

# CHAPTER 5: RANDOM ENCOUNTERS

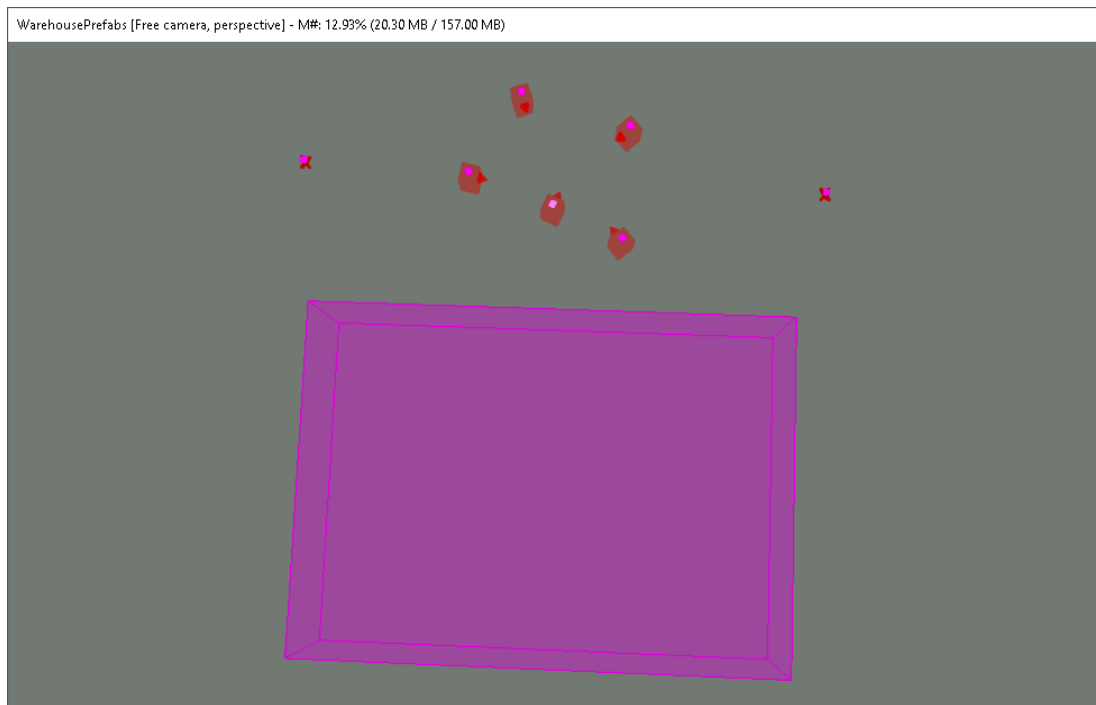
## ADDING RANDOM ENCOUNTER TRIGGERS

Random encounter triggers are used to spawn in NPCs from a roster of random encounters defined in the Story Manager.

For example, while traveling the road you may run into Talsgar the Wanderer, or a giant with a painted cow, or thalmor leading a prisoner, and so on.

We can add these random encounters to our own world space too, as well as set up new random encounters.

Let's start by adding a new random roadside encounter. The easiest way to do this is to copy an existing setup from the WarehousePrefabs interior cell.



*Figure 602 - Random roadside encounter setup in WarehousePrefabs.*

The random roadside encounter will consist of five XMarkerHeadings, two XMarkers, and a WETrigger box. Select them and press CTRL + C to copy or go to Edit > Copy Render.

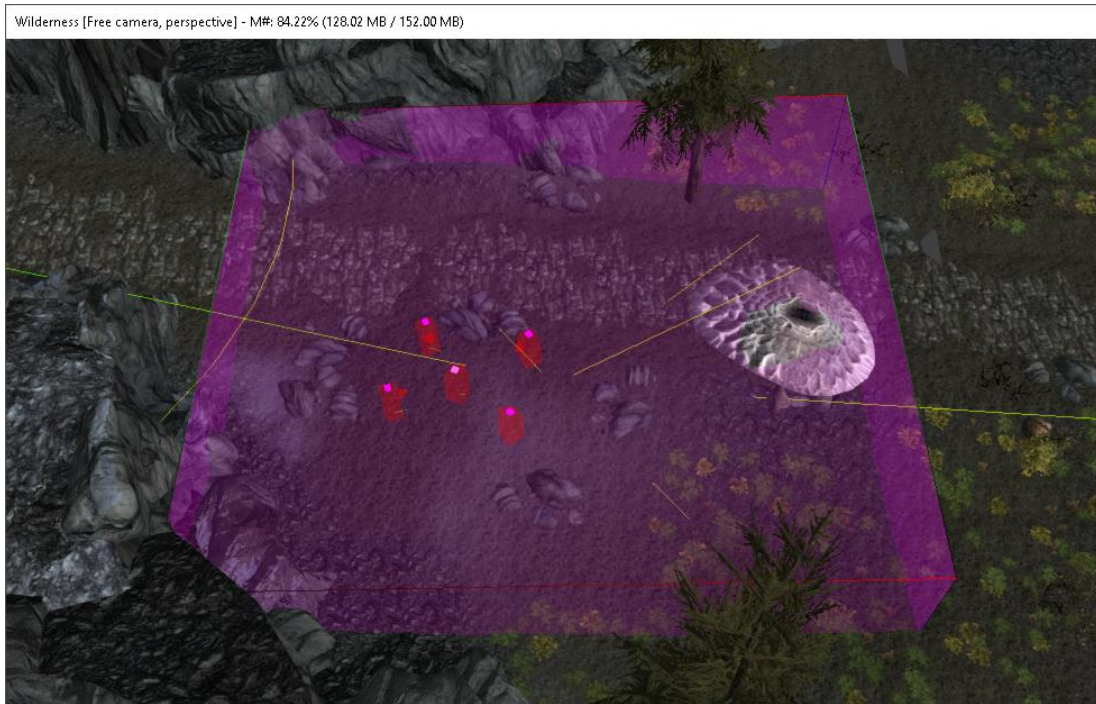
WETrigger is also linked to a secondary trigger box, but in most cases we shouldn't need it.

Basically when the cell containing the WETrigger box loads, a random encounter is generated, placing NPCs at the XMarkers or XMarkerHeadings.

NPCs that travel the road, such as the thalmor leading a prisoner or stormcloak/imperial patrols, will walk back and forth between the two XMarkers, so you'd typically want to place these far apart from each other.

NPCs that stand in place, such as scavengers with dead bodies or the orc wishing for a good death, will stand at the XMarkerHeadings.

Press CTRL + V to paste in the copied random encounter setup.



*Figure 603 - A random roadside encounter placed in a world space.*

The screenshot above shows an example of a random roadside encounter placed in a world space. I put the XMarkerHeadings just to the side of the road and moved the two XMarkers up and down the road.

Once you positioned the random roadside encounter in your world space, double-click on WETrigger to bring up its properties.

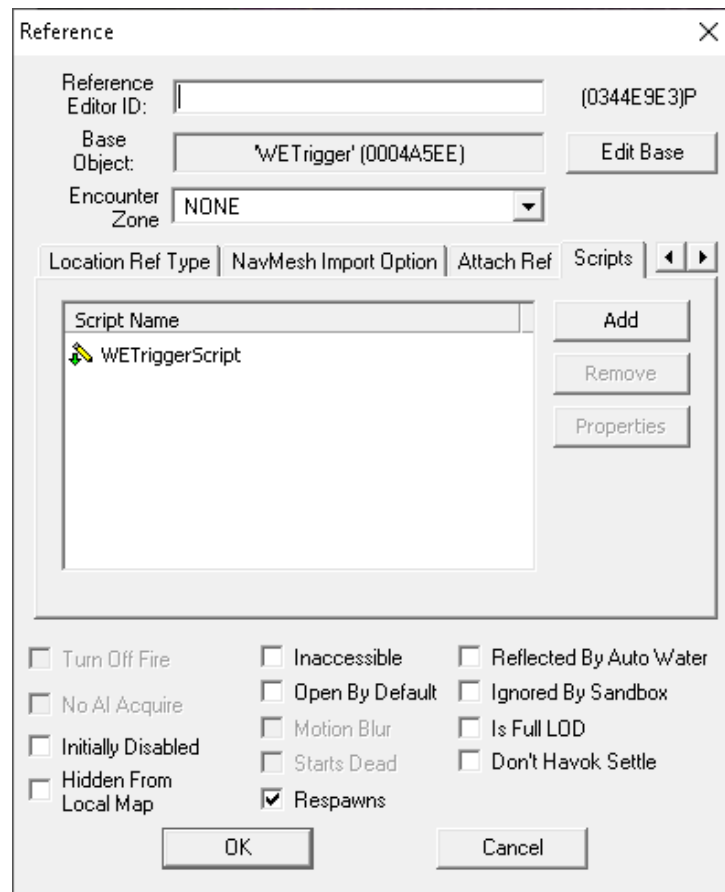


Figure 604 - WETrigger Reference.

Go to the Scripts tab, highlight the WETriggerScript and click on the Properties button.

Set RoadEncounter to TRUE, and TriggerOnLoad to TRUE.

