

# PROJECT THESIUS: RICK HANSON 2

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"Project Thesius: Rick Hanson 2" is a text only, machine code adventure for the BBC B and Acorn Electron. The game has been written with the aid of "Midge The Message Compression System". It has over 200 atmospherically described locations, hundreds of messages, devious problems, many objects to collect and examine and other characters to meet. The amount of text crammed into the micros has to be seen to be believed!

## TO PLAY

If you have a cassette version, ensure that the tape filing system has been set using \*TAPE. To load the game type CHAIN"" (RETURN).

With the disc version, insert the disc into drive 0. Hold down the SHIFT key and press BREAK. Release the BREAK key and then release SHIFT.

## ENTERING COMMANDS

"Project Thesius" has an advanced command line interpreter which allows you to type, in upper or lower case, unpunctuated sentences and multiple statements. The program analyses your command and acts on certain 'key' words.

From time to time the message "I need more information" may appear. This means that the computer understood part of what you typed but needed an extra word or phrase to carry out the command. For example, GIVE HELMET would not be sufficient. The correct phrase might be GIVE THE HELMET TO THE MAN or GIVE THE MAN THE HELMET.

To enter multiple statements simply leave a SPACE between each set of commands. For example, to go north and then west you could type NORTH (SPACE) WEST on the same line.

Most words may be abbreviated. For example GET becomes G, LOOK becomes L, EXAMINE becomes EX, NORTHWEST becomes NW and DOWN becomes D. Keep commands simple as it is usually the case that only two or three 'key' words need to be linked to carry out the desired action.

The program has a limited understanding of the words IT and THEM. They act on the last object mentioned on the current line. For example LOOK AT THE SHOES THEN WEAR THEM. To repeat a complete command line press the TAB key.

The following are examples of command lines to help you during play. Some of the object names may have been changed so as not to spoil your enjoyment of the adventure.

LIST POSSESSIONS	INVENTORY
SWITCH ON THE LIGHT	TURN THE LAMP OFF
OPEN DOOR	EMPTY THE CHEST AND GET EVERYTHING
LOOK AT THE DIVING SUIT	TAKE ALL
DROP THE HAMMER	GO EAST PICK UP THE BOOK AND READ IT
EXAMINE THE FLIPPERS AND THEN WEAR THEM	THROW EVERYTHING
PUT THE PACKET IN THE BIN	REMOVE THE DIVING SUIT
KILL THE MAN WITH THE CARVING KNIFE	CLOSE THE DOOR
TIE THE ROPE TO THE HANDLE	UNTIE THE ROPE
SHUT THE DOOR	PRESS THE BUTTON

The following system commands may also be used:

SAVE: Save current game position to cassette or disc.  
RESTORE or LOAD: Load a previous position from cassette or disc.

CLS: Clear the screen.  
TEXT 0-7: Set text colour.  
SCREEN 0-7: Set background colour.  
QUIT: Start again.

## THE DOSSIER

"One of our most reliable sources has sent word that the enemy has made a major breakthrough in particle beam technology and is currently developing an Advanced Weapons System. This work is being carried out under the code name Project Thesius. If we are to retain the balance of power it is imperative that we find out more about Project Thesius.

"It is my considered opinion that we send an agent in, undercover, to obtain as much information as he can about the A.W.S. One of our submarines will beach the agent at Fisherman's Cove and will remain in the surrounding waters awaiting the agent's return. Further information will be provided once the agent has landed - some in subtle form so as not to raise the suspicions of the local authorities.

"This mission will require the services of our most intrepid agent: Rick Hanson."

AGENT CHUCK REDHOUSE

## HINTS

Make a map. Remember that all the puzzles in this adventure have logical solutions and there is no 'magic'. Read descriptions carefully as they may contain clues. If you find yourself hopelessly stuck, simply write your query on a separate piece of paper, enclose it with a S.A.E. and your Help Card and post it to us for a prompt reply. Your Help Card will be returned to you.

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