HERO'S QUEST So You Want To Be A Hero

HINT BOOK

Introduction

Hi! We hope you have been enjoying *Hero's Quest I: So You Want to Be A Hero.* We have spent the last 1-1/2 years writing the kind of game that we would like to play, and we are really proud of the results. *Hero's Quest* is one of the first true role-playing adventure games. It combines the character skill development of computer role-playing games with the puzzle-solving and consistent story line of adventure games. We've also tried to fill it with humor and a "sense of wonder."

Unlike most computer adventure games, you have a choice of who your character is, what abilities he has, and how he goes about solving puzzles. *Hero's Quest I* is a non-linear game. There is no particular "right" order for solving most of the puzzles. Also, the order of solution may depend on the character type you've chosen. In addition, some of the puzzles require your character to have a certain level of ability in one or more skills. Practice your skills to improve them. Every character type has a way of solving each puzzle. The type of skills your character has determines how he should solve the puzzles.

Unlike most computer role-playing games, you cannot solve *Hero's Quest I* by just running around and killing things. Just because something moves doesn't mean it's a monster. Of course, hack 'n' slash can be fun, but you don't need a Hint Book for that.

The *Hero's Quest* series is set in a world full of magic, wonder, and humor. The people you meet have unique personalities, and you will need to take this into account when talking to them. For this reason, we recommend that you do not read the Walk-Through unless you are desperate. It will get you through the game, but you will miss most of the fun. It's o.k. to make some mistakes — a real adventurer would! Besides, since this is a computer game, your "last mistake" doesn't have to be final. Save early and often.

Hero's Quest I is the first of the game sequence which takes the characters you create from their lowly beginnings as correspondence school adventurers through ... well, that would be telling. Just note that the adventure does not end with this game. When you finish *Hero's Quest I*, you will have the opportunity to save your character to play in *Hero's Quest II: Trial By Fire.*

How to use this Hint Book (and still have fun)

The hints in this book are just that, hints, not answers. Much of the fun of playing any adventure or role-playing game is that flash of insight when you suddenly come up with the answer to a difficult puzzle. So you should only look at a hint in this book if you are really stuck, and totally out of ideas. Try not to look at any other hints than the one you need right now.

In particular, try not to look at the list of Puzzle Points or the Walk-Through unless you are totally at a dead-end, and not having fun anymore. They will allow you to squeeze those last few points from the game, but they're not anywhere near as fun as figuring out the answers for yourself.

Thank you for purchasing *Hero's Quest 1* and this hint book. We had a terrific time creating this game, and hope you have just as much fun playing it. Please encourage your friends to buy their own copies of this game. Piracy hurts us, and too much piracy will make it impossible for us to continue writing games like *Hero's Quest 1*.

So you want to be a Hero? We hope you make it!

-Lori and Corey Cole

How to Begin Playing Hero's Quest

Game Play Tips

Save frequently.

Don't pick up everything you see. Just get what you need.

Try to think as your character would think. When you face a puzzle, try to solve it with your character's skills.

Check your character sheet frequently (Control-S). Make sure your Health points and Stamina points do not get too low.

Ask questions of everyone you meet. Asking about Brigands usually will give some response. Try to pick up cues from what people say as to what to ask next.

How to Play a Fighter

Creating a Character

Add 15 to StrengthAdd 15 to AgilityAdd 10 to VitalityAdd 10 to Weapon SkillRead the section in the Famous Adventurer's Correspondence School Manual onFighters.

Practice with Weapon Master and work in stable daily.

Fight monsters at every opportunity.

Buy Healing Potions and Stamina Potions. Use them.

Sleep in the Magic Meadow.

A Fighter needs the best armor he can afford. Just make sure he is strong enough to wear it (Strength should be over 60).

How to Play a Magic User

Character creation

Add 15 to Agility Add 5 to Magic

Add 10 to Intelligence Add 15 to Vitality

Add 5 to Strength

Read the section in the Famous Adventurer's Correspondence School Manual on Magic Users.

Get all spells as soon as possible and practice them whenever practical. Avoid close combat with tough monsters by using the Calm Spell then running away. Always have a Zap spell on your weapon before entering combat. Sleep in the Magic Meadow to recover Magic and Health points.

