

Information about the use of the electronic game device

Batteries should always be inserted by an adult. Remove the lid from the chest to locate the battery compartment on the underside. Be sure the switch on top of the lid is on "off". Open the battery compartment with a Phillips screwdriver. Insert 3 AA 1.5 Volt batteries so that the plus and minus signs match up with the markings in the compartment. Screw the compartment lid shut again.

Care Instructions

- If no button is pressed after a period of 5 minutes, the electronic device in the chest will go to standby mode in order to save power, but with time the batteries will die even in this mode. In order to resume play, press any button.
- Switch off the chest after the game.
- Never attempt to disassemble the chest.
- Do not place the chest in direct sunlight or near any heat source.
- Be sure that the chest does not get wet.
- Clean the surface with a soft, dry or slightly damp cloth. Do not use any cleaning agents.

Safety Instructions

- Non-rechargeable batteries may not be recharged!
- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision!
- Rechargeable batteries are to be removed from the toy before being charged!
- Different types of batteries or new and used batteries are not to be mixed!
- Insert the batteries in the correct "+" and "-" positions.
- Remove the batteries when they are empty or if the unit is not going to be used for a long period of time.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited!
- We recommend the use of alkaline batteries.
- Only use batteries of the same or similar type.
- Always replace all the batteries at the same time, not just individually.



Dispose of any items marked with this symbol as follows: Do not put any of the game's electronic components in your household waste. Take them to the appropriate collection point at your local waste disposal site. Please contact your town council for further details.

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Whoowasit?

REVEAL THE SECRETS
OF THE SPEAKING ANIMALS
AND FIND THE THIEF!



A Cooperative Magical Mystery Game for 2-4 Players, Ages 7 and Up
Ravensburger® Game No. 22 094 6

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Save the Kingdom!

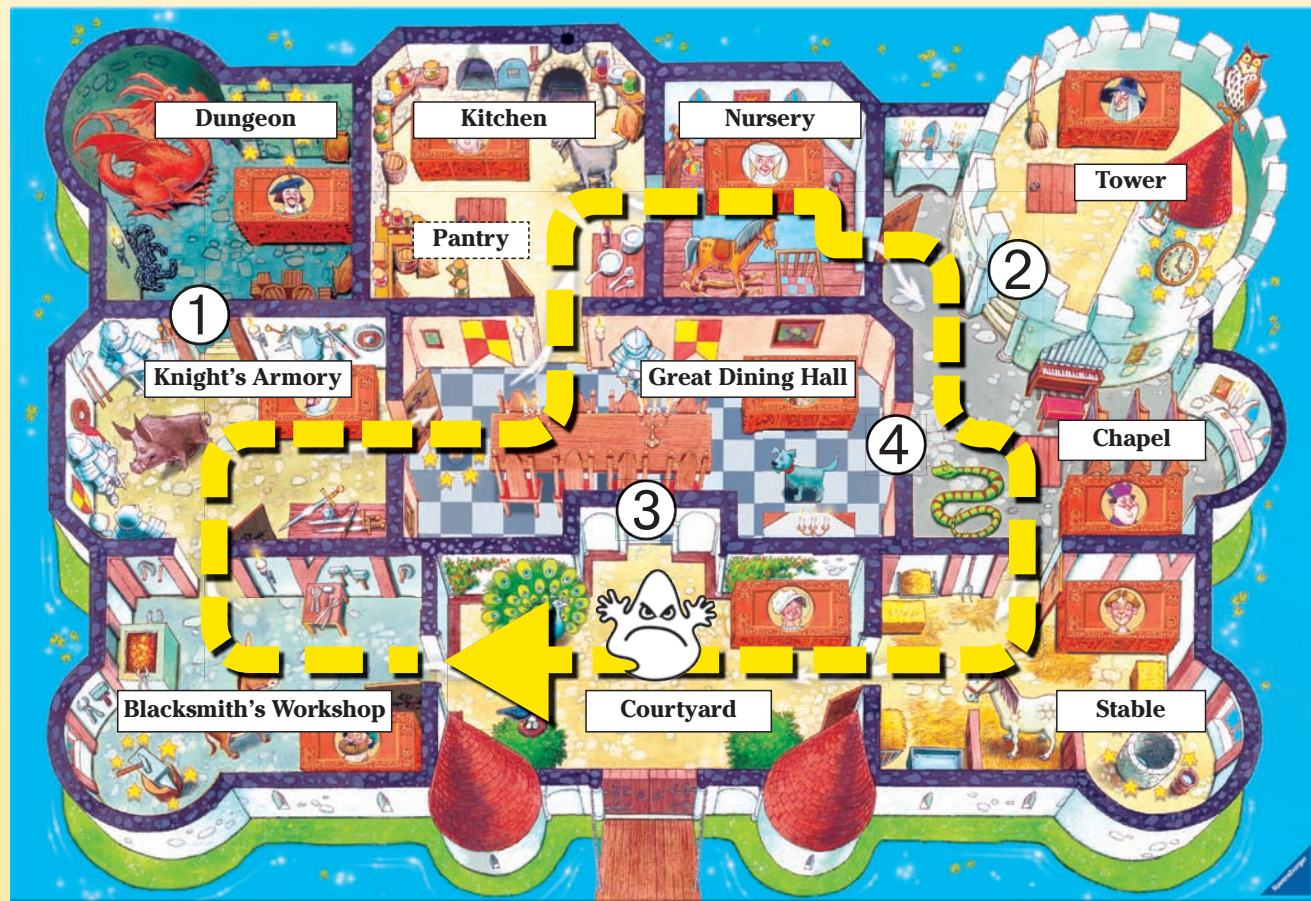
A wise king protects his castle and its people from the evil wizard with his magical ring. The king's men inform him that the evil wizard is approaching. He looks for his ring but discovers that it has disappeared! The evil wizard put a spell on someone to steal it. The king knows that the evil wizard will reach the gate at 6 o'clock. It is already 12 noon, so he sets off to search for the thief and find his ring before the evil wizard appears.