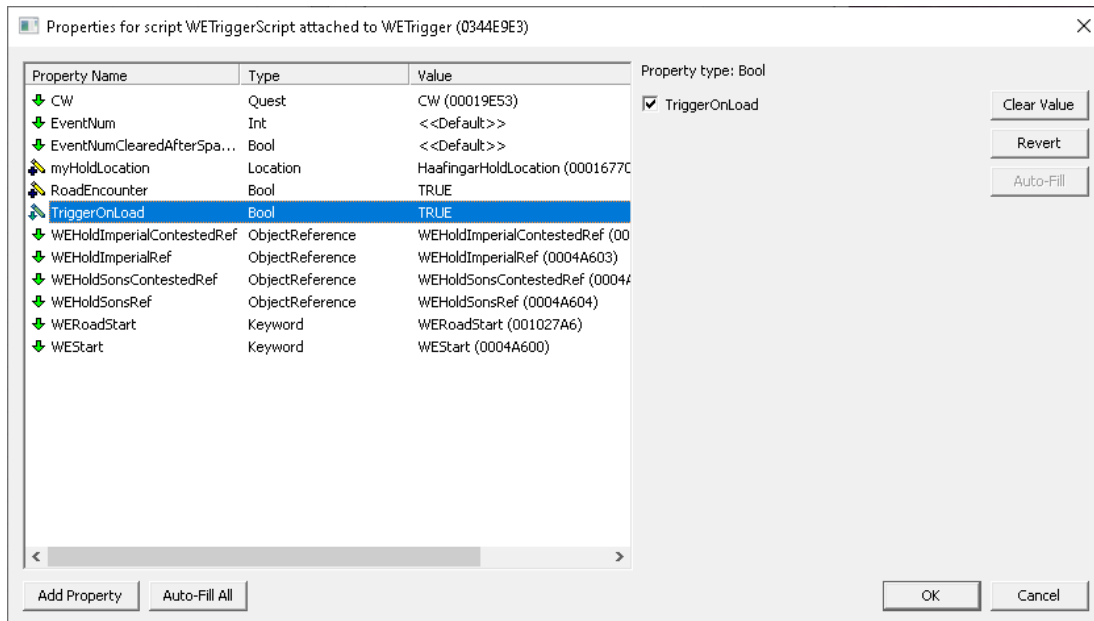


Figure 605 - WETriggerScript properties.

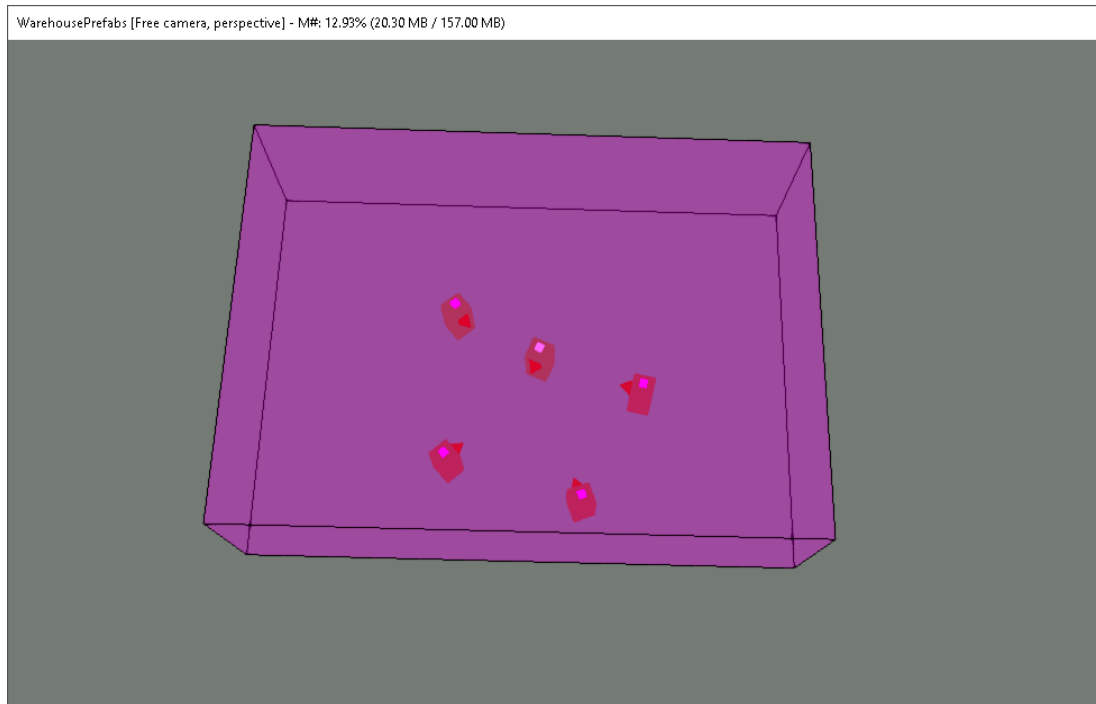
Later we'll need to change WERoadStart and WEStart to point to our own keywords, but for now let's just leave them set at the defaults.

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Click OK when you're finished.

Next, let's add a random wilderness encounter. These spawn encounters that don't travel a road, such as two wizards duelling, spriggan vs. hagraven, and so on.

Go back to the WarehousePrefabs cell.



*Figure 606 - Random wilderness encounter.*

The random wilderness encounter will consist of five XMarkerHeadings and a WETrigger box.

Select them and press CTRL + C to copy or go to Edit > Copy Render.

Press CTRL + V to paste in the copied random encounter.



*Figure 607 - A random wilderness encounter placed in a world space.*

The screenshot above shows an example of a wilderness encounter placed in a world space.

Right-click on the WETrigger and select Edit or double-click on the WETrigger to bring up its properties.

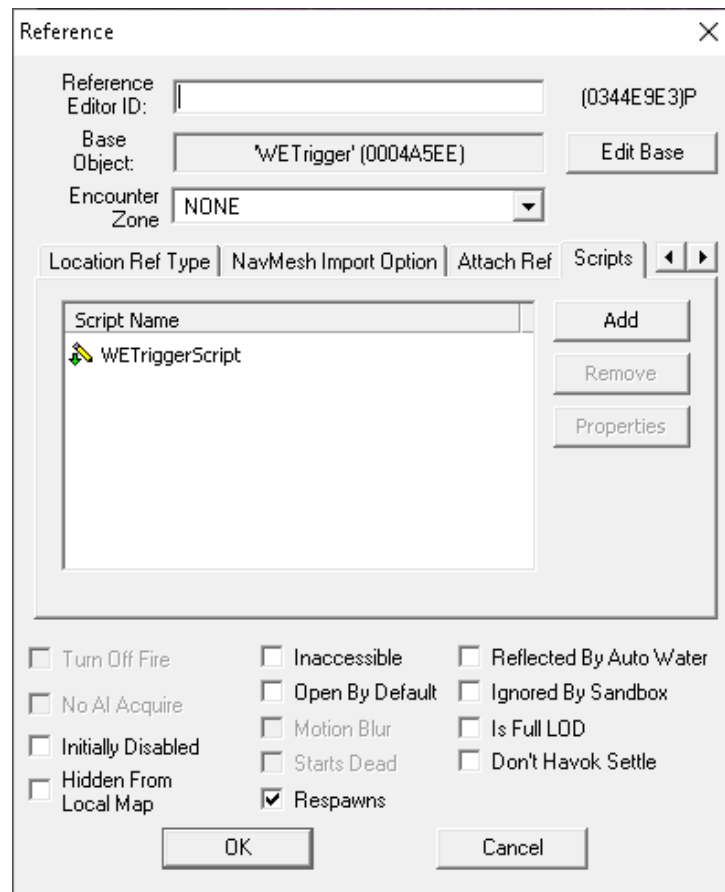


Figure 608 - WETrigger Reference.

Go to the Scripts tab, highlight the WETriggerScript and click on the Properties button.



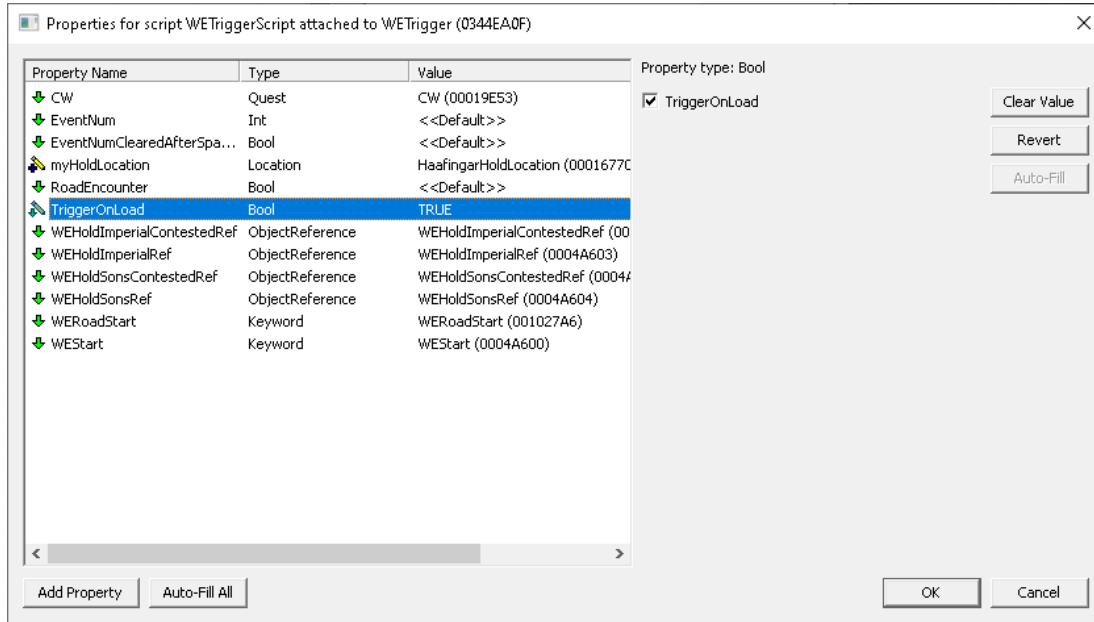


Figure 609 - Random wilderness encounter WETriTriggerScript properties.

