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QUESTION: If a picture paints a thousand words, what creates a world?

> ANSWER: An artist, an image, and the beholder's imagination.



The creation of worlds

is TSR's stock in trade. Designers refine the research and theory, storytellers start the action from whence a new history can begin, and artists incorporate both into a visual model waiting to be animated by the involved observer. The TSR artists, past and present, are architects of the imagination, fleshing out visual landscapes of the fantastic from the ideas and descriptions of others. Medieval courts, gothic towers, barren deserts, and exotic cityscapes become as real as



JEFF EASLEY

photographs in the hands of such talented artists as Jeff Easley, Larry Elmore, and Clyde Caldwell.

Vampire counts, gladiators of the arena, wizened wizards, and jousting knights come to life on the canvases of Robh Ruppel, Brom, Fred Fields, Paul Jaquays, and Dana Knutson. Together with others too numerous to mention, they bring our worlds to life. More than a tale to be listened to, or a script to be followed, the art of TSR takes you on a journey through such legendary worlds as Dragonlance, Greyhawk, Forgotten Realms, Ravenloft, and beyond. Let them and their work be your tour guide through the landscapes of imagination that are

THE WORLDS OF TSR. . . .



WARNING: HERE BE DRAGONS!

As you journey along the highroads and byways of the imagination, be ever watchful for what lurks around the corner. The favorite inhabitant of these worlds is of course that wonderful product of myth, imagination, and lore: the dragon. Now dragons come in all sizes, shapes, and colors, with an equal variety of dispositions, personalities, and peccadillos. "Enemy," "ally," and "indifferent observer" are all possible monikers for the winged behemoth who might lurk around the next corner, over the next dale, or way overhead. . . . And up close is not the safest place to be when you discover that you haven't been invited "to lunch" but "as lunch."

Cartographers of the days of Christopher Columbus were "in the know" when dealing with the unknown, and their maps' labels would read, "Warning: Here be dragons!"

PROLOGUE





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LARRY ELMORE



It all starts so simply. A medieval countryside, a questing knight or bold adventurer, and a dragon. Dragons come in all shapes and sizes, their origins a mystery, their habits both varied and dangerous. Whether lurking around a mountaintop or in some dark cavern, they are more than willing to trade places with you and become the predator to your



Game dragon hunt is just one scene in an entire landscape of adventures.

prey.

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There are kingdoms to explore, chivalric royals to meet, princes and princesses to hobnob with, and courts that remind you of King Arthur and the days of yore. And of course every metaphoric Camelot has its metaphoric Merlin, a magician willing to share his secrets of magic and wonder . . . secrets that might be necessary for your continued survival in the land of adventure.

PART I Landscapes of Adventure

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Not too far from the colorful pageantry of courtly life are other castles, dark castles filled with treasures, secrets, and magic items ripe for the picking. You knock on the door, but it looks as if nobody's home. First you search high . . . but find no treasure on the upper floors. There is only one place left to go, so you follow a cavernous stairwell to the lower levels, down to the dungeon.

Your way is illuminated solely by the torch you carry. The dungeon is cold and damp, and the echoes of your footsteps play tricks on your ears. You are alone. The castle is

empty. The dungeon is deserted . . . you hope.

Dungeons Dungeons & Dragons® are more

than just medieval cellars occasionally used for weapons storage and prisoner confinement.

ROGER LOVELESS



PAUL JAQUAYS

Dungeons can be whole worlds unto themselves, stretching for miles underground, deeper and deeper into the bowels of the earth.

Traps have been set all around you.

Ogres, orcs, tigermen, or undead warriors might be lurking around the very next corner (not to mention the occasional evil wizard protecting his secrets or some subterranean dragon looking for his lunch). You might think about turning back . . . but the treasure is sure to be right around the bend, and you did come here looking for adventure, right? You step around the next corner to collect your booty . . . and a sudden breeze extinguishes your torch.