The castle cat was at the gate all night and saw no one leave, so the thief must still be inside! Since only children can understand animals when they speak, the cat tells them to feed the other animals and ask them for clues. Listen carefully to what the animals tell you so you can discover the thief and get the ring from their chest in time to save the kingdom!

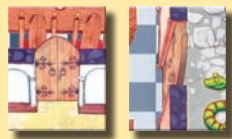
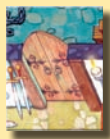


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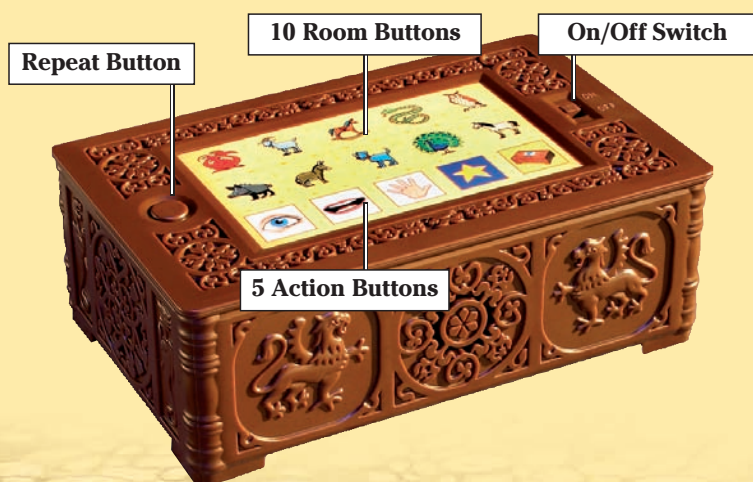


- 1 Game Board
- 4 Doors (to place on the board)



- ① Dungeon Door
- ② Tower Door
- ③ and ④ Great Hall Doors
- Ghost's Path

- 1 Electronic Chest



- 4 Playing Pieces (red, yellow, green, blue)
- 1 Ghost
- 1 Cat (game board)
- 9 Food Tokens
- 4 Key Tokens
- 10 Suspect Cards
- 1 Die
- 1 Ring
- 1 Ring Base



Additional Rules

Choose the Difficulty Level

The game can be played at three difficulty levels:

- Easy
- Medium
- Hard

After turning on the game, you can select the level of difficulty. If you don't do anything, it will automatically be set to the easy level. For the medium game version, press the "Nursery" button (rocking horse) once and then the "Magic" button (star). For the advanced version, press the "Magic" button once again. If you repeat the sequence, you will get the easy version again.

In the easy version, the doors to the dungeon and tower remain closed, as you will not need these rooms. In the medium and hard game versions, the tower and dungeon can be accessed. In the hard version, the ghost and wizard become more dangerous and the fairy cannot help you as much.

Can more than one playing piece occupy a room? Yes.

What happens when the ghost encounters a player in the nursery?

Nothing. The player remains in the nursery. If your playing piece starts its turn together with the ghost in the nursery, you may move your piece forward from that space, but the nursery may not be entered or passed through as long as the ghost is there.

What happens once the ghost declares that it is moving through 1/2/3/4 rooms?

Move the ghost along its course per the rooms it says. All the playing pieces it meets along its path are placed back into the nursery. The same holds true when it says, "I'll float to the room you're in."

How do I find a key located at the anvil in the Blacksmith's Workshop?

You find the key at the anvil by using magic. Press the blacksmith's workshop button (donkey) and then press the "Magic" button (star). You may not find the key until after you have used magic a few times.

How does the time run out?

What happens if we want to take a break while we're in the middle of playing a game? The time clock moves forward a few minutes when each player takes a turn and presses a room button and action button. As long as you don't take a turn, the time stands still. You can pause a game for as long as you like if you leave the chest "on".

If the fairy gives you another turn, the **time stops ticking** for that turn.

I did not understand what was just said. What do I do?

To the left of the room buttons and action buttons there is a round "Repeat" button. It repeats the very last statement. You can also use this button to move past the introduction when starting a game.