For random wilderness encounters, we just need to set `TriggerOnLoad` to `TRUE`. Keep `RoadEncounter` set to `<<Default>>`.

Again, we'll need to come back later and set `WERoadStart` and `WEStart` to point to our own list of random encounters, but for now we'll leave these at the defaults.

Click OK when you're finished.

## CREATING OUR OWN LIST OF RANDOM ENCOUNTERS IN THE STORY MANAGER

By default, the random encounter spots we added are generating encounters based on the WEQuests and WERoadQuests lists in the Story Manager.

In the Object Window, go to Character > SM Event Node and open Script Event.

Expand WEQuestNode to show WEQuests and WERoadQuests.

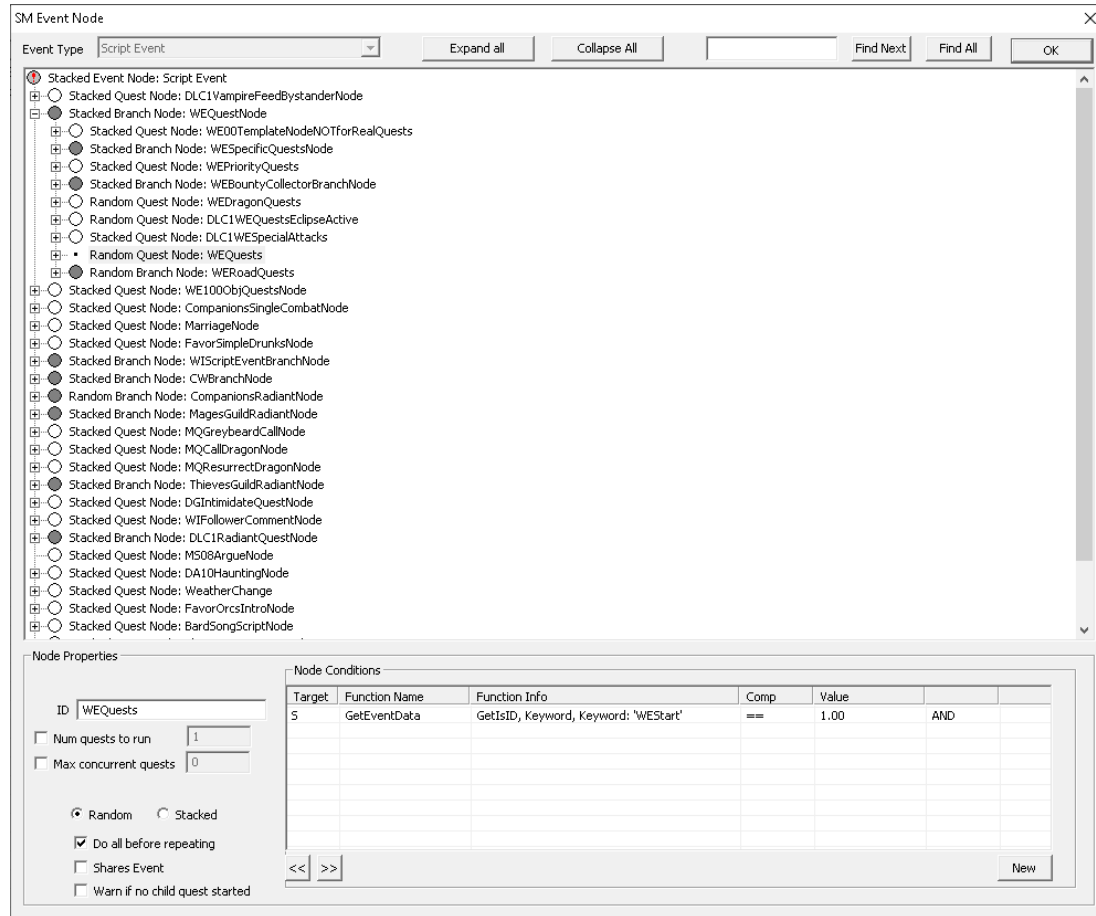
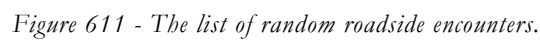


Figure 610 - WEQuests in the Story Manager.

If you click on WEQuests or WERoadQuests you'll see the keyword condition under Node Conditions. WEQuests has a keyword condition for 'WEStart' and WERoadQuests has a keyword condition for WERoadStart.



Let's get started on adding our own random wilderness and random roadside encounter branches for our custom world space.

The first thing we need to do is create new keywords for our own wilderness and roadside encounters.

In the Object Window go to Miscellaneous > Keyword.

Right-click on one of the existing keywords and select New.

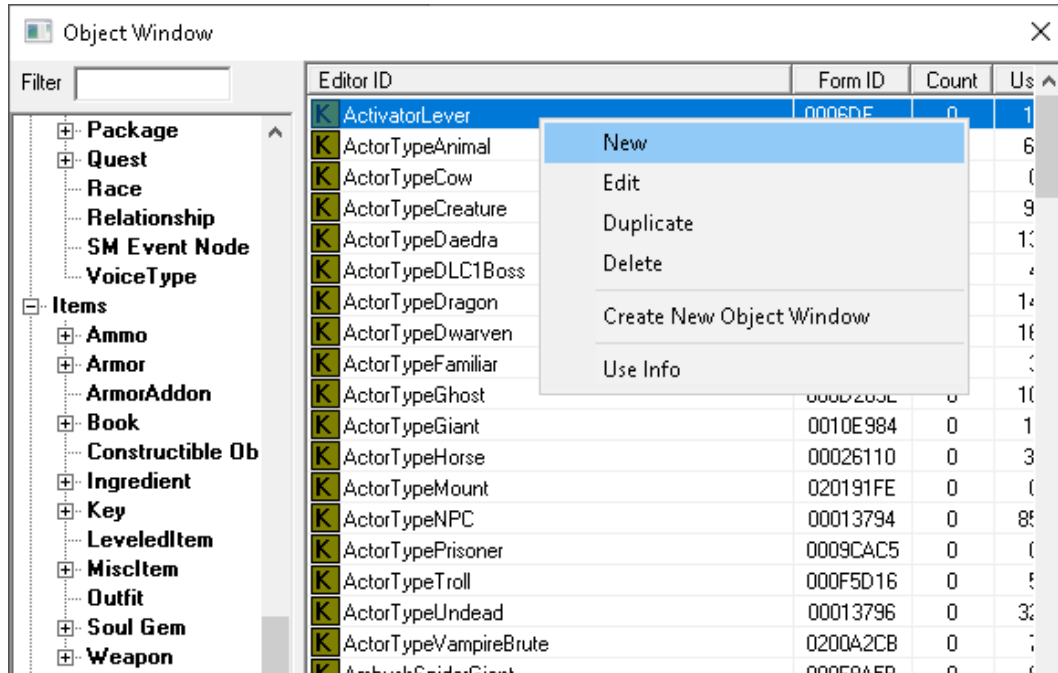


Figure 612 - Adding a new keyword.

Using Wyrmsstooth as an example, I kept the keyword names identical to the default keywords, but with an added 'WT' prefix. E.g.: WTWERoadStart for my own random roadside encounters.



Figure 613 - Naming a new keyword.

Click OK to create a new keyword.

Repeat these steps to create a new keyword for wilderness encounters. E.g.: WTWStart.

Once you've created two new keywords, we can continue.

Back in the Story Manager, right-click on 'Stacked Event Node: Script Event' and select New Branch Node.

