

HERO QUEST



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New Rules

Mercenaries

This Quest Pack contains Mercenary figures, with interchangeable weapons that enable you to put together the 4 different types of Mercenaries (the Scout, the Swordsman, the Crossbowman and the Halberdier).

In some Quests, Mercenaries serve as evil monsters who oppose the Heroes. Whenever a Mercenary is shown on a Quest map, it should be considered a monster controlled by Zargon.

Mercenaries are also soldiers who can be hired by a Hero before a Quest begins. They will accompany any Hero on a Quest, if the Hero pays their fee. The fee for each type of Mercenary is given in the Mercenary's card as well as on the Mercenaries Chart on page 10 of this book. The gold must be paid before the Quest begins.

A Mercenary is controlled by the Hero who hired him. The Mercenary moves and attacks immediately after that Hero's turn. A Hero can control as many Mercenaries he can afford to hire. A Mercenary can move, open doors, attack and defend as a Hero, but he can take no other actions (except for the Scout, who can search for and disarm traps). A Mercenary does not receive any treasure. If a Hero dies on a Quest, any Mercenary hired by that Hero continues on the Quest, controlled by the fallen Hero's player.

The Scout, Swordsman, Crossbowman and Halberdier each have different statistics and abilities. These are detailed on the cards that come in this Quest Pack, as well as on the Mercenaries Chart on page 10 of this book.

If a Quest map calls for a type of Mercenary that is not available because they've all been hired by Heroes, Zargon may substitute a different type of Mercenary, or another monster altogether.

Mercenary Advancement

At the end of each Quest, any Mercenary units who have survived the Quest should be recorded. If, for example, a Scout survives 5 Quests in a row without dying (we assume it is the same individual in each Quest) his rank is increased to that of "Master". Master Mercenaries have the following bonuses:

- +1 additional Body Point
- +1 additional Mind Point
- +1 additional Movement space
- may search for secret doors
- may search for treasure!

Note: Master Mercenaries can only use Henchman Artifacts. They may not use normal Artifacts, nor do they keep any other Artifacts, Equipment, or items; these are turned over to a Hero when they have an opportunity. Any gold that is found by a Master Mercenary will also be turned over to the first Hero nearby, however, 10 gold coins, or 10% of the value (whichever is more) automatically goes to the Empire and is lost from play!

Wandering Monsters

Several Quests in this Quest Pack have multiple wandering monsters. These monsters may appear if a Hero draws a Wandering Monster card from the Treasure card deck or if a Hero moves onto a Wandering Monster trap as described under the "New Traps" section of this book. For example, if the Quest notes say, "Wandering Monsters in this Quest: 3 Goblins," place 3 Goblins adjacent to the Hero who initiated the wandering monster encounter. If fewer than 3 adjacent squares are available, place the remaining monsters as close to the Hero as possible.

Large Monsters

When a monster takes up more than one square (the Giant Wolf in this Quest Pack, for instance), that monster can attack anyone in any adjacent square (including diagonally), even if the monster's figure is facing away from the target.

Spell Scrolls

When a spell scroll is found, the Hero should record it on his Character Sheet. After the scroll has been used, it must be crossed off the Hero's Character Sheet.

Multiple Attacks

A Hero rolls defend dice once for each attacking monster. For example, a Hero attacked by 3 Zombies gets 3 separate defend rolls. A Hero attacked by a monster with multiple attacks (such as the Black Orc), however, gets only 1 defend roll against that monster per turn, no matter how many of the monster's attacks are directed at the Hero.

New Traps

The Wandering Monster trap and the Swinging Blade trap do not have tiles.



Wandering Monster Trap: When a Hero moves onto a square with the trap symbol shown below, tell the player that the Hero must stop on that square. The monster or monsters listed as wandering monsters for

that Quest appear on any square or squares adjacent to the Hero or as close as possible. The monsters immediately attack and the Hero defends. (If the Hero has not already taken an action that turn, he may do so after he defends.) Otherwise the turn passes to the next player (or to Zargon). Each Wandering Monster trap can be activated only once. Monsters cannot activate it. Ignore the trap after the first time a Hero springs it. Wandering Monster traps are so well concealed that they are not detected when a Hero searches for traps.



Swinging Blade Trap: The trap is tripped when a character lands on a space marked with a black blade symbol: a huge blade swings down from the roof attacking any character in any one of the spaces marked with a white or black blade symbol. These characters will be attacked with two combat dice which they may defend against normally. A Swinging Blade Trap can only be detected by a search in the room or corridor containing the black blade symbol.

Any character with a Tool Kit may attempt to disarm a Swinging Blade Trap. To do so they must roll any shield, using only one combat die. If they roll a skull, they will set off the Swinging Blade Trap. The Dwarf may disarm a Swinging Blade Trap automatically once it has been discovered.