FRED FIELDS

out the echoes of your footsteps from the other sounds you hear . . . and your imagination does the rest. In terms of world building, the DUNGEONS & DRAGONS® game is where it all began. A simple setting-an underground chamber filled with a winning combination of wonder and danger-started it all: dungeons, monsters, artifacts, weapons, jewels, dragons (of course), and any other element from beyond the limits of imagination.

The underground landscape of colorful adventure is replaced by pitch black, while you try to sort

Your options are determined by the characteristics of the role you play: a warrior brave and bold, a thief daring and stealthy, or a wizard secretive and powerful. Who you play is as unlimited as the field you play on, and that is limited only by your own sense of wonder and adventure. The DUNGEONS & DRAGONS® and ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS® games allow you to play in a landscape of imagination. You can set the course of history; gain experience, wealth, and knowledge; become a combination of Marco Polo, Conan, and Merlin; play individually or as part of a team. Dungeons, castles, cities, kingdoms, and even whole planets have been invented and detailed for your playing pleasure . . . and the art brings them to life, offering you an invitation to step inside and become part of the scenes of adventure.





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The medieval world of make-believe is made more real through increased detail. Planets are given names like Oerth, Toril, and Krynn. Kingdoms and countries take on identities of their own. Personalities develop. Distinctions are made.

The landscape is no longer general. It is now precise. An ecology has developed. A new world is born.

> The world of Greyhawk is located on

the planet Oerth. Adventures It is the oldest of the ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS® game worlds. The nameless dungeon of earlier adventures has become more advanced through locales such as the Temple of Elemental Evil, the Tomb of Horrors, and the City of Skulls. Memorable personalities such as Mordenkainen, Juz the Evil, and Ivid the Undying come to life. A history develops. Events change the landscape. Politics get out of hand. Power-hungry forces vie for supremacy. War breaks out.

PART II Landscapes of Wonder



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CLYDE CALDWELL



GLEN ORBIK





JEFF EASLEY

The world evolves. The landscapes change. Great cities fall to the ground. Grand towers are besieged and crumble at the strain of oncoming enemy forces. You are no longer facing only the monsters of the wild and traps laid to deter your greed. The devastation of war is all around you. A civilization is being destroyed . . . but out of the ashes, a new one evolves. History continues for the planet Oerth, its landscape battered by war and the forces of evil.













CLYDE CALDWELL





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CLYDE CALDWELL





PAUL JAQUAYS



A new terrain of adventure and wonder unfolds around you.

The world of the Forgotten



Realms is located on the planet Toril. Larger than the Greyhawk world in both geographic area and cultural diversity, the history of the Forgotten Realms evolves in a truly global sense. Visit the frozen North and the Shining South. Visit the Moonshaes and Evermeet, far off the Sword Coast. See the wonders of Waterdeep, Cormyr, Phlan, Tantris, and Shadowdale, and meet their citizenry. Maybe the great Volo can be your guide. Journey to the far reaches of the Hordelands or to the dinosaur-inhabited Jungles of Chult in search of adventure and excitement. But more wonders exist below the surface. Explore the ancient, secret treasure troves of Undermountain. Recover the remnants of the past as you tour the ruins of Zhentil Keep and Myth Drannor. Sneak into the wondrous underground city of the Drow, Menzoberranzan, a sight not meant to be beheld by the eyes of mortal men. Shake hands with Elminster, High Lady Alustriel, and Drizzt, the

Catch up on current events with King Azoun. See how the wars are faring.

dark elf ranger.

No longer a Camelot wannabe, the world of the Forgotten Realms is much more real, a living landscape of opportunity.

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The world of Dragonlance is located on Krynn and is probably most famous for its legendary Cataclysm and War of the Lance, where the struggle between good and evil—the triumph of hope, honor, and camaraderie against overwhelming odds—is the subject of numerous tales and historical chronicles. Krynn is a world of personalities: the good guys like Goldmoon, Tasslehoff, Caramon, and others; the bad guys like Toede, the



Dark Queen, and Ariakas; the races like the kender, the dwarves, the minotaurs, and the dragons themselves. Visit the past before the war, witness the signing of the Swordsheath Scroll, or attend a meeting of the legendary Knights of Solamnia. Experience the Cataclysm. Change the course of time. Aid the Companions in their war to end all wars. Become a witness to the history of Krynn and beyond as new

Krynn . . . and beyond, as new legacies bear fruit and the world and its inhabitants continue to evolve. The wonders never cease.

