

Norquist's Medallion

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A Myworld Competition:

1. Norquist's medallion is represented in the game by a coin.
2. *Who is/was Norquist?*
3. *Why did Norquist. Leave?*
4. *Where did he go?*
5. *What is special about his medallion?*
6. *What kind of countryside is the quest set in?*
7. *Who is the quest giver?*
8. *Why do they want the medallion?*
9. *Who *is* the player?*
10. *Where does the quest start?*
11. *Where does it end?*
12. *Does someone have the medallion now, or is it hidden?*
13. *How many stages 4?I will have to use dialogue/questing to point the player in the right direction so that he doesn't get to the end scenario without playing all the others.*
So what are the scenarios?
 - a. *Get the ingredients to cure the blight around Shirecross*
 - b. *Put down the insurrection in Northshire*
 - c. *Fight off the orc invasion in Westershire*
 - d. *Find the Abbey in Estshire and defeat the now, quite mad champion to retrieve the medallion*
 - e. *Return to Kington*
14. *How many worlds will this require? Kington 1 - blighted crops at Shirecross,Estshire, Kington 2 - bettering crops at Shirecross, Northshire, Kington 3 - healthy crops at Shirecross,Westershire, Kington 4, healthy crops everywhere, King recovering*

The medallion can only be found at the end of the final quest. If it is held by someone they must be a boss.

Consideration:

Use boss ranking to ramp difficulty .

Four worlds/areas

Norquist² was a great Northern hero who was undefeated Kings Champion until one day, six months ago, he mounted his warhorse, armoured as if for battle, and rode out of the castle at dawn, seen only by the gate guards. Down the steep, winding streets of the city. He did not respond to their salutes, nor those of the city guards he startled into wakefulness - staring straight ahead, his eyes on the distant horizon.

He's not been seen since.

Bright and gleaming on his chest was the great medallion awarded him by the King, bearing the king's seal - reward for defending the realm for many years.

He believed he suffered the same illness as his father - an illness that led to mad bouts of violence against any an all around him. **He feared he might harm the king**³. **He has gone to spend his last days in seclusion in a monastery deep in the Everhush Forest in the west of the kingdom**⁴, where the priests can control his illness.

Many believed that **the medallion was imbued with magic**⁵ powers that helped protect Norquist, and hence the king and the kingdom from harm. Others said this was merely rumour - for who was there in the kingdom with the powers to so enchant an object?

Nonetheless, since Norquist's disappearance many things have started to go wrong in the kingdom. This summer the wheat crop failed, blighted by some awful grey fungus that rotted it in the ground. The King has become ill, jaundiced and obese. Stories are filtering in from all corners of the realm of vile greenskins attacking lonely farmsteads, robbers and highway men on the roads, unrest amongst the nobles, eerie sightings in the forests.

You, as **Norquist's protégé**⁹ have been sent for by the King's senior advisor **Marfelin**⁷. You meet in his **chamber in the castle**^{10 & 11}.

He wants you to search for the King's champion, talk to him and try to persuade him to return to the Kingdom, bringing the medallion with him. If you are unable to persuade him then somehow you must take the medallion from him and bring it back. **Unless the medallion is returned, he tells you - the kingdom will fall**⁸.

You will have to search the kingdom for clues to Norquist's whereabouts - through **town and cuntry, farmland, forest, heath, bog and mountains**⁶.

The castle looms over the town of **Kington** which stands on the banks of the River Li with wharves, a warehousing district, merchant quarter, nobles quarter, temple district, marketplace.

Dialogues: with guards, nobles court officials about N.'s behaviour before the disappearance. Dialogue with the court physician reveals Norquist's concern.

Area 1, (**Midshire**) is the castle, the town, the fields around the town, the village,(Shirecross) at the crossroads to the 3 shires.

There are farmers in the fields, there are people walking the streets.

Special locations in Kington

Physiker:	Will tell of visits by Norquist seeking remedies
Fortune Teller	Will tell of visits by Norquist seeking knowledge of his future
Tavern	Off duty soldiers will talk of his bravery but also of him falling into rages when things were not perfect
Guardhouse	On duty soldiers, nothing but praise for Norquist
Kings chamber	Access is prevented by guards. The king can be seen inside - yellow skinned, fat, dishevelled
Marfelin's suite	Tidy well decorated. Here Marfelin first tells of the problem, then at the end receives the medallion.

Shirecross is a small village, North of Kington, with a mill, a blacksmiths, a tavern and various small village houses. It is surrounded by farmland. There are chickens, pigs, orchards, vegetable and wheat crops. The villagers all bemoan the state of the crops. They are not interested in the Kings champion though they know he has gone. They talk of the doom foretold by the wise woman who lives in a cottage in the forest.

The wise woman says the failure of the crops is caused by poisoning of the waters and quests the player to seek the cure in the woods, (cabbages, carrots, lost souls, flowers). Completion of this quest will open the way to **Estshire**. In the woods are gnats, mushroom men and goblins providing low level challenges that must be overcome for each of the herbs to be collected.

If the player seeks to go E,W or N then they will meet the wise lady at the relevant portal and be told - no, they must cure the blight.

When the player completes the blight quest, the East portal will be opened. The player *must be* told to head East.

In **Estshire** **Duke Esterhold** has decided he can take power from the king. A neighbouring noble - **Earl Grey** is opposing him. The quest here is for the player to kill Duke Esterhold who will be a Dark Knight Boss AI. His soldiers will be of 3 qualities - unarmoured conscripts with spades, picks and forks for weapons using goblin miner AI's, armoured Knights using DK1 & 2 AI's, and a Captain, using the DK Hatchet AI. Similar forces, though fewer in number will be fighting for Earl Grey.

There will be staged battles.

Killing Duke Esterhold will open a portal in the west of the map which will take the player to Midhire v2 with crops looking less blighted. The village wise woman will apologise for sending the player to the wrong place. A villager recalls seeing a big man in armour riding northwards around about the time of Norquist's disappearance. This conversation will open the portal to Northshire.

In **Northshire** there is a Northern Barbarian invasion in progress. Big men dressed in furs, wielding axes and short swords. They are led by **Alger Baldersson**. The yeomanry of the **Earl of Norton** are trying to fend them off. The barbarians are supported by shaman of both types. Alger Balderson won't be the final challenge in this world. Instead it will be a shaman with the Wraith Master AI

Northshire locations:

Norton is a small walled town with the Earl's castle and a dozen houses. Isolated farmhouses and fields of crops around it. To the north a pine forest. In the forest a **wooden palisaded fort** and beyond that, the **barbarian camp**. Groups of barbarians are scattered through the forest. An attack is being mounted against the fort.

In **Westershire** is a **monastery** deep in the **Everhush Forest**. The player will have to find his way through the forest to the abbey.

Locations : logging camp, bandit camp, ambush, monastery, druids hut, stone circle.

At the logging camp npc's will tell of bandits robbing travellers. They will give directions to the monastery.

The player will be ambushed by bandits on his way to the monastery.

At the monastery monks will try to talk the player out of disturbing Norquist, who is now raving in a cell. To get the key to the cell from the abbot the player will be quested to defeat the bandit leader. Who is a half-orc and has the Orc Boss AI

The player will then have to defeat Norquist who will use the Samurai Boss AI. Norquist's loot is, of course a coin.