I accidentally pressed the wrong room button. What can I do?

As long as you have not pressed an action button as well it's no problem. Simply press the correct room button and then an action button. You can press as many room buttons as you like. Only the last one pressed counts. Note: as soon as you have pressed an action button, you must also complete the action and cannot change it.

We did not manage to find the thief before our time ran out. How do we find out who it was?

Press the "Chest" button to discover who the thief was. To find out at what time the game ended, press the "Magic" button.



Speak: Talk with an Animal

The animals give you information or ask you for food. Remember what they want and which clues they gave you. When they provide clues to the thief's identity, turn over the suspect cards that you can rule out. You're getting closer to discovering the thief!



Feed: Give the Animal its Food

You only feed an animal when it asks to be fed and when its food is located on the cat. Take the token from the cat and place it face down beside the game board. The animal has now been fed.

(Hint: the Feed button (hand) can only be pressed on the same turn in which you pressed the Speak button (mouth). Don't press the room button again.)



Important:

Any player can use the tokens on the cat at any time. A player must be in the **kitchen** to use a token in the **pantry**. If you're in the kitchen and there is a free space on the cat, tokens can be taken from the pantry and placed there either before or after your turn. You can also exchange tokens in the pantry for those on the cat.



Magic: Use the Magical Object

In some rooms there are magical objects you can use by pressing the "Magic" button. Identify them by the stars surrounding them. This could turn out to be good or bad. Test your luck!



Chest: Try to Open a Chest with a Key

Each one of the 10 suspects has a chest with their valued possessions in it. If you think you know who the thief is, try to open their chest. You must be in the correct room and the cat must have a key.



Note: always press a room button first on your turn and then an action button. The cat, other animals, the evil wizard, the ghost and a fairy will speak to you from the chest. Always follow their instructions!

Now you can begin the game. Maybe you have some questions like "How do I open the doors?" or "What do I need the keys for?", but these will be answered over the course of the game by the animals and people who speak to you from the chest. If you still have questions, read the section entitled "Further Rules".

Good luck with your adventure in locating the ring to save the kingdom!



Preparation before the first game

Carefully press out all the cardboard pieces.

Insert 3 AA batteries in the compartment on the underside of the chest lid. This should be done by an adult only. Use a Phillips screwdriver to open the battery compartment. See special instructions on page 8.

Game Set-Up

Put the game board on the table where all players can access it in cooperative play.

Each player chooses a playing piece and places it in the nursery.

Note: in the easy game the doors to the tower and dungeon remain closed. They are used in the medium and hard game versions only.

Place the ghost in the courtyard and the 4 doors on their matching rooms.

The cat, 9 food tokens, 4 key tokens, die and 10 suspect cards are placed face up beside the game board.

Insert the ring base into the circular compartment of the chest with the ring on top. Close the lid and switch on the chest.



Playing pieces start in the nursery



Ghost starts each game in the courtyard



How to Play



The youngest player starts and play continues clockwise.
On your turn, do the following:

1. Roll the Die



If you roll a **number**, you can move through that many rooms. Each room counts for one space. You may also move less spaces than the number rolled or even choose to stand still.

You may move your playing piece in **either direction**, but only through **open** doorways.

You cannot enter or pass through a room where the ghost is located. Once you have moved your playing piece, continue by **pressing a room button**.



If you roll the **ghost**, advance it **one room** along its path indicated by ghostly arrows. If the ghost enters an occupied room, that playing piece goes immediately back to the nursery.

Roll again if you rolled the ghost, continuing to advance it one room until you roll a **number**. Then move your playing piece and **press a corresponding room button**.



Example:

The green player rolled the ghost: the ghost is moved forward by one room from the courtyard into the blacksmith's workshop. The yellow playing piece in that room is sent back to the nursery. Then the green player rolls again.



2. Press a Room Button



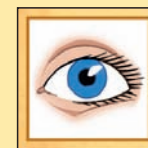
Example:
The green player moved their playing piece to the chapel where the snake is located and pressed the room button with the snake on it.



After moving your playing piece, press the button on the chest of the room you are in. Each room is represented by the animal located in it. You'll hear a short beep after which you continue with **pressing an action button**.

3. Press an Action Button

You can choose from one of five possible actions by pressing its corresponding button. Then one of the animals or a character will speak to you. Think carefully about exactly which action you would like to do. Decide together which action makes most sense for the situation: (*Hint: to use your time wisely, be sure to first search the room (eye), speak with the animal (mouth), then feed the animal (hand).* For younger players, write down the clues that are given to avoid repeated actions. Each action button pressed shortens the time on the clock.)



Search: Search the Room

If you find food there, then take that food token and place it onto an empty space on the cat game board (Example 1). **Only two food tokens can be placed on the cat** at one time. After that, place any additional food tokens in the kitchen pantry (Example 2). (*For younger children, this rule can be eliminated to allow all food tokens to be placed on the cat*)



If you find a key, place it on the key space located on the cat game board. Any number of keys can be placed there.

"You've found the pear"



Example 1

"You've found the apple"



Example 2: No empty space left on the cat