

Long time Romance comes to fruition

Posted by pj19 - 2005/12/13 20:46

Ok I didn't know where else to post this.

I don't remember how many years back I found out about Dwarven Forge. But I remember how cool it was when I layed my eyes on it. As a long time player of table top RPGs, and a short time wargamer, I loved to use minatures for my DnD sessions. My imagination went wild when I saw the different sets and accessories. Unfortunately, at the time I was in high school and didn't have a whole lot of money to spend, and I forgot about DF. Every year or so, throughtout college I would come back and see if it was still around and I would contemplate buying a set, but in the end I decided against it for finacial reasons once again. I just graduated from the University of Georgia in the spring and now have a steady job. I came back today and finally made the leap and ordered the MM fantasy starter set and the Room and Passage set, along with a few dungeon accessories. I guess I just wanted to say that I have been waiting years to get into Master Maze, and I am finally doing it, and thanks to you guys for sticking around waiting for me!

-Phil

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Posted by Stefan - 2005/12/13 21:02

Your very welcome Phil!

You are coming aboard at just the right time I think, as we are going to have a very exciting 2006! Don't feel overwhelmed by the many sets, just get em little by little...I would reccomend the Cavern Set next as we are going to have some very kool additions for that in 2006...

Good Gaming!

Stefan.

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Posted by philhendry - 2005/12/13 23:08

Oh I know all those 'shall I, shan't I?', I wish I could afford..', 'maybe later' feelings, from seeing the sets on the WWW. And then I saw the Caverns, and Cavernous Passages 'in the flesh' at a wargames show, and I just bought them. And went home, heart in mouth, expecting SWMBO to shoot me - and was amazed when she didn't. She's now the keenest memeber of the group when it comes to using the DF stuff in our roleplaying games.

And now I have, erm, nine sets (I think), and a load of inividual pieces - and still more that I want. It's an addiction. I can hardly wait for the new Cavernous Rivers and Cavernous Lakes sets. And I think I need another Cavern set - I've got enough passages, with one set plus a lot of individual bits, but one Caverns sets doesn't let me make very big caverns...

Fantasy Starter, plus Room and Passage is a very good place to start. I'd second Stefan 'The Man' and his Cavern Set recommendation - I'd also suggest picking up Cavernous Passages as soon as you can, because it adds a lot to the usefulness of the Cavern set.

Cheers,
Phil (another Phil)

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Posted by RabidFox* - 2005/12/14 01:05

Congratulations pj19 (aka "Phil") and welcome to the madness!
Stefan is right; be sure to take it easy getting into Master Maze.
The Master Maze system is a really wonderful terrain system and the temptation is to bankrupt yourself and get everything NOW!
Pace yourself though and you will really enjoy the terrain.
Before Sci-Fi Master Maze came out, I limited my acquisitions to one full set and no more than 20 individual pieces per year to keep the homefront happy as far as Dwarven Forge spending.

I too, would recommend Cavern Master Maze, but probably for different reasons than most here. I recommend it because the Cavern genre has utility in what ever games you play - Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Historical, Modern, etc.
I am a Sci-Fi gamer so I come at Master Maze from a different direction.
That did not stop me from buying a great deal of Fantasy Master Maze before Sci-Fi came out; it being the only serious interior terrain in "town" was definitely a deciding factor for me buying.
I was/am also a Blood Bowl/Dungeon Bowl and Warhammer Quest enthusiast so the fantasy setting worked okay.

I also would recommend the Cavernous Passages set soon after or along with the main Cavern set. This is especially so if you can get them in the next three months.
Then you could also pre-order the Cavernous River and Walls set due out in April and the Cavernous Lake set due out in July/August.
Between the four sets you will have a really cool cavern environment in which to play in.

What games do you play?
Are you purely a fantasy player?

Again welcome pj19 to Master Maze.

