

DF During a D&D RPG Session.

Posted by Darkfather - 2004/11/22 02:34

Well my players got to play on/in Df scenery today. It was a great hit with the players (as I knew it would be).

Here are a couple of shots of one of my designs in use during game play.

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Posted by Darkfather - 2004/11/22 02:37

Here are the last couple of photos from today's session.

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/11/22 15:25

FarkFather,

Ok... Now these Are REALLY Nice Looking Pics... I Especially Dig the Mine Entrance Props, and the "Down the Corridor" Views you have Provided are terrific... Good Job!

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2004/11/22 16:03

They are not spiders, but something called a Mad Slasher, and yup they are in Abberations, although all of mine got used for Star Wars critters.

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Posted by Dante - 2004/11/22 16:04

DarkFather,

Could you please post a shot of the mine entrance from a bit father out? I'd love to see what the rest of that piece looks like!

Thanks!

-Dante

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Posted by Darkfather - 2004/11/22 18:13

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Wow!, thankyou MLV. I still wish I had a better camera, and better skill at taking photos, though.

So was this the First time the Players had ever Seen ANY DF or Just the first time they had played with it in your Game?

This was the first time any of them had even seen Df scenery, let alone played on it. They were amazed at the quality of the stuff (as am I.. still). Not the first time they/we have used scenery though, I scratchbuild ALOT of scenery. (See my in production page on my website).

Also are those Smaller "Giant Spiders" GW or are they the New Spiders from Aberations? (I Got a Bunch of Iron Cobras but only One Spider.....)...

The smaller spiders are in fact Mad Slashers (from the D&D Miniatures Handbook), but they made great stand-ins for medium monstrous spiders.

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No worries Dante. Here are a few photos of the mine itself and the entrance. (My son is going to be amazed that someone specifically asked to see this, as this is his own design/construction. Oh yeah is only 12yrs old, so please be nice ;))

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Posted by Darkfather - 2004/11/22 18:36

Here are 3 more pics of the mine & entrance...

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Posted by Dante - 2004/11/22 20:30

Please be nice?!? Dude--that is an awesome piece--especially from such a young modeller! You may tell your son that I'm very impressed.

I can't wait for my son to get old enough to start gaming. He's only 18 months now so I have quite awhile to wait but it'll be worth it!

Keep up the great work!

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Posted by L - 2004/11/22 21:29

Tell your son I was impressed, too -- in some of the early close-up shots, I thought the railroad tracks were just store bought, outta-the-box model railroad tracks. The whole arrangement is really well-done, and mixing it with DF is a real fun idea.

(for that matter, I'd recommend either buying tracks or seeing if your son wants to build them, and put them in the DF passages -- a dwarven mine would be GREAT!)

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Posted by willypold - 2004/11/23 00:52

Neat design, indeed!

If anyone wants to build a an actual working dwarven mine railroad you really should look for the Roco narrow gauge industrial equipment in the HOe scale. HO is of course 1:87 scale and the "e" means that you are using the rail spacing for N scale (9 mm) which turns out to something like 2.5 foot gauge, which is wider than the Maine narrow gauge roads but narrower than the Colorado railroads if we are still talking HO scale.

The industrial carts are perfect in size for hand-pushed mine carts, as the scale of the minis we use is more like 1:50, turning the 9 mm rail spacing into a gauge of 1.5 foot/45 cm, which is just about what most mine railroads used! :D

I'll take a couple of pictures for comparison when I get back home tonight, as I'm off for work in a few minutes.

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Posted by Darkfather - 2004/11/23 06:27

Thanks guys. I have passed the accolades onto my son (maxminis screenname Clanguard), and he blushed. Ahh the innocence of youth.

Thanks also Willypold, for the heads up, I may check that out.

L - I thought of that also, once I have some more DF scenery (next week fingers crossed), I am going to give that a try. I will post pics if I can get my son to sit down with me and do it.

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Posted by willypold - 2004/11/23 07:22

If you want to put tracks in the DF passages you will probably run into problems because of the tight curves (providing you are using the curved passages, of course). You could try handlaying your track with just about any radius you want, if the readymade stuff isn't available. If you do it with some care it would still work with the Roco mine carts.

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Posted by Dante - 2004/11/23 10:08

willypold--what are "Roco" mine carts? Is that a brand? What scale are the carts & tracks?

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Posted by willypold - 2004/11/23 12:48

Dante,

Roco is an Austrian model railroad maker, and also the producer of the Roco MiniTanks line of HO scale military vehicles. The "mine carts" I'm referring to is a small series of narrow gauge industrial equipment using the N scale track gauge (and originally N gauge mechanisms - 1:160). The trains themselves are HO scale narrow gauge, originally depicting military railway equipment used in the trenches during the First World War.

The series include a steamer, a diesel engine and several tiny 4-wheel and 8-wheel dump wagons and flat cars. Roco's website is at <http://www.roco.co.at>, but I couldn't find anything about the narrow gauge stuff at that page - but I just had a quick look. The line is in production, though.

The locos and cars were originally produced in the early 60's by a German company called Egger-Bahn, and in the late 60's production was taken over by the French modelmaker Jouef, before it dropped out of sight. Ages ago Roco brought out the dies and started producing parts of the original series once more.

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Posted by Alkatchoff - 2004/11/24 16:11

Just wanted to congratulate your son on the mine!

That's some talent! Really a great piece.

Alkatchoff

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Posted by Darkfather - 2004/11/25 10:04

On behalf of my son, Clanguard (Maxminis username), I would like to thank everyone for the kind words.

While ebarrased at all the attention, it has helped to encourage him to help me out on a few endeavours I am currently working on.

Thanks again to those people who passed on their kind words.

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Posted by Dante - 2004/11/25 10:42

Like I said before, I can't wait to get my son involved in gaming. There are so, so many cool projects I have slated to work on but would like to wait on some to have him participate when he's old enough!

If your son keeps it up, he could really make a name for himself as he progresses in level of skill. That could earn him a pretty good job later on with one of the major scenery makers or with the evil empire... Games Workshop. ::grin::

Sheesh--I posted this and then thought, "I should have said he could wind up with a great job at Dwarven Forge" so I had to hit the edit button quickly. ha ha...

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/11/27 15:44

DarkFather,

I am jumping in at the End of all of this Discussion, but I Think your Son Deserves the Accolades for Sure and Certain... That is a Very Kewl Mine Entry, the More so because of the Utility of it's Separation allowing it to be used as a Facade (As in the Pics), or as a 3D Terrain Piece/Hill for Wargames... Very Nice Design...!!!

As to the Rail Roads... I Have Advocated from Early on in the History of this Site, the Inclusion of HO or N Scale Tracks... But I Never even thought about Using them in the Corridors themselves... But rather in the Cavernous Layouts, which is more of a "Natural" and Irregular Environment for a Mine... IMLHO...