

OK -- guesses about Realm of the Ancients

Posted by L - 2008/06/18 18:03

Tons of stuff to speculate about here, we've seen so little (and yet so much...!)

I have a few things that I've been thinking about, I thought I'd open the floor for other people's predictions, questions, anxieties, whatever....

My main question is about the color, and use of color, in the set.

It seems to me there are really two options -- the set could be primarily grey, just like the regular dungeon stuff, just like the background of the temple at the opening of Raiders of the Lost Ark. Aztec-type stuff in grey stone. OR it could be primarily sandstone colored, like an Egyptian tomb. Those colors would both make sense. But there could be another option -- it could be white or off-white, for example.

But there's also a question about what OTHER colors might be there. With DoE, for example, the initial sketch, for some reason, made me expect a black or nearly-black set. It took me some time to get used to the grey. Then, when the expansions came out, I really didn't love the use of purple. On the columns, it felt a bit "off." And the dragon skull portal, a lot of us were not crazy about the white marbling of fat that ran through it. The red glyph in the middle of the large DoE floorpiece -- too colorful? Is it the right color?

So -- same concerns here -- will the mosaic floor be all one color? Will it be colored with a pattern, or will there be a kind of deliberately anarchical mix of colors? What about the walls? In general, how will color affect the piece, which we've only seen in b&w?

Other questions --

Will the startup set include just basic room and passage elements, or will there be any fun "twists"? Secret doors, staircases, etc? What kinds of doors will we see -- and will they be usable (i.e. would they look normal) in the dungeon or MBS setting?

Any other questions or hopes or concerns about the set? Let the frantic speculation begin!

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2008/06/18 20:09

You expected Black for DoE? I guess i never expected any color, i didn't really think about it. It comes painted so i was like, happy with it being painted and stopped thinking about it. And just waited for it to come out.

Also i don't/didn't mind the purple or the red in the other sets, i didn't get my mind set on it looking like anything so what ever came was cool.

I guess i never really thought about i, don't think about what the new sets will look like, i just look at what is coming out when it comes out, and if i think i can use it, i buy it, if not, i don't.

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Posted by thenorthman - 2008/06/18 20:18

Good point about the color.

Personally I was just assuming that it was going to be in a sand color, or a grey color that has been really "yellowed" almost to the point it was pretty much just a sand color. While a white might work I am not sure I would like that color, as it would just seem unfinished to me if it was in that color. This might be because of some HA stuff that I have that has been molded in white until I paint it of course.

Any bright colors like purple might not seem "right" for it as well but I probably would let it grow on me. I personally very much liked the color combinations of the DoE for the most part but this could also be because I didn't know of anything else since it was released when I got into DF items. Which means I didn't have time to think on what colors it would be so didn't have any preconceived expectations.

Of course who knows. But now that you mentioned it, it could be cool to have the walls and floor a different color but not sure how realistic that is.

You had mentioned the DoE. I personally have been thinking about putting into each of the little Demons on the wall red dots where the eyes are...but the only thing holding me back from that is being involved in "contests" at a later date.

I would suspect it is close to the same thing as the Room and Passage set in the Classic which is also pretty much the same as the DoE first set. Which by the way I am trying to decide if I want a third base set while there is still some left being they are the last 120 coming in.

Good point about the doors if they were a sand color they wouldn't be able to be crossed used into different sets. Although I have seen the Medieval Building Set doors used in the classic dungeon and not look to terrible.

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Posted by L - 2008/06/18 20:37

You expected Black for DoE? I guess i never expected any color, i didn't really think about it. Well not so much expected as just sorta thought of it as a black set until I saw it. Just the initial drawing, concept art, struck me in a way that I just assumed, without thinking about it, that it was black. I think I had the LOTR movie version of Orthanc in my head -- lots of shiny black cut marble type stuff.

As for the rest -- yeah, if I'm not crazy about a set I won't buy it (which, er, hasn't happened yet...) -- but at the same time, this set looks so KEWL from the art, if it were all crazy colored and stuff, that could

conceivably be a let down.

Though I'd still probably get it -- then prime it black and repaint it how I would want it.

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Posted by Harneloot - 2008/06/19 01:05

In the same vein L, when I saw the RotA drawing I thought "White, with a dingy brownish/yellowish/reddish/tan wash"

Whatever the color is I'm sure I'll like it, though I am secretly hoping for a different color than the standard gray...

As to what the set will contain - didn't Stefan or Jeff or someone official say somewhere that they were moving away from the standard "Room & Passage" base set design? Maybe I am imagining this....however, if they do keep that same basic design DF really needs to include (or make as singles) 6" straight passageways. Not having those is my number one pet peeve about my 6 DoE sets~!

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Posted by thenorthman - 2008/06/19 02:46

Is there even a 6" passage way for DoE? THought there was only short passage ways....or is that what your trying to say that DoE needs 6" passage ways?

Yes it would be nice to have it some other color than the grey.

I like the earth tone color with a black wash idea.

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Posted by Stefan - 2008/06/20 02:02

It won't be gray...