WUKUNG — A LEGENDARY ADVENTURE

This is a Windows-based CD-ROM software from Abudoe depicting the animated Journey to the West by WuKung, also known as the Monkey God. But **EDMOND NG** finds out some twists and turns in the story.

The Emperor of China has sent a monk named SamChang to secure the sacred Book of Governance that holds the secrets to world order. On his journey, SamChang is joined by Wukung, Eddie, and Seamour.

One day SamChang sent Wukung off to find some food. But when Wukung returned, he found his friends gone!

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THE STORY BEGINS when monk Sam Chang calls three disciples to follow him on a pligrimage to the West. WuKung, the Monkey God, was the first to be called, followed by Eddie, the pig and finally, Seamour, the sea demon.

Along the way, problem strikes. WuKung is sent to find food for the rest. While he is away, Sam Chang and the two disciples are abducted by demons. WuKung's task is to locate, and finally, rescue them.

That's where the game begins. You, as the player, will role-play as WuKung, tasked to rescue the three, alternating yourself as each disciple upon each rescue at different levels.

However, unlike the original novel, the author of this software modified the incidents potrayed in the original story. The characters have also been modernised somewhat.

Furthermore, Wukung is no longer the expert martial art exponent of the story. He cannot fly and is barely a skillful fighter. He has no authority to command the ground diety for information or for help, except through persuasion and bribery.

He does not have the capability of cloning himself to become multiple monkeys, nor the power of casting spells on the enemies to put them to sleep. He can still do these by carefully mixing the correct ingredients to make magic potions with the guidance of a Magic Book that he will find during the course of the game.

By searching his surroundings, he accumulates tools and items. He has to learn to use the tools to safeguard himself, defeat the enemies, and rescue the three. If he is not careful, he may end up being killed or destroyed (Remember, WuKung is no immortal in this story!)

After installation of the software, the player will see four icons, namely, the hints, the user manual, the game and the movie. The hints give the player some light on what to expect at each stage — enough information for the player to make careful moves, but not enough to spoil your game. So careful planning and thoughts are still required.

The user manual helps with the setup of the software and others, while the movie tells the story of the modified version of how Sam Chang recruited the three disciples and how they disappeared during the absence of WuKung. Where the story ends, the game begins.

In proceeding with the rescue, Wukung will have to ask for information, collect items for tools along the way, as well as pick up ingredients for bribery and for making magic portions.

Lots of fun hours required to finish the task. The game can be saved at any stage. System requirement is a 486/25 machine or better, Windows 3.1, 8Mb and above of recommended RAM, a sound card with speakers, at least double-speed CD-ROM drive, a 256-colour Super VGA display card and monitor, and of course, a mouse. HOME