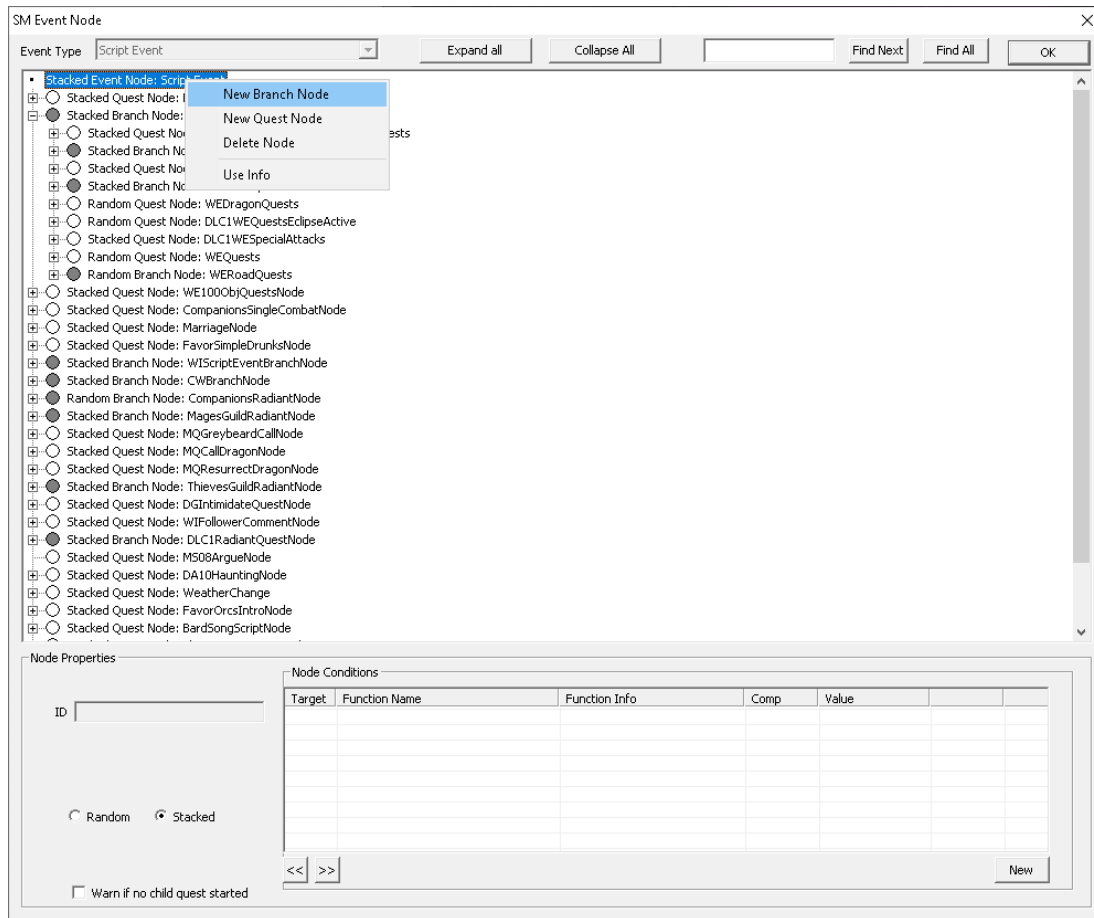


Figure 614 - Creating a new branch node in the Story Manager.



Click on WEQuestNode, right-click on a condition listed in Node Conditions, and select Copy All Conditions.

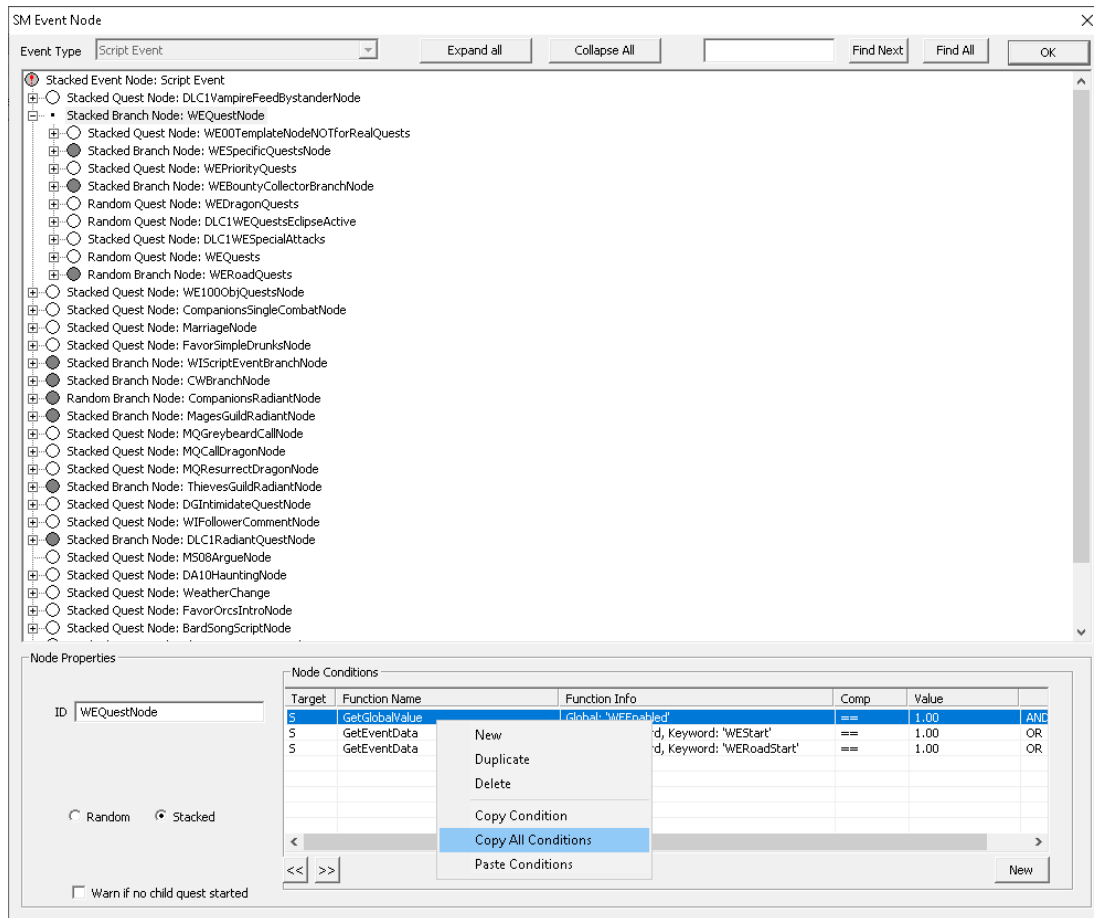


Figure 616 - Copying conditions on WEQuestNode.

Navigate back to your WEQuestNode, right-click on Node Conditions and select Paste Conditions.

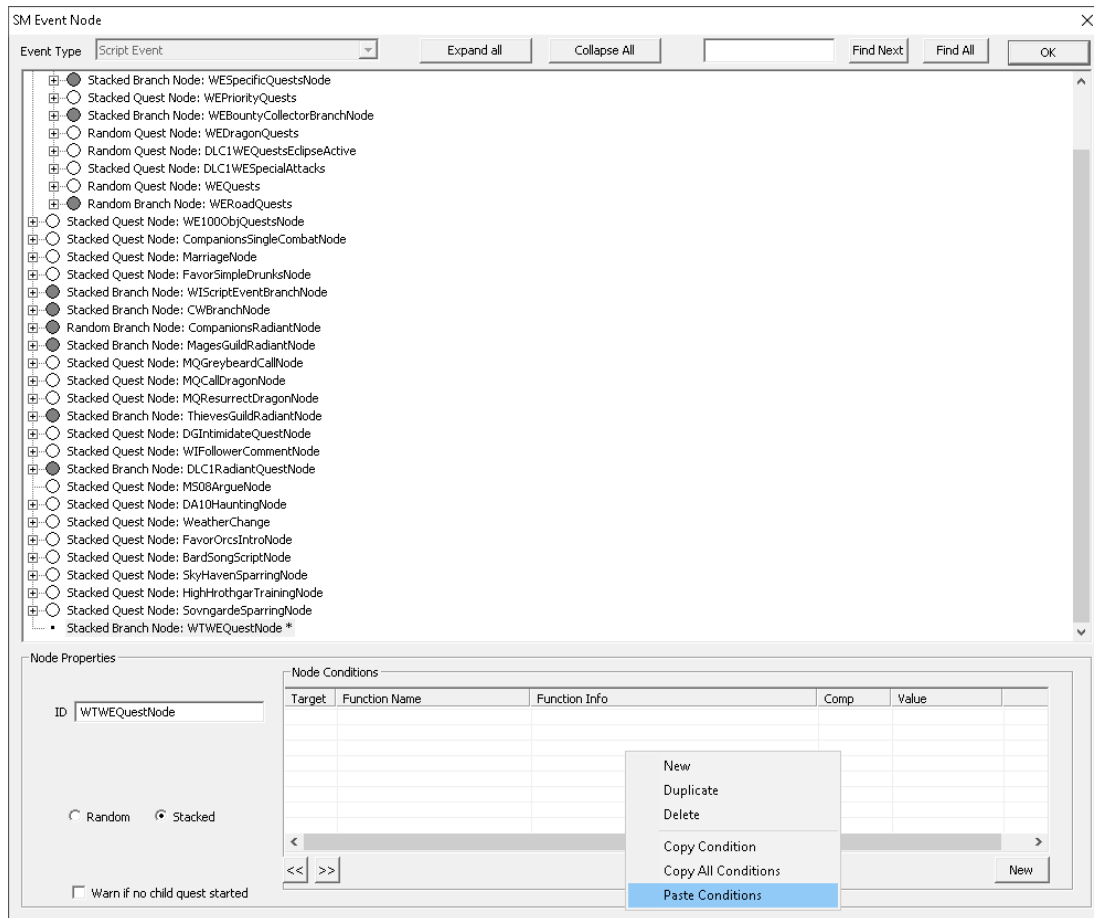


Figure 617 - Pasting the copied conditions to our own branch.

