

## **HOW TO PLAY CASTLE BLACKSTAR**

### **Running the Program**

To give the game a command just type in the words of the action and finish with the ENTER key. If you make a mistake then pressing the keys ZERO (0) will rub out the last character while ONE (1) will rub out the entire line.

### **Some typical commands are:**

TAKE LAMP AND LIGHT IT  
DOWN THE WELL  
DROP SWORD AND LOOK  
LOOK AT SWORD

### **Here is a short list of some useful words:**

TAKE, DROP, WEAR, LAUNCH, LOOK, PUSH, READ

### **There are also a number of commands that you can use:**

GOES           – number of turns taken so far  
SCORE           – current points score  
VERBOSE       – give full location description (normal)  
QUIET          – only give full description for new locations  
SAVE           – save current game position to tape  
LOAD           – reload previously saved position  
QUIT           – leaves the game

A selection of the common commands can be input with abbreviations including N, NW, W, SW, S, SE, E, NE, U, D for directions. I for inventory of objects carried and L for look.

Occasionally on long messages the words MORE will appear at the screen bottom, this pauses printing to allow you to read it. To restart output press any key.

## **HINTS ON PLAY**

Try to keep your commands fairly simple.

Look at every clue that you are given.

Avoid the forest until you are ready to map it.

The maximum score is 250 points. You score for finding treasure, performing certain actions, returning your treasure to be cleansed and of course, for attaining the true objective of your quest, the return of the power orb to Artemis.

### **Final**

If you want to send us suggestions or pleas for help then our address is:

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Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN1 1HL.

If you require an answer then include a stamped addressed envelope. Phrase your question so that if possible it can be replied to with a single Yes/No type answer.

It only remains for us to wish you the best of luck exploring the world of Castle Blackstar.

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