



U^{LYSSES}

AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE

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It was a time so long ago, a time of pagan gods and miraculous deeds.

I, Ludicrous, was there. Just a boy, mind you, but there, watching as the ships, filled with victorious warriors, returned from two decades of battle.

Among them was Ulysses, conqueror of Troy, a mortal favored by the most powerful of gods, adventurer without equal.

It was a time of powerful sorcerers and seers, and I learned their secrets of the future and the past.

That is how I've come to live through ages of triumph and tribulation, to survive until the 20th Century. But even master sorcerers and seers must surrender their powers, and I have chosen you.

First, you must prove your fitness to carry on the powers I've borne through the ages. You must become Ulysses; your task, to find the Golden Fleece and return it to the King.

The perils are many, your foes powerful, but with courage, logic, intuition and luck, you can survive and take with you the secrets of sorcerers.

Now, sit back, close your eyes, and I'll spin a spell to open time's portal . . .

Neptune's potion, Pluto's dust
Guard ancient maps to avoid Furies' gusts
Dragons and gems, classical Greece,
Ulysses reborn to capture the Fleece.

You are Ulysses, adventurer brave and bold. Through a dream planted by the gods, you have learned of the Golden Fleece, a prize beyond value.

Through your dream, the gods have bid you to find the Fleece and return it to the King. But first, you must overcome certain obstacles. One failure, one slip, one wrong turn and . . . well, it could be your last.

Your journey begins in the king's town, where you must find a crew and buy supplies before setting sail.

Fair winds push your craft far out to sea. Before you a hurricane appears off the bow, leaving a choice of altering course or braving the high winds and rocky seas.

If you should survive the elements, another task awaits you on the Island of Storms, where you'll need to find items with mystical, magical qualities.

Then on to Colossal Island and the Fleece - but beware the Sirens, the Cyclops and the fierce protectors of the gilded skin, the Skeletons.

As in all adventures, watch for passwords and items along the way that may be keys to your survival.

Now, insert Disk 1 into drive A and turn on the computer. You will then be asked to insert Disk 2. Do so and press ◀ENTER▶. You're now ready to begin your journey.

YOUR COMMAND IS MY DESIRE

Throughout your journey, your computer will be your hands, eyes and ears. Command, and it will obey.

It is a steadfast friend with a large vocabulary, but alas, it only understands commands of one or two words.

Different directions take but a single letter: N for north, S for south, E for east, W for west, U for up and D for down.

Your computer companion sometimes desires a more definitive answer of where you want to travel. If you wish to go into a house, command GO HOUSE.

At times the terrain will require acrobatic feats: command your computer with a single command - JUMP, FLY, SWIM.

At times, you'll meet others - some evil, some good - such as a guard. They may have important messages for you - command them to speak: i.e., TALK GUARD.

Watch for objects along the way: many have mystical qualities, without which you might not survive. Should you see a key, for instance, command your computer hand to GET KEY. If you decide you want to leave it, tell the computer to DROP KEY.

Many of your adventure's pitfalls will be avoided by taking a closer look at various scenes. Command your computer eyes to LOOK; a description of the scene will then appear. If you wish to examine an object, such as a tree, command LOOK TREE.

If your computer should question you, give it direct answers. A tree may need to be cut down: command CUT TREE. Your aide questions "with what:" WITH AX.

Sometimes there will be more description than there is room for text on the screen. If this is the case, the computer will print the first four lines and beep. Press the SCROLL LOCK key for the remaining text.

Should you ever desire to look a bit into the past, you can review the previous 25 lines of command and description by pressing the F1 key; go back to the scene by pressing F1 again.

Remember, my adventurous friend, keep your commands simple - one or two words.

TAKE HEED, PLOT YOUR PROGRESS

You, Ulysses, must plot your own path to Colossal Island and the Golden Fleece.

Be warned! The way is treacherous and the journey long. It won't be accomplished in haste.

You'd be wise, my friend, to keep a map of your progress. If you move north, plot it on a chart.