You should now have the same three conditions listed under Node Conditions for your WEQuestNode branch.



Our Node conditions list should appear as follows:

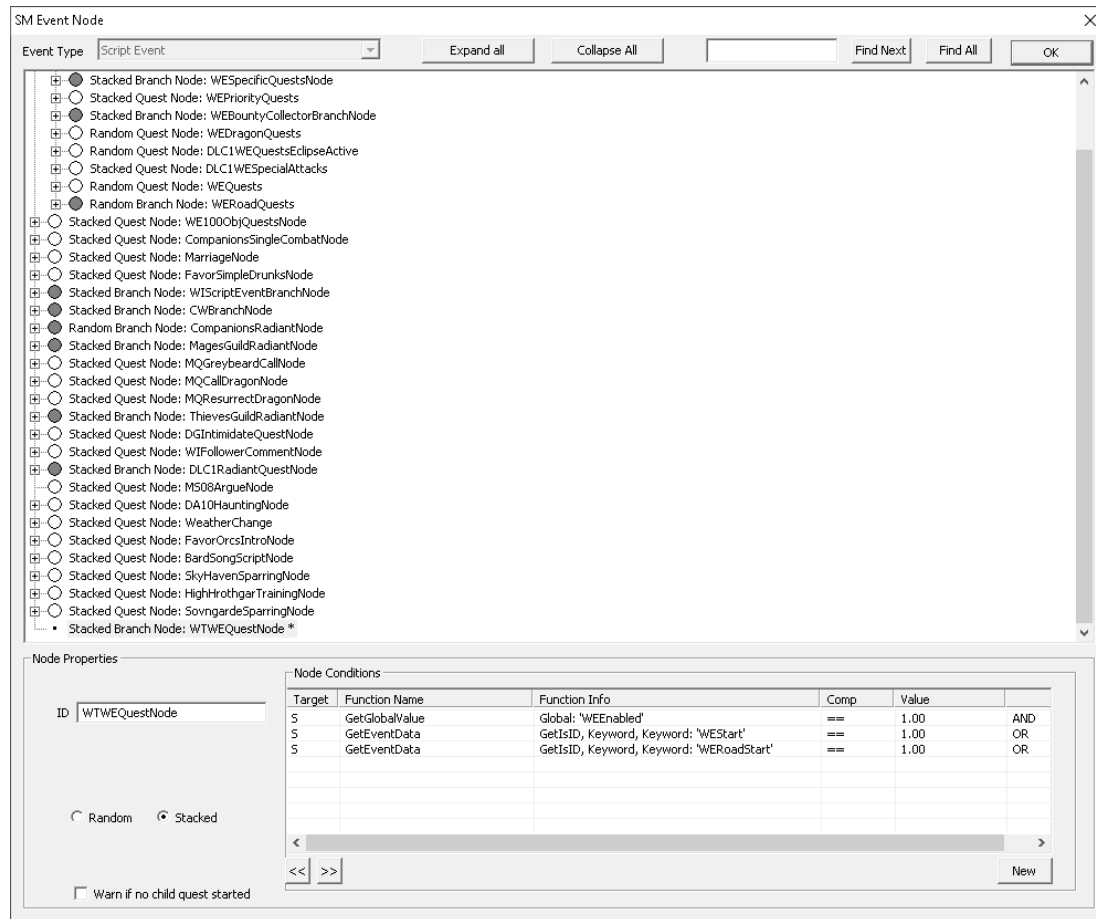


Figure 618 - Copying the WESStart keyword condition.

Double-click on the keyword condition for WESStart to bring up its properties.

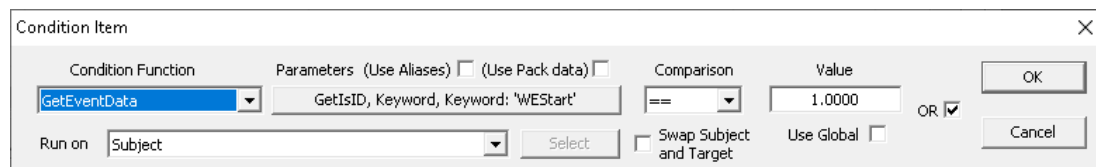
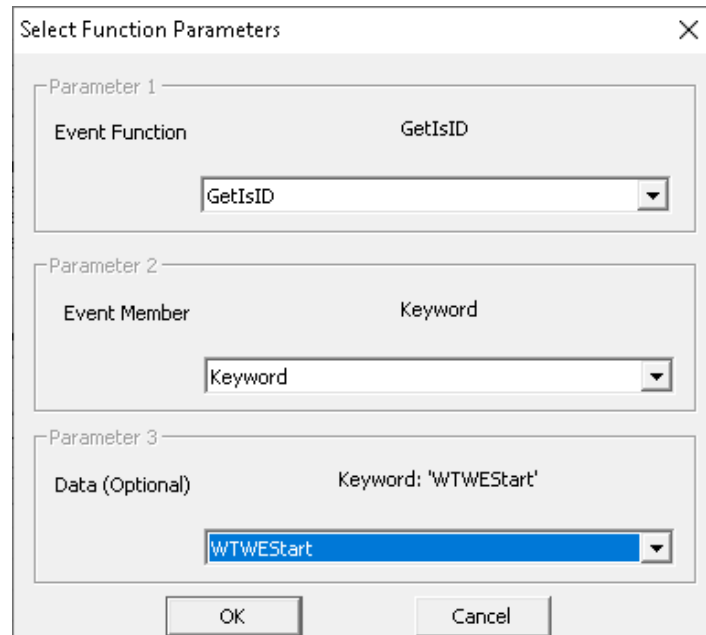


Figure 619 - Condition properties for the WESStart keyword condition.

Click on the button that reads: GetIsID, Keyword, Keyword: 'WESStart'

Under Parameter 3, set the drop-down menu to the WEStart keyword you created earlier. Following on with the previous example that would be WTWESTart.



*Figure 620 - Setting our own WEStart keyword.*

Click OK to close out of Select Function Parameters.

Click OK to close out of Condition Item.

Repeat those steps to change the keyword condition for WERoadStart as well.

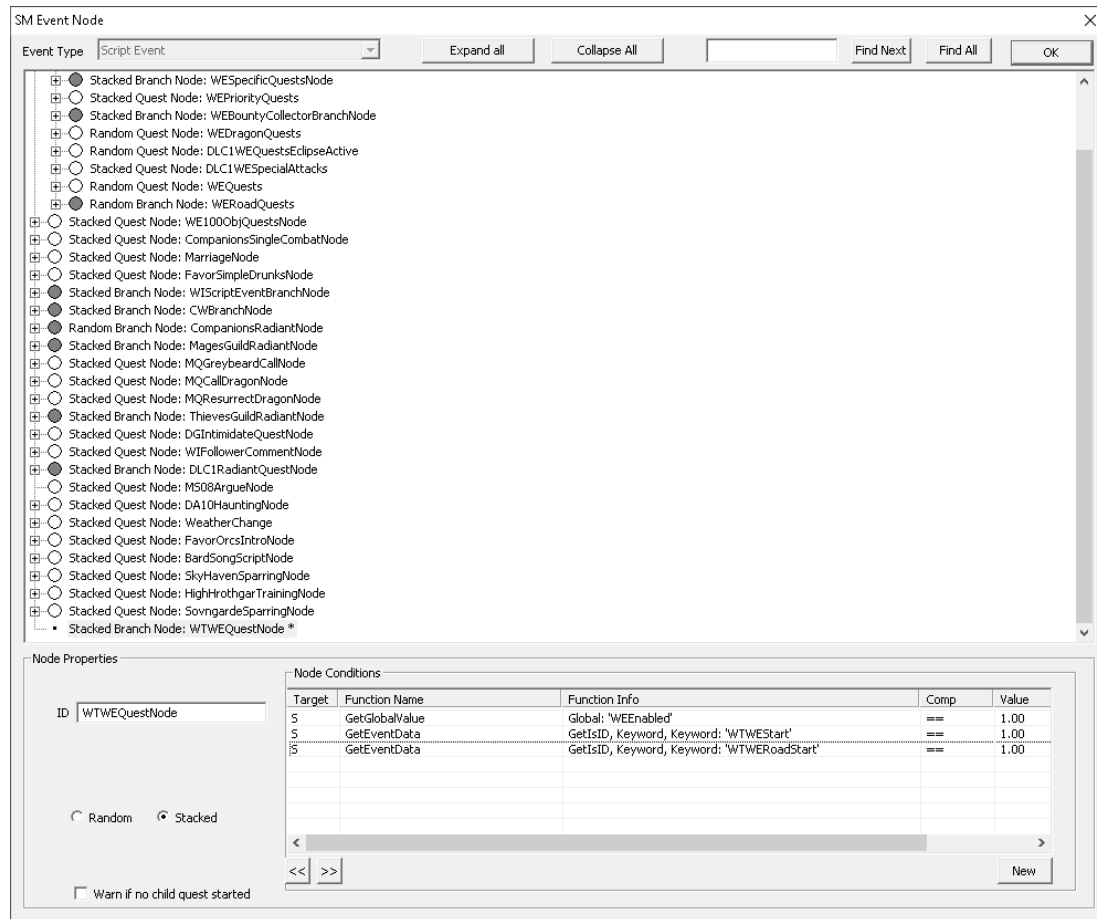


Figure 621 - Our WEQuestNode with new conditions added.

