

New DDM set out tomorrow -- with water elemental!

Posted by L - 2006/11/02 20:37

I'm just happy because this guy is going to look SO AMAZING on the DF water sets. (I actually already have two, since local gaming places near me broke street date on Blood War and I managed to snag a few boosters earlier this week...)

Still, for anyone who likes the prepainted minis, tomorrow is gonna be a great day! Lots of cool stuff in this set...

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Posted by willypold - 2006/11/02 23:04

I checked the gallery at Wizards - looks good. How's the painting quality this time?

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Posted by thomast22 - 2006/11/03 04:33

I hope the quality has improved with the price increase. Not that it will stop me from buying them. I have every mini from every set. This set will put me over the 4000 mini mark.

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Posted by L - 2006/11/03 05:40

The paint is pretty nice on most of them -- the "Tanis" figure (Free League Ranger) is not as nice as I'd hoped, but the gargoyle, the marauder, the water elemental all look good. The price increase seems to have been, in part, a response to the way fans reacted to War Drums, where they cut paint apps rather than raise the price.

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Posted by Harneloot - 2006/11/03 13:18

Pieces look good - opened my 2 cases yesterday....painting quality is back on par with whats acceptable.

VERY dissapointed in the Type V Demon sculpt though....

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Posted by L - 2006/11/03 14:06

I got my two cases, just got through sorting them (gonna sell back about 100 commons to the store that sold me the cases, get back SOME of my money -- stupid price increase!) I'm pretty happy with this set.

Right now, I'm not all that enthused about DDM -- feels like Dragon Queen just happened, and I'm just taking a break. So that has dampened my enthusiasm a LITTLE for this set. Plus, this set feels like it has more bland commons than some -- though that could just be fatigue setting in. After like 15 sets of these, the commons all start to blend together, you know what I mean?

Still, there are a few I like, like the cultist and the ranger made to resemble Tanis (from Dragonlance). And some of the uncommons are really great -- I think there are more uncommons that I really like this time around than rares!

I LIKE the Pit Fiend (though I prefer Reaper's version), and I really like the various "clear" figs -- the Hellcat, the Flaming Sphere, the Phoenix (wait, it's not a phoenix, is it?), the water elemental... And I like the cavalry figure.

Good set, I'm far happier with it than I was with War Drums.

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2006/11/03 15:10

I'm off now to get some of the 6 boosters i will be getting for this set.

these last few months have just been too Expensive.

Bounth Hunters, DoE expansion, Blood War and Star Ship battles, something has to give, and since i am not a big fan of demons and devils it is Blood War.

I am not a fan of the 40% of the set is rare. The numbers of rares have been going up from 20 in Arch Fiends and Dragon Eye to 23 in Aberations and Deathknell and now they have been at 24 since Angelfire. They have had 4 sets where 40% of it is rare. Oddly Angelfire is about when i lost much of my intrest in even contemplating completing a set, it just became too expensive. They pulled the commons down to only 12 per set and Uncommons up to 24. They pretty much make it so you have to buy 2 cases if you just want to get 1 of everything, and i can't do that anymore, and support other things. They sacrificed the Common figures to get more Rare and Uncommon in the set, i'm at the point with 6-8 boosters there are some Commons i don't even see from a set. I can't even beging to hope to get the

uncommons and rares unless i go after market.

I still like the figs for D&D but i just can't commit to them anymore, I am hoping i get some of the Uncommons i like in this set, and honestly don't give a darn about many of the Rares (about 1/2 which are of course the ones i will get).

well off to get my minis...

only 20% is Common? while fully 80% are Uncommon and Rare, each being 40% of the set is uncommon or rare.

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Yeah, I sort of implied this in my post, but this set is the last of my "completist/getting two cases" approach. Too expensive, and after this many sets, too many pieces are starting to feel familiar.

In the future, I'll be buying more singles -- it still gets pricey, with some costing around \$20-30, which is frankly absurd for these things. But in the end, I'll get the 25-ish figures I really want for around \$100, which is still cheaper than the \$250-350 it costs to get the 60-fig set now. I mean, a lot of that I get back in sales on eBay and so on, but back in the day when I wanted multiples of commons and so on, it made more sense to lay out the cash. Now, I barely want ANY commons, let alone multiples, and I even find myself passing on many of the rares. I want far fewer figures, so I'd rather spend \$25 on a rare that I want than accumulate tons of figs I don't need just for the sake of saying "They all cost an average of \$2 a piece!" Well, I'd rather have 10 figures I really wanted for \$10 each than 150 figures I don't care about as much for \$2 a piece, you know?

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Well i ended up with just 4 boosters tonight (they had Clone Strike boosters so i bought a few of those instead BW will be out for a bit).

Out of the 4 boosters i got my 16 Common didn't even net me a full set of commons, and of the ones i was looking for i only got 1 each, got 4 of ones i didn't give a rats behind about, same thing with the Uncommon, got 4 freakin Stag Beetles!!!! Got figures i don't care about all up and down the line.. ugh.

Anyone interested in the Air Genasi, Lillend, and the Bralani Eladrin?

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Actually, I do kinda want Lillend and Air Genasi, maybe we can arrange a trade...

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Posted by Yukon Cornelius - 2006/11/03 20:51

After three cases and a serious plasti-fume headache, I still need four figures. Not a bad night's work.

If anyone is interested in trading, maybe we can get a little group going here on the boards.

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Posted by Harneloot - 2006/11/03 22:39

I have a Lich Queen and a Lord Of Blades to trade....

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Posted by Harneloot - 2006/11/04 08:42

I now alos have a horned demon, marilith and Elf Dragonkith

ANyone want to trade?

I need:

Pit Fiend
Air Gensai

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