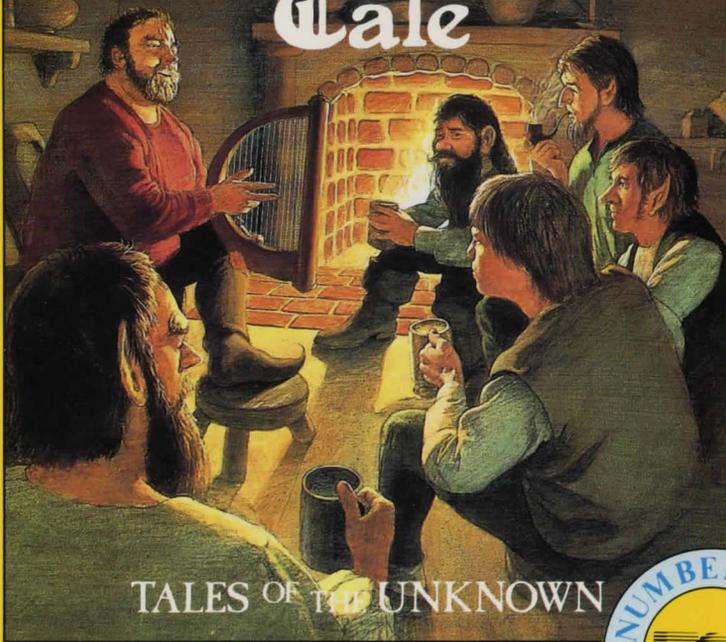


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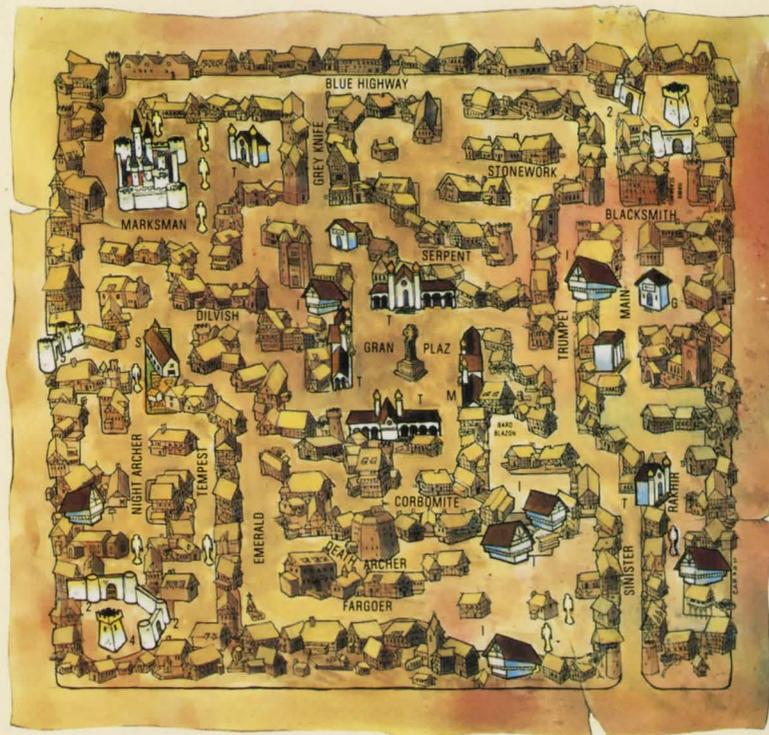
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# Skara Brae



## THE MAP OF SKARA BRAE

1 GUARDIAN STATUE 2 LOCKED GATE 3 KYLEARAN'S TOWER 4 MANGAR'S TOWER 5 CITY GATES  
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## THE LEGEND OF SKARA BRAE



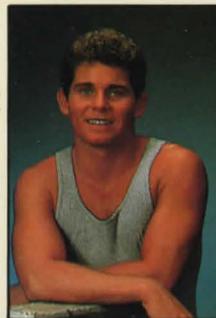
ong ago, when magic still prevailed, the evil wizard Mangar the Dark threatened a small but harmonious country town called Skara Brae. Evil creatures oozed into Skara Brae and joined his shadow domain. Mangar froze the surrounding lands with a spell of Eternal Winter, totally isolating Skara Brae from any possible help. Then, one night the town militiamen all disappeared.

The future of Skara Brae hung in the balance. And who was left to resist? Only a handful of unproven young Warriors, junior Magic Users, a couple of Bards barely old enough to drink, and some out of work Rogues.

You are there. You are the leader of this ragtag group of freedom fighters. Luckily you have a Bard with you to sing your glories, if you survive. For this is the stuff of legends. And so the story begins...



MICHAEL CRANFORD of Interplay Productions has an elegant programmer's touch. You can't see it in this picture of him, but you can see it in The Bard's Tale. He previously programmed the Apple version of Donkey Kong and the Commodore 64 version of Super Zaxxon.



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THE RED DRAGON



**The Bard's Tale**

You are startled by a grim snarl. Before you, you see 1 Red dragon.

Will your stalwart band choose to (F)ight or (R)un?

**Red dragon**

Character Name	AC	Hits	Coat	SpPt	CI
BRIAN THE FIST	-9	181	101	8	Pa
EL CID	96	96	96	8	Ba
HARKUS	83	83	83	8	Ro
HERLIN	96	64	64	113	Wj
SIR GRADY	62	62	62	77	So
ORAR	62	62	62	121	Ha



**The Bard's Tale**

HERLIN  
Race: Elf  
Class: Wizard

St:15 IQ:18 Dx:18  
Ca:16 Lk:15

Lvl:4 SpPt:114  
Exper: 93421  
Gold: 23883

**Skara Brae**

Press Any Key...

Character Name	AC	Hits	Coat	SpPt	CI
BRIAN THE FIST	-9	181	101	8	Pa
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85 MAGIC SPELLS

3D SCROLLING CITY MAP



**The Bard's Tale**

You are on Main Street.

It's now early morning.

**Skara Brae**

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BRIAN THE FIST	-9	181	101	8	Pa
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**The Bard's Tale**

You face east, and are:

8 levels above,  
16 squares north  
1 square east of  
the entry stairs.

Press a key to  
continue onward.

**Castle**

Character Name	AC	Hits	Coat	SpPt	CI
BRIAN THE FIST	-9	181	101	8	Pa
EL CID	96	96	96	8	Ba
HARKUS	83	83	83	8	Ro
HERLIN	96	64	64	113	Wj
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16 DIFFERENT MAZES

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