Our Node Conditions list should now appear as per the screenshot above.

Right-click on your WEQuestNode and create three new quest nodes.

Set the ID of the first branch node to RoadQuestNode, the second branch node to WildernessQuestNode, and the quest node to DragonQuests. In the example below I also added the 'WT' prefix.

The third node, DragonQuests, will be used to spawn random dragon encounters in our world space.

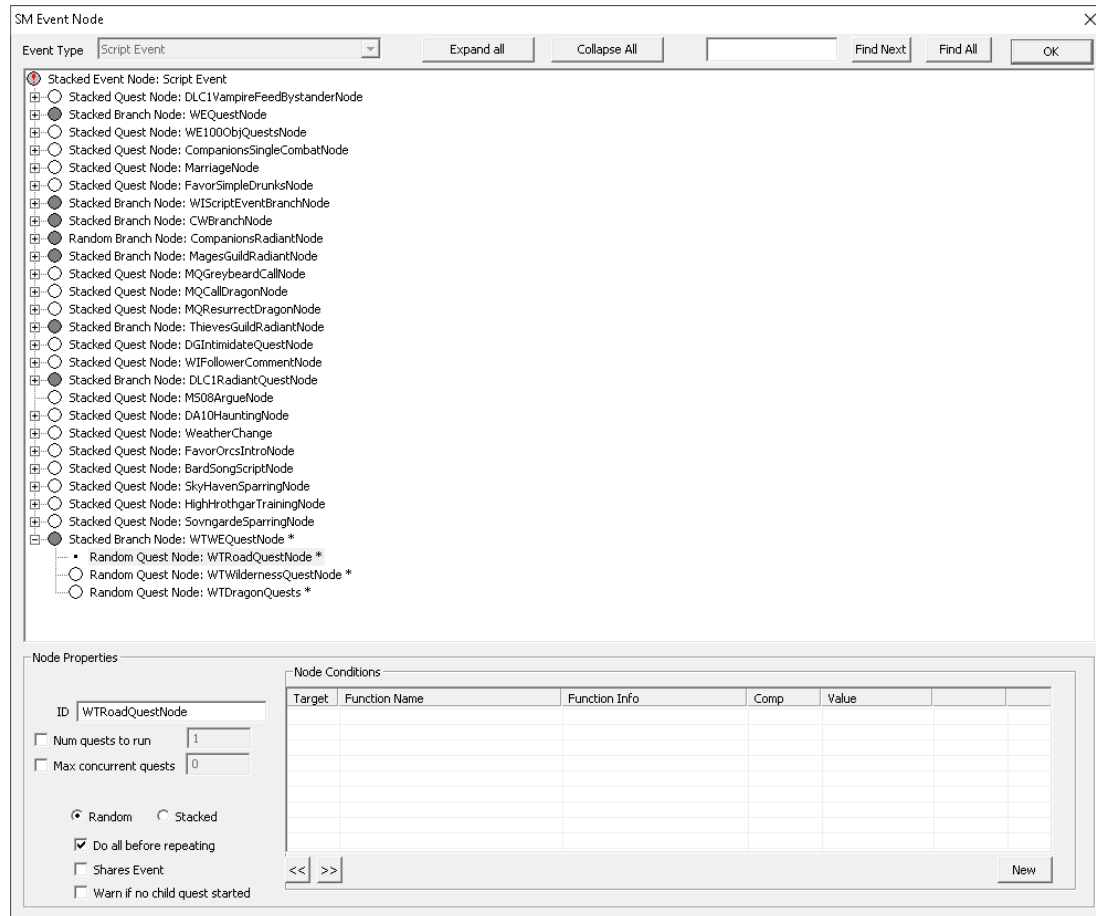


Figure 622 - Adding new branch nodes within our WEQuestNode branch.

Change all three from Stacked to Random. Quests added to stacked nodes will be processed sequentially, while quests added to random nodes will be processed in a randomized order.

Seeing as though we just want to game to choose the event randomly, we'll set these nodes to Random.

For our DragonQuests node, tick 'Max concurrent quests' and set the field next to it to '1'.

This helps ensure no more than one random dragon encounter can occur at a time.

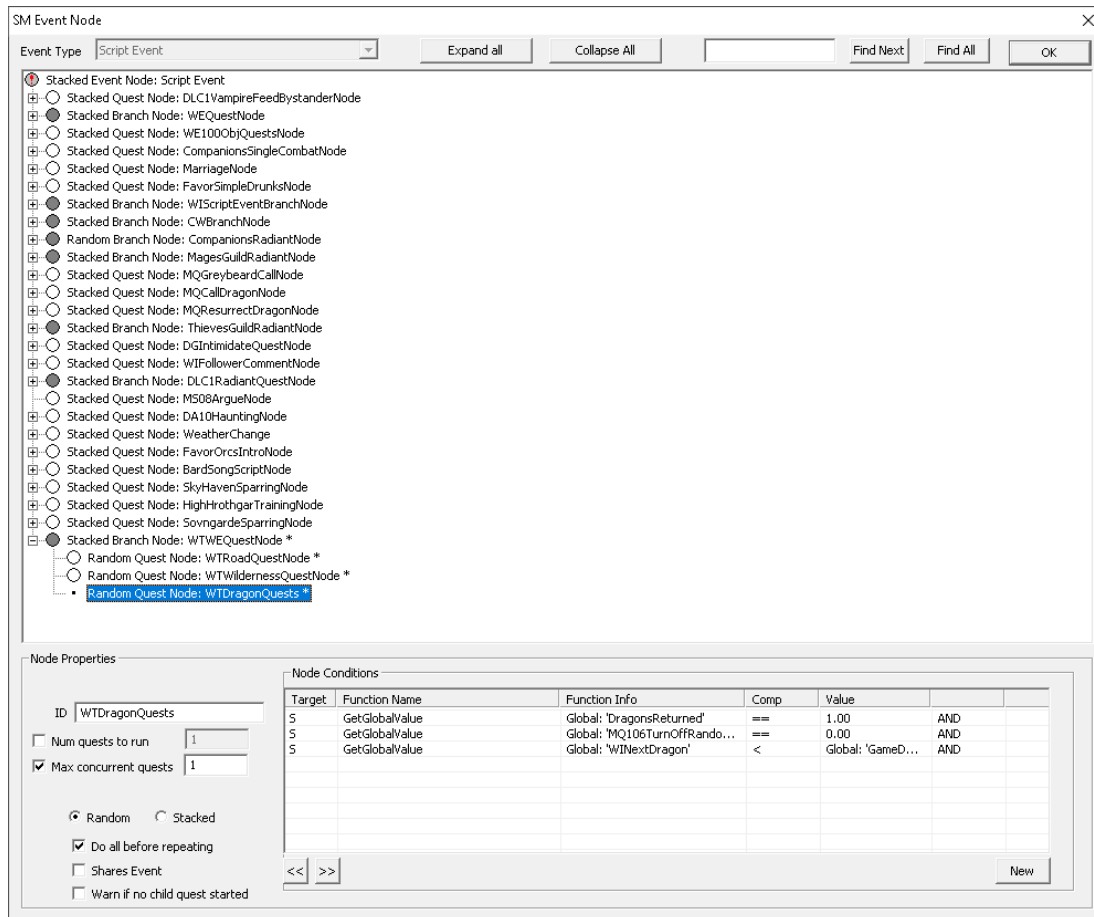


Figure 623 - Only ever run one event at a time from this node.

From our WEQuestNode parent, copy the keyword condition for our WERoadStart keyword and paste it to the Node Conditions on RoadQuests. Copy the keyword condition for our WEstart keyword and paste it to the Node Conditions on WildernessQuests.

