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Ever Forward

Welcome to the fourth volume of the Gloranthan Classics. As before, I have endeavored to assemble a related group of sought after Gloranthan material from numerous long out-of-print sources. Herein you will find a compilation of material from Borderlands, Plunder, Runemasters, Nomad Gods, and the RQ Companion, plus articles from Wyrms Footnotes and Pegasus magazine. These sources have collectively yielded over 300 pages (re)printed together for the first time.

Like the previous volumes, working with and reading this source material continued the flood of sentimental and faded memories. My character played in some of the scenarios from *Borderlands* over 20 years ago and I finally understand some of the perplexing qualities of my adversaries.

Once again, numerous artists have helped bring new life to the text through their visual contributions. Over 60 new pieces were needed to bring the pages alive (and make my layout task easier). They also work well in presenting the material with a complimentary balance to all of the classic art included. Special thanks is due to Simon Bray, who allowed me to use much of his Praxian art from the 90's, and for drawing much of the new art as well.

As for what comes next, it is with mixed emotions that I have decided that the Runequest 2 material pipeline is now empty. While there are still a number of supplements I have not reprinted, they are not part of a potential fifth volume. People have politely asked me about why the remainder will not be reprinted and my reasons vary. As for Militia & Mercenaries, Scorpionmen & Broos, Trolls & Trollkin, and Foes, they only contain statistics, often in a highly repetitive fashion. Most of my readers desire access to geographical, historical, or other Gloranthan background information. Another category of product was reprinted in the 90's. Thus, Wyrms Footnotes magazine, Apple Lane, Snakepipe Hollow, and Troll Pak are still readily available enough for me to see far less demand.

The three *Soloquest* supplements are set in Glorantha, but few people have shown an interest in them, at least not enough for me to justify their reprinting. The originals can also usually be purchased on the second-hand games market for very reasonable prices.

While *Questworld* is still highly sought after, it is not Gloranthan. Perhaps the *Heroquest* based *Questworlds* game in the works will bring this back into print in some fashion.

Lastly, there are a number of articles from *Different Worlds* magazine that are worthy of reprinting, especially some of the cults like Indlas Somer and Kali, but tracking down and obtaining permissions for all of the various authors is a difficult task, even in the age of the internet.

Because I never like to see things end, I have been discussing with Issaries Inc. the possibility of reprinting a variety of Gloranthan geographical information as a fifth volume of the Classics. The core of this material would be from the *Genertela* boxed set and the *Missing Lands* book. This would allow me to combine those with the Holy Country material from the *Runequest Companion*, a wonderful article that I could never find a way to thematically fit within any of the first four volumes. Put this all together with a great set of maps covering the whole of Glorantha and we may be on to a wonderful final volume. Only time will tell. Feel free to let me know if you would be interested in such a book.

All told, the four volume series has spanned over 1200 pages worth of classic Gloranthan material. It's been a pleasure and a priviledge to see this project come to fruition. Thank you for all your support, and most specifically thank you for purchasing this book.

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