

Wizard Questions

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Batrinque at aol.com — 07 Apr 2007, 23:49

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Amston, CT

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 07 Apr 2007, 23:59 · in reply to Batrinque at aol.com

On 4/7/07, Batrinque at aol.com <Batrinque at aol.com> wrote:
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That's my take. "Orm" is certainly "Worm" which is "Dragon."

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes, writer, trainer, bon vivant

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Soon, where Toon Town once stood will be a string of gas stations, inexpensive motels, restaurants that serve rapidly prepared food. Tire salons, automobile dealerships and wonderful, wonderful billboards reaching as far as the eye can see. My God, it'll be beautiful.

Batrinque at aol.com — 08 Apr 2007, 00:07 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

In a message dated 4/7/2007 7:59:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, danldo at gmail.com writes:

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Jeff Wilson — 08 Apr 2007, 07:53 · in reply to Batrinque at aol.com

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That may be a Wagnerism rather than authentic Teutonic myth; some have it that the tarnhelm
confers invisibility while the Rheingold transforms the outer form to match the inner nature.

Jeff Wilson - jwilson at io.com
< <http://www.io.com/~jwilson> >

thalassocrat at nym.hush.com — 08 Apr 2007, 11:10 · follows Jeff Wilson

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Bob Miller — 09 Apr 2007, 11:08 · in reply to Batrinque at aol.com

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I took it as the helm of true sight straight from Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. I think that
easy answer may have caused me to quit thinking about it a spot early now.

Martinus Scriblerus — 09 Apr 2007, 17:41 · in reply to thalassocrat at nym.hush.com

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While visiting a 2nd hand book shop & cafe in St Ives today I bought a copy of the Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names. According to this Ormesby or Ormsby are considered to be a combination of the Old Scandinavian personal names 'Ormr' or 'Ormarr' and 'by' meaning farm of village. Of course the personal name probably derives from 'snake' or 'dragon'. I make the distinction because the Great Ormes Head in Conwy and Great & Little Ormside in Cumbria are linked directly to Old Scandinavian 'Ormr' meaning 'snake'.

Fascinating book - I could browse it for hours.

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Martinus Scriblerus scripsit ex 50° 21' N, 4°41' W

Recursive Loop — 10 Apr 2007, 16:52 · in reply to Martinus Scriblerus

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Cliff Judge — 10 Apr 2007, 19:14 · in reply to Recursive Loop

Not if you are reading the books while you are fishing.

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