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Introduction

The world of adventures and adventuring is a rapidly growing one. The popularity of such games has rocketed from little more than a cult following to a major sector of the games market.

You can now explore this world with your Amstrad and this book. We've tried to include as many different types of adventure as possible in this book, to give you a wide range of examples to enjoy. When you come to writing your own adventures (and we've included some solid advice at the back of the book to help you with this), the experience gained from playing through the adventures in this book will ensure you'll be able to choose from a number of different types to create the kind of adventure which suits you best.

All in all, you and your Amstrad are set for a busy and entertaining couple of months ahead!

Tim Hartnell, Clive Gifford, London, September 1985

N.B. One technical point: where you see a '£' sign that is not within speechmarks, change it to a '#' (Hash-SHIFT and '3').

THE EXPLORER

We'll start the book with a small and fairly simple adventure, just to get you on the way. In this adventure, you're exploring the environment around you, looking for the Princess. If the choice of object for your quest seems a little sexist, by all means change it into a Prince, a toadstool, or even your favourite television presenter (see line 910).

The commands are entered in the well-known "verb noun" format, so you should try things like GO NORTH, CHOP TREE and CLIMB ROPE. You'll soon discover which words work with this adventure.

By the way, we suggest that with *The Explorer* – as with most of the other adventures in this book – you make a map of the adventure environment as you are exploring it.



- 10 REM****************
- 20 REM***************
- 30 REM**A CLASSIC MINI-ADVENTURE**
- 40 REM**FOR BEGINNER ADVENTURERS**
- 50 REM****************
- 60 GOSUB 880
- 70 INK 3.6: INK 1.24: BORDER INT (RND \$26)
- 80 CLS:L=2
- 90 GOTO 740
- 100 PRINT: PRINT">>>>>>>>>>>>>>
- 110 PEN 2
- 120 PRINT: PRINT
- 130 Z=Z+1: IF Z=2 THEN Z=1:PEN 3 ELSE PEN 2
- 140 SOUND 1, INT (RND \$400) +30
- 150 BORDER INT(RND*26)
- 160 PRINT "I AM ON":PRINT L\$(L)
- 170 PRINT "AND I AM CARRYING: ":: X=0:GOSU
- B 690
- 180 PRINT "I CAN SEE: ":: X=L:GOSUB 690
- 190 PRINT: INPUT "WHAT NEXT": A\$
- 200 A\$=UPPER\$(A\$)
- 210 K\$=A\$
- 220 IF A\$="" THEN 100
- 230 V\$=""
- 240 J=LEN(A\$):FOR M=1 TO J
- 250 IF LEFT\$ (A\$, 1)=" " THEN GOSUB 680:GO
- TO 280:GOTO 680:GOTO 280
- 260 GOSUB 670
- 270 NEXT M

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280 TE V\$="GET" THEN 350

290 IF V\$="DROP" THEN 450

300 IF V\$="CHOP" THEN 520

310 IF V\$="GO" THEN 560

320 IF V\$="HELP" THEN GOTO 650

330 PRINT "I CANNOT ":K\$

340 GDTD 100

350 X=0

360 FOR B=0 TO 9

370 IF BL(B)=L AND A\$=B\$(B) THEN X=B:BL(B)=0

380 NEXT B

70 IF X=0 THEN PRINT "IT IS NOT HERE.": GOTO 100

400 IF X=5 AND BL(6)=4 THEN BL(5)=4:PRIN T "THE WITCH STOPS ME.":GDTO 100

410 IF X=1 OR X=9 THEN PRINT "DON'T BE S ILLY!":BL(X)=L

420 IF X=4 AND L=2 AND BL(3)<0 THEN BL(3)=2:PEN 1:PRINT"££££ I SEE GOLD ££££":PEN 3

430 IF X<>5 THEN 100

440 PRINT "CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE WON THE PRINCESS!!!":SOUND 1,100,100:

END

450 X=0

460 FOR B=1 TO 9

470 IF BL(B)=0 AND A\$=B\$(B) THEN X=B:BL(B)=L

480 NEXT B

490 IF X=2 AND L=2 THEN BL(2)=1:BL(8)=2 500 IF X=0 THEN PRINT "I DO NOT HAVE IT.

510 GOTO 100

520 IF A\$="TREE" AND L=1 AND BL(7)=0 AND BL(1)=1 THEN DV=1

530 IF DV=1 THEN PRINT "TIMBERRRR!":BL(1

)=1:BL(2)=1:GOTO 100

540 IF A\$="TREE" THEN PRINT "WITH WHAT?" :60T0100

550 GOTO 330

560 IF AS="NORTH" THEN X=0

570 IF A\$="SOUTH" THEN X=1:GOTO 630

580 IF A\$="EAST" THEN X=2:GOTO 630

590 IF A\$="WEST" THEN X=3:GOTO 630

600 IF L=2 AND A\$="LOG" AND BL(8)=2 THEN L=3:60T0 100

610 IF L=3 AND A\$="SHORE" THEN L=4:LL(L, X)=4

620 IF L=4 AND BL(3)=0 THEN BL(3)=-1:BL(

6) =-1: PRINT "THE WITCH TOOK THE GOLD AN

D RAN!":GOTO 100

430 IF LL(L, X) < 0, THEN PRINT N\$ (-LL(L, X))
260TO 100

640 L=LL(L,X):GOTO 100

650 IF L=2 AND (BL(7)=0 OR BL(7)=2) THEN PRINT "DROP LOG IN WATER...THEN 'GO LOG

660 GOTO 100

670 V\$=V\$+LEFT\$(A\$,1)

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680 A$=RIGHT$(A$.LEN(A$)-1):RETURN
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690 FDR B=1 TO 9

700 IF BL(B)=X THEN PRINT ". ":B\$(B):

710 NEXT B

720 PRINT

730 RETURN

740 DIM L\$(4).LL(4.3).B\$(9).BL(9).N\$(2)

750 DATA "THE EDGE OF THE FOREST", "THE N

760 DATA "A LOG WHICH I PADDLED ACROSS THE LAKE"

770 DATA"THE SOUTH SIDE OF A LAKE"

790 DATA TREE,LOG,GOLD,ROCK,PRINCESS,WIT CH.AXE,LOG IN THE WATER,SHORE

800 DATA 1,-1,-1,2,4,4,0,-1,3

810 DATA I CANNOT SWIM, THERE IS NOTHING THAT WAY

820 FOR I=1 TO 4: READ L\$(I): NEXT I

830 FOR I=1 TO 4:FOR J=0 TO 3:READ LL(I.

J):NEXT J:NEXT I

840 FOR I=1 TO 9: READ B\$(I): NEXT

850 FOR I=1 TO 9: READ BL(I): NEXT

860 READ N\$(1):READ N\$(2)

870 GOTO 100

880 REM****INSTRUCTIONS****

890 CLS

900 LOCATE 4,2:PRINT "This mini-adventure involves you"

910 PRINT "exploring the area around you to find a way to win the Princess of Light...who."

920 PRINT "if rumours are to be believed , is somewhere nearby."

930 PRINT:PRINT

940 PRINT " To control your characte r in this game requires you to enter th e command and the object it is to affec t."

950 PRINT "For example, 'GET KNIFE'. For movement, the direction (based on the compass points) must be preceded by the 'GO' command."

960 PRINT: PRINT

970 PRINT "Your final help is a list of commands."

980 PRINT "GO NORTH; GO SOUTH; GO EAST; GO WEST; GET; DROP; CHOP; HELP."

990 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT

1000 WHILE INKEY = "": WEND

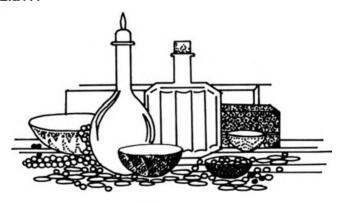
1010 RETURN

Many adventures are constructed on a "grid system", although the actual grid is rarely presented explicitly to the player. In this adventure, things are different. You are exploring a cave system, and it is built on a grid.

Run in MODE 0 – to take advantage of the large number of colours that can be used in this mode – The Patriarch places you in a grid-system world populated by fierce dragons, quicksand pits, magic caves, and, of course, treasure. As many adventure clichés as possible have been squeezed into this world.

When you first run the program, you will be told which user-defined graphic represents which item in the world. (You're sure to be very flattered with the smiling face which is your user-defined image!)

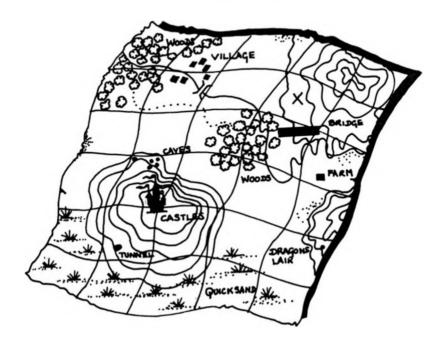
Once you've been told which user-defined graphic is which, you'll be given a (very) brief glimpse at the world from above. Look quickly, and try to remember where all the elements of your world are located, so you can head for the gold, while avoiding the quick-sand...



However, it's not all just up to your memory. You own a "magic amulet" (another cliché which fell out of somebody else's adventure), and this is used to indicate what is in the caves around you. But because you're not much of a whiz when it comes to envoking magic, the old amulet doesn't work too well. Certainly you'll know what is in at least one of the caves near you, but you won't know which cave the amulet information refers to.

You'll find it easy to play this adventure (although it is not so easy to survive) as most of your actions are chosen from a menu of possibilities that is presented after each move. Because the adventure runs on a very early model Amstrad, you'll find the text output resembles that from an ancient (but colourful) telex machine (see the subroutine from line 2500, if you want to include this type of output in your own programs).

And now, Patriarch, it is time to begin, to battle a few of those fierce dragons, search for treasure, and all that!



- 10 REM The Patriarch
- 20 GOSUB 1560
- 30 CUS: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
- 40 PEN 1
- 50 GOSLIR 1440
- AG D=INT(END*7)
- 70 IF Q=0 AND E<>55 THEN GOSUB 1440
- 80 PEN 2
- 90 CLS:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "Patriarch ";A\$
- :".":ME=1:GOSUB 2500:PRINT E
- 100 IF 5>0 THEN ME=2:PEN 2:GOSUB 2500:PR
- INT G
- 110 GOSUB 970
- 120 PEN 3
- 130 IF H<25 THEN 170
- 140 PRINT "THE GAME IS OVER, ASALL YOUR
- CHARISMA HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED!"
- 150 FOR Z=1 TO 4000:NEXT Z:PRINT:PRINT "
- BUT YOU PLAYED WELL, PATRIARCH ";A\$
- 160 PRINT:FOR Z=1 TO 4000:NEXT Z:IF G>0
- THEN PRINT "AND YOU MANAGED TO AQUIRE T
- REASURE WORTH \$"G:PRINT:0=9:GDTO 143
- Ø
- 170 PRINT:ME=3:GOSUB 2500:PRINT 25-H
- 130 PEN 6
- 190 PRINT:PRINT "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
- 200 WHILE INKEY\$<>"":WEND
- 210 PEN 4

220 PRINT "N - move North S - move South"

230 PRINT "E - move East W - move West"

260 WHILE z\$<>"N" AND Z\$<>"S" AND Z\$<>"E

" AND Z\$<>"W" AND Z\$<>"F" AND Z\$<>"Q":Z\$

=INKEY\$:Z\$=UPPER\$(Z\$):WEND

270 IF Z\$="N" AND A(E-10)=240 OR Z\$="S"
AND A(E+10)=240 OR Z\$="E" AND A(E+1)=240
OR Z\$="W" AND A(E-1)=240 THEN PRINT: SOU
ND 1 220 99 7 0 0 1:ME=4:GDSUR 2500:GDTD

ND 1,220,99,7,0,0,1:ME=4:GOSUR 2500:GOTO 250

280 SOUND 2,20,7:SOUND 2,50,7

290 INK 3,26:PEN 3

300 IF Z\$="Q" THEN Q=9:50TO 1410

310 A(E)=245

320 IF Z\$="N" THEN E=E-10

330 IF Z\$="S" THEN E=E+10

340 IF Z\$="E" THEN E=E+1

350 IF Z\$="W" THEN E=E-1

360 IF Z\$="F" THEN GOSUB 1150

370 IF A(E)=241 THEN PEN 1:GOSUB 450:REM MAGIC

380 IF A(E)=242 THEN PEN 6:GOSUB 550:REM DRAGON

390 IF A(E)=243 THEN PEN 4:GOSUB 710:REM GUICKSAND

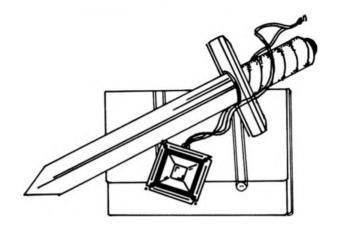
400 IF A(E)=244 THEN PEN 5:GOSUB 830

410 H=H+1: IF F=25 THEN Q=9:GOTO 1400 420 GOSUB 1980 430 GOTO 40 440 RFM ---450 REM MAGIC 460 PRINT: ME=5: GOSUR 2500 470 GOSUR 1980 480 A(F) = 245490 FOR J=2 TO 800 STEP 50 500 SOUND 5.J.7:SOUND 2.1000-J.7 510 NEXT J 520 F=INT(RND#76)+12:WHILE A(E)≈240:GOTO 520: WEND 530 RETHRN 540 RFM ----550 REM DRAGON 560 ME=6: GOSUR 2500 570 GOSUB 1980 580 M=RND 590 IF M(0.2 THEN ME=7:GOSUB 2500:RETURN 600 ME=8:GDSUB 2500 610 GOSUB 1980 620 IF M>0.85 THEN ME=9:RETURN 630 ME=10:GOSUB 2500 640 GOSUB 1980 650 M=RND 660 IF M>0.95 OR H>18 THEN ME=11:GOSUB 2 500: RETURN