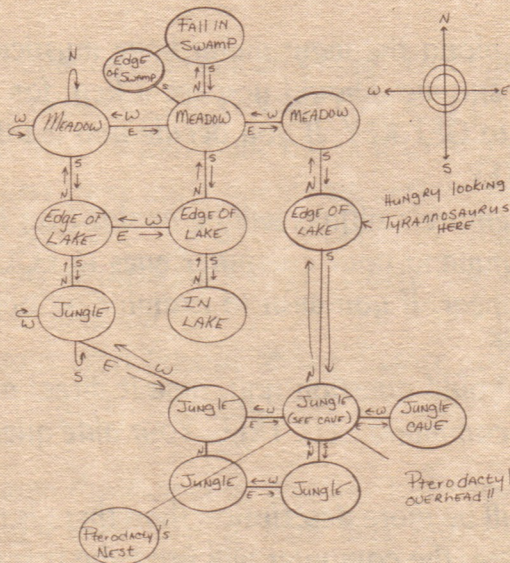
Show where you've been and what you've done along the way.

Take special care to map when you're in a maze - the bane of all adventurers. It may be a cavern, a tunnel or just a repeating visual.

Know where you've been by dropping articles along the way. Then backtrack and pick up the articles.

Above all, try different directions and map all of the different possibilities. If you forget an area, you might miss an important clue or device.

Examine the typical map I've drawn for you.



A GAME SAVED IS A GAME CONQUERED

So that you might take a rest from your adventure without having to start over - or worse, should you die - save the game periodically.

Games are saved on a separate disk - NOT the game diskette. Make sure the disk on which you save games is not needed, because everything will be lost when it's formatted. Type `FORMAT DISK` in the space for commands. You will be asked to insert the saved-game disk into the drive. Once you have put this disk into the drive, type `Y` `<ENTER>` to format the disk. Then replace the game disk to return to the game.

To save a game, command the computer to SAVE GAME; you will then be asked if you have a properly formatted saved-game disk. If you do, you will be instructed to put it into the drive and enter a letter between A and S under which to save the game. The game will be saved and you then will be asked to put your game disk back into the drive.

To regain your saved game at any time, command RESTORE GAME. Again you'll be told to replace the game disk with the saved-game disk. Type the appropriate letter - remember, A to S. You'll then be asked to replace the game disk, and you'll return to the frame you saved.

For TWO DISK DRIVES: Saving and restoring games is easier if you have two disk drives. Follow the instructions above, but always insert your saved-game disk into Drive B. You will not need to take out the game disk. The computer will automatically save the game on Drive B.

SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE

Before trying to embark on your journey, check your inventory. Do you have everything you'll need for such a long voyage?

Knowing a bit of mythology and the Classics - a familiarity with Ulysses' adventures - also will help you survive.

As with many classical Greek heroes, you'll be required to perform certain superhuman feats and to use magical substances to overcome evil gods and malicious creatures. Remember, logic will not always work because the gods are not always logical.

Nor are all of the people you encounter honest; some want their palms crossed with silver before giving you valuable information.

If for some reason, you wish to begin the game from the beginning, type QUIT in the command space. You will then be asked if you want to play the game again. Type Y ◀ENTER▶, and you'll return to the beginning of the game. This option is also available if you're killed.

Should you become hopelessly lost and ready to admit defeat, telephone Sierra On-Line for a helping hand.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Your Ulysses IBM disk and computer come with several time-saving functions.

There are two possible color sets in which the pictures are displayed. One of these was chosen for the best color on composite monitors (the most common type), and one was chosen for direct drive monitors. You may wish to see which looks best on your monitor. Switch color sets by pressing the F2 key.

There are also several keys which reduce the amount of typing which you need to do. These keys enter certain phrases on the command line - you only need to press one of the keys and ◀ENTER▶ to give a command. The keys are:

- F3 - Save game.
- F4 - Restore game.
- F5 - Inventory. Use this key when you want to see a listing of the items you are carrying.
- F6 - Look room. This is useful if you've just looked at a note that you're carrying and would like to see where you're standing again.
- F7 - Toggles between sound on/sound off.
- ESC - Erases an entire command without having to use the backspace key.