

# Catman Jim's little museum of rarities!

*Compiled by Joël, with the help of CatmanJim and Gonzoron*

Jim: Those who know me know that I am a mad collector of all things Ravenloft. I have everything that is listed on the Reference pages here, so my passion now is the acquisition of really rare & unusual items.

While waiting for the extremely rare Ravenloft dice pouch, I managed to get five of the seven very rare Adventurer's Guild Ravenloft modules! They are:

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Next is a patch that was part of a set sold at conventions in the 90's. Also in the set were patches for the Realms, Dragonlance, Al-Qadim, Spelljammer, Dark Sun, & AD&D 2nd Edition – I added a few minis for scale; Elf pirate Strahd, Pinhead Soth, and George Washington Van Richten (looks to me like he's about to chop down the cherry tree)!



Still on fashion, here's the extremely rare cap (on its previous owner) and the t-shirt!



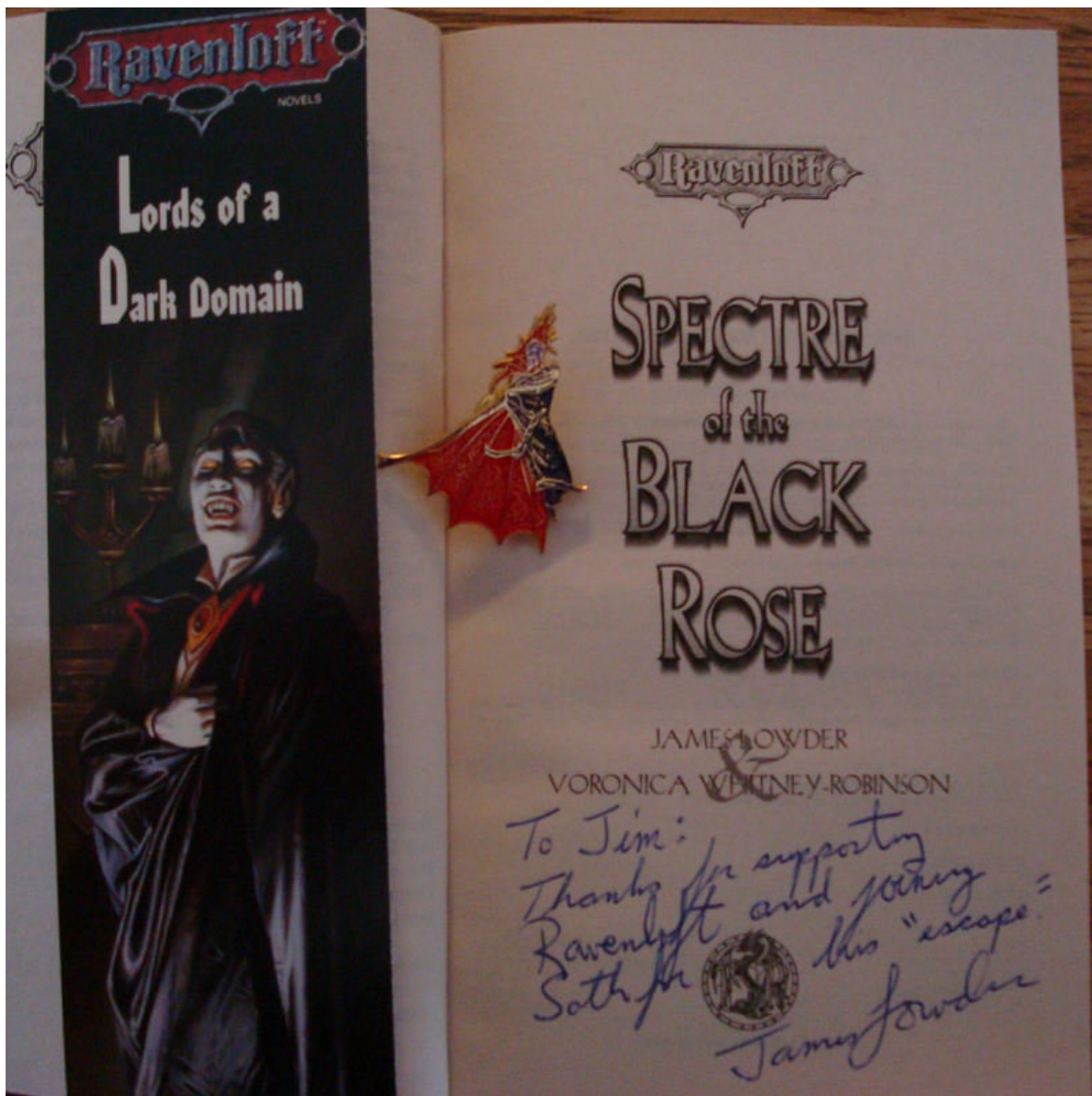
This rare pewter pin I got on Ebay UK, from a fellow there that got it at an English game convention:





A few weeks ago, I saw a rather gaudy looking pin on eBay that was the vampire on the cover of 'Van Richten's Guide to Vampires'. I was high bidder on the item, and when I was contacted by the seller, it turned out to be none other than James Lowder, author of the 'Knight of the Black Rose' and 'Spectre of the Black Rose' Ravenloft novels, among other things!

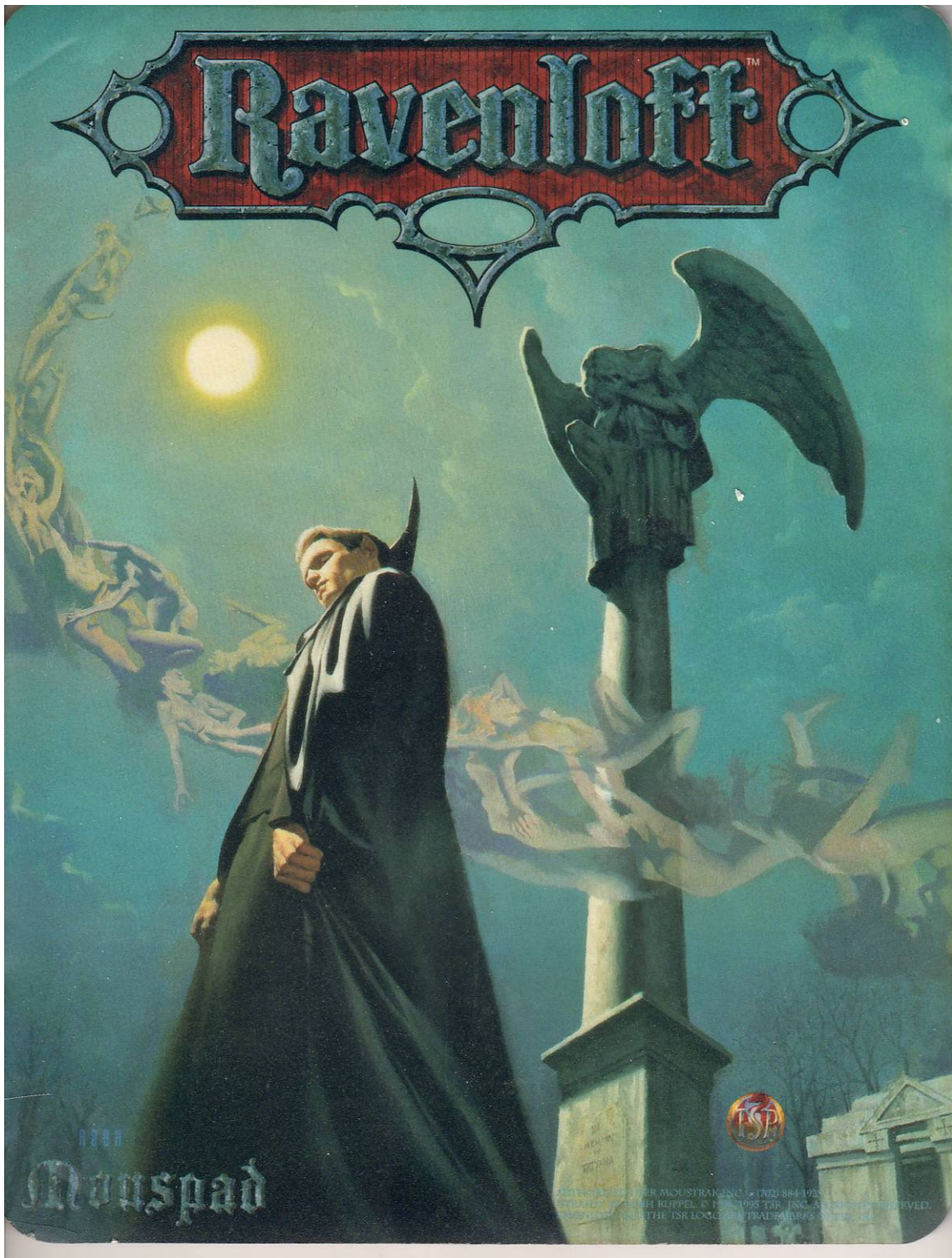
The pin was from his collection. I ended up buying another item from him, and asked if he would sign my book. Mr. Lowder graciously agreed, and sent me not only the items I paid for, but a few more items besides. Here's a picture of my autographed book, my pin, and a bookmark he sent, also autographed.