Where to Find Spells

Flame Dart Fetch Dazzle Open

Trigger Detect Magic Calm

Zap



How to Play a Thief

Character creation

Add 10 to Strength Add 10 to Vitality Add 10 to Weapon Add 10 to Agility Add 10 to Luck

Read the section in the Famous Adventurer's Correspondence School Manual on Thieves.

Think sneaky. Avoid powerful monsters - prey on the weak. Explore the town at night. Try to pick all locks. Buy a Thief Tool Kit at the Thieves' Guild. Practice dagger throwing at the archery range or in the Thieves' Guild.

How to fight a Monster

Read about Combat in your technical manual (p 21).

Save the game whenever you encounter a monster. Once you are in the combat screen, you will not be able to save.

If you are wounded, drink a Healing Potion before entering combat.

Low Stamina will affect your speed of attack as well as start subtracting from your Health Points. Use a Vigor Potion before you engage (or enrage) a foe.

Remember that some monsters are too tough to fight until your skills improve, so watch your Health Points and "run away" whenever your character is badly damaged. But be careful, there are some encounters you can't run away from.

A Magic User should use the Calm spell to avoid the tough encounters until he has gained skill with his Dazzle, Flame Dart, and Zap spells.

The Thief should throw daggers at the monster before he gets into combat. Just don't throw the last dagger or else the Thief will be defenseless.

Carrying too much weight, or letting your character get tired, will make fighting much harder. Don't carry anything more than you need.

Field Guide to the Monsters of Spielburg Valley

Read the Section in the Famous Adventurer's Correspondence School manual on Famous Monsters of Adventureland if you really want to know about monsters. This is mainly an identification list for random wandering monsters with tactical suggestions on how to deal with them. Read the section in your technical manual on Combat for general strategies. This Field Guide is arranged in order of relative toughness.

Goblins

Those annoying little blue humanoids who march around carrying a club and a shield are not very dangerous unless you are already wounded. All types of adventurers can get some combat experience with Goblins.

Saurus

The man-sized dinosaur who runs around everywhere is easy for an adventurer to avoid since it is extremely stupid. However, it is also fairly easy to defeat in combat and makes good combat practice.

Mantray

This flying terrestrial combination of a Sting and Manta Ray uses its talent at camouflage to surprise unwary adventurers. Its tail produces a strong jolt of lightning. The best way to deal with it is to keep it always on the defensive. This monster can be dangerous to beginning adventurers, so you should keep an eye on your Health Points and remember to run away before it is too late. Magic Users should note that this monster is highly resistant to magical spells.

Brigands

Men who march around the forest wearing armor and attack first before asking questions can usually be classified as Brigands. Individual Brigands have various degrees of skill in fighting, but most are tough. Combat with Brigands therefore requires the use of all the combat skills of Weapon Use, Parry and Dodge. Non-Fighters should use other skills against a Brigand before engaging in direct combat.

Ogre

Ogres are big, ugly, slow, and stupid. However, when Ogres hit, adventurers get hurt. It is better to outwit an Ogre than to try to outfight it. That is, unless you're a Fighter.

Cheetaur

This cat-like creature is skilled at tearing adventurers apart. A Fighter should attack constantly to try to keep the creature on the defensive. Other adventurers be warned, avoid direct combat with a Cheetaur altogether. Cheetaur claws are valuable for use in Potions.

Supersaurus Rex

This large cousin of the Saurus has strong jaws, tough scales, and a hard head. When injured, the Supersaurus reacts by attacking. Liberal use of the shield is recommended for Fighters. Other adventurers should just run away at the sight of these awesome monsters.

Troll

This huge man-like monster walks softly and carries a large club. Direct sunlight will turn a Troll to stone, so Trolls travel at night and stay in deep caves by day. Trolls are strong, have tough, armor-like skin, and are resistant to Flame Darts in this region of the world. Trolls are extremely dangerous and are best avoided unless you are extremely skilled. Troll's beard can be valuable if you can get it.

Minotaur

Minotaurs are half-man, half-bull. They are especially dangerous because of their intelligence. Don't even think about taking one on unless you are a skilled Fighter. Watch for openings in the Minotaur's defense. Know when to attack and when to parry or dodge.