670 ME=12:GDSUB 2500:PRINT " ":A\$

680 GOSUB 1980

490 Q=9:50TO 1400 700 REM ----710 REM QUICKSAND 720 FOR J=1 TO 12 730 PEN INT(RND#A+1) 740 PRINT TAB(J/2): "HORRORS" 750 PRINT 760 PRINT TAB(10-J): "QUICKSAND!" 770 SOUND 5.CINT(RND*7+1000).7 780 PRINT 790 FOR DELAY=1 TO 90: NEXT DELAY 800 NEXT J 810 Q=9:H=0:GDTD 1400 820 RFM -----830 REM TREASURE 840 K=INT(RND\$100)+100 850 FOR J=1 TO 13 860 PEN INT(RND*7+1)



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870 PRINT TAR(J/2):"TREASURE!":PRINT
880 SOUND 5.CINT(RND*70+10).7
890 PRINT TAB(10-J/2): "TREASURE": PRINT
900 FOR DELAY=1 TO 200: NEXT DELAY
910 NEXT J
920 GOSUB 1980
930 PRINT: ME=13:GOSUB 2500: PRINT K
940 G=G+K
950 RETURN
940 REM ---
970 REM AMULET
980 PEN 1
990 Y=1
1000 L=A(E+P(Y))
1010 IF L()245 THEN 1050
1020 IF Y/R THEN Y=Y+1:58T8 1000
1030 IE L=245 THEN BETURN
1040 PRINT "PATRIARCH ":A$:","
1050 ME=14:50SUB 2500
1060 IF L=240 THEN ME=15:50SUB 2500
1070 IF L=241 THEN ME=16:GDSUB 2500
1080 IF L=242 THEN ME=17:GOSUB 2500
1090 IF L=243 THEN ME=18:GOSUB 2500
1100 IF L=244 THEN ME=19:50SUB 2500
1110 PRINT " "::ME=20:GOSUB 2500
1120 GOSUB 1980
1130 RETURN
1140 REM --
1150 REM ATTACK DRAGON
1160 PRINT
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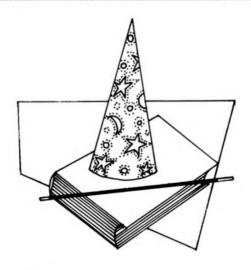
- 1170 AR=AR-1
- 1180 IF AR=0 THEN MS=21:GOSUB 2500:GOSUB
 - 1989: RETURN
- 1190 ME=22:PRINT ar::60SUB 2500
- 1200 55=0
- 1210 ME=23:50SUB 2500
- 1220 Z\$=INKEY\$: Z\$=UPPER\$(Z\$)
- 1230 WHILE Z\$<>"N" AND Z\$<>"S" AND Z\$<>"
- E" AND Z\$<>"W":50TO 1220:WEND
- 1240 IF Z\$="N" AND A(E-10)=242 THEN SS=1
- :YT=E-10
- 1250 IF Z\$="S" AND A(E+10)=242 THEN SS=1
- : YT=F+10
- 1260 IF Z\$="E" AND A(E+1)=242 THEN SS=1:
- YT=F+1
- 1270 IF Z\$="W" AND A(E-1)=242 THEN SS=1:
- YT=F-!
- 1280 PRINT
- 1290 IF SS=0 THEN ME=24:GOSUB 2500:GOTO
- 1390
- 1500 ME=25:60SUB 2500
- 1310 50SUB 1980
- 1320 IF RND>0.3 THEN 1380
- 1330 ME=26:GOSUB 2500
- 1340 A(YT)=245
- 1350 K=INT(RND#100)+100
- 1360 PRINT
- 1370 ME=27:60SUB 2500:PRINT K:G=G+K:60T0
 - 1390
- 1380 ME=28:GOSUB 2500

1790 GOSLIR 1980-RETURN 1400 IE HK1 THEN ME=29:GDSUB 2500:GDSUB 1980: GOTO 1420 1410 ME=30:50SUB 2500:PRINT 25-H 1420 ME=31: IE 620 THEN GOSUB 2500: PRINT 5 1430 PRINT: PRINT 1440 A(F)=246 1450 FOR J≈1 TO 100 $1460 \ X=A(J)-239$ 1470 PEN X 1480 SOUND 5.A(J) *2.7 1490 PRINT CHR\$(A(J)):" ": 1500 IF 10*INT(J/10)≈J THEN PRINT 1510 NEXT J 1520 GDSUB 1980 1530 IF D=9 THEN END 1540 RETURN 1550 EEM --1560 MODE 0:BORDER 0:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT 1570 INK 0,0:INK 1,2:INK 2,6:INK 3,8:INK 4.18: INK 5.24: INK 6.26: INK 7.15 1580 PEN 3 1590 PRINT "Welcome...":PRINT:PRINT 1600 PEN 6 1610 INPUT "What is your name, Patriar ch": A\$ 1620 As=UPPERs(LEFTs(As.1))+LOWERs(MIDs(A\$.2))

1630 CLS:PRINT:PRINT:PEN 4

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1640 PRINT "Please stand by
                                  Patriarc
h ": A$
1650 DIM A(100).0$(31)
1660 H=0: Q=0: L=0: G=0: AR=6
1670 FOR B=1 TO 100
1680 A(R)=245
1690 IF B<12 OR B>90 OR 10*INT(B/10) =B C
R 10xINT(B/10)=B-1 THEN A(B)=240
1700 NEXT B
1710 FOR B=1 TO 5: RESTORE
1720 FOR D=1 TO 5
1730 Z=INT(RND*76)+12:IF A(Z)=240 THEN
730
1740 READ C:A(7)=C
1750 NEXT: NEXT
1760 DATA 240.241.242,243,244
1770 FOR B=1 TO 8: READ Z:P(B) = Z:NEXT B
1780 DATA -11,-10,-9,-1,1,9,10,11
1790 E=55
1800 RESTORE 2010
1810 FOR J=1 TO 31:REM READ MESSAGES
1820 READ M$: □$(J)=M$
1830 NEXT J
1840 GOSUB 2330: REM DEFINE CHARACTERS
1850 CLS
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1860 FRINT:PRINT:PRINT "KEY TO SYMBOLS...":PRINT
1870 PEN 1:PRINT:PRINT " ";CHR\$(240);"
WALL ";CHR\$(240)
1880 PEN 2:PRINT:PRINT " ";CHR\$(241);"



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MAGIC CAVE "; CHR$ (241)
1890 PEN 3:PRINT:PRINT " ":CHR$(242):"
DRAGON "; CHR$ (242)
1900 PEN 4:PRINT:PRINT " ":CHR$(243);"
QUICKSAND ":CHR$(243)
1910 PEN 5:PRINT:PRINT " ";CHR$(244);"
GOLD ": CHR$ (244)
1920 PEN 6:P$=UPPER$(A$):PRINT:PRINT "
";CHR$(246);" ":P$;" ";CHR$(246)
1930 PEN 7:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT " Press an
y key to continue..."
1940 WHILE INKEY$="":LL=RND:WEND
1950 RETURN
1960 REM ---
1970 REM DELAY
1980 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000: NEXT DELAY
1990 RETURN
2000 REM
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2010
    DATA YOU are
                  in cave
2020 DATA Treasure $
2030 DATA CHARISMA LEET
2040 DATA YOU CAN'T MOVE THAT WAY!!
2050 DATA YOU'VE STUMBLED
                               INTO A MAG
IC CAVE & WILL NOW BE WHISKED TO ANOTHER
2060 DATA YOU'VE WANDERED
                               INTO A DRA
GON'S
          LAIR! START SAYING
                               YOUR PRAYE
RS I
          IT HAS FLOWN AWAY
2070 DATA
2080
     DATA
          IT AWAKENS AND HAS
                               SEEN YOU!
2090 DATA
          RUT
              IT HAS RECENTLY EATEN
                                       AND
 SO GOES
          BACK TO SLEEP
2100 DATA AND NOW IT ATTACKS!
2110 DATA BUT YOU FIGHT BACK
                               AND WIN!
2120 DATA GOODBYE PATRIACH
2130 DATA YOU'VE FOUND A
                               HOARD OF D
RAGON'S
          GOLD WORTH $
2140 DATA #
               YOUR AMULET
                                    SIGNAL
S THERE IS
2150
    DATA A SOLID WALL
    DATA A MAGIC
                  CAVE
2160
     DATA A DRAGON
2170
2180 DATA QUICKSAND
2190 DATA GOLD
2200 DATA NEARBY
2210 DATA YOU HAVE USED UP ALLYOUR ARROW
S...
2220 DATA ARROWS LEFT
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2230 DATA WHICH DIRECTION DO YOU WANT TO SHOOT IN (N S E or W)?

2240 DATA THERE WAS NO DRAGON THERE SO YOU HAVE WASTED AN ARROW

2250 DATA WELL DONE PATRIARCH. YOU'VE HIT A FEROCIOUS DRAGON!

2260 DATA YOU KILLED IT!!

2270 DATA YOU ARE REWARDED WITH \$

2280 DATA BUT YOU ONLY WOUNDED IT!!

2300 DATA CHARISMA LEFT:

2310 DATA GOLD FOUND: \$

2320 REM -----

2330 REM DEFINE CHARACTERS

2340 REM SOLID WALL - 240

2350 SYMBOL 240,255,0,255,0,255,0,255,0

2360 REM MAGIC CAVE - 241

2370 SYMBOL 241,189,153,165,195,195,165,

153, 126

2380 REM DRAGON - 242

2390 SYMBOL 242,24,126,153,255,126,126,2

4,126

2400 REM QUICKSAND - 243

2410 SYMBOL 243,255,182,109,219,182,109,

219,255

2420 REM GOLD - 244

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2430 SYMBOL 244.16.56.124.254.254.124.56
,16
2440 REM ORDINARY WALL - 245
2450 SYMBOL 245.0.66.0.0.0.0.66.0
2460 REM PATRIARCH - 246
2470 SYMBOL 246.30.63.47.127.55.7.62.30
24B0 RETURN
2490 REM ---
2500 REM 'TELETYPE' DUTPUT
2510 F$=Q$(ME)
2520 FOR J=1 TO LEN(F$)
2530 SOUND 5.CINT(RND*100+600).7
2540 PRINT MID$(F$.J.1):
2550 IF MID$(F$.J.1)=" " OR ME=3 THEN 25
80
2560 FOR P=1 TO 60:NEXT P
2570 IF ME=29 THEN PEN INT(RND*7+1)
2580 NEXT J
2590 IF ME<4 OR ME>11 AND ME<20 OR ME=24
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OR ME=27 OR ME>29 THEN RETURN

2600 PRINT:PRINT

2610 RETURN

3-D Maze/The Memnonite Stone

On the morning of 27 December, 1666, Johann-Friedrich Schweitzer, a man described in the book *The Morning of the Magicians* (Louis Pauwels/Jacques Bergier) as "a violent anti-alchemist" was visited by a stranger, dressed in a broad cloak, such as members of the Memnonite religious sect wore. The stranger presented Schweitzer with a fragment of rock, supposedly the "Philosopher's Stone", which had the power of changing base metals into gold.

We are not told whether the Stone ever worked, and the secret of its whereabouts died with Schweitzer.

Fortunately for mankind, the Stone has been detected, hidden within a maze. You have been chosen as the person to find it, in this 3-D maze adventure. Armed only with your Amstrad, and a patented *Memnonite Indicator*, you set out to brave the maze to locate the Stone.



The maze is modified from run to run of the program. and the Stone is placed at random within the maze. On the screen you'll see a picture of the maze ahead of you. projected on to the screen of a hitherto-unknown invention, the Maze-O-Scope (created with the aid of the Amstrad's WINDOW command).

Your goal, of course, is to find the Stone, and to do it in the smallest number of moves. You move through the maze using the cursor keys. Pressing the 'H' will summon up the "Help" option, which shows you the maze from above. You are shown on this maze as a white smiling face, and the path you've taken so far in the run is shown as a series of green dots. There is, however, a penalty for calling for help; the number of moves you've made so far in the run will be increased by five.

