

Short Gamebook Adventure

<p>Health: 10</p> <p>Blessings: 1</p>	 <p>scan or click here to roll 1d6</p>
	<p>Inventory use the checkbox when you find the item</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Magic Amulet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Crusader Shield</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MistFlower Healing Herb</p>

This game was created for the purpose of demonstrating how to apply in practice the science of Gamebook Theory and more specifically the Logical Conclusion Choice Question, which keeps the reader ‘in the driver seat’ by measuring his/her performance through providing clues and feedback in the narrative of the adventure. The result is a Short Gamebook Adventure where the outcome depends entirely on the player’s performance, not on random decisions and dice rolls. You can follow the step-by-step design process of this game at the following Internet blog:

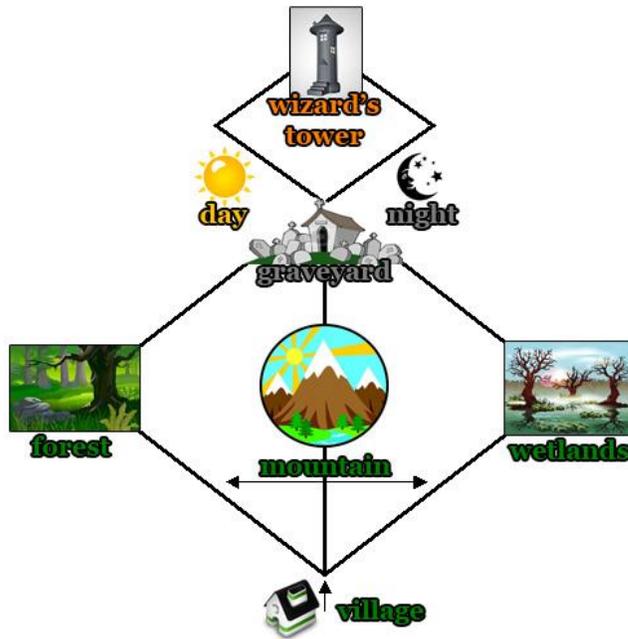
<http://visualgamebookadventures.blogspot.com/2015/11/gamebook-theory-mechanics-of-gamebooks.html>

1. You see yourself as a little 10-year-old boy again. The weather outside is sunny and quiet. Only a few white puffy clouds are scattered throughout the sky. Once again you feel the familiar sadness of recently losing your father in the Great War between the Humans and the Evil Hordes. All the boys in the village are playing soldiers with wooden swords and you participate in their games as well. It is impossible to not get a scratch on your skin here and there, but your mother has that wonderful healing potion recipe which your uncle brought from the Monastery located beyond the Darkwood Forest, where he faithfully has been serving as a Monk for many years now. The only problem is that one of the ingredients, the MystFlower, which is only found in swamp areas, is almost instinct by now and is nearly impossible to find anymore. Your mother is calling you to get back home for dinner. Such a sweet voice she has... Then all of a sudden, you wake up from your dream. About 15 years have passed since those times and the settlement seems very different now. There is no sunny days anymore. A few months ago, black thunderclouds moved in, but no raindrop has fallen since and wide spread hunger has settled in your village due to the crops not growing at all. The people are speculating that the Dark Wizard, who lives up north, beyond the Wicked Graveyard, must have put a curse on your lands. Nobody knows for sure, but you are tired of not doing anything about it, so you grab your father’s sword, pack your bag with food and water, and leave the village to find and defeat this evil person. However, you must get to his tower first. It is located beyond the Wicked Graveyard that is on the other side of the Deadly Mountain. Take a note that you are starting with 10 Health Points. Also, write down that you have 1 Blessing! You can use it to re-roll a die at any point of the game when you are asked to roll 1d6 and you are not satisfied with the result. Of course, that would have to be at the expense of 1 point of Blessing.

Now turn over!

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It is time to make a choice now! Read section 2, if you want to go around the mountain through the Darkwood Forest. Go to section 3, if you want to hike through the mountain. If you prefer to pass through the Forgotten Wetlands, turn to 4!