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Posted by pj19 - 2005/12/14 21:25

Hey guys
Thanks for your responses.
I play DnD mostly, but have a pretty extensive Warhammer 40k Chaos collection. I used to play Epic 40k back when it was Space Marine/Titan Legions. Also I have alot of Warhammer Fantasy models that

I paint and use in my DnD games. Combine the cool monsters from GW and the dungeons from DF, and I should have some fun and high quality dungeons! I have thought about getting some of the Sci-Fi terrain from DF and playing some old fashion Space Hulk. I went to this games store a few years ago, and they had this 40k demo night where they had a huge Space Hulk board with Imperial Terminators on one side and Chaos Terminators on another. Everyone got a squad of 5 terminators and it was Imperials vs. Chaos. It was SO much fun I thought about getting about 4 squads of Imperial Terminators and doing a demo game at the local gaming store where I live, pitting them against my choas terminators and "inspiring" some people to start playing. I'm sure with some cool DF scenery it will blow them away! Of course, we would play warhammer 40k second edition rules. Sorry if you don't know what I am talking about, most people here have never heard of Titan Legions or Space Hulk.

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Posted by carnivore - 2005/12/14 23:17

I too remember that first \$100.00 spent on DF stuff - and welcome to the boards and the "addiction" pj19!! It's one of them rare good ones.

Just don't forget to pack a little away for your retirement too. This is so you can play DnD with the DF stuff you just bought (and all the rest you will collect) DAILY!!

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Posted by TheDungeonDelver - 2005/12/15 03:05

Sorry if you don't know what I am talking about, most people here have never heard of Titan Legions or Space Hulk.

Heh, don't you believe it dude! Adeptus Titanicus was a great game (never got a set for myself, sadly) and Space Hulk is still an excellent way to kill an evening! :)

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Posted by jkratzer - 2005/12/15 14:30

Hey PJ19!

Welcome aboard!

Gotta ask, PJ as in ParaRescue Jumper? If so, I owe you AT LEAST one round at the bar, if we ever land in the same town, same time; see my sig line for the reason.

Anyway, I agree with Stefan and RabidFox about buying. DON'T let the huge amount of goodies available seduce you to the dark side of . . . no wait, that's another world-line!

What I meant was that DF has AT LEAST 4 lines of models; MM/Dungeon (the original), Caverns (the most versatile), Sci-Fi (great for SW and SH gaming, although it needs a dark wash for best Space Hulk use; remember to use a tempera-based wash and you can clean it off to do the SW or ST stuff!), and

now, DoE, which has a future for GREAT Doom-style shoot-em-ups and Boss levels. Pace yourself on buying, or else She Who Must Not Be P****ed-Off will make you sleep with the white boxes. That can be...uncomfortable. All those lumpy boxes. Of course, if you can get SWMNBPO addicted to DnD/SW/other minis, you won't HAVE to alibi the big orders. All you'll need is a bigger house to set up the mazes!

Happy gaming, happy delving, and see ya 'round the game table!
And Happy Holidays!

Jim Kratzer

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Posted by camoudragon - 2005/12/15 18:05

welcome to the club!

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Posted by arsthein - 2005/12/16 09:00

Congratulations and welcome pj19!!! I can understand you so well... This year I've "finished" to gather a decent amount of Dwarven Forge stuff... past year I had to use MK Dungeons 3D and similar combined with cardboard Tiles... later a couple of sets of DF with MK 3D... and now I can build entire dungeons from DF Stuff... this are happy times at last...!!! but what the guys say is true, take care, it's so easy to lose control and begin to make huge orders... man take it easy... I'm still on it...

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Posted by Yukon Cornelius - 2005/12/16 17:18

Welcome, Phil!

When it comes to collecting, just remember that each set you buy adds to the value of all the ones you've bought before. Add a little at a time, as you can afford it, and before long you'll have a pretty versatile system. Then all you'll have to worry about is your players drooling all over your game board! :)

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Posted by pj19 - 2005/12/19 22:04

Thanks for the warm welcome. Pj stands for my first and middle names-Philip Joseph. Back when I was 19 I signed up for a MSN trial using the screen name Pj19, and ever since I have used it. I can't wait to get more pieces, after I pay off some of these student loans and credit cards.

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