

An Excerpt from the Writings of Ivan Petrovich Miskovskiy, Magician

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A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg. - Samuel Butler,
1885

Abstract

This excerpt, from the writings of the famous magician Ivan Petrovich Miskovskiy, was meticulously translated from the Russian by one Friedrich Liskevitch von EinFuchs, and tells his view of his work with the Easter bunny in the winter of early 1795. Apparently Doctor Miskovskiy was involved in helping procure a supply of dragon-sized Easter eggs. One of which the translator has the pleasure of having for his own viewing.

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...anyway, it was a bright February morning when I was visited by the most unusual guests I had yet received. I was busy constructing a summoning circle so to attempt to speak with the Archangel Michael, when I found myself abruptly joined by a large, man-sized rabbit, and a small, man-sized dragon.¹ The rabbit appeared, despite his size, to be in all ways a normal rabbit, cream in color except for the tips of his ears, which were a darker brown. The rabbit, however, did not hold my attention for long as it was quickly occupied in studying the dragon, who was most unusual for his species. He was covered with a layer of white fur, not unlike the rabbit next to him, though his underside was scaled like is normal for his species. His wings, unlike previous dragon's I had spoken with, were feathered with a soft, blue-green down, not sinuous like a bat's.

As I am used to unusual entrances and exits to my home, I immediately bowed and asked the pair why they had come to visit, and what I might do for them. The rabbit bowed and introduced himself first, "Good evening, doctor. I am, as you can see, a rabbit." I nodded, and he continued, "What you cannot see, is that I am commonly known as the 'Easter Bunny'."

¹The fact that at a man's size a dragon is small while a rabbit is large later struck me as somewhat humorous.

Familiar with the term I smiled and invited him to sit down, “I see, I am happy to have your visit then.”

Taking a seat, he smiled and explained the purpose of coming to see me, “I am afraid that there is a bit of a problem this year. You see, I have a large supply of eggs for humans, but as dragons now want eggs as well, I need a supply of dragon eggs for Easter.” He motioned to the dragon next to him, “Fortunately, I have a friend here, who is happy to supply as many eggs as are needed for the event.”

At this, I looked over to the dragon, and seeing that it was a male, was very confused, “I do not believe that a male dragon is capable of laying eggs, I’m afraid.”

The Easter bunny nodded and carried on, “Indeed they cannot, therefore I need you to make him capable of doing so.”

I paused for a moment, and considered the nature of the request, it would be most difficult to achieve this goal, “I believe I can do that, but the laws of nature will not allow a male to bear children.”

The Easter bunny smiled and rose. “There will be no problem then, as I need decorated Easter eggs, not eggs to produce hatchlings.”

With this I rose as well and bowed, “Farewell then, I shall see to it that the requisite enchantments and spells are pleased upon this dragon.” At that, the rabbit disappeared and I was left alone with the dragon. Who I invited to follow me into the chamber I used for my most powerful magics.

I soon worked out the details of the enchantment I would need, It would be simple enough to make the dragon permanently pregnant with eggs in that way, which would allow him to lay as many eggs were needed. And as long as the eggs were not fertile, there would be no complaints from nature about a male laying them. It remained only to ensure that the dragon was able to lay them. I designed a magical system to ensure near permanent labor, and hoped that the dragon wouldn’t mind producing eggs at a prodigious rate. It remained only to enchant the dragon, and I undertook the process immediately.

The enchantment took well, but some clumsy wording on my part² caused a few unexpected deviances from my original plan. The dragon was indeed permanently pregnant with Easter eggs, but I had failed to properly estimate the size of a dragon egg, and was amazed to find the dragon swelling to vast size before my eyes. It turns out that dragon eggs are about five feet across, and the dragon, about six-feet in height, was so stretched by the egg that were it not for the permanency of the spell, I would have immediately undone it. Additionally, while the dragon was clearly in labor and straining to lay the egg within it, it could not. Looking over my notes, I realized that the dragon was laying *Easter* eggs. Which apparently meant not only that the eggs be decorated and infertile, but that they only be laid on Easter day. I immediately apologized to him, and set about to make him comfortable, as he was now quite immobile³.

²Discussed in detail in my ‘Common Wording Errors and Enchanting.

³This, of course, explains the recent addition of a new magic working wing to my home,

A later visit from the Easter bunny, along with discussions with the dragon, confirmed that while the dragon's predicament was permanent and that he would now be spending all of his time attempting to lay eggs that cannot be laid, or laying egg after egg on Easter day, that this would be reasonably amenable to both, as the dragon would be more than capable of laying sufficient quantities of eggs on Easter day.

About three weeks passed, with the dragon constantly moaning and grunting, attempting to lay eggs that simply would not come. I attempted for about a week to find a way to change the enchantments, but unfortunately, it simply wasn't going to happen. I had made the enchantment too effectively, and so I informed the dragon that he would have to deal with the urge to lay unlayable eggs forever, as I would be unable to change or undo the enchantment. Eventually, the night before Easter came, and I was visited by an assistant to the Easter bunny, who was to be on hand to whisk away each large egg as soon as it was laid.

At midnight, the dragon's tail-hole began to loosen and the first egg began to move out. As speed was of the essence, me and my 'assistant's began quickly working to get the dragon loose enough to lay the egg. Working both with and against us was a part of the magic enchant I had put on the dragon to aid us. It allowed him to heal any injury instantly, but also ensured that he would completely tighten up after every egg he laid. The dragon began screaming, and for a moment I thought it was in agony from the size of the egg he was laying, but while I don't know if the dragon felt pain or discomfort or not, I do know that upon my offer to help him sleep through the laying he refused and began pushing on the massive egg harder. After about a minute, the lavender tip of the egg was visible, stretching the dragon open by about six inches. The dragon strained harder, and the assistant and I began to pull on either side of the dragon's tail-hole, allowing the three of us to get it open to about a foot wide and push out the first foot or so of the egg.

The egg slowly leaving the dragon's body was leaving a considerable gap inside him, and as soon as the gap was large enough, another egg began to form and push on the first one. This helped us get the second two feet of the egg out, leaving the dragon stretched to an amazing three feet when the egg started leaving him much faster. The egg forming in him was accelerating in it's growth size, and so the other one was forcing it's own way out, stretching the dragon instead of us having to stretch for it. Finally, after about a minute, the dragon reached five feet and the egg popped out with a loud noise. Almost instantly, the dragon popped back to normal size, and began straining to push out his second egg. My assistant wasn't able to help me with this one, as he had to open a portal and push the egg through, a process that would take about a minute. A minute in which the dragon would lay another egg⁴. Therefore, I was left alone to help the dragon lay all of his eggs.

as the dragon is *still* in there.

⁴At a minute an egg, that would be 1'440 eggs. But the dragon managed to get some out faster, giving us 1'623 eggs in total.

Throughout the night and day, the process was repeated, not ending until the dragon pushed out the last egg at 2359 that night. Most of the eggs were normal, dragon-sized Easter eggs of various colors, but there were a few oddities I thought I should note here. The smallest egg was only three-and-a-half feet wide and was laid at about 1328. The largest was an amazing eight feet wide and was laid at 0813. Additionally, the dragon later commented that he couldn't wait until next Easter when he would get to lay again, as the egg that pushed out the last one appeared to be another eight footer.

Needless to say, this story points out the danger in coming to an experimental mage when one is in need of unusual enchantments and furthermore...