2. You are now in the Darkwood Forest. It is named like that, because the sunlight there is very limited due to the thick forest trees. Hunters from your village would come here often to kill dinner for their family. You sense movement in the nearby bushes, but you have no idea what kind of creature that could possibly be. Do you want to use the element of surprise and attack first (go to 14) or would you prefer to draw your sword and patiently wait to see what comes out of there (go to 15)?

3. It is no coincidence that the Mountain was named Deadly. It is very unfriendly and as soon as you start climbing, a cold front moves in

very quickly and it causes a snowstorm. You've heard that many ages ago, the Jolly Dwarves inhabited the mountain, but during the Great War, the Evil Forces annihilated them all. The word is that their tunnels are actually a passage through the mountain, but nobody has entered them since, so who knows what kind of strange creatures are living there right now. However, your only other alternative is to hike the extremely narrow snowy trails. To enter the tunnels go to 10 or to hike the trails go to 11

4. It is a gorgeous day over the Forgotten Wetlands. The sun is shining bright and birds are chirping left and right. You have a choice of how to approach crossing this landscape area. Do you want to walk through the Cattail Plants that are growing on top of Duckweed, so you are not easy to be seen (go to 12) or do you prefer to carefully walk down the path swerving through the wetlands (go to 13)?

5. The Wicked Graveyard is not welcoming at all. You have to choose now. If you would prefer to cross it in the middle of the day, exposing yourself to the wizard in the tower (turn to 6) or do you want to travel under the cover of the night when you have to face whatever undead creatures live here (turn to 7) ?

6. The graveyard is not very dangerous when the sun is out as all skeletons, vampires and zombies sleep through the day. There is only one Bloodthirsty Wolf for you to fight. Roll 1d6 and remove the result from your Health Points! If you are still alive, walk past the last Mausoleum of the cemetery and head to the Wizard's Tower at 8 right now!

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7. All kinds of evil creatures get up from the graves and walk around at night here. You have to fight a Bloodthirsty Zombie and a Skeleton Warrior. Throw 2 dice and remove the total from your Health Points! If you survive this battle, you find a glowing in the dark Magical Amulet on the neck of the Skeleton. Take a note of that in your adventure sheet right now! As you walk past the last Mausoleum of the cemetery, you head directly to the Wizard's Tower at 8 right now!

8. If you have already defeated the Evil Wizard during this game, please turn to 18. Otherwise, just keep reading. You get right inside the tower and take the round stairs up to the wizard's quarters. He is furious that a normal human is disturbing his day uninvited. He casts a deadly spell against you. If you have the Magic Amulet, turn to 9. If not, throw 1d6 to calculate how much damage the spell does to your Health Points! If you are still alive, turn to 9 now. Otherwise, you become the next victim of the Evil Wizard and your adventure ends here.

9. The Evil Wizard can't believe that his magic didn't kill you, so he casts another spell, this time on himself, and his body changes its shape into a bigger masculine warrior. He grabs his wooden staff and tries to beat you up to death. If you have a Shield in your list of items, it protects you from two hard blows. If not, roll two dice to calculate the damage and remove the result from your Health Points. If you are still alive, turn on 20 this very instant! Otherwise, you become the next victim of the Evil Wizard.

10. You enter the dark tunnels of the dwarves. You can feel that the exit is not very far away and you see a light at the end of the tunnel, but before you get to it, an unpleasant encounter takes place. You are attacked by a Cave Troll! Roll 1d6 and remove as many points from your Health now! After the battle of which you emerge victorious, you notice something shiny in the distance. You just found a Crusader Shield! Now continue your adventure to the Wicked Graveyard at 5!

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11. Is it not obvious that extremely narrow snowy trails are very difficult to hike during a snowstorm? The wind is strong and the visibility is awful. Your left foot slips on the snow and you must roll a die to see if your right foot keeps you stable. If the result is 1-4, you fall down the steep mountain and that is the end of your adventure. If you are lucky enough to roll 5 or 6, your right foot keeps you stable and you avoid certain death (don't forget to re-roll at the expense of 1 point of Blessing if the first result is unsatisfactory). If the luck is on your side, you cross the Deadly Mountain and continue your adventure to the Wicked Graveyard at 5!

