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Posted by War Duke - 2004/06/16 10:08

If you look to the left before you click on the toxic river, there is a pic of the standard river set. I double checked the price on that other river set you were looking at. It is over \$100 bucks....ouch. I could buy more DF with that.

As far as the gravey goes, I am right there with you. Actually anyone that posts on these boards probably does too. Anyone willing to spend the money we do on our as my wife calls them "toys" has some problems. So if nothing else you at least have a few like minded individuals here that understand "The Gravey".

It's funny my collection of miniature crap is getting pretty large. I made a comment on the WOTC boards the other day about a rule I use when we play D&D. I rarley if ever have the party fight a monster I don't have a mini for. Sounds reasonable to me. I got so flamed and called an anal retentive DM with no imagination blah blah. I feel more at home here with my fellow freaks.

Really Nice Inn Posted by Ordini - 2004/06/16 11:19

TO THE FREAKS! :P

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Really Nice Inn

Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/16 11:54

War Duke.

I Know it is a Tough Call on the Monster Thing, (Using anything in a Game I Do not have a Mini For), But I Think that the Biggest Argument for doing it, is based on rather one Uses Miniatures at all... I Mean a Well Painted Figure can really Bring Home the Wow Factor, and I Go So far as to Keep Suprise "Special Guest Monsters" Hidden until the Dramatic "Reveal"... "Holy Draco Batman! That is a Big A** Dragon!!! The Flip Side is that there are Games where I Hardly Use Minis at all, I May Break out the Battle Mat and end up Using it as a Giant Piece of Scratch Paper Sketching the Most Basic Elements as I Go... But as A Rule I Like Using Minis... Also it is a little Different for me Since I Mostly Run My Own Sci-Fi based System, I Can Get away with Using all Kinds of Stuff for Monsters Including Kewl Toys and Models I am Forever Buying Some Oddbal Robot Looking thing that is Reasonably Scale and throwing it into the Mix unexpectedly... Especially Japanese Monsters (Not the Cartoon like Stuff.....)...

Really Nice Inn
Posted by War Duke - 2004/06/16 12:25

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What I try to do alot is use Video Game mentality when I am running a game. There are many games that you can't go everywhere in. It is impossible to have a miniature fig, building, whatever for ever situation. But in combat I like to try to make sure the figs, and the terrain are well represented for each encounter.

The filler that happens between encounters I let my party use their imagination for. Everyone who plays with us smokes though. Thats actually helps. When I need to change the setup, I casn usually do it pretty quick.

As far as figs go, If WOTC wouldn't have come out with the D&D pre-painted mins, there is no way I would have enough figs for almost every situation.

Really Nice Inn
Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/16 13:06

I Use a lot of 2D Building Interiors that I Create with My Basic Windows Paint Program, or Others that I Down Load... So if the Party Takes a Sudden Fancy to Explore a Warehouse that was not in the "Plan", rob a House or whatever I Have Some Generic "Tiles" I Can Use and I Have Created Some Kewl Automated Random Encounter Tables (Using Excel), So that Critters and possible "Treasure" are available on the Fly... My Wife and I are in the Process of Becoming Non-smokers... The Other Players will be Greatful..... As to the WotC Plastics, I Think they are Kewl, I Want More, but I am not interested in the Collecting Side of the Minis so I Kind of wish that they were Simply For Sale instead of this ridiculous (In my Less than Humble opinion), Random Figs that you may or may not want, and the WAY over Priced Market For Figs that may or may not be desireable... For Instance if I Could buy a Pack of 10 Zombies I would... Fortunatley they are realatively cheap in the Secondary Market so I will probably be able to Collect some at some point, Where as Some of the Other Undead are "Rare" so Buying One Can Cost more than a Box of Unknown Figs... But then I Know the Chance of Getting yet another Abbysal Maw or a Goblin Skirmisher or whatever is High... So I Have a Love-Hate Kinda Thing happening with the D&D Stuff... (Which I Do not even Use for D&D right now.....)

Really Nice Inn Posted by War Duke - 2004/06/16 14:45

I here you on the "collectable" crap with the WOTC minis. It worked out pretty nice for us though. The first set Harbinger, I bought quite a few as did two of the other players. My best friend and also a player won the Dragoneye tournament at GenCon here in S. Cal. That landed us a full set of Dragon Eye as well as 10 free booster packs.

I have only bought 6 or 7 Archfiend packs, but I got extremeley lucky with my pulls. So far we have like 400 + D&D miniatures, and one of the other players bought a case of Harbinger to break open and sell.