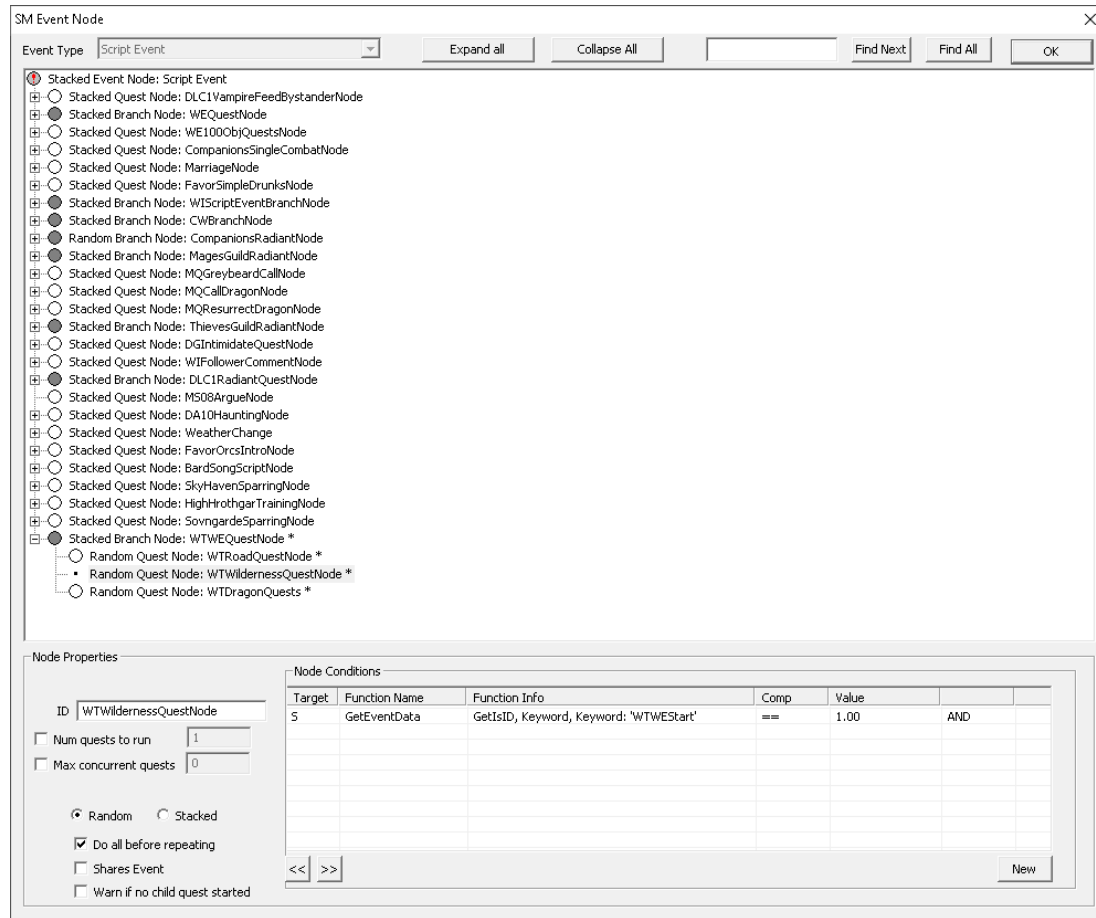


Figure 624 - Copied conditions to our RoadQuests and WildernessQuests branches.

Browse to the original WEQuestNode branch above, expand it and click on WEDragonQuests.

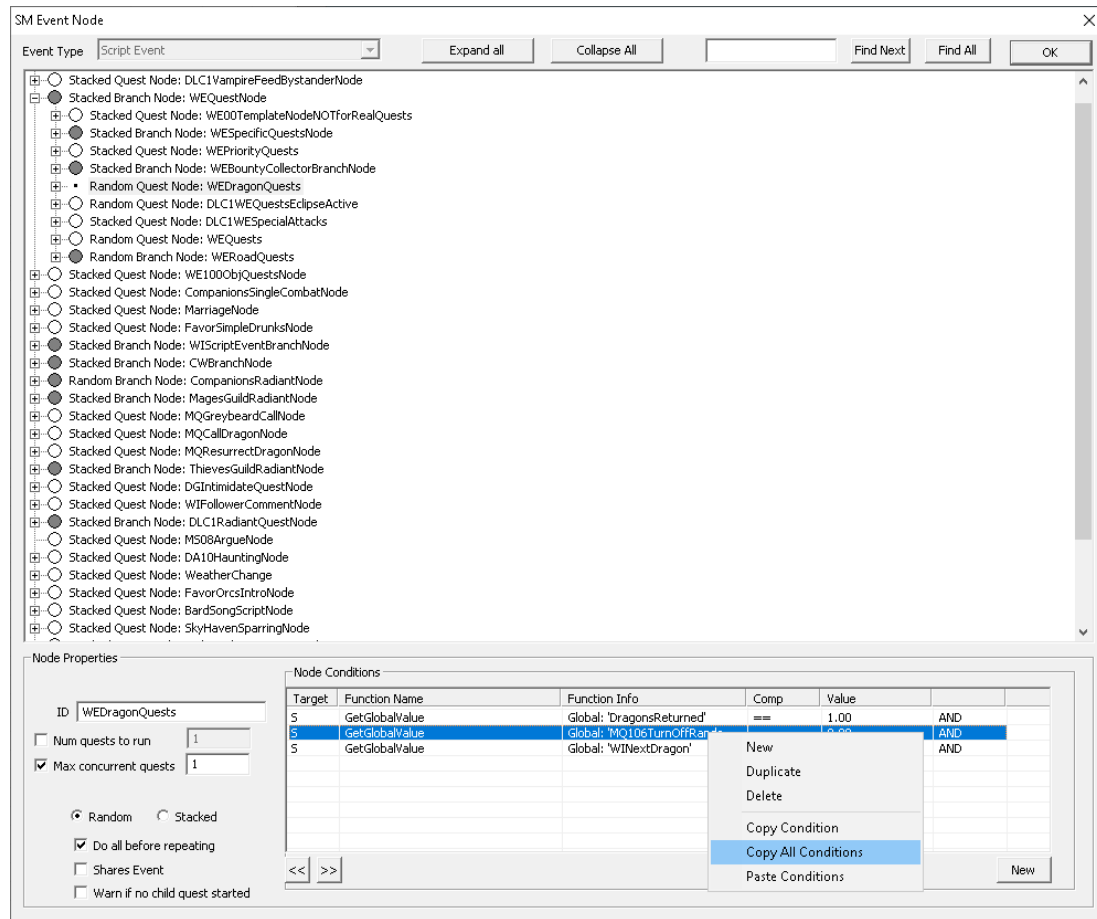


Figure 625 - Copying the conditions from WEDragonQuests.

Right-click on one of the conditions under Node Conditions and select Copy All Conditions.

Navigate to your DragonQuests branch, right-click in Node Properties and select Paste Conditions.

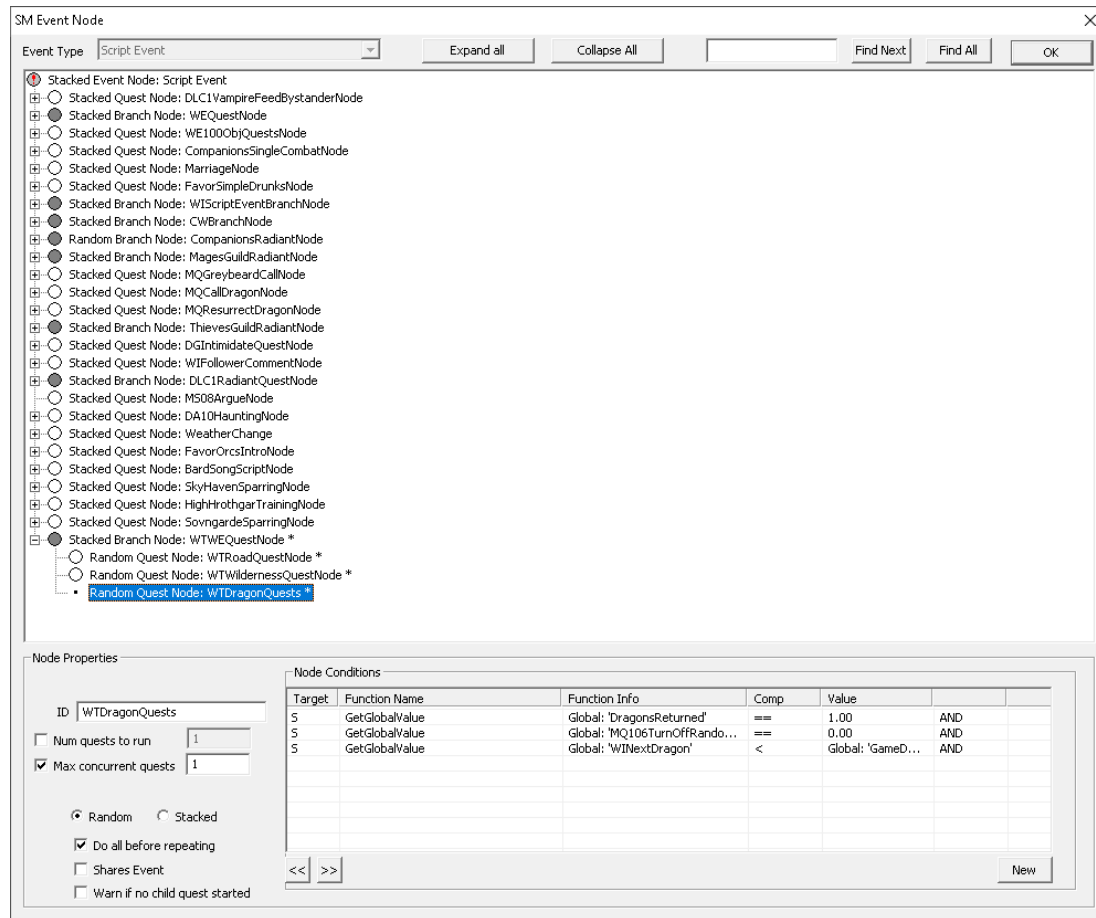


Figure 626 - Pasting conditions to our DragonQuests quest node.

Now we can start adding the random encounters we want to see in our world space.



To add random encounters to our RoadQuestNode, right click on your RoadQuestNode and select Add Quests.

