

## Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by dandare - 2013/03/20 17:11

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This is a question I cordially ask to all who are happy to share their own reason / story...  
..and now that I have finally selected my own, I will start!

My Avatar is of the box cover art for a VIC-20 16k ROM game cartridge called 'Adventurland' from 1981. A classic and very basic 'Two word' text adventure set in a fantasy world where I had my first adventure quest. I had to explore, puzzle, stay alive & find treasures in an enchanting interactive story. (Grrr - to those Chiggers!)

This led to me buying and playing 'The Warlock of Firetop Mountain' Steve Jackson book/s in 1982. (Dice rolling and keeping track of life points added to the thrill and challenges!)

Role Playing soon followed when I left school and at the age of 17/18 when I met like minded people and was introduced to the 'AD&D' game in the early to mid 80s.

I have much to thank Scott Adams for. His door was the first to open and led me on a easy downhill path right towards Gygax.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by M4jumbo - 2013/03/20 17:59

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Because Owlbears have always been one of my favorite D&D monsters, because the Otherworld Miniatures Owlbear figure rocks, and because I painted it.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Harneloot - 2013/03/20 18:13

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Great question!

I went searching for an image on google for my Ptolus game - something creepy that I could include in the Chaos Book that the cultists were using to mutate people in an attempt to unlock the Banewarrens. I typed in \*magic circle\* and this one was one of the images I found - a painting by Salvador Dali titled, "Magic Circle". Thought it was very cool (and used it in the chaos book!) and it has been my avatar ever since.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by biowizard - 2013/03/20 19:16

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It is a picture of myself, a molecular biologist/scientist, dressed as a "crazy" scientist for a Halloween party. It fits my username and I find it very funny.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by dndgamer - 2013/03/20 19:28

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Great question Dandare.

I picked my avatar after winning and receiving a custom built portal from eBay. The picture does not do it justice especially when placed as part of a winter scene. It has a swirling center and a built-in color changing light. Players are always afraid it'll take 'em to their death...muahahahaha.

Unfortunately, I can't remember the artist who made it so I can't give credit where credit is due.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Shadox - 2013/03/20 20:39

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My favorite, longest played, and not surprisingly the first character I took to high levels was a brooding rogue named shadox. I described him as a nondescript 6 ft tall black shirt, black pants, black boots, black gloves, black hair and ashen skin. He was under cover along with a fighter as an acrobat, tight rope walker, and general performer in a circus. During the "Amazing Marvin" Axe throwing act there was an accident. The fighter fumbled. A permanent scare was on his face as if the axe had tried to split his eye. This was the closest picture I could find.

-shadox

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Dwarf - 2013/03/21 02:53

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I work for Games Workshop and look peculiar. In the store I am the manager of most cutomers just call me the Dwarf. Even my wife calls me that sometimes. I wonder why...

- Dwarf

## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by dungeoncrawler - 2013/03/21 08:50

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Uh, my usual avatar is of an old wizard, not because I am old or a wizard, but more because of the spell he is casting makes me think of being a DM, holding the fates of the players in your hands.

My current avatar is Kraken kickstarter goodness.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by admin - 2013/03/21 10:20

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My avatar captures which first full-color D&D image that really fired up my passion for D&D.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Stefan - 2013/03/22 21:20

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My Avatar is Zaltar the Keeper of the Catacombs...illusionist....

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by ESKRIDGESCULPTURE - 2013/03/23 10:03

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GREAT QUESTION....MY AVATAR IS FROM A SCULPTURE THAT I DID IN COLLABORATION WITH BORIS VALLEJO. MY FIRST JOB OUT OF COLLEGE WAS AS A STAFF SCULPTOR AT THE FRANKLIN MINT. THE TIMING WORKED OUT PERFECTLY....TFM WAS LOOKING TO START A NEW FANTASY LINE WITH BORIS VALLEJO, JULIE BELL AND FRANK FRAZETTA AND NEEDED A FIGURATIVE SPECIALIST TRAINED IN THE CLASSICAL FIGURE TRADITION.(\*\*STEFAN WAS ONE OF MY TEACHERS....WE WOULD LISTEN TO THE CONAN SOUNDTRACK WHILE PAINTING AND DRAWING IN CLASS...VERY COOL\*\*)I HAD ADMIRERD BORIS' WORK SINCE I WAS A KID, HIS WORK INSPIRED ME TO WORK WITH THE FIGURE AND PEAKED AN INTEREST IN THE FANTASY GENRE...ALONG WITH FRANK FRAZETTA AND MANY COMIC BOOKS FROM THE 60', 70'S AND 80'S.THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH BORIS IN PERSON WAS PRETTY MIND-BLOWING....WE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS AND I EVENTUALLY SCULPTED HIS PORTRAIT- I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HANG OUT WITH HIM AND HIS BEAUTIFUL AND TALENTED WIFE (JULIE BELL) IN THEIR STUDIO. WATCHING BORIS DRAW AND PAINT IN PERSON IS SOMETHING I WILL NEVER FORGET...SUCH A NATURAL TALENT....A PRODIGY. THAT'S MY STORY.....

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by dungeoncrawler - 2013/03/23 12:37

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Why do you type in all caps all the time?

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Stefan - 2013/03/23 16:19

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dungeoncrawler wrote:

Why do you type in all caps all the time?

That's just Casey...he is a passionate dude...I like it:)

Casey was another Prodigy btw...a born artist...Dan Edwards (and I later) merely guided him in the right direction and not to the dark side...well, until now...mwhaaa,mmwhaa....

now he is part of the Jedi order....

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by jgardner44 - 2013/03/23 16:46

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Casey is awesome! I love the sculpting he's done for DF.

I picked my avatar to represent the character I've played on Lostsouls.org mud named Timeless even though I usually play a character called Brak or Golden these days.