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/16 15:32

Congrats to Your Friend in Winning the Tourney, and yes that is a Nice Break... I Kind of Got Started Late in Buying this Stuff so my 3 Harbinger Boosters Cost me More than They Should Have, and about Half of the Dragoneye I Have Purchased were a Little higher than Release Prices... And as to Archfiends, Well They Can not Keep them in Stock in the One Store in Town that Sells them So although I have not Paid Too much for them they are Almost Impossible to Come by... I Went ahead and Just Pre-ordered a Case of the GOL... (Which I will Undoubtedly Regret Doing.....)

Really Nice Inn
Posted by War Duke - 2004/06/21 09:18

I didn't order a whole case of GOL but I did get some great pulls on the 6 starters I got over the weekend.

Rares

- 1-Lord Soth
- 1-Rakasha
- 1-Lich Necromancer
- 1-Manticore
- 2-Frost Giants

Huges

- 1-Tyranasaurus
- 1-Treant
- 1-Storm Giant
- 1-Behir
- 1-Gold Dragon
- 1-Red Dragon

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/22 22:09

Very Nice... I Am Still Waiting for my Order... But I Got it for about \$14.00 boxed Set so I am willing to Wait a Few Days... What I Lovew about the D&D over say MK Figs, is that there is No Bloody Wheel on the Base... I Was Really Affraid that they would do that... I Know for MK it is Conveinent but it Is a little

Distracting in a Standard Fantasy Dungeon...

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Posted by War Duke - 2004/06/23 09:59

I use some MK stuff. The wheel base can be taken apart so it is not so thick, and the paper slider thing inside removed. Then I just dab the base with black paint & they look pretty good. If the MK base is REAL big, I'll just cut it off with an exacto, and rebase the mini. Works pretty well.

Really Nice Inn

Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/24 16:49

Good Idea... I Have Been Debateing Selling the Few MK Minis' I Have... I Have Some Early Stuff, but Have No Idea what the Secong Hand Market is Like on that Stuff... And Although There are a Few Decent Figs, (I Would Keep My Dragon and the War Chariot), Most do not Quite Compare with The D&D in terms of Detail... Incidently I Have Recieved my GOL Order, there Are Some Very Kewl Minis in there... Lots of Undead...

Really Nice Inn Posted by War Duke - 2004/06/24 17:01

The quality of the old MK stuff is absoulte garbage. I bought a few of the older packages and I refuse to let them anywhere near my table. The new products are muuuch better. Nice thing about the MK stuff is you can get alot of things you can't get in the D&D product line yet.

There have some nice painted siege equipment. Catapults, ballista, cannons, ladders. The mounted figs are prett cool too, with interchangable mounts with riders. Like I said earlier the trick is to either remove them from that horrible base or repaint it.

As soon as the guy who took these pics emails me some from the siege we had a few weeks ago, I'll post em.

Really Nice Inn
Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/26 06:15

I Think the Only The Only Early MK Figs I Really Love are a Couple of Mounted Skeletal Riders... (Skeletal Horses too)... But you Mentioned Exchangeable Riders on some of the Newer Figs? As to Quality Yes I Have a Bunch of Minotaur Looking Critters that Just Look like Trash... Looking Forward to

Pics...

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Posted by War Duke - 2004/07/06 12:48

Regarding the new mounted Mage Knight stuff. Check out the new Dark Riders expansion packs. Each one comes with like 3 regular figs and 1 mount fig. The mount figs are 1 random mount & 1 random rider. The rider actually comes off the mount and has a base he can then be fitted to (If his mount dies etc.) They look pretty good, but like everything there are a few that are kind of stupid. I was pretty bummed when I got a large Pokeman looking chicken in the first pack I opened. I think I bought 3 and I ended up with a few good possiblites.

Really Nice Inn Posted by WillOH - 2004/07/07 10:40

I'm with you MyLordVoid,

I have just begun the D&D minis and feel too late to make much ground on the trading side of things. I ordered my packages a little over a month ago and am still waiting. I am simply trying to build a mini collection for RPing, but children, spouse and wife suck fun money and time quickly.

I like the MK bone golems, forget what they are called, but could also be used for an ogre skeleton with a spiky club. Also don't mind the dragons and mounted skeletal dragon/horses. Still I have a bunch of junk that I am not sure what to do with, and their scale limits them to be larger creatures.

Really Nice Inn

Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/07/10 11:54

Wart Duke,

I'll Have to keep My Eyes Open for Second Market MK... Having A Fledgling D&D Collection Going it Could be a Task To Convince my Wife of the "Need" to Go Back to MK......

WilloH,

And Honestly Some of the Larger Things are Pretty Kewl, I Mean the Castle Walls are Great, The Red Dragon Is Kewl, and I Have the Dwarven War Charriot Thing that is Pretty Nice too... (Not to Mention the Various Accessories Packs, Wish they would do more of those)... But I Think I am into the D&D for the time Being at Least, Just Wish there was a Better Supported Secondary Market Around Here...
