

CONAN - THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON

Tronsoft Interactive Fiction Engine Edition

Based on the novel by Robert E. Howard

1. The Adventure

Aquilonia has been overthrown by a conspiracy led by the resurrected sorcerer Xaltotun. Conan begins imprisoned beneath Belverus. Your campaign crosses Aquilonia, Argos, the Western Sea, and Stygia before returning for the final battle.

2. Main Objective

Escape the dungeon, recover the royal signet, rally loyal Aquilonians, discover the secret of the Heart of Ahriman, infiltrate the House of Set, seize the Heart, and defeat Xaltotun.

3. Core Commands

LOOK describes the current room. EXAMINE inspects an object. SEARCH reveals hidden details. TAKE collects portable objects. USE applies an inventory item. TALK speaks with a nearby character. Type a compass direction to move. INVENTORY, QUESTS, JOURNAL, SCORE, HINT, SAVE, RESTORE, and RESTART manage the wider game.

4. Clickable Controls

The TIFE terminal provides direction and action buttons. On an iPad or other touch device, the complete adventure can be played without a physical keyboard. Tap the command field when you prefer to type a full instruction.

5. Puzzle Strategy

Search important scenery, speak with allies, read journal entries, and watch the quest panel. Many obstacles are solved by using a carried object in the correct location. HINT provides escalating guidance without immediately revealing every solution.

6. Saving

Use SAVE to store progress locally in the browser. RESTORE reloads the saved state. Browser storage must remain enabled. Saves are retained when the package is installed through the TIFE Portal.

7. Accessibility and Audio

The engine includes accessibility profiles, keyboard navigation, scalable terminal presentation, narration support, and user-controlled audio. Audio begins only after player interaction.

8. Opening Sequence

In the dungeon cell, LOOK and TALK to Countess Albiona. SEARCH STONE, TAKE LEVER, and USE LEVER to reveal the forgotten passage. Later, search the royal crypt for the tools and proof needed to escape.

9. Completion

The campaign ends when Conan enters the restored throne hall after Xaltotun has been stripped of power. Six major quests and five achievements track progress through the story.

10. Credits and Rights

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