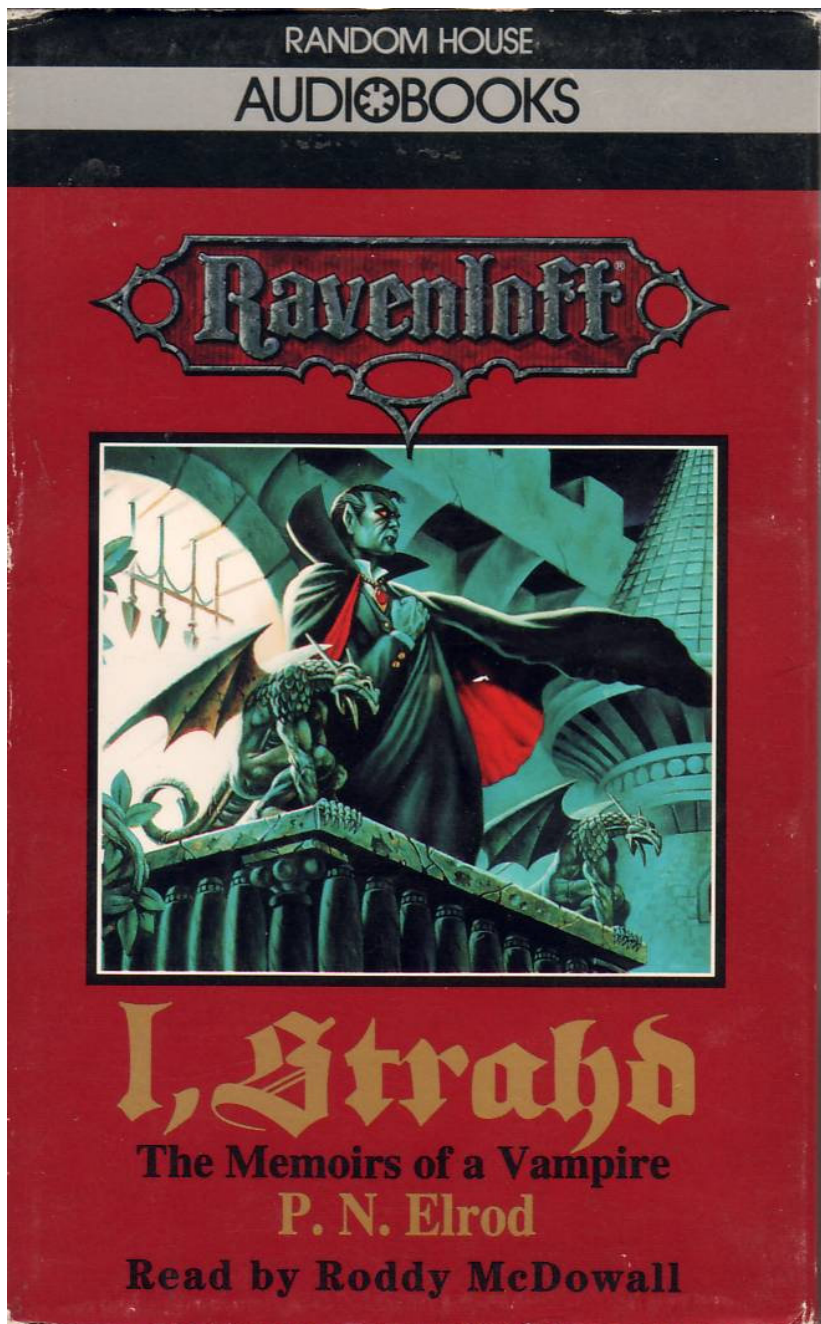
This is the pin I got from Jim Lowder. He said he got it at a game convention sometime in the 90's.




