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Jiří BigBoss Valter to publish the Kärgeräs: Ztracený národ book that it to also contain album reissues of the Equirhodont project

For the fans of the iconic Czech vocalist Jiří BigBoss Valter, X-Mas arrived early this year. In February, they were treated to the Pentagrammaton boxed-set reissue of all his solo albums, which is soon to be followed by another treat. The thing in question is the book Kärgeräs: Ztracený národ, which comes with the reissues of both full-lengths of the highly respected metal project Equirhodont.

Kärgeräs is the iconic fantasy saga, which has been on Jiří Valter's mind since the 90s. Like the proverbial thin red line, it permeates not only his solo career, but also that of his band Root. The eponymous Root full-length from 1996 belongs among the jewels of Czech metal, and same goes for the music of Equirhodont. Simply put, Kärgeräs is a cult, which no doubt deserves its literary adaptation.

"In his book, BigBoss primarily expanded upon the lyrics of the 1996 Kärgeräs album. Equally interesting however is the second part of the tome, entitled Legenda Nizostratio. I believe that Kärgeräs: Ztracený národ will please not only the Maestro's fans that would like to revisit the lore in a more comprehensive fashion, but I can equally recommend it to all fans of fantasy literature, as it falls precisely into that category," says Ondřej Šmejkal from MetalGate Records.

As noted, the release shall also contain two CDs of the Equirhodont project (in separate A5 cases, boxed alongside the book in a slipcase). The debut Equirhodont Grandiose Magus was originally released in 2003, while its successor Black Crystal came only one year later. Music-wise, we are talking about an epic and progressive dark metal with a very distinctive solo guitar of Ashok (currently involved in Cradle of Filth among others). Both albums are praised by fans and critics alike.

This year, BigBoss celebrated his 70th birthday and has behind his belt an accomplished career filled with great albums. And thanks to such collections as Kärgeräs: Ztracený národ and Pentagrammaton, we can all now revisit the gems he created outside his home band Root, some of which have long been unavailable, so all the more reason to do so.

Kärgeräs: Ztracený is coming this May!