

What would people think of reissues in other colors?

Posted by L - 2008/06/20 13:09

While posting about the color of Realm of the Ancients, I mentioned the idea of a special limited edition version in an alternate color scheme from whatever is chosen.

That got me thinking -- what would people think of getting some previously issued DF product in a special limited color scheme. No more expensive than the original issue, just the same set in different colors. OR maybe a brand new set comprised of different components from other sets in new colors -- like a Room Set with columns and the demon arch in new colors, etc.

Here are some specific examples:

DoE: Probably the easiest to come up with new ideas. Black with blue highlights, for one -- or marble, white with grey and black veins. Maybe also a deep bronze with blood stains, too. The dragon arch could be different -- black maybe -- and the glyph on the large floor piece as well -- maybe gold or silver.

SF: Any of the SF sets in white, like Bepin in Empire Strikes Back or any number of Trek sets. White floors, white walls, maybe some with scorch marks indicating battle damage, and some of the exposed wiring stuff could still be silver or slightly blackened, greasy/dirty. OR they could be in shiny black, like the Death Star.

Caverns: Well, ice or lava. For lava, just do the cavernous river/lake elements with lava instead of water. For ice, I see two possibilities: first, cast the set in clear resin, maybe paint it a little here and there so the ice "pokes out" of snow and rock, or just leave it all clear ice. OR, just add snow drifts and piles on the current sets, with maybe slushy trodden paths of various kinds of footprints.....

Dungeon and MBS are hard to imagine any different -- I mean, the wooden beams on MBS could be a slightly different shade of brown, but really, is that enough to make it matter? Dungeon stuff, same basic problem... hard to imagine a radical enough change, like the ones suggested above, to make it special. Maybe blood-spattered, or "winterized" with snow, or maybe even done in gold, to suggest gold bricks or something. I don't know.

Of course, pretty much ALL of this could be done by fans, but I don't think most of us would want to attack our precious DF collections! I've talked about repainting DoE in the past, but I don't have the courage to do it. I like the stuff as it is too much!

Plus, most DF fans don't want to paint their own stuff, or don't feel that what we could do would look NEARLY as good as what could be done officially.

So what does everyone think? Would repaints be neat?

I ask in part because I think it could be a GREAT market for DF. I mean, toy companies repaint the same basic mold to get more profit all the time! It doesn't cost any more to paint the set a different color,

and if you can get some of us to buy the EXACT SAME SET again, and feel happy to have it, why not? Some of us lunatics would not only continue to buy multiples of the "basic" stuff, we'd probably buy a handful of the repaints, too! Either way you'd be selling us essentially the same product more than if you DIDN'T repaint it, and we'd get something we thought was really neat -- it's win/win! But only if the fans indicate strong enough support, I suppose. If people HATED the repainted stuff, of course, it'd go to waste...

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Posted by thenorthman - 2008/06/20 13:40

It would have to be the right color but I do believe you might be onto something here.

Sean

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Posted by jkratzer - 2008/06/20 17:34

Well, as those of you who've been here a while already know, I'm the "Infamous DF Butcher" who will paint ANYTHING, as long as I can get the paint OFF after I'm finished! So I don't have a problem with painting my DF. But for those of you who don't feel that way, I'd agree with the following suggestions:

DoE: Evil Black-and-Gold or Black-and-Red paint scheme.

Sci-Fi: DeathStar Gloss Black and Matt Red (for control panels), or Trekkie Tritanium, or Rebel Fleet White.

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Posted by Stefan - 2008/06/20 21:27

I could imagine the Sci-Fi sets or the Den of Evil in another color. Especially the Sci-Fi Sets....unfortunately, the Sci-Fi sets are the least selling of all our sets which makes it improbable. However... if anyone wanted to repaint either of these sets in all black or white it would be REALLY easy in those colors...

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Posted by blairgb - 2008/06/21 00:15

When I saw the DOE preview sketches, I immediately though it would be glossy black, like polished marble. Saruman's tower style. I would love to see a new evil set in that style, perhaps with some very subtle and tasteful HR Geiger flourishes.

I think a lot about using washes and paints to make the sci-fi terrain we use look rusty, decrepit and old. From what I've seen working in the construction industry, a lot of bridges, structures, buildings, etc., while perfectly functional, often look beat to hell and ancient when you get in their guts. I've only used it for ancient structures in my D&D game, such as areas under high-end magical wards, as well as rocketships.

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2008/06/21 11:28

This topic came up on the forums several years back. I thought it was a great idea then and I still do.

While DoE, Sci-Fi, or even Caverns to some degree, could all have some interesting alternate color scemes, I cannot help but come back to the point that your basic MM Fantasy Dungeon sets might be the most useful to have available in special repaints.

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Posted by thenorthman - 2008/06/21 14:10

A "moldy" cavern might be cool as well. We have seen some recent things that have come out like that on eBay. (I swear every-time I was about to modify something and put it on ebay some one else did it right before me...) Oh well. Guess I could look like a copy cat.

At any rate a moldy dungeon/cavern would be cool.

Sean

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Posted by L - 2008/06/21 16:39

Sometimes I think it would be REALLY cool if I had the money and space to get an extra SF set, an extra Cavern set, and an extra DoE set to repaint. I would have trouble deciding between black and white for SF, but I'd definitely do the DoE in glossy black and do a lot of white highlights on the cavern for snow. I'd probably get some of that "hobby snow" stuff, too, to make a really great winter cavern. Not quite "ice cavern," but neat all the same.

sigh. Never happen.

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Posted by thenorthman - 2008/06/21 18:39

Snowy Cavern set now that is a good idea!

Wouldn't have to be a whole bis set up either; well in my eyes because it could be just the mouth of the cave or something.

Sean

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