Don't rush through the maze when you first run this program. Wait until you become familiar with the view on your Maze-O-Scope, and you'll soon be surprised at how good you'll get at making your way around it. In addition, you will become very skilled at interpreting the output of your Memnonite Indicator, so you can significantly improve your time on subsequent runs.

And now here's the listing, so you can seek the Stone.



3-D MAZE THE MEMNONITE STONE

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10 REM 3-D MAZE/THE MEMNONITE STONE
20 GOSUB 740
30 GOSUB 500
40 RFM ----
50 WHILE NOT SOLVED
40 M=M+1
70 N=0
80 LOCATE 1.10
90 PRINT "MOVE NUMBER"::PEN 2:PRINT M:PE
N 1:PRINT
100 IF A$<>"H" THEN PRINT "You are facin
g ":
110 IF As="N" THEN PRINT "North": Qs="Nor
th"
120 IF As="S" THEN PRINT "South": Qs="Sou
th"
130 IF A$="E" THEN PRINT "East ":Q$="Eas
+ #
140 IF As="W" THEN PRINT "West ": Qs="Wes
+ "
150 LOCATE 1.14
160 PRINT "NORTH: ":
170 IF A(D+1,E) = S THEN PRINT "OPEN": IF A
$<>"S" THEN N=N+1
180 IF A(D+1,E)=X THEN PRINT "WALL"
190 PRINT "SOUTH: ":
200 IF A(D-1,E) = S THEN PRINT "OPEN": IF A
$<>"N" THEN N=N+10
210 IF A(D-1,E)=X THEN PRINT "WALL"
220 PRINT "EAST: ":
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230 IF A(D_E+1)=S THEN PRINT "OPEN": IF A
$<>"W" THEN N=N+100
240 IF A(D.E+1)=X THEN PRINT "WALL"
250 PRINT "WEST: ":
260 IF A(D.E-1)=S THEN PRINT "OPEN": IF A
$<>"E" THEN N=N+1000
270 IF A(D.E-1)=X THEN PRINT "WALL"
280 PEN 3: PAPER 1:LOCATE 1.19: PRINT "
MNONITE INDICATOR READS"::PRINT 100#SQR(
(Z-D)*(Z-D))+SQR((Y-E)*(Y-E))"":PAPER
9:PEN 1
290 RFM
300 GOSUB 1210:REM PRINTOUT
310 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN 310
320 W$=INKEY$:IF W$<>CHR$(240) AND W$<>C
HR$(241) AND W$<>CHR$(242) AND W$<>CHR$(
243) AND W$<>"H" AND W$<>"h" THEN 320
330 W$=UPPER$(W$):SOUND 1.(100+RND*100)
340 IF W$="H" THEN FF=-99:GDSUB 500:GDTD
440
350 IF W$<>"H" THEN T$=A$:GOSUB 1360
360 IF A$="N" AND A(D+1,E)=X THEN 320
370 IF A$="S" AND A(D-1,E)=X THEN 320
380 IF A$="E"
              AND A(D.E+1)=X THEN 320
390 IF A$="W"
              AND A(D_E-1)=X THEN 320
400 IF A$="N" THEN D=D+1
410 IF A$="S" THEN D=D-1
420 IF A$="E" THEN E=E+1
430 IF A$="W" THEN E=E-1
440 B(D,E)=46
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450 IF 7=D AND Y=F THEN 1430
460 IF ABS(7-D)<3 THEN IF ABS(Y-E)<3 THE
N LOCATE 1.19: PRINT "You are very, very
Close
                   ":SOUND 1.99.99.7.0.0.
1
470 WEND
480 FND
490 RFM
500 REM HELP
510 A(D.E)=42
520 CLS
530 REM 'HELP' PRINTOUT
540 PEN 2:PRINT "You are facing ":Q$:PRI
NT
550 PEN 1:PRINT TAB(13); "North":PRINT
560 PEN 3
570 FOR B=15 TO 1 STEP-1
580 PRINT TAB(9):
590 FOR C=1 TO 15
600 IF A(B,C)=42 THEN PEN 1:PRINT CHR$(2
24)::PEN 3:GOTO 630
610 IF B(B.C)=46 THEN PEN 2:PRINT "."::P
EN 3:50TO 630
620 PRINT CHR$(A(B,C)):
630 NEXT C
640 PRINT
650 NEXT B
660 PEN 1:PRINT:PRINT TAB(13):"South"
670 M=M+5
680 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000: NEXT DELAY
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490 CLS
700 GOSUB 1030
710 A(D_{\bullet}E) = S
720 RETURN
730 RFM ---
740 REM INITIALISE
750 BORDER 0: MODE 1: INK 0.0: INK 1.26: INK
 2.18:INK 3.6:PEN 1:PAPER 0
760 PRINT "Please stand by while I build
 the maze"
770 RANDOMIZE TIME
780 DIM A(15.15).B(15.15)
790 R=INT(RND±3)
800 Z=13:Y=13
810 IF B=1 THEN Y=3
820 IF B=2 THEN 7=2
830 X≈143:REM SOLID WALL 'BLOCK'
840 S=32: REM FMPTY PASSAGE
850 FOR B=1 TO 15
860 FOR C=1 TO 15
870 A(B.C)=X
880 IF C>1 AND B>1 AND C<15 AND B<15 THE
N IF RND>0.9 THEN A(B,C)=S
890 NEXT C
900 NEXT B
910 D=2:E=2
920 CHECKSUM=0
930 FOR F=1 TO 69
940 READ B:READ C
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950 CHECKSUM=CHECKSUM+B+C

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960 A(B.C)≈S
970 NEXT F
980 IE CHECKSUM<>1100 THEN PRINT "ERROR
IN DATA": FND
990 WINDOW £1.16.27.2.8
1000 M=-5
1010 AS="F":TS="F":QS="East":REM START
                        FACING FAST
1020 FF=-99: RETURN
1030 PEN 2:LOCATE 1.1
1040 PRINT TAB(15):CHR$(222)::PEN 0:PAPE
R 1:PRINT "MAZE-O-SCOPE"::PAPER 0:PEN 2:
PRINT CHR$ (223)
1050 FOR J=1 TO 7:PRINT TAB(15):CHR$(127
)::PRINT STRING$(12.32)::PRINT CHR$(127)
:NEXT J
1060 PRINT TAB(15):CHR$(221):STRING$(12.
127): CHR$ (220)
1070 PEN 1
1080 RETURN
1090 RFM -
1100 DATA 2.2.2.3.2.4.2.5.2.6.2.7
1110 DATA 3,7,4,7,5,7,5,6,5,5,5,4,5,3,6,
3
1120 DATA 7,3,7,4,7,5,7,6,7,7,7,8,7,9,9,
8
1130 DATA 9.9.10.B.10.7.10.6.10.5.10.4
1140 DATA 10,3,11,3,12,3,13,3,14,3,14,2,
7.10
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2.12
1160 DATA 2.13.2.14.6.11.6.12.6.13.6.13.
7.12
1170 DATA 14.12.8.12.8.14.9.12.9.13.9.14
.10.12
1180 DATA 11,9,11,10,11,11,11,12,12,9,13
.9.13,10
1190 DATA 13,11,13,12,13,13,13,4,14,14,1
0.9
1200 RFM
1210
     IF N=0 THEN P=8
1220
     IF AS="H"
               THEN AS=TS
1230
     IF A$="N" AND N=1 DR A$="S"
                                 AND N=1
0 DR A$="F" AND N=100 DR A$="W" AND N=10
90 THEN P=5
1240 IF AS="N" AND N=101 OR AS="F" AND N
=110 DR A$="W"
               AND N=1001 THEN P=1
1250 IF A$="N"
               AND N=100 DR A$="5"
                                    AND N
=1000 DR A$="E" AND N=10 DR A$="W"
                                    AND N
=1 THEN P=2
1260 IF AS="N" AND N=1000 OR AS="S" AND
N=100 DR A$="E" AND N=1 DR A$="W" AND N=
10 THEN P=3
1270 IF
        (A$="N" DR A$="S") AND N=1100 DR
 (A$="E" OR A$="W") AND N=11
                              THEN P=4
1280 IF A$="N" AND N=1101 OR A$="S" AND
N=1110 OR A$="E" AND N=111 OR A$="W"
                                     AND
N=1011 THEN P=6
1290 IF A$="N" AND N=1001 OR A$="S"
                                     AND
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N=1010 THEN P=7
1300 ORIGIN 250,270:MOVE 0,0
1310 IF FF=P THEN RETURN
1320 FF=P
1330 PAPER £1,3:CLS £1,
1340 ON P GOSUB 1500, 1550, 1600, 1650, 1700
,1750,1800,1860
1350 REM
1360 IF W\$=CHR\$(240) OR A\$="H" THEN A\$=T
\$
1370 IF W\$=CHR\$(241) AND T\$="N" OR W\$=CH
R\$(243) AND T\$="E" OR W\$=CHR\$(242) AND T
\$="W" THEN A\$="S"
1380 IF W\$=CHR\$(241) AND T\$="S" DR W\$=CH
R\$(243) AND T\$="W" OR W\$=CHR\$(242) AND T
\$="E" THEN A\$="N"
1390 IF W\$=CHR\$(243) AND T\$="N" OR W\$=CH
R\$(242) AND T\$="S" OR W\$=CHR\$(241) AND T
\$="W" THEN A\$="E"
1400 IF W\$=CHR\$(242) AND T\$="N" OR W\$=CH
R\$(243) AND T\$="S" OR W\$=CHR\$(241) AND T
\$="E" THEN A\$="W"
1410 RETURN
1420 REM
1430 REM END OF GAME
1440 FDR J=1 TD 20
1450 PRINT £1, "YOU FOUND ITIN JUST"M"MOV
ES "
1460 FOR H=1 TO 100:NEXT H

1470 SOUND 5, RND \$ 90, RND \$ 90

1480 NEXT .I 1490 LOCATE 1,22:END 1500 RFM P=1 1510 GOSUB 1910: REM LEFT CLOSED 1520 GOSUB 1940: REM FRONT OPEN 1530 GOSUB 2000: REM RIGHT OPEN 1540 RETURN 1550 RFM P=2 1560 GDSUB 1910:REM LEFT CLOSED 1570 GOSUB 2070: REM FRONT CLOSED GOSUB 2000: REM RIGHT OPEN 1580 1590 RETURN REM P≈3 1600 1610 GOSUR 2130: REM LEFT OPEN 1620 GOSUB 2070: REM FRONT CLOSED 1630 GOSUB 2190: REM RIGHT CLOSED 1640 RETURN 1650 RFM P=4 1660 60SUB 2130: REM LEFT OPEN 1670 GOSUB 2070: REM FRONT CLOSED 1680 GDSUB 2000: REM RIGHT OPEN 1690 RETURN 1700 REM P≈5 1710 GOSUB 1910: REM LEFT CLOSED 1720 GOSUB 1940: REM FRONT OPEN 1730 GOSUB 2190:REM RIGHT CLOSED 1740 RETURN 1750 REM P≈6 GOSUB 2130: REM LEFT OPEN 1760

60SUB 1940: REM FRONT OPEN

1770

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1780	GOSUR 2000: REM RIGHT OPEN
1790	RETURN
1800	REM P=7
1810	GOSUB 2130: REM LEFT OPEN
1820	GOSUB 1940: REM FRONT OPEN
1830	GOSUB 2190: REM RIGHT CLOSED
1840	RETURN
1850	RETURN
1860	REM P=8
1870	GOSUB 1910:REM LEFT CLOSED
1880	GOSUB 2070: REM FRONT CLOSED
1890	GOSUB 2190:REM RIGHT CLOSED
1900	RETURN
1910	REM LEFT CLOSED
1920	DRAW 0,110:DRAW 50,77:MOVE 50,34:DR
AW 0,	, ø
	,0 RETURN
1930	
1930 1940	RETURN
1930 1940 1950	RETURN REM FRONT OPEN
1930 1940 1950 1960	RETURN REM FRONT OPEN MOVE 50,34:DRAW 73,50:DRAW 73,62
1930 1940 1950 1960 1970	RETURN REM FRONT OPEN MOVE 50,34:DRAW 73,50:DRAW 73,62 MOVE 73,50:DRAW 93,50:DRAW 93,62
1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980	RETURN REM FRONT OPEN MOVE 50,34:DRAW 73,50:DRAW 73,62 MOVE 73,50:DRAW 93,50:DRAW 93,62 DRAW 73,62:DRAW 50,77:MOVE 128,26
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2060	RETURN
2070	REM FRONT CLOSED
2080	MOVE 50,77
2090	DRAW 117,77:DRAW 117,34
2100	DRAW 50,34:DRAW 50,77
2110	MOVE 40,26:DRAW 50,34
2120	RETURN
2130	REM LEFT OPEN
2140	DRAW 16,10:DRAW 16,100:DRAW 0,110
2150	DRAW 16,100:DRAW 16,84:DRAW 40,84
2160	DRAW 40,26: DRAW 16,26: DRAW 40,26
2170	DRAW 50,34:MOVE 50,77:DRAW 40,84
2180	RETURN
2190	REM RIGHT CLOSED
2200	MOVE 117,34
2210	DRAW 166,0: DRAW 166,110: DRAW 117,77

2220 RETURN

INTO THE UNKNOWN

The title of this adventure is not far from the truth, because you never know – from run to run of the program – just what you will encounter next.

