Journey to the Bottom of the Crypt

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**Game Notes:**
1. This quest is for any ONE of the Heroes, and ONLY one. This quest was ideally written for the Elf, but any Hero may be used. If the Wizard is used, you may want to be sure that his stats are high, because this can be a pretty tough quest for him. There are a few quest notes below that will specify different directions for each hero, so READ THE NOTES CAREFULLY before placing ANYTHING in the room.

2. In this series of quests, switches will play a big role. Switches are represented by the Skull tiles used to keep track of monsters’ lost Body Points. Switches must be searched for, and cannot be searched for unless all the monsters in the room are gone. Each switch, when stepped on, will do something. If there is a switch in a room, its function will be explained to you in the notes.

3. There are also secret passages in these quests. They are portrayed on Zargon's map by the trap door icons. They should be represented on the board by trap door tiles. If you run out of trap door tiles, take the ones from the beginning of the quest, because there should be no reason that the Hero retraces his steps to the beginning rooms.

4. Take all of the "Hazard" Treasure cards out of the deck. This gives the Hero a greater chance of running into a Wandering Monster.

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**A Message from Mentor**

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Mentor
Enter the Crypt

Quest 1 - Solo Quest

"Zargon's forces have always been found swarming everywhere, but never like this. This time, word has come to the Emperor that Zargon has been recently rallying his forces in the Empire's Sacred Catacombs. This ancient crypt houses the remains of all members of the Royal Family of the Empire. The most skilled mages in the Empire have gathered above the crypts, holding séances to find the root of the gathered evil. They have found out that it is

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NOTES:

A. The Hero starts in this room. The switch in this room makes the secret passage appear. The secret passage in this room leads to the other secret passage marked "1."

B. The switch in this room creates the secret door. DO NOT reveal the secret door unless the Hero searches for secret doors.

C. The Chest in this room contains two Potions of Healing which restore up to 4 lost Body Points each. The switch activates the secret passage, and the secret passage leads to the other secret passage marked "2."

D. When treasure is searched for, Zargon should read the following: "The mummy in front of this Alchemist's Bench was obviously trying to guard something before you killed him. As you look at the strewn contents of the bench, you see a small vial of golden, swirling liquid. You don't know what it is, but you have a strange feeling that it will help you later on in your quest." The Hero should not enter Room "E" until this vial has been found.

E. The door in the west wall of this room is OPEN, but the Hero cannot see what is on the other side until he enters that room. The Weapons Rack will contain a Crossbow for every character except the Wizard, which will be a Staff. Both these weapons are exactly the same as described in the Armory.

F. The Mummy King is in this room. The Hero doesn't need to know his stats in this quest; they will be revealed in another quest. As soon as the Hero walks into the room, he casts the "Escape" Chaos Spell. The switch in this room activates the secret passage, which leads to the other passage marked "3." When treasure is searched for, Zargon should read the following: "In the wall behind where the Mummy King was standing, you find that several of the stones in the wall are loose, in the pattern of a sword. You quickly tear the stone from the wall to find the Spirit Blade. Its blade glows with a golden gleam and its hilt and handle with a blue tone as you grasp it. This color, however, fades quickly, as if drained from the very metal..." This is the same as the Artifact, so give the Hero the card.

G. When treasure is searched for, Zargon should read the following: "Once again, the mummy has obviously been trying to protect something. The Sorcerer's Table contains a copy of the Chaos Spell "Summon Undead." This can be cast at any time, allowing you to call upon the ancestors of the Empire to come and fight. If this spell is used, though, the monsters will fight AGAINST the Hero, not with him. Do not tell the Hero this (don't you feel evil?). The door on the south wall is OPEN.

H. The chest in this room contains the Artifact "Spell Ring" if the Hero is the Elf or Wizard, or the Artifact "Ring of Return" if the Hero is the Barbarian or Dwarf. It also contains a Potion of Healing which restores up to 4 lost Body Points. After this, the chest contains 100 Gold Coins and a Potion of Healing which restores up to 4 lost Body Points.