Things to Do in Scenic Spielburg

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Hero's Quest I Puzzle Points

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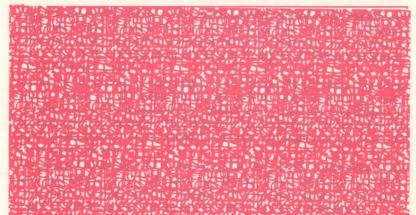
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Bytes of Information

You may be interested to know just what goes into a game like *Hero's Quest I: So You Want To Be A Hero.* Development took over a year, with up to four programmers and four artists, a musician, and a designer-director.

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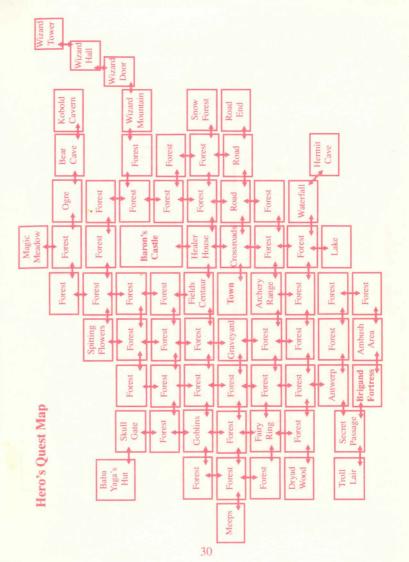
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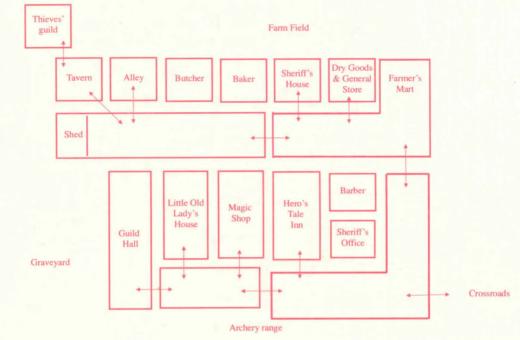
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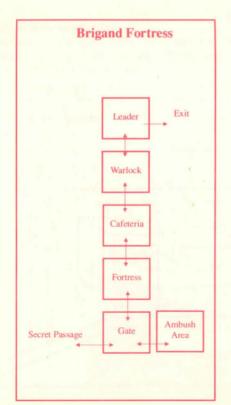
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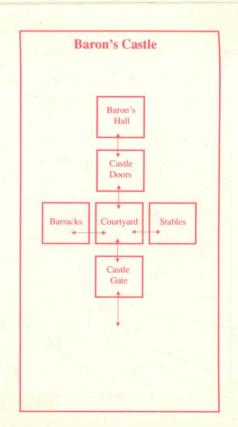
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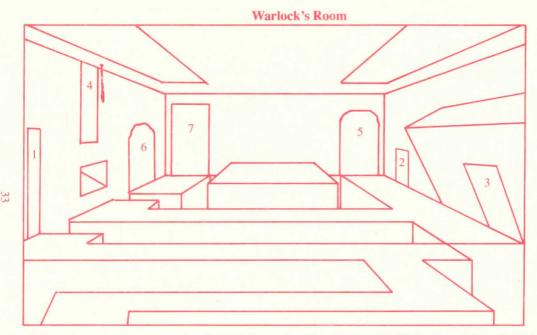


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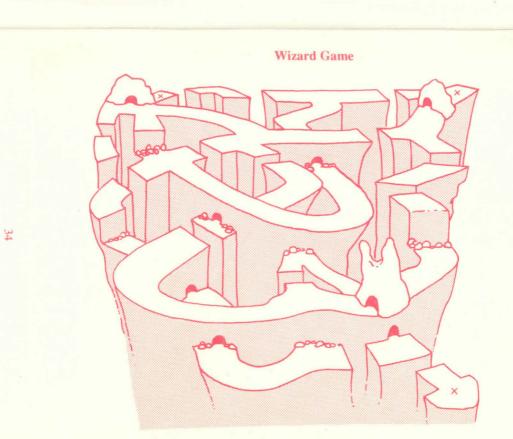








Go in Door 1 which takes you out door 2. (Or fall over the edge and type "stop".) Go through Door 3 which takes you to 4. Type "Pull rope." Go back through 4 and then go in Door 5. This takes you to Door 6. Step out in front of Door 7. Type "Open Door" and step back into Doorway 6. After door falls, step back out. Type "Open Door" and walk out of this room.



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