ORCS!
Posted by Law - 2012/01/25 20:04

So I realized recently that I don't really have any orcs that I love. I have the DF orcs, and they're my favorites -- but most of them are wielding pole arms of some variety, only a few have swords, and I wanted more swordsmen. I have a lot of WOTC DDM orcs, but they're purple and have dreadlocks. They're okay. But they aren't classic, traditional orcs.

So with my recent painting craze, I scooped up a bunch of real basic old school Reaper orcs (Sandra Garrity, I think). Some have axes, some swords, some are archers. Here are the axe ones, for anyone who's curious:

http://www.reapermini.com/OnlineStore/orcs/latest/06017

They're (mostly) painted up now, very basic scheme. And I'm just digging the 1982, Keep on the Borderlands, old school AD&D flashbacks. It's totally in-keeping with my recent focus on the dungeon DF sets, too. I'm just picturing these guys marauding through some hamlet, grabbin' kids and plundering, and then some hapless group of (low-level) adventurers trying to set things right. I see these guys in dungeons, wreaking havoc in an MBS tavern, hiding out in a DF cavern. And then getting totally in over their head in the DoE or Hellscape -- mwa-ha-haha!

Anyhoo.. Ahh.. nostalgia...

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by biowizard - 2012/01/25 21:11

We indeed never have enough generic minions and I'm eager to see your painted orcs! Ever since I read Tolkien's masterpiece when I was 12, orcs were my favorite monsters. I must say that I prefer the appearance of those from Lord of the rings as opposed to the more "cartoony" sculpts I see of the so-called classical D&D versions... but then, this is a question of personal preference. As to which one are the real classical, I would say that since Tolkien "invented" them, I think they are pretty classical (although not "D&D" classical). The orcs I found to fit best what I imagine an orc to look like are the Mordor orcs from the Lord of the Rings line of products from Games Workshop.

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/m2170070a_99121462003_MordorOrcs_873x627.jpg

I own 50 or so of them (and a few goblins) and I really don't know when I'll be able to paint them.

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by David Wasilewski - 2012/01/26 06:16

You need to go OTHERWORLD Orcs, man.

For old school D&D you can't beat this range - I have about 40 of his Pig Faced Orcs and they're excellent!

Dave

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Re:ORCS!

Posted by Law - 2012/01/26 07:11

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biowiz: I agree, the LOTR orcs are spectacular. I have the whole GW movie range, I think they knocked it out of the park (though the prices were insane). But (a) I think of the Tolkein orcs as very specific to Tolkein, even though they're obviously the template for everything else, and (b) the GW LOTR orcs are, again obviously, a licensed property, and I like my fantasy minis to be more "generic." Otherwise it just feels like I'm putting up a LOTR movie display.

Also, now I am fighting the geek temptation to work through a whole taxonomy of orc imagery, from the initial historical sources on which Tolkein drew, through the Tolkein accounts (first in their Hobbit versions, then in LOTR), t
then through D&D's various editions, and popular video games.... no! Must get work done! We will all just have to agree that orcs aren't purple and don't have dreadlocks. :P

DW: Yeah, but doesn't Otherworld ship from the UK? I just haven't been able to justify that. Otherwise, sure, I'd grab their whole lineup, starting with that awesome 1st ed. demon idol! I have loved the Otherworld line, but I just can't get 'em.

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Re:ORCS!

Posted by David Wasilewski - 2012/01/26 07:51

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The pound is pretty weak against the dollar at the moment so it may actually be a good time to buy them? Of course it all depends on your gaming budget but from what I've seen of your posts you're a hard core gamer with a bit of spare cash to splash on the hobby. (hey, it's cheaper than golf or the pub!)

I occasionally (about once every three years) buy a ton of Reaper minis and have them shiped from the states - it does cost a lot but for a premium product its worth it. It can't be any more expensive, comparatively, say than buying 3 sets of DF.

It may be worth contacting Otherworld to suggest he has a US retailer to carry his range (kind of like DF Europe but in reverse). If enough people contact him to suggest this he may just go ahead and do it.

Dave

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by biowizard - 2012/01/26 08:04

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Until the end of February 2012, Otherworld Miniatures sells bronze, silver and gold vouchers valid for 1 year.

Bronze vouchers cost 50£ and you can redeem them for 65£ worth of products.
Silvers vouchers cost 100£and you can redeem them for 140£ worth of products.
Gold vouchers costs 200£ and you can redeem them for 300£ worth of products.

With those vouchers also comes free goodies at the end of the year that are yet to be disclosed (it changes every year, for promoting their new products).

I bought last week from them a silver + bronze voucher with which I bought everything I think I'll ever want from this great company. Also, shipping is free worldwide when you buy for 75£ and more.

The Pig-face Orcs Tribe Box Set details for 70£:

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/m2170070a_99121462003_MordorOrcs_873x627-abe40a66cb49d0ce05edd5389968eff8.jpg

This means that with precisely 60£ (Bronze + 10£), you get this set delivered to your door + anything you like from them worth 5£.

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by biowizard - 2012/01/26 08:06

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Ooops, wrong orcs.

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/Pig_faced_Orcs_Tribe_Box_Set.jpg

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by Lordannilhus - 2012/01/26 10:27

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biowizard wrote:
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Lol, yes better for me. It was impossible to find these minis on the otherwolrd site ... :)

Is this your painting Biowizard??? I Love them !

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Lord

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by biowizard - 2012/01/26 10:55

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These are not mine, I prefer the LOTR type. You can find that image on the following link while clicking the image.

http://otherworldminiatures.co.uk/shop/pig-faced-orcs/bs1-pig-faced-orc-tribe-boxed-set/

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Re:ORCS!
Posted by Shadbelly - 2012/01/26 16:35

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I live in the United States and shipping from otherworld for my orders is usually around $7 depending on the current exchange rate. The only thing that sucks about ordering from them is how long it sometimes takes to get here. They are well worth the wait though.

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