Your clever Amstrad chooses 40 locations from its database of 100, and then constructs a map around the chosen locations. The computer then randomly distributes the objects and hazards throughout the adventure environment. This ensures that the game will be different each time you tackle it.

Your task is to solve the adventure by finding ten pieces of treasure, at the same time making your way through the countryside until you reach the Citadel. This is where safety lies.

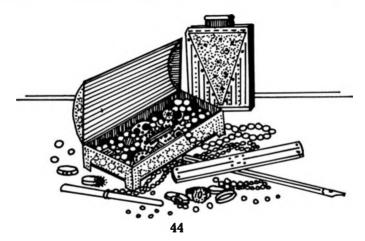
You control your direction with the letters N, S, E and W, and use T to take an object. There are other commands, but it is up to you to discover them!



- 10 REM****INTO THE UNKNOWN****
- 20 MODE 1:CLS
- 30 INK 2.1.26
- 40 PRINT "

THE LINKHOWN"

- 50 PRINT:PRINT
- 60 GOSUB 1620: GOSUB 710
- 70 CLS
- 80 K=10:ST=90
- 90 REMIXXXMAIN LOOPXXXX
- 100 ST=ST-0.1:IF ST<0 THEN PRINT "YOU'RE FINISHED!":END
- 110 BORDER INT (RND\$26)
- 120 SOUND 2. (14*40)+40
- 111111111111111111
- 140 PRINT "YOU ARE ";R\$(P):PRINT
- 150 IF K<8 THEN 200
- 160 PRINT "EXITS ARE: ";: IF V(P,1)>0 THE
- N PRINT "NORTH: ":
- 170 IF V(P,2)>0 THEN PRINT "SOUTH: ";



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- 180 IF V(P.3)>0 THEN PRINT "EAST: ":
- 190 IF V(P.4)>0 THEN PRINT "WEST"
- 200 PRINT: PRINT
- 210 FDR T=1 TO 20
- 220 IF B(T.1)=P THEN PRINT B\$(T):PRINT
- **230 NEXT**
- 240 DV=0
- 250 FOR T=1 TO 10:IF M(T,1)=P THEN PEN 2
- :PRINT M\$(T):" ATTACKS...":DV=1:PEN 1
- **260 NEXT**
- 270 PRINT:PRINT
- 280 INPUT P\$
- 290 IF DV=1 THEN GOTO 380
- 300 IF (P\$="S" DR P\$="E") AND (R\$(P)="NE
- XT TO A SNAKE-INFESTED PIT" OR R\$(P) = "NE
- AR A CLIFF" OR R\$(P)="NEAR A CLIFF EDGE"
- OR R\$(P)="IN THE CASTLE TURRET" OR R\$(P
-)="ALONG THE BATTLEMENTS") THEN PRINT "Y
- OU FALL... THAT'S THE END": END
- 310 IF P\$="N" AND RIGHT\$(R\$(P),4)="CAVE"
- THEN PRINT "MADNESS, GOING NORTH TAKES
- YOU FURTHER INTO THE COLD...YOU FREEZE
- TO DEATH": END
- 320 IF P\$="H" OR P\$="J" AND ST>20 THEN S
- T=ST-18:PRINT "YOU'VE JUMPED TO ANOTHER
 PLACE":PRINT:PP=P:P=INT(RND*38)+1:GOTO 6
- 20
- 330 IF PS="N" AND V(P,1)<>0 THEN P=V(P,1
-):GOTO 620
- 340 IF P\$="S" AND V(P,2)<>0 THEN P=V(P,2

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):GOTO 620
350 IF P$="E" AND V(P.3)<>0 THEN P=V(P.3
):GOTO 620
360 IF P$="W" AND V(P.4)<>0 THEN P=V(P.4)
1:50TO 420
370 IF DV<>1 THEN GOTO 500
380 REM$$$$FIGHT OR RUN$$$$
390 IF P$<>"F" AND P$<>"R" THEN PRINT
OU CAN ONLY FIGHT OR RUN IN THIS
                                        S
ITUATION":ST=ST-3:GOTO 270
400 IF P$="F" THEN 440
410 IF PS="R" AND RND<0.36 THEN PRINT "Y
OU MUST STAY AND FIGHT":STEST-7:GOTO 440
420 PRINT "DK. YOU HAVE RUN AWAY":ST=ST-
3:PP=P:P=INT(RND$38)+1:IF P=PP THEN P=P+
1
430 GOTO 90
440 RFMsssssFTGHTssssss
450 IF RND<0.05 THEN PRINT "YOU ARE BAD!
Y WOUNDED":ST=ST~(INT(ST/3)):PRINT
460 FOR T=1 TO 10: IF M(T.1)=P THEN FV=T:
T=10
470 NEXT:ST=ST-(INT(M(FV.2)*1.5)):IF ST>
0 THEN PRINT "YOU ARE THE VICTOR": M(FV, 1
)=50:SOUND 1.70.40:GOTO 90
480 PRINT "YOU ARE EXHAUSTED...":GOSUB 1
780:PRINT "YOU ARE DYING FAST...":GOSHR
1780:PRINT "YOU ARE DEAD":END
490 REM*****STRENGTH****
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DC = DC + 1

510 NEXT

520 IF OC>5 AND (P\$="STRENGTH" OR LEFT\$(

P\$,2)="SC") THEN PRINT:PRINT "STRENGTH I

S ":ST:60T0 90

530 REM****TAKE****

540 OT=0:FOR T=1 TO 20

550 IF B(T,1)=P AND P\$="T" THEN B(T,1)=0

: DT=T: T=10

540 NEXT

570 IF OT=0 AND P\$="T" THEN PRINT "NOTHI

NG TO TAKE": GOTO 90

580 IF P\$="T" AND B(QT,2)=1 THEN PRINT "

YOU HAVE TAKEN THE OBJECT/S":PRINT:GOTO

600

590 IF P\$="T" AND B(OT, 2)=2 THEN PRINT "

MORE TREASURE TO YOUR COLLECTION":PRINT

600 IF P\$="T" THEN 620

610 PRINT:PRINT "YOU CANNOT DO THAT!":PR

INT: GOTO 90

620 PRINT:PRINT "O.K.":SOUND 1, INT(RND*3

50) +50

630 K=0

640 FOR T=11 TO 20

650 IF B(T.1)<>0 THEN K=K+1

660 NEXT T

670 IF K=0 AND P=40 THEN GOTO 1700

680 PRINT

690 PRINT " ";K; "TREASURES STILL TO COL

LECT"

700 GOTO 90 710 REMIXINITIAL ISATIONIX 720 DIM V(40.4) 730 RANDOMIZE TIME 740 FOR T=1 TO 40 750 V(T,1)≃0 $760 \text{ V}(T_{-}2)=0$ 770 V(T.3)=0 780 $V(T_4)=0$ 790 FOR Z=1 TO INT(RND\$4)+1 800 A=INT(RND#4)+1 810 IF A=T THEN 800 820 V(T_A) = INT(RND\$39)+1 830 NEXT Z 840 NEXT T 850 P=1 860 DIM R\$(40):DIM SR\$(20) **870 RESTORE** 880 FOR T=1 TO 20: READ SB\$(T): NEXT 890 DATA IN THE GARDEN OF AN OLD HOUSE, I N AN OLD HOUSE, IN A STRANGE CAVE, NESTLIN G IN A HOLLOW IN THE GROUND 900 DATA IN A QUIET CLEARING. NEXT TO A S NAKE-INFESTED PIT. STANDING BY A HIGH FEN CE. IN A SMALL ROOM 910 DATA IN A DIRTY BACK STREET, IN A GAR AGE. IN A BARN. IN THE CASTLE TURRET

920 DATA BY AN ORCHARD, IN THE MARKET PLA CE, BY A MARKET STALL, IN A QUIET STREET CKED WALL, IN THE MUSIC ROOM, IN A DARK TU NNEL

940 TL=0

950 FOR T=1 TO 80

960 IF RND<0.5 AND TL<40 THEN TL=TL+1:RE AD R\$(INT((T+1)/2))

970 NEXT

980 FOR T=1 TO 40:IF R\$(T)="" THEN R\$(T) = SR\$(INT(RND*20)+1)

990 NEXT T

1000 R\$(40)="IN THE CITADEL- A PLACE OF SANCTUARY"

1010 DATA IN A LAKE, BY A CLEAR LAGOON, ON A SANDY BEACH. ON A PEBBLE BEACH

1020 DATA IN A FAST-FLOWING RIVER, IN THE CALM SEA. ON A CLIFF EDGE. NEAR A CLIFF

1030 DATA IN A CLEARING, BY THE STREAM, CL

OSE TO THE FOREST, IN THE FOREST

1040 DATA IN A WOOD, IN THE MIDDLE OF PAS TURE, SURROUNDED BY GREEN FIELDS

1050 DATA IN THE DESERT, WITHIN SIGHT OF AN DASIS, ON A HILLTOP, BY SOME CROSSRO ADS

1060 DATA ALONG A PATHWAY, NEXT TO A PATH ,BY A BEATEN TRACK, ON SOME WASTELAND

1070 DATA IN A WOODED COPSE, NEAR A WATER FALL, IN SOME BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTAL GARDEN S

1080 DATA NEXT TO A FLOWERED, ON A PLATEA U OF GRASSLAND, SURROUNDED BY WEEDS

1090 DATA IN A LARGE CAVERN, IN THE DEPTH S OF AN ICY CAVE, IN A CAVE FILLED WITH R DCKY OUTCROPS

1100 DATA AT A HILL'S BASE, UP TO YOUR KN EES IN MUD, CLOSE TO A RIVER BANK

1110 DATA ON A ROCKY PLAIN, IN A DESOLATE AREA, IN A COLD AND FLAT SURROUND, ON A GRASSLESS BANK, IN A SMALL DEPRESSION

1120 DATA BY A CASTLE WALL, IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS, IN THE GIANT HALLWAY, IN THE KITCHENS

1130 DATA IN THE SPLENDED MASTER BEDROOM IN THE STUDY LINED WITH BOOKS

1140 DATA WITHIN THE MAGNIFICENT GARDENS ,IN A DANK STORE ROOM,IN A APARSE RECEPT ION ROOM

1150 DATA IN A PASSAGEWAY, ALONG A CORRID OR, BY A SMALL WELL, IN A PAVED QUADRANGLE 1160 DATA IN THE MAIN TOWER, ALONG THE BA TTLEMENTS, HIDING IN THE TORTURE CHAMBER 1170 DATA ON THE DRAW BRIDGE, NEAR THE MO

AT, IN THE MOAT, IN THE DUNGEONS

1180 DATA IN THE DRAWING ROOM, IN A STUDI O WITH PAINTINGS ON THE WALLS, IN AN EMPT Y BEDROOM

1190 DATA IN A TINY HALLWAY, IN THE LIBRA RY, OUT ON THE PORCH

1200 DATA IN A REMOTE HAMLET, IN A SMALL UNTIDY HUT, IN A PIG STY, IN A SHEEP PEN 1210 DATA IN THE SHEEP DIP UGH!, BY THE H

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EN HOUSE, IN THE HEN HOUSE, IN THE FARMYAR D

1220 DATA BY A SIGN POST, AT SOME CROSSRO ADS, IN A COACH HOUSE, SURROUNDED BY HAYST ACKS

1230 DATA NEAR THE BOILER ROOM, IN THE RE

1240 RESTORE 1310

1250 DIM B\$(20),B(20,2)

1260 FOR T=1 TD 20

1270 READ B\$(T)

1280 B(T.1)=INT(RND#38)+1

1290 IF T<11 THEN B(T,2)=1 ELSE B(T,2)=2

1300 NEXT T

1310 DATA "A ROWING BOAT", "A GARDENING F DRK", "SOME MATCHES", "A KNIFE", "A SPADE"

1320 DATA "A COPY OF THE COUNTRY CODE","

A GLASS OF WATER", "SOME ROPE"

