



Encyclopedia Draconica

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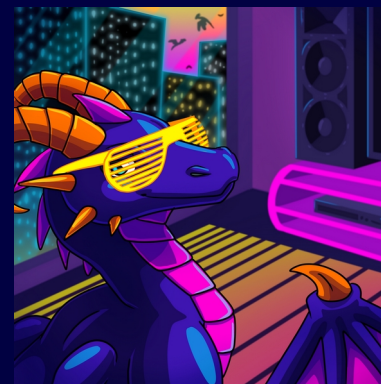
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Do You Want To Be A Dragon?

Stealing upon my way - Seeking the beast to slay
Wakes hidden memories - somehow it just seems... wrong?

Take your sword and risk your skin to do the evil dragon in
...But I *am* a dragon... aren't I...?

Hiss like a thousand snakes - Swiftly the beast awakes
Roaring with laughter – what will come after?
HEY!

Here's a pretty dragonskin to wrap the dragon hunter in
...But I *am* a dragon... aren't I...?

Don't you want to be a dragon?

Help Help Help Help
It has begun – I feel the change upon me
And now it's done – What will become of old me?
What will they say? My family will all mourn
The price to pay – Dragons are made, they're not born

Marvel at my long tail – Gleaming from every scale
Gold I've amounted, scarce to be counted

MINE

There's no shame in giving in, so come and join the dragon kin
BUT I AM A DRAGON... AREN'T I?

Do you want to be a dragon?

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Modern-Day Dragon

A modern-day dragon's all I want to be
But I can feel the Elders looking down on me
I don't need a messy pile of gold no more
When I can sleep on a carpet on a heated floor

'Cause my hoard is in the banks' computers
And my den is in a penthouse flat
I'm a modern-day dragon and there ain't nothing wrong with that

A modern-day dragon's all I want to be
'Cause it beats having hunters trying to murder me
I don't see no point in fighting tooth and claw
When you can just buy your meals from a superstore

Well my hoard is in the banks' computers
And my den is in a penthouse flat
I'm a modern-day dragon and there ain't nothing wrong with that

A modern-day dragon's all I want to be
But I can feel the Elders looking down on me
I earned all my riches sticking to the laws
I invented a keyboard you can use with claws

And my hoard is in the banks' computers
And my den is in a penthouse flat
I'm a modern-day dragon and there ain't nothing wrong with that

The Dark Bible

The Dark Bible

This evil book is steeped in sin
Such dreadful horrors dwell within
Each chapter and verse
Keeps on getting worse
Therein

For safety's sake it's not allowed
To read these dreadful words out loud
Striking readers blind
Shattering the mind
Be proud

The Dark Bible

To stop things getting out of hand
This tome of evil has been banned
Driving men to sin
Slaying kith and kin
As planned

Such words of darkness from the Pit
Abominations have been writ
Words that can destroy
Those who seek to toy
With it

The Dark Bible

Evil Dragon

As the priests intoned the forbidden ritual from the Dark Bible, a terrifying shape rose forth from the Void. Dragons are not uncommon in Arcaia, but this was no ordinary dragon.

He wants to see us all die – How can I put it less subtly?
With fire from the sky – He turned our tale into a tragedy
Beware the Evil Dragon

Swooping low across the villages in ways no civilised creature would dare, the grey shape disgorged vast gouts of flame, setting afire the thatched roofs of the ancient settlement. Panic ensured as the rogue lizard returned again and again, taking pleasure from the chaos and death. Ice-dragons attempted to douse the flames, but in vain, as they were driven back by their more powerful foe.

He wants to see us all die – How can I put it less subtly?
He opened up the sky – And turned the Word into a blasphemy
Beware the Evil Dragon

We were drifting along like they said in that song, living life how it should be
Now he'll scorch us to death with his firey breath like a burnt fish in the sea

Heroes of men and dragon alike flew to the province's aid, but the grey dragon was more than a match for them. Taking counsel from the wise, their lord decreed that a band of heroes must march forth to the realm of Taria, there to seek an audience with the overking, a mighty warrior, one never yet defeated in battle – and to plea for his aid.

Who'll stop the Evil Dragon?

Black dragons skulk around The Other Mountain Of Shadows

Dragon King

The motley band had trekked for many days, past the borders of North Arcaia, seeking the capital of the mountainous realm of Taria. Dragons scouted ahead but could not bear heavy loads such as the tribute they had brought to renew the old alliance.

They seek the Dragon King of Taria

Driving off brigands who sought to lighten their load, the heroes at last reached the plateau that they had sought. Tired and exhausted, they staggered to the city gates and begged for an audience with the realm's mighty lord.

He who has wisdom from the beyond the furthest star
As was foretold in the *Codex Draconica*

Bowing low in the great hall, the heroes told of the evil fate that had befallen Arcaia. Listening to their tale, the king fanned his mighty wings and the roof of the hall opened up for him to take flight. Through his arcane arts, the Dragon King vanished into the distance, flying faster than the scouts of Arcaia could hope to match. As the grey dragon torched yet another town, the King bared his claws and with a great roar, the two mighty dragons poised to do battle.

All praise the Dragon King of Taria

At last the grey dragon lay with a foot upon his throat as the Dragon King stared grimly into the eyes of his dread foe. One bite or blow from a dragon-blade was all it would take to sever the neck and end his evil forever. Yet the Dragon King saw that his foe merely sought justice for the wrongs of the dragonhunters who had slain his family. If that past could be undone, he would have no cause to turn rogue. The Dragon King uttered a mighty spell.

Yet none would know of the Dragon King's victory nor of the grey dragon's sin, save in dreams of a past that had never happened.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Otari MX80 2" 24-track tape machine
with Brian Roth output drivers
TASCAM TSR-8 tape machine
Studer A807 master recorder
TASCAM DA3000 digital master recorder
TASCAM ATS-500 sync unit
Allen & Heath GL2400 main mixer
Soundcraft MFXi-20 sub mixer
American Standard Razorblades

WEM Copicat tape echo
Lexicon Alex, LXP-5 and M300
LA Audio valve compressor
KT-2A levelling amplifier
TL Audio 5051 valve channel
American Audio 152B equalizer
Modified Strymon BlueSky reverb
Behringer noise gates
SPL Vitalizer 2

Roland MVS-1, JV1010, Behringer Solina, Hammond XM-1 w/Rotosphere mk2,
Alpha Juno, Cheetah MS6, Moog Voyager, Manikin Memotron, Alesis DM10,
Yamaha Reface CP & TX7, Korg M1R, N1R, Triton Rack, Oberheim OB-X8,
Ahlborn Archive 201 organ, Teischord transistor organ, Orchestron samples
Neumann TLM102, Steinberger XT2 bass, Steinberger Spirit GT, Antares ATR-1