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Formerly the home of the DUNGEONS & DRAGONS® Game, Mystara has undergone a renovation, giving birth to a world that preserves the history of the old, energized with the

> freshness of the new. Chivalry . . . but not Camelot. Dragons . . . but not Krynn. New legends, new adventures, new landscapes . . . yet preserving the legacy of a land

Campaign



formerly called the Known World, complete with courts and pageantry, long-lost heirs, and intrigue. The history is yours for the taking. The picture that was worth a

thousand words has become a gallery of history and alternatives. A simple courtly setting has become a living, breathing world, and an unnamed hero (or one-dimensional monster) has become a living, breathing character with a past and a future left at your disposal. . . . and the wonders never cease.

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PAUL JAQUAYS







ROBH RUPPEL





WALTER VELEZ

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Envision a world clouded in mystery. Visualize a graveyard

where the dead

Gothic Adventures

no longer rest, an ill-equipped lab where a self-educated scientist harvests the remains of a patient as spare parts for his ill-made creation, or a deserted castle where long-dead former residents still roam the halls.

Imagine an island where spectral ships cruise the coastline, a crypt where liches and wraiths lie in wait for prey, or an isolated tower where an undead count romances his latest bride.

The world of Ravenloft encompasses all of these landscapes of dark mystery, and its denizens come from all walks (and crawls) of life.

PART III Landscapes of Mystery, Darkness, and Light

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ROBH RUPPEL

Elegant vampires rule the night. Werebeasts exult in their moonlight curse. Undead creatures cling to the shadows, ashamed of their decaying flesh. Menacing monks hold the secrets of your salvation . . . and damnation. Shadows, fog, darkness, and mist shroud the landscape of mystery known as Ravenloft.

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CLYDE CALDWELL





Envision a world of brutality where the spirit of free will is oppressed by the demands of survival, the darkness of evil, and the cruelty of greed and rage. Envision a barren landscape burnished by a dark sun, a landscape whose vitality has been drained by too many years of waste and corruption, a landscape where gladiatorial combat is an everyday occurrence, as well as an apt metaphor for the everyman's lot in life.

Envision a world where all odds are against you.



Envision the world of Dark Sun. Now take everything you know about dwarves and dragons, elves and magic, and sorcerers and priests, and set it aside. On Athas, the fantasy landscape and all of its denizens have been changed.







Dragons are ancient, corrupt sorcerer-kings who long ago lost their humanity. Dwarves are bold and broad warriors in the arena and in cities' back alleys. ... And magic is the power that has turned a once green and fertile world into a sun-scorched terrain of fire, dust, and dunes of desolation. A land where marauders roam free and sorcerous storms rage unhindered. Hues of faded yellow, burnt umber and seria, and fiery red

umber and sepia, and fiery red color the landscape of darkness that is known as Dark Sun.























Envision a different sort of desert, one full of life and light, basking in the exoticism of the Middle East and the Arabian Nights.

DIW

Campaign

* Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah! Visit the bazaar," the fakir's pitchman

calls.

Welcome to the Al-Qadim world of Arabian adventures, the Land of Fate, and the Cities of Delight, Bone, and Assassins. Welcome to our landscape of light and enlightenment, where tales from the past—of forty thieves and a lamp, of ill-fated caravans and long-lost kingdoms—abound.



FRED FIELDS



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Visit the seas of Golden Voyages, filled with pirates and dangers of the deep. Visit the deserts, alive with secrets and treasures guarded by powerful djinn. Assassins, sha'irs, yakmen, fakirs, and magicians are just some of the more colorful characters in the vast rainbow of color and light that make up the Arabian landscapes of Al-Qadim.