1330 DATA "A PAIR OF BINOCULARS", "A MAGN IFYING GLASS"

1340 DATA A GOLD PENDANT, A 40 CARAT DIAM OND, A LARGE RUBY, A PLATINUM BANGLE, A JEW EL ENCRUSTED HEADBAND

1350 DATA A BAG OF COINS, A KRUGERAND, AN OLD MASTER, A SAPPHIRE, THE MAP TO CAPTAIN KIDD'S TREASURE

1360 DIM M\$(10),M(10,2),DM\$(20),DM(20,2)

1370 FOR T=1 TO 20:READ DM\$(T):READ DM(T

,1):READ DM(T,2):NEXT:DM(17,1)=INT(RND*3

8) + 1

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1380 FOR T=0 TO 9:IF RND>0.05 THEN K=10
 FISE K=1
 1390 \text{ M} = \text{M} = \text
 _{2} = DM(K+T_{2})
 1400 NEXT T
 1410 DATA A BLACK KNIGHT.10.10
 1420 DATA A VENOMOUS SNAKE.4.5
 1430 DATA A GIANT BEAR. 20.12
 1440 DATA A VIOLENT SERF.2.2
 1450 DATA A DRUNKEN SWORDSMAN, 16, 4
 1460 DATA A SWORDSMAN.32.8
 1470 DATA A PACK OF WOLVES.37.7
 1480 DATA A RABID DOG.21.5
 1490 DATA A SCORPIDN.7.7
 1500 DATA A GUARD DOG. 9.5
 1510 DATA A GREEDY TROLL, 26,8
 1520 DATA THE WIZARD OF ZOR, 40, 15
 1530 DATA AN OLD WARLOCK, 34,9
1540 DATA THE MIGHTY WARRIOR OF TROTH. 39
 . 15
 1550 DATA A MAD VIKING, 15, 12
 1560 DATA THE BARON OUT HUNTING, 28,8
1570 DATA THE MADBEAST. 0.13
1580 DATA A PLAGUE OF GIANT RATS, 24,6
1590 DATA A BAND OF THIEVES, 31, 11
1600 DATA A GROUP OF KILLER BATS, 15,5
1610 RETURN
1620 REM*****INSTRUCTIONS****
 1630 PRINT "
                                                                            You must attempt to coll
ect the ten treasures and take them to t
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he Citadel where you will be safe from the dangers that abound elsewhere."

1640 PRINT:PRINT "You will come acro ss a number of other objects which ma y be of help in warding off the malevo lent creatures"

1650 PRINT:PRINT "You move by entering N,S,E or W. Youtake an object by typing T and you can either run (R) or fight (F) when confronted with a creature."

1660 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT TAB(15); "GO OD LUCK."

1670 FOR T=1 TO 2000: NEXT

1680 SOUND 1,180

1690 RETURN

1700 REM******SUCCESS*****

1710 INK 1,0

1720 MODE 0:CLS:LOCATE 1,12:PRINT "WELL

DONE YOU DID IT"

1730 FOR T≈1 TO 26

1740 BORDER T: INK 0,T

1750 SOUND 1,600-(T*20):SDUND 2,601-(T*2

0):SOUND 4,599-(T*20)

1760 NEXT

1770 LOCATE 1,24: END

1780 REM****PAUSE***

1790 FOR T=1 TO 3000:NEXT

1800 RETURN

GOTHAM RUNNER

The world as we know it has ended. Despite the years of desperate talking, one day the big bombs started falling. In the aftermath, there were no victors, only survivors

You are one of the survivors. Aided by a mutant pit pony you have befriended, you live a precarious life in the ruins of New York City. In *Gotham Runner*, you and your pony are trying to cross the 100-mile width of the city. A rabid pack of mutant dogs has got your scent, and is relentlessly pursuing you.

As you can tell from this morbid description, you have a mass of problems – and there are many more of them in store, as you'll discover when you run the adventure. There are several incidents which will occur from time to time (many of them will not occur during any particular run) and no incident will happen more than once in a run.

It is simple to play, as you only have to select an action from those presented to you on the screen. When you start running the program, you'll see something like this on your monitor:



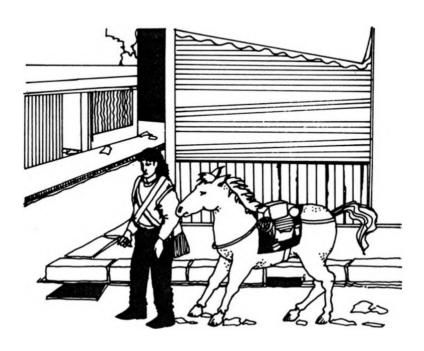
NUMBER OF DAYS ELAPSED: 1 YOU HAVE TRAVELLED 32 MILES THE DOG PACK HAS COVERED 8 MILES IT IS 24 MILES BEHIND YOU

ENTER YOUR COMMAND:

- 1 EAT FROM YOUR SUPPLIES
- 2 PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY
- 3 MAKE A RUN FOR IT
- 4 TAKE A REST STOP

Despite the simplicity, however, you'll find it extremely difficult to get through the city, and you'll have to play it many many times to work out the optimum strategy.

When you're ready to run across the ruins, enter the following listing:



10 REM GOTHAM RUNNER
20 GOSUB 630:REM INITIALISE
30 M=M+1
40 B=B-1
50 IF B>0 THEN 110
40 PRINT "YOU SHOULD HAVE EATEN. YOU SLU
MP DOWN AND DIE"
70 PRINT: PRINT "THE DOG PACK SNIFFS THE
AIRAND ADVANCES RAPIDLY"
80 GOSUB 1530:END
90 REM
100 REM MAIN CYCLE
110 CLS
120 PRINT
130 PRINT "NUMBER OF DAYS ELAPSED: "M
140 PRINT: PRINT "YOU HAVE TRAVELLED"T"ML
ES":PRINT
150 IF N=0 THEN 190
160 IF T-N<1 THEN PRINT "THE DOG PACK HA
S GOT YOU":GOSUB 1530:END
170 PRINT "THE DOG PACK HAS COVERED"N"MI
LES"
180 PRINT:PRINT "IT IS"T-N"MILES BEHIND
YOU"
190 PRINT:PRINT
200 IF RND>0.8 THEN GDSUB 710
210 IF D<2 THEN PRINT "YOU SHOULD LOOK F
OR NEW FOOD SUPPLIES": PRINT
220 PRINT: IF B<2 THEN PRINT "YOU ARE GET
TING VERY HUNGRY":PRINT

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230 WHILE INKEY$<>"":WEND
240 PRINT
250 PRINT "ENTER YOUR COMMAND:"
260 PRINT
270 PRINT TAB(8): "1 - EAT FROM YOUR SUPP
! IFS"
280 PRINT TAB(8): "2 - PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY
290 PRINT TAB(8):"3 - MAKE A RUN FOR IT"
300 PRINT TAB(8):"4 - TAKE A REST STOP"
310 AS=INKEYS:WHILE AS<"1" OR AS>"4":GOT
D 310:WEND
320 Z=VAL(A$)
330 PRINT
340 DN Z 50T0 370,410,440,480
350 PRINT
360 REM ----
370 IF D=0 THEN PRINT: PRINT "YOU HAVE NO
FOOD LEFT": GOTO 250
380 B=5
390 D=D-1
400 GOTO 500
410 C=C+2
420 T=T+4+INT(RND*3)
430 GDTO 500
440 C=C+3
450 T=T+6+INT(RND*5)
460 REM ---
470 GOTO 500
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480 C=0

490 PRINT "YOU AND YOUR MUTANT PIT PONY A FEW FITFUL HOURS IN SLEEP... SPEND

500 IF C>9 THEN PRINT "YOUR PONY DIES. Y OU SHOULD HAVE RESTED IT MORE.":

GOSUB 1530: END

510 TE INT(RND\$12)<>6 THEN 550

520 PRINT: PRINT "YOU FIND A SUPPLY OF UNCONTAMINATED FOOD!"

530 C=C-5

540 D=3

550 N=N+5+INT (RND#4)

560 IF T<100 THEN 590

570 PRINT "YOU HAVE TRAVERSED THE RUINED

CITY AND ESCAPED!":GOSUB 1530

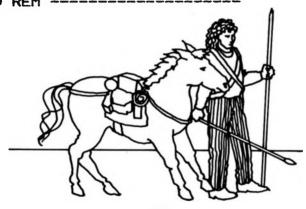
580 PRINT "WELL DONE!": GOSUB 1530: END

590 PRINT "----

600 GOSUB 1530

610 GOTO 30

620 REM -



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ASO REM INITIAL ISATION 640 MODE 1: INK 1.24: INK 2.18: INK 3.26 450 RANDOMIZE TIME 440 T=INT(RND\$20)+21 670 M=0:C=0:N=0 480 K=0: B=5: D=3 **690 RETURN** 700 REM ----710 REM INCIDENTS 720 K=K+1 730 X=INT(RND#6)+1740 IF K≃A THEN RETURN 750 IF H(X)=1 THEN K=K+1:60T0 730 760 H(X)≈1 770 DN X GDSUB 830,910,970,1040,1150,126 0 780 GOSUB 1530 790 B=B-INT(RND\$2) 800 PRINT **R10 RETURN** 820 REM ----830 REM MUTANT HUMAN 840 PRINT "AS YOU STARE IN HORROR. A HUM AN BEING" 850 PRINT "DRESSED IN ROTTEN RAGS STUMBL ES TOWARDS" 860 PRINT "YOU...AND EMBRACES YOU!"::GOS UB 1530

SPACE WITHIN QUOTE MARKS AT START

870 PRINT " HE IS LETHALLY": REM NOTE

880 PRINT "CHARGED WITH RADIATION"
890 RETURN
900 REM
910 REM STORM
920 PRINT "A MASSIVE WIND STORM SWEEPS D
OWN THE"
930 PRINT "AVENUEYOU AND YOUR PONY DAS
н то"
940 PRINT "ONE SIDE IN A VAIN BID TO FIN
D SHELTER"
950 RETURN
960 REM
970 REM BURIED
980 PRINT "THE RUBBLE SHIFTS BENEATH YOU
R FEET":GOSUB 1530
990 PRINT "YOU FIND YOURSELF SLIPPING DO
WN":60SUB 1530
1000 PRINT "AND SLOWLY DRAG YOURSELF, GR
EATLY"
1010 PRINT "WEAKENED, BACK TO STREET LEV
EL"
1020 RETURN
1030 REM
1040 REM SNAKE
1050 PRINT "YOU HEAR THE DREADFUL SOUND
OF A":GOSUB 1530
1060 PRINT "RATTLESNAKEIT STRIKES"
;:GOSUB 1530
1070 PRINT "BUT AT THE"
1080 PRINT "SOME TIME YOU SWING OUT AT I

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T WITH"

1090 PRINT TAB(B); "YOUR CLUB...": GOSUB 1 530

1100 PRINT: PRINT "IN THE CONFUSION, YOU DO NOT KNOW IF"

1110 PRINT "IT HAS BITTEN YOU, OR WHETHE R YOU HIT"

1120 PRINT "IT BEFORE IT COULD STRIKE...

1130 RETURN

1140 REM -----

1150 REM PHOSPHORUS ATTACK

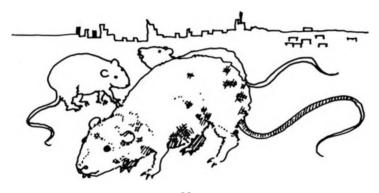
1160 PRINT "YOU HEAR THE DREADED SCREAMING OF NINE": GOSUB 1530

1170 PRINT "CRAZED MEMBERS OF THE PHOSPH OR GANG...": GOSUB 1530

1180 PRINT "THEY ATTACK...";: GOSUB 1530

1190 PRINT "AND AS YOU WHEEL AWAY ON"

1200 PRINT "YOUR LOYAL PIT PONY, THEY TH ROW A": GOSUB 1530



1210 PRINT "POWDERED WHITE PHOSPHORUS BO MB AT YOU!":GOSUB 1530

1220 PRINT "IT EXPLODES WITH A FIERCE WHITE GLOW.": 60SUB 1530

1230 PRINT "AND FOR A MOMENT OR TWO YOU ARE BUILDED"

1240 RETURN

1250 REM -----

1260 REM MUTANT PUMA

1270 PRINT "YOU HEAR A SNARL BEHIND YOU, AND SEE": GOSUB 1530

1280 PRINT "A BLACK MUTANT PUMA READY TO LEAP...": GOSUB 1530

1290 PRINT "YOU DIG YOUR HEELS INTO YOUR PONY'S"

1300 PRINT "SIDES...":: GOSUB 1530

1310 PRINT "AND ATTEMPT TO RUN AWAY FROM

1320 PRINT "IT...";:GOSUB 1530

1330 PRINT "WILL YOU SUCCEED?"

1340 GDSUB 1530: GDSUB 1530

1350 IF RND>0.7 THEN 1380

1360 PRINT TAB(4); "YOU SEEM TO HAVE REACHED SAFETY!"

1370 RETURN

1380 PRINT "THE PUMA LEAPS...";:GOSUB 15

1390 PRINT "AND YOUR PONY GOES"

1400 PRINT "DOWN...";:GOSUB 1530

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1410 PRINT "THE PUMA'S JAWS TIGHTEN AROU
ND.
1420 PRINT "YOUR LEGS"::GOSUB 1530
1430 PRINT ". AS YOU KICK WILDLY...":60S
UB 1530
1440 PRINT PRINT
1450 PRINT "YOU ":: GOSUB 1530
1460 PRINT "KNOW ":: GOSUB 1530
1470 PRINT "THIS ":: GOSUB 1530
1480 PRINT "IS ":: GOSUB 1530
1490 PRINT "THE ":: GOSUB 1530
1500 PRINT "END ":: GOSUB 1530
1510 PRINT
1520 END
1530 REM DELAY
1540 NOW=TIME
1550 WHILE TIME-NOW(490:WEND
1560 FOR J=800 TO 2 STEP - (RND*20+47)
1570 SOUND 2.1000-J.7
1580 IF RND>0.4 THEN 1600
1590 SOUND 5.J.7
1600 NEXT J
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1610 PEN (INT(RND*3)+1)

1620 RETURN

GOLDEN NUGGET

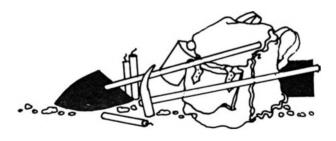
We've saved the best until last. This first-rate adventure, from the creative mind of Brian Beesley, is set in the days of the Californian Gold Rush.