I felt that the image from Piers Anthony's "Bearing an Hourglass" which is a story about the immortal incarnation of the aspect of Time represents a pretty awesome time magi.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by thebigteacher - 2013/03/23 19:24

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My current character (2+ years) is a half orc. The avatar has a goatee as do I as well as a perpetual grin. My screen name is me as well. About 15 years ago a little kindergarten Cambodian kid said: "Mr

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Hooopa, you da big teacher", as I am very big it stuck.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Arcarius2001 - 2013/03/23 21:58

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I chose mine because it kind of reminded me of the gnome or dwarf sketch that is on the title page of the Advanced DnD PHB. Plus it is a bit whimsical and reminds me not to take things too seriously. I may switch it however to match my Dwarven Ale avatar on FB so folks know that both are the same guy. I am too many posts into these forums to start a whole new name and avatar.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by rapdup - 2013/03/24 00:17

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I've always loved playing magic users, so that initiated my search. I also wanted something a bit different than the classic long beard, aged mage. This little guy seemed amusing and a but hip, so it became me.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by monkplayer - 2013/03/24 08:38

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I choose this avatar because it's the coolest picture I've ever seen of a fighter style monk. I started playing monks (12 years ago) a few months after becoming re-aquainted with D&D after a 17 year hiatus. I started playing a ranger in D&D 3.0, but became bored and decided to cross-class with a monk. I've been "hooked" on playing monks ever since.

I guess I like monks because they can do really cool things like flips, twirls, high jumps, somersaults, move really fast, etc., and I like to state what they're doing before every attack/action. One of my favorite shows growing up was Kung Fu with David Carradine. I also liked all the Bruce Lee movies.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by dungeoncrawler - 2013/03/24 15:06

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Stefan wrote:

dungeoncrawler wrote:

Why do you type in all caps all the time?

That's just Casey...he is a passionate dude...I like it:)  
lol, ok!

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by David Wasilewski - 2013/03/25 08:30

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Simply because in our group, I am the Dungeon Master!!!! :)

And because if I had to pick one nostalgic game system that I have probably played the most of in my life, its AD&D.

And because someone beat me to it with the AD&D Players Handbook Demon Idol classic cover!

Dave

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by dandare - 2013/03/29 11:04

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I am particularly loving all the stories and reasons behind your Avatars.

Keep em coming!

And when any of the new comers are ready to post... It is a great place & way to say Hi!

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by ESKRIDGESCULPTURE - 2013/03/31 23:14

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Lets play nice boys and GIRLS

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by thebigteacher - 2013/03/31 23:31

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"Lets play nice boys and GIRLS"

I must add that playing nice was one of the things that drew me into this site and community. There are a great number of gracious and creative people lurking about here.

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by ESKRIDGESCULPTURE - 2013/04/01 17:22

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I toast a beer to that one

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by dndgamer - 2013/04/01 19:00

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I AGREE. EVERYONE ON THE FORUM SEEMS TO BE VERY TOLERANT OF OTHER OPINIONS AND ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP.

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by Harneloot - 2013/04/01 19:30

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Wholeheartedly agree!

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**Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??**

Posted by jgardner44 - 2013/04/02 19:20

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I agree, it's all the nice people on the dwarven forge forums as well as seeing how kind DF staff is to the collectors that converted me to a lifetime fan.

## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Kronos - 2013/04/04 07:03

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I agree! This community of gamers is awesome, the very best. :)

As for my Avatar: I chose this image because I really like the character from the second Hellboy movie as well as the look atmosphere of the movie itself. I draw a lot of inspiration from the works of Guillermo del Toro and Prince Nuada is one of my favorite characters from his works.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by Ski\_ - 2013/04/19 03:14

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My avatar is the inescapable and the most formidable abominable snow monster. This famous half stick figure & half grey fur creature is known for his endless chases of any poor skier who enters his white slopes. All the jumping and all the obstacle avoid will not stop his endless wrath.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by DaWolf - 2013/04/22 18:25

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I choose a picture of street art I saw in Paris. It is a no parking in my spot sign and direct to the point.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by jefflatt - 2013/05/13 22:08

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I ran across the picture of my avatar many years ago in Dragon magazine. It was at a time, when I felt at least, that good D&D art was hard to come by! I have always loved that piece of art by Errol Otus and all fantasy art by Jeff Dee.



## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by kitenerd - 2013/05/13 22:37

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My favorite mini for actually playing the D&D minis game (yup, I WAS THE ONE!) - you would decide to cast a spell and then roll a D20 to see what you cast - CHAOS rules!

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by TexasStu - 2013/05/15 01:36

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Mine is a close up of the Dragon Thief mini I painted for my friend. Complete with one eye opening. The 1980's vintage minis bring back a lot of memories for me. Oops! Well it is on KS. LOL. I tried changing it but either it's delayed or won't allow changes, reverted to the Gnome King (with quarter to show scale). You can see Dragon Thief avatar on KS or on my FB mini painting page in sig. Enjoy!

Cedric the Cleric

<http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/image-46b3317c43592d3d49f7173a0169d177.jpg>

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by KacyCrawford - 2013/09/28 07:03

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Answer is simple,because I like this photo.

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## Re:Q. Why did you choose that AVATAR ??

Posted by jasd0tcom - 2013/10/01 13:27

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My avatar is of one of my favorite characters to run: Neirb Gibbsboob  
She is a misunderstood Bugbear monk who is looking for her soul mate. The original tagline under my avatar read: Spread love...in the name of Hruggek!  
(Google "Hruggek" to understand the humor of that sentence)

Now my tagline reflects my interest in Dwarven Forge releasing a FREE STANDING WALL add-on for every set in current production :-)

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