

INTRODUCTION

ONCE IN DARK. UZ REJOICE.
HURTPLACE BECKONS. UZ FEED.

Trolls. Digijelm. Dark Men. Dozaki. Humans and other stunted and night-blind folk give them many names, but they know they are the uz, children of the Great Dark Mother Kyger Litor. People call them ravening monsters, even though they can sing the lists of their ancestors back twelve times twelve generations. They have been at the forefront of the great wars against Chaos and suffered terribly, not least through the Trollkin Curse that still blights them. In their time they have populated the Underworld and then conquered much of Komor, Hurtplace – the sun-scarred surface of Glorantha.

This is the book the uz deserve and have been waiting for. In part it draws upon Trollpak and other works written for Runequest, but it is primarily new material, written for Hero Wars, bringing a new insight into this ancient race.

In due course, Issaries will be producing not just one book but a whole series of books on the Uz, tentatively titled 'Feed Uz.' In the mean time, this book has been licensed by Issaries and represents the most accurate view of the uz at present. New secrets are always being unearthed, new truths revealed and new understandings reached, so there may and probably will be differences between some of the detail here and in the final official works.

CAME THE LIGHT. UZ WEEP.
THE WORLD TURNS. UZ ARISE.

The book is written to provide all Narrators and players need to run uz heroes and narrator characters and set games in their lands. The major varieties of uz are described, keyworded and illustrated. Typical occupations, their main cults and spirit traditions are detailed. Sample narrator characters and adventure seeds are included, as well as a map of Dagori Inkarth, one of the main troll realms.

More information will be available on the net. The Unspoken Word website (www.celticwebs.com/theunspokenword) will post additional gaming material, including a sample uz clan and their caves. The Issaries website (www.herowars.com) includes uz materials in its Tribes section.

In the meantime, though, it is time to explore all the many facets of the uz. There are loving mothers, and caring healing priestesses. Canny traders and mournful hunters. And, of course, fearless warriors and hungry berserkers. After all, while humans are wrong to think of the uz simply as ravening monsters, that doesn't mean that the uz can't be ravening and monstrous at times.

The Hero Wars are here – and there is good eating to be had and a world to reclaim for the night.