You direct your character around the town of Deadwood, and throughout the badlands around town, looking for gold. Most commands can be entered in the "verb noun" format.

You might think it mean of us, but we're not going to give you any further help. Just play the game and watch it unfold. Brian has used some excellent programming techniques to provide you with an extremely tricky adventure. We can't see you solving it for a long time. However, we'll give you a few hints in the form of the world's worst poem. Don't read it if you want to try and solve the adventure unaided.

Unequipped, no gold you'll glean, Hazards avoided, before it is seen. The mule needs care, as does the river, Indians and bears may bless a giver.

With help like that, you're probably no better off than you were at the beginning...



GOLDEN NUGGET

- 10 REM************
- 20 REMXXXXXGOLDEN -NUGGETXXXXXX
- 30 REM****BEESLEY/GIFFORD*****
- 40 REM**************
- 50 L=1:MD=100
- 60 GOSUB 3470: GOSUB 2660
- 70 N=0
- 80 MODE 1:CLS
- 90 PRINT " PRESS ANY KEY TO START"
- 100 N=N+1
- 110 IF INKEY\$="" THEN 100
- 120 RANDOMIZE N
- 130 IF INT(RND*2)=1 THEN OB(17,1)=-1:LO(
- 16.5) =0: GR=1
- 140 CLS:PRINT "I'm ";LO\$(L):PRINT STRING
- \$ (40, "-");
- 150 DK=0:GOSUB 2470:PRINT STRING\$ (40, "-"
-);:GOTO 180
- 160 PRINT "I don't understand ":Q\$
- 170 REM
- 180 REM*****COMMAND COLLECTION****
- 190 REM
- 200 DC=0:OC=0:INPUT "What Now ":Q\$:IF Q\$
- ="" THEN 200
- 210 SP=INSTR(1,Q\$." "): IF SP THEN 230
- 220 GOTO 1740
- 230 V\$=LEFT\$(Q\$,SP-1):N\$=MID\$(Q\$,SP+1)
- 240 IF (V\$<>"60" AND LEN(V\$)<3) OR LEN(N
- \$)<3 THEN 160
- 250 FOR VC=1 TO 18:IF INSTR(1,VB\$(VC),V\$

-) THEN 270
- 260 NEXT VC:PRINT "I don't understand ";
- 270 FOR DC=1 TO 4: IF INSTR(1, ID\$(DC), N\$)
 THEN 310
- 280 NEXT DC:FOR OC=1 TO 46:IF INSTR(1, OB \$(OC).N\$) THEN 310
- 290 NEXT OC:PRINT "I don't understand ";
- 300 REM
- 310 REM*****VERB SUBROUTINE****
- 320 REM
- 330 ON VC GOSUB 370,450,450,720,840,1000,1140,1190,1260,1310,1410,1480,1530,1560,1620
- 340 IF VC>15 THEN ON VC-15 GOSUB 1690,10 00,1970
- 350 IF OK THEN 140
- 360 GOTO 180
- 370 REM*****GO******
- 380 IF DC>4 THEN PRINT "I go by the sun
- and the stars": RETURN
- 390 IF LO(L,DC)=-1 THEN PRINT "Nothing t
- hat way so I came back": RETURN
- 400 IF LO(L,DC)=0 THEN PRINT "I can't go that way":RETURN
- 410 IF LO(LO(L,DC),5)=0 THEN 440
- 420 CM=0:50SUB 2010: IF CM THEN 440
- 430 IF NOT CM THEN RETURN
- 440 L=L0(L,DC):OK=1:RETURN

450 REMAXXXXXRUY/GETXXXXXX

460 IF VC=3 AND LEFT\$(N\$,3)="WAT" THEN 6

470 GOTO 510

480 IF LD=4 AND OC<>13 THEN PRINT.,,"I c an't carry anymore" ELSE 560

490 IF VC=2 THEN PRINT "Do you think I'm a mule"

500 RETURN

510 IF OB(OC,2)<0 OR OC=18 THEN PRINT "T hat's not possible":RETURN

520 IF VC=2 AND (OB(OC, 1)=0 OR OB(OC, 1)=

50) THEN 550

530 IF VC=3 AND OB(OC, 1)=0 THEN 550

540 GOTO 480

550 PRINT "I've got that already":RETURN

560 IF OB(OC,1)=L OR OB(OC,1)=L+50 THEN 580

570 IF (OB(13,1)≈L OR OB(13,1)=0) AND OB (OC.1)=50 THEN 580 ELSE 2440

580 IF VC=2 THEN 670

590 IF OB(OC,2)>0 THEN PRINT "That's ste aling and I'm no thief":RETURN

600 OB(OC,1)=0:IF OC<>13 THEN LD=LD+1:GO TO 660

610 TE=0:60TO 660

620 IF L=21 OR L=22 OR L=23 OR L=30 THEN 630 ELSE 650

630 IF OB(5,1)=0 THEN WA=1:GOTO 660

640 PRINT "I've nothing to put it in":RE

TURN

650 PRINT "I can't reach the water": RETU RN

660 PRINT "Right. I've got that":RETURN

670 IF OB(OC,2)<1 THEN PRINT "That's not for sale":RETURN

680 IF MO<OB(OC,2) THEN PRINT "Not enough money": RETURN

690 PRINT "That's bought":08(0C,1)=0:MO= MO-O8(0C.2):08(0C.2)=0

700 IF OC<>13 THEN LD=LD+1

710 RETURN

720 REM****LOAD****

730 IF OC<>13 THEN PRINT "I can only load the mule":RETURN

740 IF OB(13,1)=0 OR OB(13,1)=L THEN 770

750 IF OB(13,1)<>0 AND OB(13,1)<>L THEN

PRINT "The mule's not here"

760 RETURN

770 PRINT: INPUT "Which item shall I load ";LD\$

780 IF LEN(LD\$)<3 THEN PRINT "I don't un derstand ":LD\$:RETURN

790 FOR OC=1 TO 16:IF INSTR(1, OB\$(OC), LD \$) THEN 810

800 NEXT OC:PRINT "I don't understand "; LD\$:RETURN

810 IF OB(OC,1)=0 THEN DB(OC,1)=50:LD=LD -1:PRINT "That's loaded":RETURN

820 IF OB(OC, 1)=50 THEN PRINT "That's al

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ready on the mule": RETURN

830 PRINT "I don't have ":LD\$:RETURN

840 ' SHOOT

850 IF OB(1,1)<>0 THEN PRINT "I don't ha

ve a gun":RETURN

860 IF OC=16 THEN 880

870 IF DC<>16 THEN 920

880 PRINT: PRINT "That's only wounded it

and made it very mad"

890 GOSUB 2430:PRINT:PRINT,,"It's chargi

ng at me now"

900 GOSUB 2430

910 PRINT: PRINT: "The bear has killed me,

now we'll never get rich": END

920 IF OC=17 THEN 940

930 IF OC<>17 THEN 950

940 PRINT:PRINT "That's not doing any go

od": RETURN

950 IF DC=18 THEN 970

960 IF OC<>18 THEN 990

970 PRINT "The snake is dead":OB(OC,2)≈0

:OB\$(OC) = "A DEAD SNAKE":WA=0

980 RETURN

990 PRINT "What good will that do?":RETU

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1000 ' DROP/LEAVE

1010 IF OB(OC, 1)<>0 THEN 2450

1020 IF DC=6 AND L=9 THEN PRINT "The bea

r eats the honey and falls asleep"

1030 IF OC<>6 OR L<>9 THEN 1060

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1040 DB$(16)="A SLEEPING BEAR": DB$(6)="A
N EMPTY POT OF HONEY": OB(6.1) =L:LD=LD-1
1050 LO(13.5) =0: RETURN
1060 IF QC=11 AND VC=17 THEN 1640
1070 IF OC=11 THEN PRINT "The bottle sma
shed":08(0C.2)=-1:08$(11)="A SMASHED WHI
SKEY ROTTLE"
1080 IF OC=11 THEN OB(OC.1)=L:LD=LD-1:RE
TURN
1090 OB(OC.1)=L:PRINT "I've done that":I
F DC<>13 THEN LD=LD-1
1100 IF OCCNIS THEN RETURN
1110 IF L<17 THEN OB(13.1) = INT(RND*12)+6
1120 IF L>21 THEN OB(13.1)=INT(RND*11)+2
Ø
1130 RETURN
1140 '
        BLOW UP
1150 IF DB(9.1)<>0 THEN PRINT "I don't h
ave the dynamite": RETURN
1160 CLS:LOCATE 17.12:PRINT "BOOM!!"
1170 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "I never was any
good with dynamite"
1180 PRINT "Now I'm finished": END
1190 ' SELL
1200 IF L<>4 THEN 1230
1210 IF OB(14.1)=0 THEN PRINT "The clerk
accepts the nugget and hands me $1000.
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1220 IF DB(14,1)=0 THEN PRINT "Your shar e is \$500, now you can buy thatDisc Driv

e you wanted!": END

1230 IF OB(OC,1)<>0 THEN PRINT "I don't have the ":N\$

1240 IF OB(OC,1)=0 THEN PRINT "No one's buying"

1250 RETURN

1260 ' DIG

1270 IF OB(OC, 1)<>0 THEN PRINT "I've not hing to dig with": RETURN

1280 IF DC=32 AND L=33 THEN PRINT "That was hard work, but the tunnel is clear now":DV=1

1290 IF DV=1 THEN DB(32,1)=-1:LD(34,5)=7
:DV=0:RETURN

1300 PRINT "I don't think that will help ":RETURN

1310 ' DRINK

1320 IF OC<21 OR OC>25 THEN 1350

1330 IF WA=0 THEN PRINT "I have no water

1340 IF WA<>9 THEN 1370: RETURN

1350 IF OB(OC, 1)<>0 THEN 2450

1360 IF OC<10 OR OC>11 THEN PRINT "I can

't drink that":RETURN

1370 PRINT "That tasted good"

1380 IF OC=10 THEN OB\$(10)="AN EMPTY BEE R GLASS"

1390 IF OC=11 THEN OB\$(11)="AN EMPTY WHI

SKEY BOTTLE": EW=1

1400 RETURN

1410 ' MOVE

1420 IF OB(OC,1)=L OR OB(OC,1)=L+50 THEN 1440:DV=1

1430 IF DV=1 THEN DV=0:50TD 2440

1440 IF OB(OC, 2)<0 THEN PRINT "You must be joking": RETURN

1450 IF OC=18 THEN OB(14,1)=36 ELSE 1470

1460 LO(13,5)=2:08(26,1)=14:LO(26,5)=0:L

Q(25,5)=5: IF GR THEN OB(17,1)=16:LO(15,5)=3

1470 PRINT "I've done that": RETURN

1480 ' CLIMB

1490 IF L<>35 THEN PRINT "There's nowher

e to climb":RETURN

1500 IF DC<5 THEN 370

1510 IF OB(15,1)=0 THEN PRINT "Which dir

ection?":RETURN

1520 PRINT "I need rope to do that":RETU

1530 ' LIGHT

1540 IF OC=8 AND OB(OC,1)=0 THEN LL=1:PR

INT "I see the light":RETURN

1550 PRINT "I can't do that":RETURN

1560 ' BREAK

1570 IF OB(7,1)<>0 THEN PRINT "I've noth

ing to do that with": RETURN

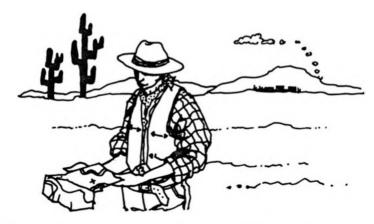
1580 IF OB(OC, 1)=L OR OB(OC, 1)=L+50 THEN 1600:DV=1

