assortment of wizards, trolls, dragons and others that are a little hard to categorize. Several were made in different sizes. This was to let a person pick the one they liked the best. Little did we know that many decided they wanted them all. Let's take a moment and recap how it all started.

Wizard **Rueggan** came in three sizes, **Turfen** and **Shepf** in two and poor **Haapf** was all by himself. **Graffyn** got two poses but had to share them with **Grunch**. I have the feeling they argued during the whole process.

Speaking of **Grunch** he had his own pose, and it was just as grumbly as ever. **Spyke** rocked on over without the Spyketones to be sculpted and **Stoope** performed some magic to get three stupefying poses. The adorable **Owhey** flew in awkwardly to make his initial appearance.

Other characters came along including a match that could only be made in Krystonia, **Groc** and **Grackene**, the trolls. There was a small Groc that visited but only for a very brief time. **Moplos** (2) and **Mos** traveled down from Tarnhold and ran into **Wodema** on her way from the herb garden in three fold. **Myzer** was there twice and **Shigger** by himself. In what are two of our most popular, **Poffles** and **Trumph** giggled their way into the hearts of tens of thousands of collectors.

Last but not least, especially in his mind **N'Borg** came in extra large and small. His evil presence is felt throughout Krystonia always. It was his first appearance and will not be his last.

Many of these designs changed along the way. Some of their clothes changed color, others traded crystals for items like apples and books and one even lowered her hemline to hide those unforgettable legs. Their skin complexion changed. Rings and braids disappeared and then reappeared. The magic of Krystonia was alive and well. As it had no simple beginning it will have no simple end.

Next newsletter: the dragon explosion