I. Again, the Mummy King occupies this square. He can be attacked, but will not lose any Body Points. Once the Hero tries to attack the Mummy King with the Spirit Blade, Zargon should read the following: "As you sweep the Spirit Blade into his side, the Mummy King does not flinch. He lets out a chuckle and says 'That blade cannot harm me! I have drained its power into two vials which are guarded very carefully by my most powerful minions. Only when they are reunited can that sword harm me! Ha ha ha ha ha! and he vanishes.' The cupboard in this room contains the Artifact "Wizard's Cloak" for the Wizard, or the Artifact "Borin's Armour" for the other Heroes. The switch reveals the secret passage, which leads to the other secret passage marked "4."

J. The chest in this room contains 100 Gold Coins and a Potion of Healing which restores up to 4 lost Body Points.

K. This stairway leads further into the crypt and onto the next Quest.

Wandering Monster in this Quest: Skeleton
Confront the Mummy King

Quest 2 - Solo Quest

"Now, deep into the crypt the Hero must search out the root of evil, the Mummy King. This Quest will determine if you really have what it takes."

NOTES:

A. The Hero starts in this room. The switch in this room makes the secret passage appear. The secret passage in this room leads to the other secret passage marked "1."

B. The switch in this room reveals the secret passage. The secret passage in this room leads to the other secret passage marked "2."

C. This is the Mummy King’s treasure room. The upper chest in this room contains two Potions of Healing which restore up to 4 lost Body Points each. The lower chest contains 200 Gold Coins. The weapons rack contains a dagger.

D. The switch in this room reveals the secret passage. The secret passage in this room leads to the other secret passage marked "3."

E. When treasure is searched for, Zargon should read the following: "Yet again was the Mummy in this room protecting something. You feel a sense of déjà-vu as you search the Alchemist’s Table. You find nothing but blank papers and a small vial of swirling midnight blue liquid. It looks familiar..." The Hero should not leave this room until the vial has been found.

F. The chest in this room contains a black pearl worth 150 Gold Coins. The switch in this room activates the secret passage, which leads to the other passage marked "4."

G. Zargon should read the following: "This room is full of a swirling mist. It contains three pedestals: One blue pedestal with a depression in the shape and size of a real sword, and two on either side that have bowl-shaped depressions in them. As you enter the room, your kilt starts getting hot, as do your pockets. You rip off your sword and empty your pockets. On the floor, glowing, are the two vials of swirling liquid and the Spirit Blade..." Let the Hero figure out what to do here, because it isn't really that hard. They empty the vials into the side pedestals and place the sword in the middle pedestal... you get it? When this is done, Zargon should read the following: "The golden liquid rises out of its bowl and over the sword, turning into mist. As the mist clears, the sword gleams, and the edge looks much sharper than before. The blue liquid now swirls over the sword, and you feel as if you are in a vacuum chamber, with the very essence of the universe being sucked away. As the mist clears, the sensation stops. The sword now glows with a bluish haze. The sword on the pedestal is no longer the Spirit Blade, but the Ethereal Sword. When fighting, it calls upon the vastness of the universe to slay the Undead. It functions just as before, only now it can be used against the Mummy King and may be wielded by the Wizard."

H. Finally it is time for the confrontation with the Mummy King. He stands on this mark and his stats are as follows:

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As you can probably conclude from the stats, this will be a tough battle. That's why I've made sure the Hero is stocked up with potions. If you feel that the Hero can take the Mummy King with less potions, feel free to make an excuse, such as "As you enter this room, the evilness of the Mummy King causes two of your Potions of Healing to dissolve and their containers to crumble," or something of the sort. Also, you can help the Hero out if he needs it, by saying "As you fight, the Mummy King drops a Potion..." or something similar. When the fight is over, the Quest is over. The Hero can now go back and claim his reward from the Emperor.