Pit of Darkness: The Pit of Darkness Trap works in the same way as a normal pit trap with the following exceptions: if a character crossing a Pit of Darkness space rolls a skull, he plunges 30 feet onto a hard floor. Once he falls, a character will suffer damage depending on how much armor he is wearing. Characters not wearing any armor must roll one combat die to see if they lose a Body point; those wearing Chain-mail or Borin's Armor must roll two combat dice; and those wearing plate mail must roll three combat dice. A character may climb out of a Pit of Darkness on his next turn if there is a free space on any one side of the Pit of Darkness.

Pits of Darkness may not be disarmed but characters may jump over them like ordinary pit traps.



Long Pit Trap: If a Hero wants to jump over this pit trap the long way, he must have at least 3 squares of movement left after he moves next to the pit. The Hero then rolls 1 combat die. A black shield means the Hero has jumped across safely, using up 3 squares of movement. The Hero can continue to move if he has more movement left. Any result other than a black shield means the Hero falls into the pit, suffering 2 Body Points of damage. The Hero must roll a 5 or 6 on a red die on a subsequent turn to climb out of the pit. While in the pit, the Hero rolls 1 less combat die when attacking or defending (but never less than 1 die).

Note: These traps can be jumped the short way, the same as regular pit traps.

New Magical Traps

Magical traps cannot be found by searching. They can only be disarmed with certain spells specified below. Magical traps may only be activated once. As soon as a magical trap has been activated, players can move safely through that room or corridor.



Hurricane Trap: This trap must be set in a corridor. Once a character passes the spot marked "X", a Hurricane will rush down from the end of the corridor marked with the trap symbol. All figures in this corridor will be forced to move back 8 spaces along the corridor or until they hit a wall or set off a trap.



Teleport Trap: Any player who finishes their move on a square marked with symbol A, will instantly be transported to the square marked with symbol B, elsewhere on the map. Landing on a symbol B square has no effect. Once a character has been teleported, he is disorientated and his turn ends at once.

New Monsters

Ogre

All Ogres occupy one space on the HeroQuest gameboard. No other figure may pass through the same space as an Ogre figure, whether they are good or evil. Once an Ogre blocks a corridor, it stays blocked until he moves or is killed.

Elven Archer

Elven Archers may attack with 4 combat dice against any non-adjacent target in their line of sight. They attack with only 1 combat die if the target is adjacent. If an Elven Archer loses his bow he rolls only 1 combat die to attack.

Dark Company Warrior

These monsters work like other monsters. But whenever the Zargon player places a Dark Warrior onto the board, he can arm his Dark Warrior in one of four ways depending on the weapons available.

The Dark Warriors are an elite group of fighters who can defend in a special way. Roll the required number of dice shown as normal and as long as you roll at least one round black shield, the Dark Warrior defends successfully and remains unharmed.

Skaven

Skaven use a sling as their primary means of attack. It is a ranged weapon that does 1 combat die of damage. When adjacent to a Hero, the Skaven will use a shortsword and attack with 2 combat dice.

White Seer

The White Seer is an albino Skaven Wizard with wild and unpredictable sorcerous powers derived from eating refined warpstone. At the beginning of Zargon's turn, the White Seer may take one spell at random from the Elf or Wizard in clear line of sight. He may use that spell card immediately or save it for later use. This spell is lost from the Heroes' play for the remainder of the Quest, once it has been stolen.

Black Orc

Black Orcs are an elite force of Orcs. They defend with white shields. They use a two-weapon fighting style and make 2 attacks per turn. Two attacks can be made against one opponent or one attack can be made against each of two different opponents. When attacking the same opponent, that opponent can only defend against one of the attacks, not both.

New Tiles and Quest Map Symbols

Iron Entrance Door

This iron door is placed on the edge of the gameboard. Heroes line up outside the iron door to begin the Quest.



Wooden Exit Door

This special wooden door is used to exit the gameboard at the end of a Quest.



Iron Entrance/Exit Door

This iron door is placed on the edge of the gameboard. Heroes line up outside the iron door to begin the Quests. Heroes also end the Quest through this door.



Stone Doorway

Stone Doorways are large slabs of rock which must be pushed out of the way using brute force before you can pass. To open one of these doors, a character must roll a number of combat dice and score two skulls. The number of dice he throws depends on what character type he is: the Dwarf and the Elf both roll two dice, the Barbarian rolls three dice. The Wizard cannot open a Stone Doorway. Once a Stone Doorway has been opened it remains open for the rest of the Quest.



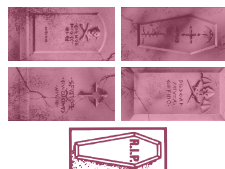
Portcullis

Some of these massive iron gates open when the Hero spring a certain trap, while others are unlocked by the brass key or forced up by brute strength. Heroes and Monsters *cannot* "see" through a portcullis until it is opened.



Coffins

The 4 coffins may be used as tombs. They may contain an undead creature and/or a treasure. They may also have traps on them.