JEFF EASLEY





PHILLIP BABB

The mysteries of the undead, color them blue and red. The darkness of power, burnt yellow, brown, and dour. The rainbow of light, the secrets and adventures of the Arabian Night. Ravenloft, Dark Sun, and Al-Qadim worlds of alternatives, landscapes of variety.



CAROL HEYER



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ROGER LOVELESS





FRED FIELDS

Not all of TSR's worlds have their origins in the fantasy of the past or legends. The future is also a fertile playing field for the imagination. Imagine a world



of the far
future, where
society exists
only through

hints of our current culture, architecture, and civilization. It is a virtual no-man's land . . . which is not to say it is uninhabited. In the words of GAMMA WORLD® game creator James Ward, ". . . we took a planet much like Earth in the 23rd century, added a few terrible wars with radioactive fallout causing the usual nuclear winter, sprinkled in some bacterial warfare, and then had nature mutate everything in sight."

PART IV Landscapes of Tomorrow and the Farthest Reaches of the Universe





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Come see the sights! Stand trial before a court of mutated zoo animals in a menagerie-based judge's chambers.

Fight the big, bad monsters while wearing your robot suit. Shoot that king-sized blaster. Skim the surface of the desert with a ragtag troupe of rebels fleeing an all-powerful, not-quite-human warlord. Have fun and adventure in a world gone crazy, where the heroes and heroines are as warped as the landscape. The future can't possibly match the craziness of life in Gamma World.

BROM





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Imagine a more traditional view of the future. A classic vision as old as pulp science fiction itself. You've been asleep for a very long time, and during your rest the world has changed. No, you are not in the mutated and whacked locales of Gamma World. You have journeyed back to the golden age of science fiction.



Welcome to a land of space-skimmers, skyscrapers, and air pirates.

Cruise far above the urban cityscape, rocket-belt on, blaster in hand, Wilma by your side. Welcome to the 25th century. Welcome to the BUCK ROGERS® XXVc[™] and HIGH ADVENTURE® game worlds, where the future is filled with adventure and good, clean fun. From the 1920's to the 30's, to the 40's and beyond, the world of Buck Rogers is meant for all seasons.







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Imagine a different sort of landscape.

Imagine a universe—existing between worlds—that is magical in nature rather than high tech.

This is not the future, nor is it science fiction.



This is not outer space. This is wildspace.





This is the SPELLJAMMER® game world, combining the celestial backdrops of space opera with the frigate-based nautical conflicts of the Barbary Coast, and set between the fantasy worlds upon whose terra firma we have adventured.

Sail by Krynn, Athas, Oerth, and Toril, seeing the worlds as only spacefarers can.

Set yourself behind the helm of a spelljammer, a dragonship, a squid, or a galleon. The choice is yours as you navigate your way through the far reaches of outer space along the ancient paths of the phlogiston. Visit the Rock of Bral. Meet the giff. Travel through the Astromundi



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Cluster. Stop by the worlds of DRAGONLANCE[®] and the FORGOTTEN REALMS[®] games while on your way to a martial campaign in the GREYHAWK[®] game world. The choice is yours. The scenery of the SPELLJAMMER® game setting spreads as far as the eye can see, and even farther than that by a universe or two as you travel beyond the moons and stars, across a cosmic landscape of legend and lore. The wide open spaces of tomorrow and beyond are only limited by the confines of your imagination.





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Realms of adventure. Realms of wonder. Realms of mystery, darkness, and light. Realms of the future, and of space both outer and wild. The choices are endless. A thousand images, a thousand worlds, a thousand adventures

... and all of them are just the jumping-off point for TSR to lead you along the landscapes of imagination into a past that never was, a future that might still be, or just an alternative to day-to-day life. Accept the invitation to take that first fantastic step ...

. . . and beyond.



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Without the wondrous imaginations and skilled hands of the artists whose work is featured in this volume, publication of *The Worlds of TSR* would not have been possible. Also to be remembered are the many game designers, writers, and editors whose work laid the foundation for the creation of worlds.

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