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Barbarian Quest

FOR THE TANDY COLOR COMPUTER 3 512 K DISK SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTION

❑ Back in the days when the Kingdoms were young, in the land of Lynn, good King Brighton ruled with a kind hand. All was well. King Brighton had a fair and generous Queen, a beautiful daughter, Leonore, and a true friend, the good wizard Lothor. This bliss was not to last.

❑ Shannon, King of the neighboring land of Arth, had proposed the union of the two families through the marriage of Leonore to his son Griswold. King Brighton politely declined, for he knew well of Prince Griswold's vile reputation but spoke not of it.

❑ Furious and humiliated, King Shannon called upon the spirits of demons for revenge. In exchange for his son Griswold's soul, the demons descended upon Lynn killing King Brighton, and possessing the wizard Lothor.

❑ Lothor, once a kind man who did nothing with his magic but good, turned into a cruel and heartless villain. He sought the crown for himself and the heart of Princess Leonore. She refused him. In his rage, he stole her spirit, shattered it and hid the pieces in both ordinary and magical containers. He vowed never to restore her until the crown and her hand were his. Leonore became zombie like, spending all her days and nights just sitting in her chamber, speaking to no one.

❑ The Queen in turn promised her daughter's hand and the kingdom to whoever could retrieve Leonore's spirit. The land's strongest and best soldiers have all gone, one by one, to their death in the quest. Who is left?

❑ Are you, Hector, an uneducated street brawler, the son of a pig farmer to be king? Ha! The thought of it makes even you laugh. But, who is left? All the other men hang their heads in shame or turn away when the challenge is mentioned. Yes. Why not? Hector the Great, vanquisher of evil, restorer of peace, King of Lynn, husband of the most beautiful maiden in the land!

❑ You present yourself to the Queen. A tear comes to her eye as she walks you to the castle gate. She says nothing, fearing she is just sending another young man to his doom.

INSTRUCTIONS

❏ *BARBARIAN QUEST* is an arcade game for the Tandy Color Computer 3 with 512K memory, one disk drive and a one or two button joystick. A Composite monitor or RGB monitor is recommended for best picture quality.

❏ This game is delivered to you on a "Flippy" disk. Both sides of the disk contain program and data files. When prompted to insert side two, just remove the disk and flip it over to the right or left and reinsert it into the drive.

❏ *LOADING* - BARBARIAN QUEST uses a lot of memory. The entire game is loaded before you begin playing. Be sure to do a "cold start" before you begin (turn the computer off, wait 10 seconds, then turn it back on). Have your joystick plugged into the right joystiick port before turning the computer back on. Insert the disk with the label side up and type LOADM 'BARB' and press ENTER. If you have an RGB monitor, press Y at the prompt, otherwise press N.

❏ After the title screen appears, remove (at the prompt) the disk, flip it over and press ENTER. Data will be loaded, the screen will go black and then the game will begin. Leave the disk in the drive. It will be accessed only when you restart. Otherwise, no disk access will occur.

❏ *PLAYING THE GAME* - You will begin your quest just outside the castle. The Queen is at the gate to bid you well. To succceed, you must recover the shattered spirit of the princess, return to the castle and present yourself to the queen, The fragments of Leonore's spirit are stored in various objects on the way to Lothor's castle, in his castle and in the caves beneath the castle.

❏ As you acquire the fragments, a tone will sound and a portion of the bar in the lower center of the screen will change from gray to yellow. When you obtain the last object, a special tone will sound. This indicates that you have retrieved the fragment from the last screen and should return to present them to the Queen, If the entire bar is not yellow, you missed 1 or more along the way. Find and pick them up on the way back. On presenting yourself to the Queen, with all of the spirit fragments, you will have saved the Princess Leonore and won the game.

❏ There is no numeric scoring in this game, however, the number of "continues" you use is displayed at the end of the game. This will give you a measure of your performance. But, your primary mission is to return the Princess's spirit to the Queen.

❏ *GAME CONTROLS* - In BARBARIAN QUEST you can stand still, walk, run, jump short, jump long, climb up and down ladders, duck, punch and stab with your sword, and acquire objects. (You can also fall if you fail to jump to a safe place. Falling is usually fatal.)

❏ *JOYSTICK* - This game was designed to use a two button joystick. If you have only a one

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button joystick, you may use the SPACE BAR as the second button.

❏ STAND STILL by leaving the stick in the self-centering position.

❏ *WALK* left or right by pointing the stick to the upper left or right.

❏ *RUN* left or right by pointing the stick to the lower left or right.

❏ *DUCK* or *SQUAT* by pointing the stick centered and down.

❏ *CLIMB* up or down ladders by pointing the stick centered and up or down.

❏ *JUMP SHORT* right or left by pressing button 2 while pointing the stick to the upper right or left.

❏ *JUMP LONG* right or left by pressing button 2 while pointing the stick to the lower right or left.

❏ *UNCH* right or left by holding button 1 down and pointing the stick to the upper right or upper left.

❏ *STAB* right or left by holding button 1 down and pointing the stick to the lower right or left.

❏ *ACQUIRE AN OBJECT* by standing or walking directly behind it. If that does not work, try standing just to the side or the object and jumping toward it.

❏ *KEYBOARD CONTROLS* - The following keys may be used during play.
❏ *JUMP KEY* - Use the SPACE BAR in place of button two of the joystick.

❏ *PAUSE KEY* - Press P to pause a game in progress. Press any key to resume.

❏ *RESTART* - Press R to restart at screen one any time during play.

❏ *CONTINUE* - Press any key to continue playing at your current position AFTER you see the game over message. A tone will sound to acknowledge the key press. If no key is pressed within 10 seconds, the game will restart from the beginning. (This continue feature is not available on most arcade games. We believe games should be fun, not frustrating!) See if you can complete the game using no continues!

❏ *QUIT* - Press the Q key to quit playing and return to Disk Basic.

❏ *OBJECTS* - There are 31 objects in the game. 15 of them contain fragments Leonore's spirit. These must be accquired to win. They may appear more than once. The other 16 will do you harm and should be avoided. We'll leave it to you to discover which is which. Each time you acquire an object containing a piece of the princess's spirit, it will disappear and a tone will sound. The evil objects will not disappear and your character will be injured or killed

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each time he touches it.

❏ *HINT:* If you enter a room that has only 1 door, there may be a secret passage to another level. There are 4 levels, outside, in the castle and 2 dungeon

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