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SHADOWS OF MARS

Mickey Chaos almost had to run to keep up with his mother, Brenda, as she stampeded up the hall to the study of her other son, Dr. Chaos. Her bun was already unraveling from stress and fury, and Mickey could hear her teeth grinding like billiard balls. He almost felt sorry for his demented brother.

Now nursing his third drink, Dr. Chaos didn't have the opportunity to greet his mother when she burst into the room.

"YOU SENT YOUR BABY SISTER INTO OUTER SPACE?" she howled.

Dr. Chaos held up his hands to protect his face, backing away from the fuming woman. "It's not as simple as that, Mom."

"It never is," sighed Mickey, reflecting on the many inter-dimensional excursions his mad scientist brother had subjected him to in the past.

Brenda took a few deep breaths. She straightened her hair. She folded her arms and allowed her temper to simmer. "Mortimer," she finally said, "I'll give you sixty seconds to explain what's happened to my daughter, and what in hell you intend to do about it. Then I'm going to tear your head clean off your shoulders."

Dr. Chaos swallowed. Mickey folded his arms and waited, tapping his late father's cane on the carpet.

"Look, Mom," said the doctor. "Didi is precocious and easily bored. Ever since she got the right to vote, she's been more of a spitfire than ever. She's bored of the parties, the dancing, the endless drunken adventures with countless suitors overseas. Nothing excites my little sister anymore, so the prospect of visiting another planet intrigued her.

"After I made a few refinements to my Flux Accelerator, she accompanied me on an excursion to ancient Mars, a time before the planet was reduced to a barren desert. We had a little trouble with the locals, and they took the time batteries that powered the thing. It's 'running on fumes' now, you might say, and only has enough juice for a one-way trip back to Mars. I can take the supplies I need and repair the thing on Didi's side, but the planet is more dangerous than we realized. We would need a company of soldiers to fend off the beasts of Mars while I repaired the Accelerator, and there's only room for one on this next trip."

"Mort's no good with a gun," added Mickey. "I said I would go in his place."

Brenda glowered at her two boys. "So Mickey is gonna use your goofy machine to travel to an alien planet in another time period, and he's going alone."

"Yes," said Dr. Chaos nervously.

"And once there, he's gonna fix your gizmo as best he can, and bring Didi back in one piece, assuming she hasn't already been eaten by space dragons or something?"

Dr. Chaos nodded frantically.

Brenda took a deep breath. "Okay," she said, picking up the doctor's chair. "I've decided. Mickey will be an only child."

Mickey held his raging mother back while Dr. Chaos fled the room.

OVERVIEW

You are Mickey Chaos, a soldier from the Great War and brother to the titular Dr. Chaos, who can't seem to stay out of inter-dimensional trouble. Mickey behaves just like the Heretic player with a few notable exceptions: he does more damage to the damage-sponge monsters of Heretic's bestiary, to make the game overall less tedious to play. He also starts the game with a *COLT .45* automatic instead of a sissy elf wand, which fires faster and packs a nicer punch, but only affects corporeal targets. When empowered by the Tome of Power, the Colt .45 briefly transforms into a crowd-shredding Tommy Gun!

Your goal is to find the five missing Time Batteries and return them to the Flux Accelerator. When all five are installed, the Accelerator will activate, and you and your sister Didi can return home with the push of a button!

GENERAL TIPS

You will explore four regions for the Time Batteries, and other useful weapons and artifacts. You can travel back and forth between the regions Hexen style, via glowing inter-dimensional doorways.

If you're not sure how to progress, try fiddling with anything that stands out like a button or switch.

The Ophidians have been replaced with the much deadlier (and lovelier) Snake Women of Serpathor. They can stun you with their medusa-like gaze and splatter you with their phoenix rods, so find cover when you hear their rattle!

Mars is host to a number of ancient beasts never before seen by human eyes. Beware the Filth Serpents of Mars, which can poison you with their breath. Even deadlier is the Pyrosaurus Rex, a fire-breathing behemoth that gives the savage martian locals a run for their money!

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KILLING FIELDS OF KARAMOON. This deadly martian valley is where you will find the Flux Accelerator and your stranded sister Didi. It acts as a hub between the other three regions, and is overrun with every foul creature you can imagine. Stock up on weapons and artifacts before entering its host of portals.



CASTLE DIREDRAKE. This macabre stronghold is home to a cult of mad wizards and serpent women who feed their visitors to their loathsome serpent deity. Within its Escher-esque halls is the Blue Key you will need to complete your quest.



MARTIAN UNDERWORLD. The less civilized beings of Mars lurk in these sprawling subterranean caverns, where they bottle the blood of unfortunate surface dwellers. If you can navigate this labyrinthine dungeon, you may find the Green Key that leads to another Time Battery.



DESOLIS. This once proud city is now a giant, crumbling mausoleum filled with bloodthirsty mummies and other subhuman wretches. Its massive walls and devious traps protect a hoard of valuable treasures and artifacts, including the Yellow Key. So they say. No one has ever lived long enough to prove it.

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