Among my collection also, the Ravenloft mousepad (or the Mouspad 😊):



And the "I, Strahd" novel in audiobook (2 cassettes):



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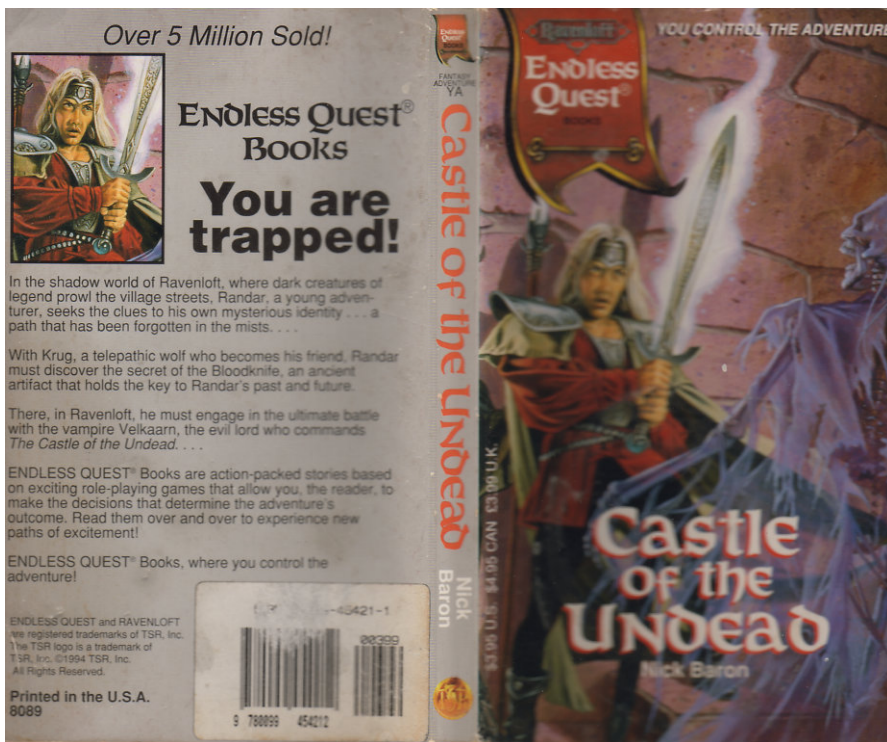
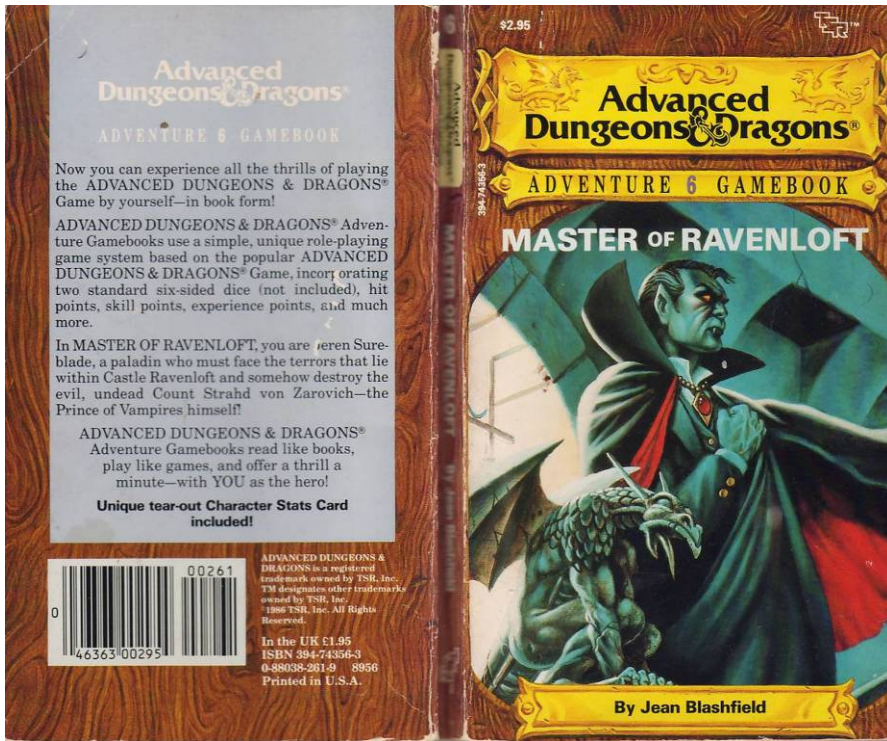
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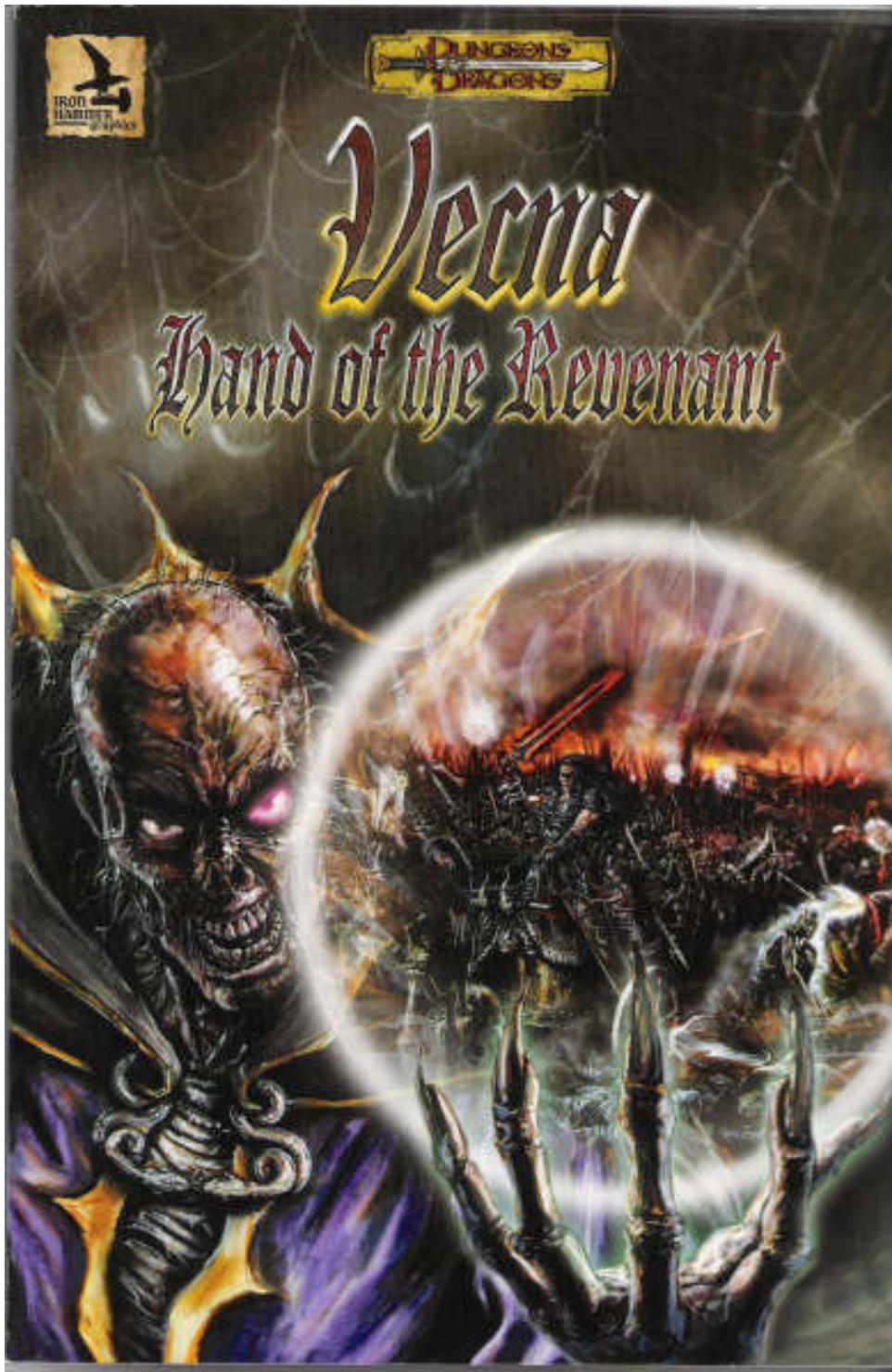