1590 IF DV=1 THEN DV=0:60T0 2440

1600 IF OC≈30 THEN PRINT "I think I can

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get through now": OB(OC.1) =-1:LO(31.5) =7:
RETURN
1610 GOTO 1300
1420 ' GTUE
1630 IF OB(OC.1)<>0 THEN 2450
1640 IF \Pi C = 11 AND (1 = 15) OR 1 = 16) AND FW=
0 THEN PRINT "The Indians take the whisk
ev and ride off":DV=1
1650 IF DV=1 THEN DV=0:LD=LD-1:OB(OC.1)=
-1:OB(17.1)=-1:LO(16.5)=0:LO(15.5)\approx0:RET
LIRN
1660 IF OC=11 AND EW=1 THEN PRINT "Who w
ants an empty bottle?":RETURN
1670 IF L=9 AND LD(13.5)=1 THEN PRINT "I
'm not getting that close to the bear":R
ETURN
1680 PRINT "No on wants ":N$:RETURN
1690 7
         TETHER
1700 IF DC=13 AND DB(DC.1)=0 THEN DB(DC.
1)=L:TE=1:PRINT "That's done":RETURN
1710 IF OB(OC,1)<>0 THEN PRINT "I don't
have the ":N$:RETURN
1720 PRINT "I don't understand":RETURN
1730 '
1740 'SINGLE WORDS
1750 '
1760 IF LEN(Q$)<3 THEN 160
1770 FOR SC=1 TO 8: IF INSTR(1.SW$(SC).Q$
) THEN 1790
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1780 NEXT SC: GOTO 160



1790 IF SC<5 THEN VC=1:DC=SC:GOTO 330

1800 ON SC-4 GOSUB 1820,1860,1880,1970

1810 GOTO 350

1820 ' HELP

1830 IF OB(13,2)>0 THEN 1850

1840 IF OB(13,1)<>0 AND TE=0 THEN PRINT

"The mule wasn't tethered, he's wandered off!":RETURN

1850 PRINT "You're helping me!!!":RETURN

1860 ' LODK

1870 DK=1:RETURN

1880 ' INVENTORY

1890 CLS:PRINT "I HAVE:-":NS=1:FOR OC=1

TO 15:IF OB(OC,1)=0 THEN PRINT OB\$(OC):N

1900 IF OB(OC,1)=50 AND OB(13,1)=0 THEN PRINT OB\$(OC):" on the mule":NS=0

1910 NEXT OC

1920 IF MO=0 AND NS THEN PRINT "Nothing" :RETURN

1930 IF MO=0 THEN PRINT "No money":RETUR

1940 IF MD=100 THEN PRINT "1 Dollar"

1950 IF MOK100 THEN PRINT MO: "Cents"

1960 RETURN

1970 ' HIDE

1980 IF L=14 AND LO(13,5)=2 THEN PRINT "

They've passed by":LO(13,5)=0:0B(26,1)=-

1990 PRINT "That's not going to help":RETURN

2000 '

2010 ' DIRECTION CONDITIONS

2020 '

2030 ON LO(LO(L,DC),5) GOTO 2040,2060,20

90,2110,2140,2190,2220,2270,2320,2340,23 90

2040 ' BEAR 1

2050 PRINT "I'm not going that way while that bear'sthere": RETURN

2060 ' BANDITS 2

2070 PRINT "The bandits have captured me

2080 PRINT "They've stolen the gold nugg et, now we'll never be rich": END

2090 ' INDIANS 3

2100 PRINT "The indians won't let me pas s":RETURN

2110 PROVISONS 4

2120 IF OB(4,1)=0 OR OB(4,1)=50 THEN CM=

1: RETURN

2130 PRINT "I'm getting hungry. I'm not going any further without food":RETURN 2140 ' WATER 5

2150 IF WA AND (DB(5,1)=0 OR OB(5,1)=50)
THEN CM=1:RETURN

2160 PRINT "It's hot in this desert": GOS UB 2430

2170 PRINT:PRINT "I'm dying of thirst":6

2180 INK 0,0:CLS:PEN 3:LOCATE 14,12:PRIN T "I'M DEAD":LOCATE 1,24:END

2190 ' SHUTTERING 6

2200 IF DB(30,1)=-1 THEN CM=1:RETURN

2210 PRINT "I can't get past the shutter ing":RETURN

2220 ' LAMP

2230 IF LL AND DB(B,1)=0 THEN 2250

2240 PRINT "It's too dark to go that way ":RETURN

2250 IF L=28 THEN LO(31,5)=11:GOTO 2400

2260 CM=1:RETURN

2270 ' ROPE 8

2280 IF OB(15,1)<>0 THEN 2300

2290 IF L<>35 THEN CM=1:RETURN

2300 IF DB(15.1)=0 THEN 2230

2310 PRINT "My skeleton will join those

on the floor":GOSUB 2430:END

2320 ' EARTH 9

2330 PRINT "I can't get past the dirt":R

ETURN

2340 ' DROWNING 10

2350 IF L=19 OR L=20 THEN 2370

2360 CM=1:RETURN

2370 PRINT "I don't think I can make it to the bank":605UB 2430

2380 PRINT "I think I'm done for":GOSUB 2430:END

2390 ' MULE INSIDE 11

2400 IF DB(13,1)=0 THEN PRINT "I can't take the mule inside":RETURN

2410 IF L=28 THEN LO(31.5)=7

2420 CM=1:RETURN

2430 FOR N=1 TO 3000: NEXT: RETURN

2440 PRINT "There is no ";N\$:RETURN

2450 PRINT "I don't have ";N\$:RETURN

2460 '

2470 ' WHAT IS SEEN

2480 '

2490 IF L=4 THEN PRINT "The clerk says, 'Have you come to sell me gold? I will pay"

2500 IF L=4 THEN PRINT "\$1000 for a larg e nugget. Can you find one?":RETURN 2510 IF L=19 OR L=20 THEN PRINT "I can't see a thing":RETURN

2520 IF L=32 OR (L=33 AND LO(34,5)=0) TH EN PRINT "The lamp is very dim, I can't

see very far": RETURN

2530 IF L=3 THEN PRINT "I see:-":PRINT S

L\$:GOTO 2570 2540 PRINT "I Sec:-":NS=1:FOR OC=1 TO :IF OB(OC.1)=L THEN PRINT OB\$(OC):NS=0 2550 NEXT OC: IF NS THEN PRINT "Nathing o f interest": RETURN 2560 IF L<3 THEN RETURN 2570 ON L-2 GOTO 2580.2630.2590.2610:RET HRN 2580 PRINT "The storekeeper says, 'What wanting stranger?" ": RETURN are you 2590 PRINT "The bartender asks. 'What'll stranger? Beer is 4 cents" vou have 2600 PRINT "and whiskey is 6 cents.": RET LIRN 2610 PRINT "The blacksmith says. 'If you 're needing transport the horse will cos t you 75" 2620 PRINT "cents but you can have the m ule for only25 cents.":RETURN 2630 RETURN 2640 REM 2650 REM******READ DATA BASE****** 2660 REM 2670 REM*****LOCATIONS****** 2680 RESTORE: DIM LO\$ (36), LO (36,5)

2660 REM
2670 REM******LOCATIONS*******
2680 RESTORE:DIM LO\$(36),LO(36,5)
2690 FOR N=1 TO 36:READ LO\$(N):FOR M=1 T
O 5:READ LO(N,M):NEXT M,N
2700 SL\$="PICK - 10 CENTS SPADE - 9 C
ENTS AXE - 10 CENTS HONEY - 5 C
ENTS LAMP - 4 CENTS DYNAMITE 7 C

FNTS PROVISIONS-9 CENTS WATER FLAS K 14 CENTS GUN AND BULLETS - 20 CE NTS" 2710 REMAXXXXVERBSXXXXX 2720 DIM VR\$(18):FOR N=1 TO 18:READ VB\$(N):NEXT 2730 REMIXXXXDIRECTIONSXXXX 2740 FOR N=1 TO 4: READ ID\$(N): NEXT 2750 REMARKASINGLE WORDSAKAK 2760 FOR N=1 TO B:READ SW\$(N):NEXT 2770 REMAXXXXXXDBJECTSXXXXXXX 2780 DIM OB\$ (46).OB (46.2):FOR N=1 TO 46: READ OB\$(N):FOR M=1 TO 2:READ OB(N.M):NE XT M.N 2790 RETURN 2800 REM******DATA BASE***** 2810 REM******LOCATIONS***** 2820 DATA in the main street of Deadwood .2.3.-1.4.0 2830 DATA in the main street of Deadwood .7.6,1,5,0 2840 DATA in the General Stores.0,0,0,1, 11 2850 DATA in the Assay Office, 0, 1, 0, 0, 11 2860 DATA in the Salpon. 0.2.0.0.11 2870 DATA in the Stables, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0 2880 DATA on a dusty trail, 8,-1,2,-1,0 2890 DATA on a dusty trail, -1.9,7,-1,0 2900 DATA in a dense forest, 10, 13, -1, 8, 0 2910 DATA on a winding trail, 11, -1, 9, -1,

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0
2920 DATA in a canyon, 12, 0, 10, 0, 0
2930 DATA in a blind canyon.0.0.11.0.0
2940 DATA in a dense forest.-1.14.-1.9.1
2950 DATA in a dense forest.15.-1.0.13.0
2960 DATA on an open plain, 16, -1, 14, -1, 0
2970 DATA on an open plain, 17, -1, 15, -1, 3
2980 DATA on the bank of a fast-flowing
river.20.21.16.18.10
2990 DATA in a river gorge, 19, 17, 0, 0, 10
3000 DATA being battered to death on the
rocks. 18. 18. 18. 18. 0
3010 DATA drowning in deep water.17.17.1
7.17.0
3020 DATA on the bank of a wide river, 22
,-1.-1.17.0
3030 DATA in the river it's shallow enou
gh to ford, 23,-1,21,20,0
3040 DATA on the bank of a wide river, 24
.-1.22.-1.0
3050 DATA on a dusty trail, 25, -1, 23, -1, 4
3060 DATA in a desert.26.-1.24.-1.0
3070 DATA in a desert,-1,27,25,-1,5
3080 DATA at the foot of the hills,-1,28
,-1,26,0
3090 DATA on the hillside,-1,31,29,27.0
3100 DATA on a narrow path, 28, -1, 30, -1, 0
3110 DATA by a little stream, 29,-1,-1,-1
,0
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3120 DATA in a tunnel,0,32,0,28,6



3130 DATA in a tunnel, 0, 35, 0, 31, 8

3140 DATA in a tunnel, 0, 34, 0, 35, B

3150 DATA in a twisting tunnel,0,0,36,33

3160 DATA at the bottom of a hole,0,33,0,32,7

3170 DATA in a small cavern, 34,0,0,0,7

3180 REM*****VERBS*****

3190 DATA GO, BUY, GET, LOAD, SHOOT, DROP, BLO WUP. SELL. DIG. DRINK

3200 DATA MOVE, CLIMB, LIGHT, BREAK, GIVE, TE THER, LEAVE, HIDE

3210 REM******DIRECTIONS*****

3220 DATA NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST

3230 REM******SINGLE WORDS*****

3240 DATA NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST, HELP, LOO

K, INVENTORY, HIDE

3250 REM******DBJECTS*****

3260 DATA A GUN AND BULLETS, 53, 20, A PICK ,53, 10, A SPADE, 53, 9

3270 DATA PROVISIONS, 53, 9, DRINKING FLASK

.53,14,HDNEY,53,5

3280 DATA AN AXE,53,5,A LAMP,53,4,DYNAMI TE.53,7

3290 DATA A GLASS OF BEER, 5, 3, A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY. 5.6

3300 DATA A HORSE, 6, 75, AN OLD MULE, 6, 25, A LARGE GOLD NUGGET. -1, 0

3310 DATA A ROPE, 12,0,A LARGE BAR TO THE EAST, 9,-1

3320 DATA A BAND OF INDIANS, 15, -1, A HUGE RATTLESNAKE, 36, -1

3330 DATA NO WAY OUT BUT THE WAY I CAME, 12,-1

3340 DATA A RAGING TORRENT, 18,-1, DEEP WA TER, 17,-1

3350 DATA SHALLOW WATER, 21, 0, SHALLOW WAT ER, 22, 0

3360 DATA SHALLOW WATER, 23,0,A TRICKLE OF WATER, 30,0

3370 DATA BANDITS THEY'VE NOT SEEN ME YE T,-1,-1

3380 DATA SAND EVERYWHERE, 25, -1, SAND EVERYWHERE, 26, -1

3390 DATA A TUNNEL INTO THE HILLSIDE, 28, -1, SHUTTERING BLOCKS THE ENTRANCE, 28, -1
3400 DATA THE TUNNEL ABOVE ME SKELETONS
ON THE FLOOR, 35, -1

