Liscenced Minatures?
Posted by waza - 2009/07/23 21:06

I have a couple of packs I got on sale somewhere of what are clearly the same miniatures as I purchased from Dwarven Forge. These have no mention of Dwarven Forge on them but are even in the same packaging clear plastic front, molded blue felted plastic insert to hold the mini's, only the insert card is different.

The insert calls the range "Skirmisher Publishing's Orcs of the Triple Death" the one I have is "Orc Champions SKP-M-0401 $7.95". It is a folded card, unlike the DF ones which have a single piece of thicker card, and has 3.5 compatible d20 stats for the miniatures on the inside, and new weapons armour and feats on the back. They claim printed material (ie the card with d20 stuff is copyright 2004 by Skirmisher Publishing but say nothing about the mini's except "Miniatures and packaging made in China."

I was just wondering what the story was with these? Did you licence them out, or sell excess stock to be repackaged? Just curious.

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2009/07/23 23:21

Ah that's the company, I remember from some time back (like 2 years ago) that there was another company that had the same models for sale, but for the life of me could not remember the name, thanks for this, it gave me the name, but they didn't have wht i was looking for.

Heres the website they are for sale from.
http://skirmisher.cerizmo.com/items/92-orc-taskforce-miniatures
http://skirmisher.cerizmo.com/categories/562--orcs-of-the-triple-death-rules-miniatures

I was trying to find them to see if they hade the DF lizardmen as well, but now that I know the name I don't see them.

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Posted by Harneloot - 2009/07/24 00:07

Curious. Those look like the exact same pictures DF uses, and the ones that aren't DF pictures have the orcs arranged in a DF setting!

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Posted by HeroQuestFrance - 2009/07/24 02:21

Yep you put the finger on a hot spot.
Strange indeed...

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Posted by jackattack - 2009/07/24 05:40

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waza, how does the quality of the Skirmisher-produced set compare to the DF-produced set? Are the Skirmisher orcs comparable to the DF, or are they rougher, less detailed?

If Skirmisher Publishing purchased a bunch of DF minis, they are legally entitled to sell them. They are NOT legally entitled to change the name or packaging to make them seem like anything other than a DF product, however, so a cease-and-desist letter is in order.

If Skirmisher Publishing is producing DF minis without authorization, then a cease-and-desist letter is in order, followed by a scathing lawsuit. It is imperative that DF find out how SP got the molds (whether they are original molds acquired by illegal means, or if someone took the trouble to make molds from a set of orc miniatures).

What country does SP operate out of? LLC is England or Australia, if I'm not mistaken.

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Posted by arsthein - 2009/07/24 05:58

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I think I remember that Stefan told here in the forum many years ago a story explaining this issue, that other forum member asked.

I may be wrong, I almost can't remember, but It seems that DF used that company to release their miniatures in the beginning or that at some point they gave them some rights to sell them. In fact, I think that below the base of the miniatures, there was really their own trademark instead Dwarven Forge, that is what you can read in the DF ones if you look under them. May be even those miniatures were casted by that other publisher.

May be someone can find and post a link to that old thread.

Greetings!

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2009/07/24 10:00

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As mentioned this has come up before I'm a lucky bastard...., but i think the explinatiom was pre hack, and it has been lost..

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Posted by admin - 2009/07/24 16:26

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They have the right to sell them. It is a long story...but a fair one. Thanks for the post. All is well.

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