

**Arcventure 1**

**Kingdom  
of the  
Blade**

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## Adventure 1.

**REALM OF THE UNDEAD** is a super graphical adventure featuring high resolution machine code graphics, sound effects, several levels of difficulty and different layouts on each progressive section of the game.

Arcventure, the new concept from Express Programmes Company, combining the best features of adventure and arcade games.

Playing Realm of the Undead. To you has fallen the task of rescuing the villagers and killing the Dark Lord. To do this you must travel through the Realm of the Undead collecting as much garlic as you can and avoiding the deadly bite of tarantulas, the kiss of the vampires and the caress of the zombies. On being caught by one of the servants of the Dark Lord you will lose one clove of garlic and when your supply has expired you shall most surely perish. However, if you are bitten by Dracula three times, although you do not perish, you are banished to the outskirts of his realm and have to recommence your original task rescuing the villagers and then return to the final confrontation with Dracula.

Throughout the game are secret doors and levers which, on use, provide interesting results that may, or may not, be beneficial to your quest.

**STARTING** – Initially you are on the outskirts of the Dark Lord's domain. With three cloves of garlic only in your possession you must collect as much garlic as possible so as to increase your chances of survival. You must, however, be very cautious and avoid the tarantulas, which roam through the garden. A secret exit must be located before transversing to the next location.

In the second part of the game you must rescue the trapped villagers from the castle dungeons. A hidden entrance must be located, whilst carefully avoiding the vampire bats flying through the caverns and the roaming hordes of tarantulas. On freeing the villagers help them return to the safety of their village. This is done by you touching each of them in turn. Once you have accomplished your mission you can attempt to sneak into the Dark Lord's castle. You must enter the dungeon and seek the mystical entrance that will lead you to your final confrontation.

**THE FINAL CONFRONTATION** – You are in a dark room. In the centre of a pedestal the vampire lord sleeps in his coffin, unaware as yet of your presence. You must kill him, but how? Dimly you perceive a wooden stake in a locked cell containing zombies, you also see two levers. You must somehow obtain both a hammer and the stake if you are to kill

Dracula. But beware, if you step beyond the top of Dracula's coffin, he will awake and pursue you in order to drink your blood. Once you have both the hammer and the stake you must trick Dracula into going back in his coffin. Once this stage has been reached you must approach his coffin from below, close the lid and drive the stake through his evil heart. **WARNING** – if at any time you are bitten by Dracula three times you will be returned to the first section and you will be advised to take this opportunity to obtain more garlic. Good hunting!

**THE BOTTOM STATUS LINE** – the bottom line is used to illustrate how many cloves of garlic you have left. When no cloves are left you will be dead. Initially you shall have three cloves.

**SCORES** – Your score for each game will depend on how many cloves of garlic you have left at the end and, also, the time taken for you to rescue the villagers and kill Dracula.

**CONTROL KEYS** – To move up press key 1, to move down press key Q, to move left press key 9, to move right press key 0. To drive the stake through Dracula's heart press key S.

### LOADING INSTRUCTIONS:-

- Place the cassette into tape recorder with printed side facing upwards.
- Connect the ear socket on your Spectrum to the ear socket on your cassette recorder. Make sure that the MIC socket is disconnected.
- Rewind the tape to the beginning.
- Turn the cassette volume control to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of maximum or to a level which you have found to be reliable on your recorder.
- Type LOAD "REALM" or LOAD "" and press ENTER. The word LOAD is a key word obtained by depressing the J key and the quotes by depressing the SYMBOL SHIFT and P keys simultaneously.
- Press play on the recorder.
- If the programme fails to load adjust volume control and repeat steps a – f.

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Hounded by tarantulas, vampire bats, zombies, and the Dark Lord himself, you must travel through the Realm of the Undead to rescue the trapped villagers whilst collecting as much garlic as possible for your final confrontation with Dracula.