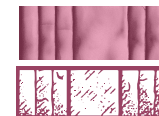
Trap Door

These two trap doors link apparently unconnected rooms via an unseen tunnel. When a Hero or monster steps on a trap door square, he moves instantly to the other trap door square.



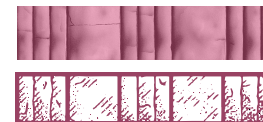
Short Stairway

There are 3 movement squares on the short stairway. These tiles are used to create the effect of climbing up or down stairs.



Long Stairway

There are 5 movement squares on the long stairway. These tiles are used to create the effect of climbing up or down stairs.



Magic Ice

These tiles are used with the Ice Bridge spell scroll and the Ice Wall Chaos spell.



The Weapons Forge

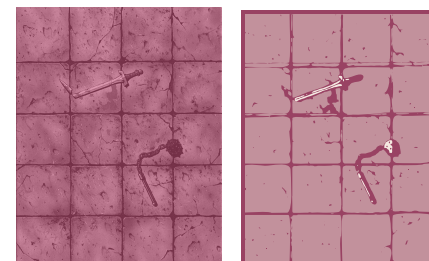
The forge is a place where Dwarven blacksmiths once created the finest and sturdiest weapons in the land.



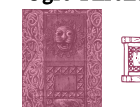
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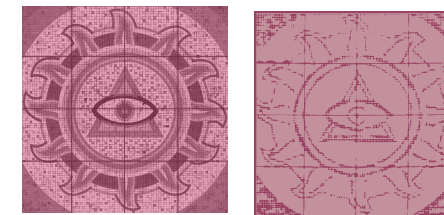
Battle Room



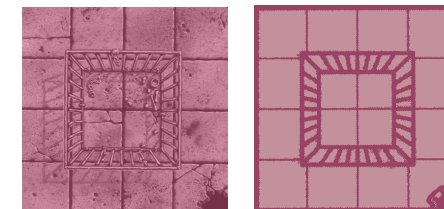
Ogre Throne



Sun Eye Room

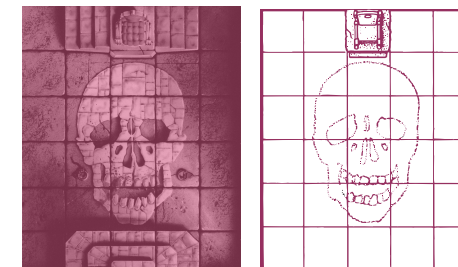


Cage Room

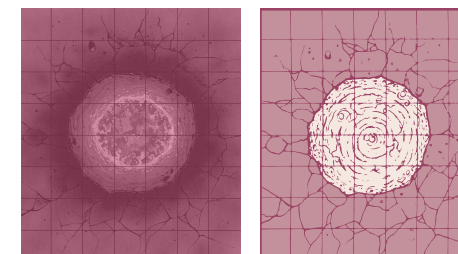


Throne Room









The large throne room is used by evil rulers such as the Witch Lord.









Pit of Chaos







Monster Chart

Monster	Map Symbol	Movement Squares	Attack Dice	Defend Dice	Body Points	Mind Points
Giant Wolf		9	6	3	5	1
Elven Archer		6	4(1)	2	3	2
Elven Warrior		6	4	3	3	2
Ogre Warrior		6	5	5	4	1
Ogre Champion		6	5	5	4	1
Ogre Lord		4	6	6	4	5
Ogre Chieftain		4	6	6	4	1
Dark Warrior (Halberdier)		6	3	3	1	2

Monster	Map Symbol	Movement Squares	Attack Dice	Defend Dice	Body Points	Mind Points
Dark Warrior (Scout)		9	2	3	1	2
Dark Warrior (Swordsman)		4	4	5	1	2
Dark Warrior (Crossbowman)		6	2	3	1	2
Skaven		12	1(2)	2	1	1
White Seer		6	3	3	2	4
Black Orc		8	3/3	2	1	2

Mercenaries Chart

Mercenary	Map Symbol	Cost Per Quest (GOLD COINS)	Movement Squares	Attack Dice	Defend Dice	Body Points	Mind Points
Crossbowman		75	6	3	3	2	2
Halberdier		75	6	3	3	2	2
Scout		50	9	2	3	2	2
Swordsman		100	5	4	5	2	2

The Crossbowman wields a crossbow – See the Armory on the cardboard platform in the Game System. When adjacent to a foe, the Crossbowman attacks with a broadsword.

The Halberdier wields a halberd that enables him to attack diagonally.

The Scout has the Dwarf's ability to detect and disarm traps.

Mercenaries do not collect any treasure. Mercenaries can only move, attack and defend (except for Scout, who can detect and disarm traps).

The cost to hire them is for one Quest only. **If a player wants to hire a Mercenary for more than one Quest, he must pay the Mercenary's cost for each Quest.**