12. You may have not realized, but Cattail and Duckweed plants grow in swamp areas, so as soon as you step in there, you start sinking in the mud. Roll 1d6 to find out how much energy you need to get out of this unpleasant situation and remove that number from your Health Points. Then you can continue your adventure on the swerving path at 13.

13. While following the path through the wetlands, you catch a glimpse of a very rare flower. Your mother used it to heal wounds and, if your memory serves you right, it is called MistFlower. You take the herb and put it in your inventory. You can use it at any time (except during a battle) to heal your Health back to its initial 10 points. You reach the end of the swamp area by dawn and continue the adventure at the Graveyard (go to 5)

14. You draw your sword and jump into the bushes ready for a fight when you hear a loud human scream on the other side and you see a person, dressed in monk cloak clothing, running away faster than light. Your equipment is too heavy and makes you too slow to be able to catch up with him, so you give up any hope of talking to the guy and you continue walking to the far end of the forest. You know that you shouldn't jump to conclusions before collecting enough information and the mistake makes you restless, but soon enough you get to the Wicked Graveyard. Turn to 5 to continue your adventure!

15. You draw your sword and patiently wait to see what comes out of the bushes. To your great surprise, a monastery monk emerges out of the green leaves. Apparently, he was berry picking for his brothers over at the monastery. After you tell him about yourself and about your quest, he tells you that he personally knows your uncle, wishes you success on your journey and gives you his blessing. Add 1 point to your Blessings Stat and continue to the Wicked Graveyard located at 5!

16. To continue your adventure, please go to 17!

17. You found the Mausoleum of the Vampire Lord. It is now time to confront this Ancient Evil and release your people from its presence once and for all. If you still have at least one Blessing point, you use it to call the highest power of the heavens and with its help, you defeat the Vampire Lord. Alternatively, you can defeat this Ancient Evil all by yourself, if you have both, a Magic Amulet and a Crusader Shield, in your possession. If you have the means to be victorious in this encounter, please turn to 19 now! Otherwise, the Vampire Lord power is too strong and your adventure sadly ends right here.

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18. You've been walking for a long time, but the Wizard Tower is nowhere to be found. The sky is dark, but you are so exhausted that you can't even tell if it is dusk or dawn right now. You hear an evil laugh coming from the Wicked Graveyard and before you know it, the Vampire Lord from the Mausoleum appears out of nowhere. He uses the element of surprise and attacks you at once. You didn't recognize the secret passage to the Mausoleum back at the Cemetery or simply forgot to follow the instructions given to you by the Village Elder and the price you pay for that mistake here is your own life.

19. As the Vampire Lord turns to dust and disappears into thin air, you feel with all your senses how the Ancient Evil is leaving your land. All undead creatures at the Wicked Graveyard go back to their graves to never come out in this world ever again. This time you are victorious. Congratulations! Your village is now safe for generations to come and you are well celebrated by your fellow villagers, who as a sign of appreciation rename the deadly mountain after you, so your achievement and heroism is never forgotten.

20. Your opponent is quite surprised that you were able to survive his attack. You take advantage of his confusion, which keeps him unprotected for a moment and you slice him in half with your sword. You are victorious! You defeated the evil wizard and you are very proud of yourself. The journey back to the village is easy and joyful, but when you arrive, you see that the village Elder is waiting for you at the gates. "So, you killed the Evil Wizard", he says and keeps going, "But before he died, he was able to open a portal to the dark world of the dead and that could now cause much bigger problems for our land. The only way to shut the portal closed is to defeat the Vampire Lord, who lives at an ancient Mausoleum somewhere beyond the Deadly Mountain". You must now go on another journey. When you think that you have located the Vampire Lord location, simply add 10 to the number of the page (episode) you are reading at that moment and immediately go to the page (episode) with the matching number. Heading back out, it is time to make a very familiar choice once again. Read section 2, if you want to go around the mountain through the Darkwood Forest. Go to section 3, if you want to hike up the mountain. If you prefer to pass through the Forgotten Wetlands, turn to 4!

