

# The Dark Sidhe



*in the reign of his majesty King Forest Evergreen*

*AGAIN*

## Introduction

*You have in your hand the latest edition of The Dark Sídhē, the first underground news letter of the Emerald Hills. We covered all the topics that “Echoes” wouldn’t touch. If you were looking for shady rumors or tales of horror you could always find them in The Dark Sídhē.*

*It’s been over 20 years since the first copy came out, and we have attempted to report (or cause) many hideous acts.*

*When E.H. broke free from The Burning Lands, the Dark Sídhē covered it.*

*When the crown was crushed and folded, the Dark Sídhē told the tale.*

*We let everyone know when Bara Duín had quit the game.*

*We were even there when everyone got stranded at “Mud Reign”.*

*Yes we have been around for quite some time.*

*But that was all so long ago.*

*Now we are back.*

*Hide your women and children (and sheep)*

*It’s going to be a fun ride.*

In Irish mythology, the sídhē, (pronounced "shee") are a powerful, supernatural race comparable to the elves. They are believed to live underground in mounds, across the western sea, or in an invisible world that coexists with the world of humans.

And now you know...

## *From the Battle Game Chest*

*Title: Full Contact Althing\**

*Players: 10+ players, or at least quorum.*

*Objective: Beat the opposing team into admitting their concept is light years behind your superior concepts and grasp on reality. Extra points for the excessive use of 'obviously'.*

*Setup: Post the voting agenda on the various forums, laundry mat walls in your local neighborhood, or even your glove compartment. Time frame can be three weeks previous to the event or 3 days after, your call really. Present the agenda and drag the park day into mind numbing submission, give or take three hours. Don't expect much of the hard core ditchers to get involved. Don't expect much of the hard core larpers to get involved either.*

*Home park rule variations: Blindfold participants with the voting ballot (in triplicate), spin counter clockwise until said persons can no longer recite from memory Article V. subsection 82A-S and let them vote with a #2 pencil.*

*Usually run at park level, can easily be scaled for kingdom level use.*

*Huzzah and happy voting!*

**Q:** How many white belts does it take to change a light bulb?

**A:** Just one to hold it and the world revolves around him

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## OUT OF THE GRAVE

*As I ascended from my grave and made my way back home to the Emerald Hills, I noticed a few new things. Some have turned out good for example- Banner Wars. I am not sure when this event started but it seems that it has become the event to go to. There were folks from all over. I got to see lots of old familiar faces. Companies have big important meetings and recruit new members. This is a good combination of fighting, socializing, and getting business done.*

*However there are some new things that that I really can't abide. New tools that are misused. New slang to be understood.*

*Here is a list of new things that really annoy me:*

- ***"End Reign"***- I can only assume that this came about out of laziness from the term "mid reign".

*The reason I dislike this term is that it sounds as if we are celebrating losing the monarch instead of crowning a new one.*

*Is it really that difficult to say the word "coronation"?*

***cor·o·na·tion*** [kawr-uh-ney-shuh'n, kor-] -noun *The act or ceremony of crowning a king, queen, or other sovereign.*

- ***"Cookies"*** *The first time I was asked if I had any cookies, I thought "even if I did I wouldn't share them you". Well it turns out that what he was wanting an enchantment. I'm not a Keebler elf. My magic isn't baked. No cookies for you!*
- ***"Pro..."*** *Apparently the words "Protection from" are just too time consuming. Whether referring to Protection from Magic (pro mag), Protection from Flame (pro flame) or, my favorite, Protection from Projectiles (pro pro), people are now "Pro" these items" instead of needing protection from them. Isn't that sort of the opposite?*
- ***O.R.K.*** - *this is a really good tool but folks seem to put too much faith in it. A player should know what credits and awards he has. Just because the O.R.K. doesn't reflect that you're 3<sup>rd</sup> level doesn't mean that you aren't. It might mean that the Prime Minister has not had the time to enter your credits yet. The ORK doesn't control the game. Don't get upset if you don't see your credits. Ask your Prime Minister about it.*

- *Forums*- another great idea to exchange ideas and spread information to the populace. Unfortunately this is too often used as a way to attack others. It seems like forums are used to criticize and insult with impunity. People will say the most hurtful things online. Things they would never say to someone face to face. Also sometimes meaning and intent are lost in written communication, and instead of getting with a person to talk things out, they get into insulting each other online. Stop hiding behind a monitor and get out to the park and work out your differences.

*Just a few things that I have observed.*

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## HAVE YOU BEEN ELECTED MONARCH?



Then you are going to need

**CROWN MAKERS!!!**

Nothing says you represent the Emerald Hills than a bunch of classy pipe cleaners.

Disclaimer: Crown makers does not guarantee that you will look cool or be accepted as royalty with pipe cleaners on your head. A real crown would probably work better. Some assembly required.

Another fine product from Drag Corp.

*“Have you ever seen blood in the moonlight? It appears quite black.”*



## Nirvana Hutts

You see them at every park

Lazing around Nirvana

They may have a bit of garb, but usually not

They might pick up a sword, but don't count on it

Mostly they just sit and smoke and talk trash.

They have opinions about everything:

Classes they don't play

People they haven't met

And rules they've never read

It would be really bad if one of them ever gets into politics.



## The Tale of King Hutt

On an otherwise peaceful day



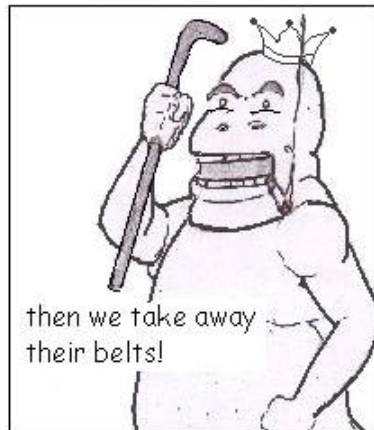
So I'm thinking we ban them all...



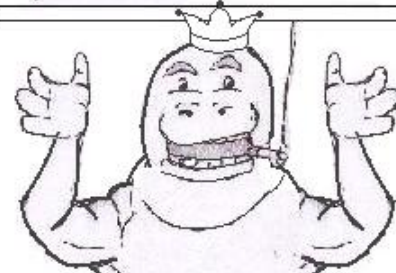
and then we make up petitions against...



then we take away their belts!



I don't understand why there is always so much drama at Amtgard



## THE HAND DRAGON

*Tired of the same old event favors that just sit there on your belt and do nothing?*

*Already have one too many bottle-holder pouches, key-rings, sea shells or pieces of colored glass?*

*Wouldn't it be great to get something as an event favor that was actually Fun?*

*Well your wish has finally come true...*

*In honor of the Puppet Master Dragon King himself...*

*Drag Corp proudly offers...*

*For your personal enjoyment...*

***The Hand Dragon!***

*No longer will you spend your events alone, talking to yourself through those long hours of sleepless darkness while others laugh the night away without the pleasure of your company.*

*You'll have The Hand Dragon to keep you occupied.*

*Just slip your nimble fingers into its back-side and you'll be set for hours of entertainment.*

*The Hand Dragon also makes a great gift for that someone special in your life.*

*So pick one up for yourself and one for a friend... if you have a friend!*

*If not, then get two anyway... You've got two hands, don't you?*

*And they're machine washable for all those lonely knights.*

*The Hand Dragon is available only for a limited time at an event near you...*