Night of the Tiger

Jean Rabe



I have a few other things related to Ravenloft, but not direct products: the Vecna comic book, the Vecna Lives module...



The 1987 Dragonlance Legends calendar with the centerfold of Soth's Charge (a painting by Keith Parkinson) ...







**"Lord Seth's Charge"**

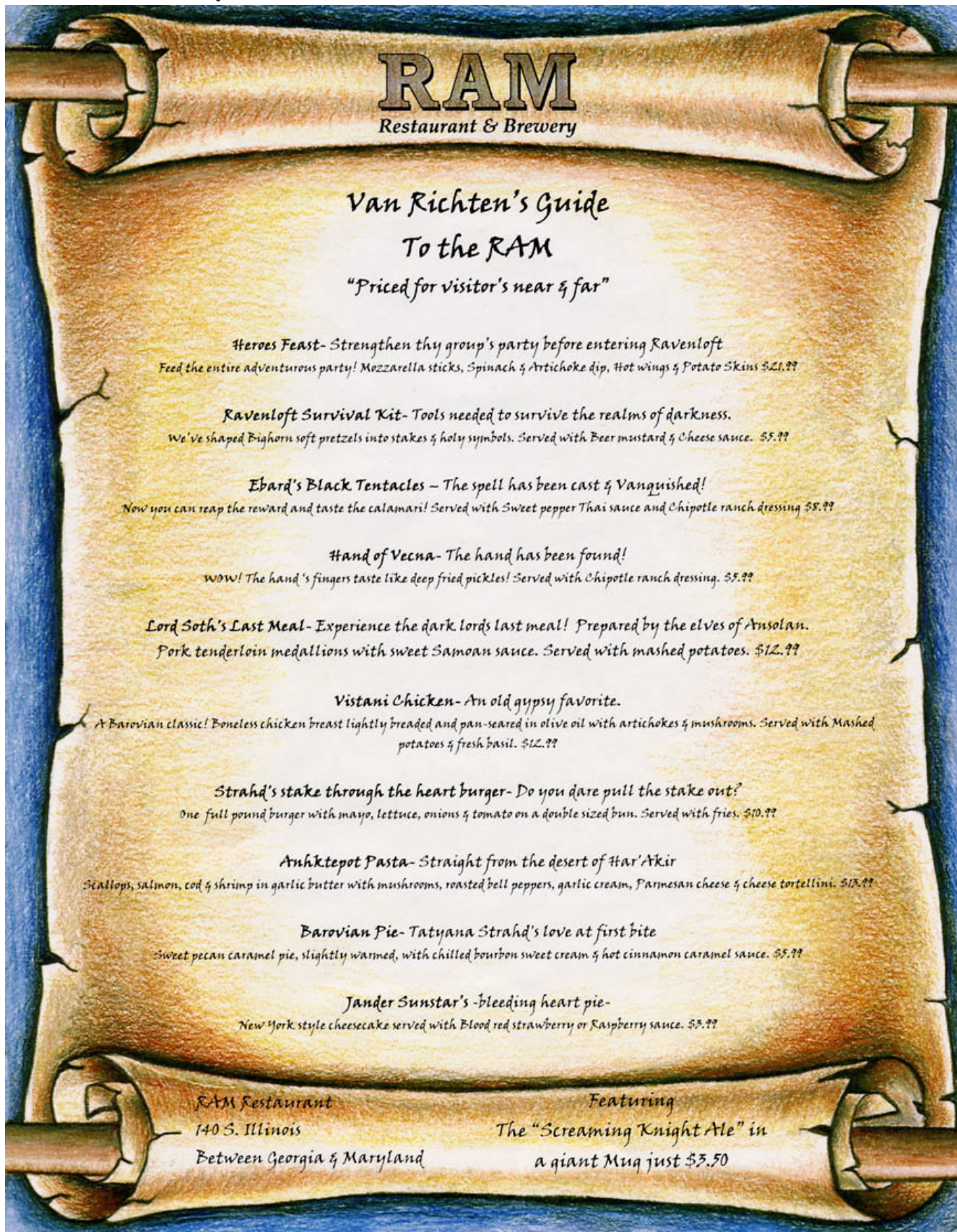
They advanced, their hooves on the ground of the world.  
Like Lord Seth, my country's last hope, I rode the  
waves and a great wind, attended by the stars that shine in  
the sky.

The end of the world

Another mad collector, Gonzoron has a piece that is extremely, extremely rare – a “life”-sized Strahd cardboard display! (found on ebay for a measley \$6 plus shipping!)



Astonishingly rare now as we near the end: the elusive Ravenloft menu of the RAM Brewery ☺ (for a D&D convention).



And a unique piece ... to have your name on a real RL book !  
(Joël: sorry, I had to remind everybody again ☺ )