3410 DATA LOOSE DIRT BLOCKING THE WAY, 33 ,-1

3420 DATA A NARROW PATH, 28, -1, A GENERAL

STORES AND AN ASSAY OFFICE.1.-1

3430 DATA A SALOON AND A STABLE, 2, -1, DEA DWOOD. 7. -1

3440 DATA A FOREST, 8, -1, A FOREST, 10, -1, A CANYON. 10. -1

3450 DATA HIGH CLIFFS, 11, -1, A FOREST, 15, -1.A RIVER. 16.-1

3460 DATA A STREAM, 29,-1, TREES AND BUSHE

S,14,1,A RIVER,24,-1," ",3,1

3470 REM******TITLE PAGE*****

3480 CLS:LOCATE 13,10:PEN 2:PRINT "GOLDE N NUGGET":PEN 1

3490 PEN 3:LOCATE 8,12:PRINT "BY B.Beesl

ey & C.Gifford":PEN 1

3500 FOR T=1 TO 50

3510 X=INT(RND*38)+1:Y=INT(RND*23)+1

3520 IF Y>9 AND Y<13 THEN 3510

3530 LOCATE X,Y:PRINT CHR\$(231):SOUND 1,

INT (RND * 150) +50

3540 NEXT

3550 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T

3560 REM*****INSTRUCTIONS****

3570 CLS: MODE 1

3580 PRINT " I hear that a man can ge trich finding GOLD."

3590 PRINT " I'll need some help thou gh, I knew you would oblige...anything we find, we'll share fifty—fifty"

3600 PRINT " Tell me what to do by us ing: - single word commands e.g. LO

QK. EAST"

3610 PRINT,, "two-word commands e.g. BUY

GUN, GO EAST"

3620 FOR T=600 TO 60 STEP-10

3630 SOUND 1.T:NEXT

3640 RETURN



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If you really enjoy playing adventures then there is a good chance that you will enjoy writing your own adventures, based on your own plot, even more. Actually constructing your own adventure is not as difficult as it sounds and once you have written a couple of adventures you will appreciate how much fun it can be.

Firstly, let me distinguish the adventure game from other games and simulations. In my opinion, the adventure game has the following elements:

- 1) Locations.
- 2) Usually some form of logical connection between the locations (though the logic is sometimes far from perfect).
- 3) Some form of reward or aim to work for; escape, for instance, or the accumulation of treasure. Without some objective, an adventure would become pointless and boring.
- 4) Some form of obstacle hindering the progress of the adventurer
- 5) Some element of discovery find the wizard, the exit, how to make your character move, and so on.
- 6) Some form of command with which adventurers can direct themselves around the locations and thus interact with the adventure itself.

Before you write any of the actual program you should plan out a number of things. You must have a plot, and descriptions of the locations, characters, objects and the links between them all. In addition, I recommend that you work out all the obstructions, puzzles and connections between locations. This information will be a great help when you are writing and, more importantly, debugging your adventure.

Let's start with the plot of your adventure. This will involve a scenario and some form of objective(s), as well as some major hinderances. Plots can be easy to come by,

searching for gold, finding your way out of a maze, rescuing a trapped maiden. Thinking up a novel plot is much more difficult but it does make for a vastly improved game. It can get rather tiring sitting in front of a screen trying to accumulate more treasure from a similarly-named castle that is guarded by similar-type monsters. What your adventure needs is something new or at least a little less common. 'Crash!', the adventure set inside the computer, is an example of such a plot.

The actual objectives and the scenario, or playing environment, are closely connected. Once you have determined one, the other is simple to think of. If you choose an underwater scenario, then an obvious objective would be to find a sunken wreck. Similarly, if you choose escaping from a maze as your objective then a mythological scenario with gods and minotaur-type monsters immediately springs to mind. Below are a few other suggested scenarios and objectives:

must find a way to get off the

island.

Office Building As a secret agent, you are sear-

ching for some top secret files.

The Human Body As an antibody you must find the

source of infection and fight it fast.

Mysterious House
You have gone on a mystery tour for some fun, things have turned dangerous and you and several others have been left here. What

are the secrets in the house?

Houses of Can you find the leaked government report before the media do?

Your chance of a place in the Cabinet depends on your suc-

cess in this mission.

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The London Underground

A plague of rats that have left the sewers are resting in the Underground system. Can you eradicate them before they are strong enough to attack again?

When you put your mind to it, the possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Why not set an adventure in your own house, where the main aim is to avoid doing the washing-up. Finding a good plot should not be that difficult and it really can help make your adventure an interesting one.

Once you have the plot, it is not too hard thinking up names and descriptions of locations. Obviously, some will need to be very specific as they tie in closely with the plot; in the human body scenario, all the locations will obviously have to be parts of the body. In most adventures, however, there is also a need for some less specific, even though not so interesting, locations. These locations add to the realism of the adventure; for instance, in the Houses of Parliament scenario, going from the main chamber in the House of Commons straight into the bar or the library may lack realism, and after a few locations, you will start to run out of names. Locations such as corridors, small storerooms, a dusty alcove, a windswept quadrangle and a committee room may add to the adventure.

The descriptions of the locations is a matter of personal taste. I do not like long-winded descriptions; memory space is still vital enough to be conserved for a greater number of locations or more fiendish puzzles. However, I know people who revel in the task of creating beautiful passages of descriptive prose for each location. If you decide to write long descriptions, it may be a good idea to have a shortened version of the location description which can be printed up once the player has seen the longer version. This makes the adventure more interesting to the user who can always read the long description again, accessing it by using the command, LOOK.

I will discuss characters in the same breath as objects since in adventure programming they are often treated in the same way. Your plot will obviously determine a number of the characters and the objects, but you may decide to add others either to create further obstructions or to aid the adventurer in his struggle to reach his goal. Although I can think of adventures where there are no characters, all adventures need objects of some kind. The objects and the characters are linked most strongly with the puzzles in the adventure, and this is the next part under discussion.

In an adventure, the plot and the puzzles are the two most important factors to be considered. Again, some of the puzzles will obviously come from the plot, but almost certainly you will need a number of extra puzzles to complete the adventure. One can categorise puzzles into three types. The first type of puzzle is directly linked to the plot and must be solved before the adventure can be finished. The second type of puzzle is not directly linked to the plot but still needs to be solved for the adventure to be completed. The final type of puzzle need not be solved; but while it may add to the realism and the fun of the adventure, it may also slow down the adventurer who is not aware that it is unimportant. Below are examples of the first two types of puzzle:

Need To Be Solved

- l) The castle is dark without the torch, you can still move around but each location is not described.
- 2) You need a gun if you want to get past the guard at the door. You must haggle with the trader in the village.
- 3) You have broken a vase in the office and, to get out without it being noticed, you must find some glue.
- 4) The door is not locked but it is too heavy for you to push open. It is huge and wooden.
- 5) You come to a large canyon, you cannot climb down and behind you is a herd of stampeding cattle. All you have is unlimited amounts of string. What are you going to do?

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Those of you who enjoy lateral thinking puzzles should be able to solve the last problem. The solution is to fill the canyon with string, walk over the canyon — which is now full — and then quickly take out all the string.

You only need a couple of very difficult problems in an adventure but these should be supplemented with a number of 'red herrings'. Some suggested ones are indicated below:

- l) You are carrying a torch, and you spot a toy chemical set; if the player examines or removes the set then the torch ignites it and the adventurer is blown to smithereens.
- 2) Is the rubber duck of any use? After playing whacky adventure games like Pimania no one can be sure.
- 3) A crimson fish (this one is too obvious for words!) There are many quite simple puzzles which can be implemented in your own adventure: locked doors, creatures barring your way, I'm sure you know the sorts of puzzles.

You will need to make a 'map' of your adventure showing all the links between locations, positions of objects and so on. The majority of adventures use the compass points, N, S, E and W, for direction of movement, with maybe Up and Down. Your adventure can use these, as well as the four points — NE, NW, SE, SW — or it can use a different system. You will also need to formulate a program routine that transfers your position from one location to another. There are a number of different methods, from simple grid systems to complex systems that allow movement in 16 different directions (including through time!).

Once you have all this neatly down on paper, you can start the actual programming. As with all games, there are certain points to note. Make sure the screen is presented neatly with no words cut in two by the end of a line. Add a bit of sound and some graphics here and there but try to make them relevant to the program; that is, when someone fires a gun, have a sound indicating this, and when the adventurer has just killed a monster, turn the screen red. Small touches like these increase an

adventure game's interest. Graphic pictures of locations are fine as long as they appear quickly; there is nothing more tiresome than having to wait for ages while a screen fills with a drawing. The user will grow tired of the pictures very rapidly despite their quality.

Finally, a word on structuring your adventure program. Why bother to structure programs at all? There are a number of good reasons for doing so. Since BASIC is a poorly structured language — compared to a language such as FORTH — the programmer must add his own framework. Structuring a program speeds a program up, as it does not have to pass through irrelevant masses of code every loop. Structuring also eradicates duplication of program functions and helps to save much memory space that can be put to good use elsewhere.

Another reason, particularly applicable to adventure programmers, is that after leaving a program for a few days, you will start to forget where each routine is. By structuring a program, the adventure writer knows where each routine is and what it does, and this makes debugging a great deal easier.

After all this, I hope you will see that there is a lot of work to be done when writing an adventure. It is, however, within the bounds of most computer users. It is an ideal way to start programming once the beginner has written a few simple programs. Adventures, in short, whether you write them or play them, can be enormously enjoyable.

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This area of computing has not been overflooded with publications, and only recently have a number of books come onto the market — some excellent, some awful. Below I mention only the good ones.

While a number of these books may not have been written specifically for your computer, the ones mentioned either have an informative text or adventures that can be easily converted to your machine.

Creating Adventure Games on Your BBC Micro

Ian Watt. Interface/Addison Wesley

Ian really does know his stuff when it comes to writing adventure programs. He has his own style of adventure writing and, in this book, he reveals all. It is a slim volume containing three adventures all in text so they can be converted to other computers.

Creating Adventure Programs on Your Computer

Andrew Nelson. Interface

I have met Andrew and he is full of interesting ideas, which he kindly shared with me. This book contains a number of adventures, all written in Microsoft BASIC—and easily converted to another computer. A particularly intriguing title is 'The Aftermath of the Asmovian Disaster'.

Adventure Writing

Aardvark-80, 2352 S. Commerce, Walled Lake, MI 48088, USA

This 16-page booklet, sold in the United States (for the exorbitant sum of \$5), is a terrific help to all adventure writers. The adventure program included, 'Death Ship', is broken down in detail and comes with an addendum offering versions for most home computers.

Creating Adventure Games on Your Dragon 32

Clive Gifford Interface

Five full adventures are explained in detail, one of which has now been transferred to cassette and disc software. Three of the five adventures can be converted for use on other computers without much difficulty.

The ZX81 Pocket Book

Trevor Toms. Phipps Associates

Only one section is devoted to adventures but, in it, the author details a vastly different approach to adventure writing. The book may be worth buying, particularly if you can find it at a discounted price.

Creating Adventures on Your Spectrum

Peter Shaw/James Mortleman. Interface

I know Peter well—he is on the editorial board of Your Spectrum magazine— and this is a strong book with many novel adventures, some featuring excellent graphics. Another point of note: the illustrations in this book were drawn by Peter himself.

Writing BASIC Adventure Games for the TRS-80

Frank Dacosta. Tab Books

This is a most useful guide to writing adventures. It was the book I first cut my teeth on and it is still proving invaluable now

Write Your Own Adventure Programs for Your Microcomputer

Tyler/Howarth. Osborne

At just under £2 this must be the best value adventure book around. Do not be put off by the childish presentation, for the book has some serious things to say.

Now you can enter six mysterious worlds. Worlds which will tax your strength, your cunning, your resolve and your wits. Six mysterious adventures to pit you and your Amstrad against strange worlds of the imagination.

THE EXPLORER puts you down in medieval times, as you discover much of your knowledge of the modern world is of little use in fighting off disaster. Move from there INTO THE UNKNOWN where tricky programming ensures that — although the worlds created are coherent, and can be mapped — no two adventures will ever be the same.

In THE PATRIARCH every adventure cliché you can imagine (including dragons, treasure and a magic amulet) come together to give you a challenge, and a laugh or two. In 3-D MAZE, you're searching for the Philosopher's Stone, aided by a full graphic representation of the maze ahead of you.

GOLDEN NUGGET is a breath of fresh air for those who would be wealthy, as your brains and brawn come under stress in the Californian gold rush. If your reflexes are good, and your eye is keen, you'll survive a nightmare crossing of a post-Holocaust New York City in GOTHAM RUNNER, aided only by your 'mutant pit pony'.

The book includes a detailed explanation of how you can create your own completely original Adventures; and there is a reading list to help you develop even further your writing and playing skills.

