It has been quite a while since we’ve heard anything about THE POWER OF THE DARK CRYSTAL, the long-mooted follow-up to Jim Henson’s 1982 creepy puppet cult classic, but according to artists-designers Brian and Wendy Froud, the project is still moving forward.

TotalFilm reports that the husband-wife team, while out promoting their new fortune-telling card set THE HEART OF FAERIE ORACLE, talked about the sequel. The Frouds were both involved with THE DARK CRYSTAL as well as LABYRINTH, designing the sets, props and puppets used in both films.

“I don’t know how many years they’ve been trying to do a DARK CRYSTAL 2, but we are involved,” Brian tells the site. “I have done some designs and I’ve been talking to the director. We’ve been involved in the script. We don’t know quite when it’s gonna go.”

“It’s inching its way closer,” Wendy adds. “The backgrounds will be CGI, but the main characters will be puppets. They decided that was really the only way they wanted to do it to keep the integrity.”

The last news released about the project said that THE POWER OF THE DARK CRYSTAL would be heading for release in 2011, with a script by Craig Pearce. Nothing has been confirmed yet, but die-hard DARK CRYSTAL fans will have to be content for now with the second of TokyoPop’s *manga*-style DARK CRYSTAL graphic novels, due out this summer.

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