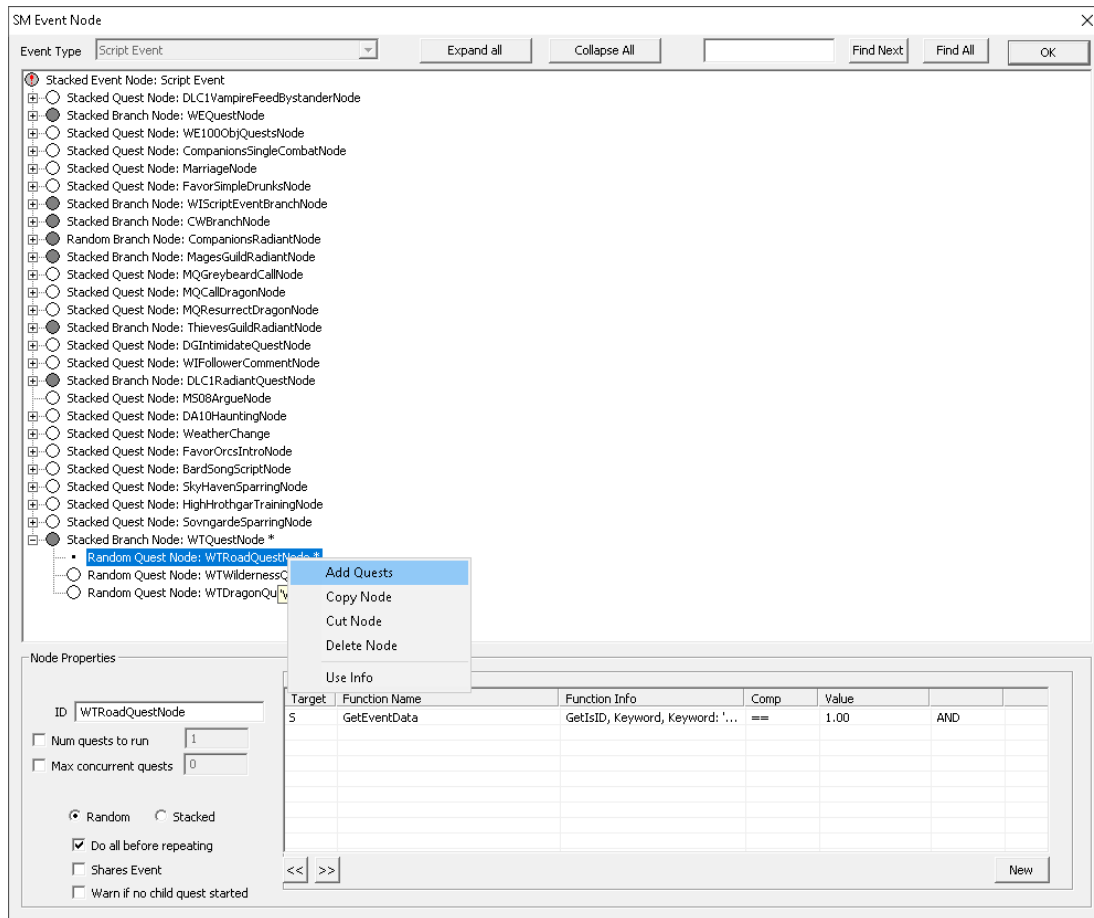


Figure 627 - Adding a new random encounter to the Story Manager.

Random encounters from the base game are prefixed with 'WE' so filter by 'WE'.

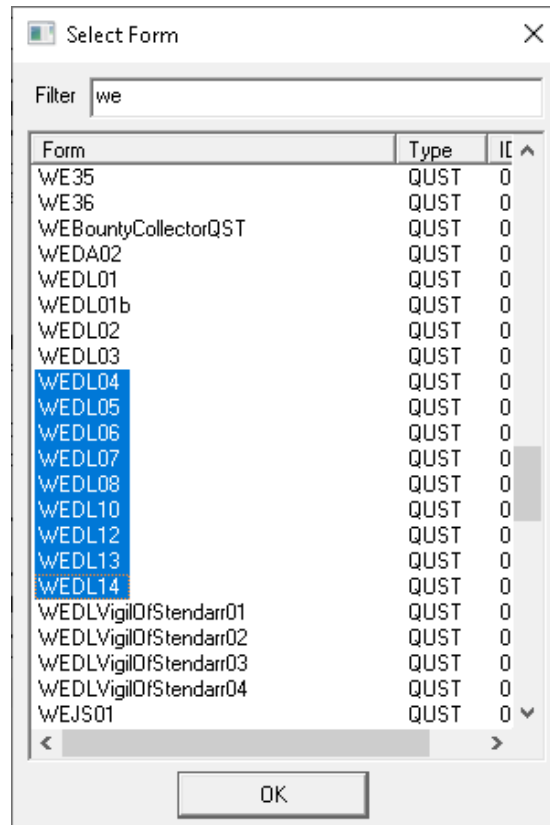


Figure 628 - Selecting the random encounters to add.

Highlight the random encounters you want to add and press OK.

To get a list of random encounters, browse to Character > Quests in the Object Window and filter by 'WE'. A description of the random encounter is generally found in the Name column to the right.

You can adjust the position of the random encounter quests added to the Story Manager by left-clicking on them and dragging them to the preferred location. You can even drag quests from one branch to another.

Steps for creating our own random encounters will be covered in [Creating New Random Encounters](#).

For Wyrmsooth, I use a mix of my own custom random encounters plus a few random encounters from the base game as you can see in the screenshot below. Random encounters prefixed with 'WE' are from the base game. The ones with the 'WT' prefix are custom random encounters that I created.

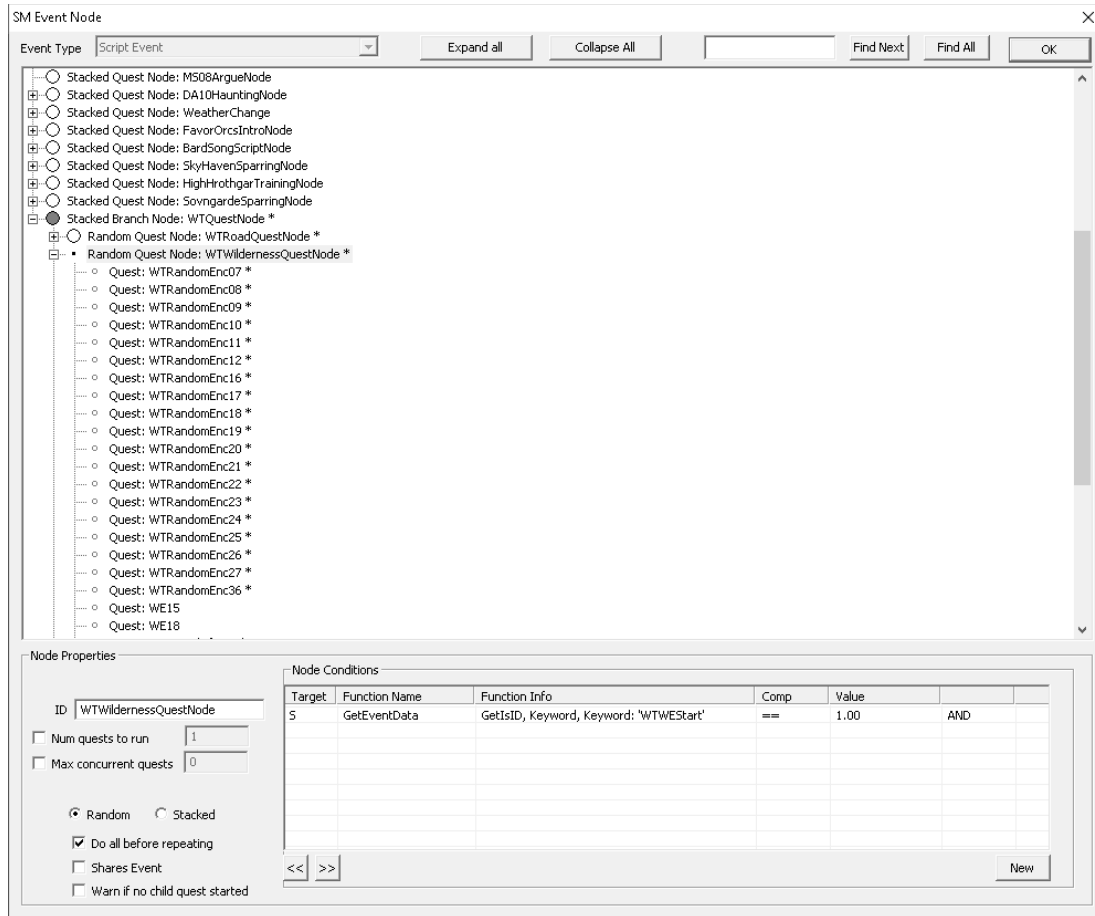


Figure 629 - Random encounter quests added.

For example, WE11 will be sabre cats hunting mammoths, WEDL02 will be Talsgar the Wanderer, WEJS25 will be two wizards duelling, and so on.

Add WE04 and WE08 to your DragonQuests quest node. WE04 will create a random encounter involving a dragon attacking the player, while WE08 will create a random encounter involving a dragon flying around the player before flying away.

Lastly, we'll need to change our WETriggers we placed in the world earlier to use the new keywords we created.

In the Object Window, go to World Objects > Activator and filter by 'wetrigger'.

Right-click on WETrigger and select 'Use Info'.

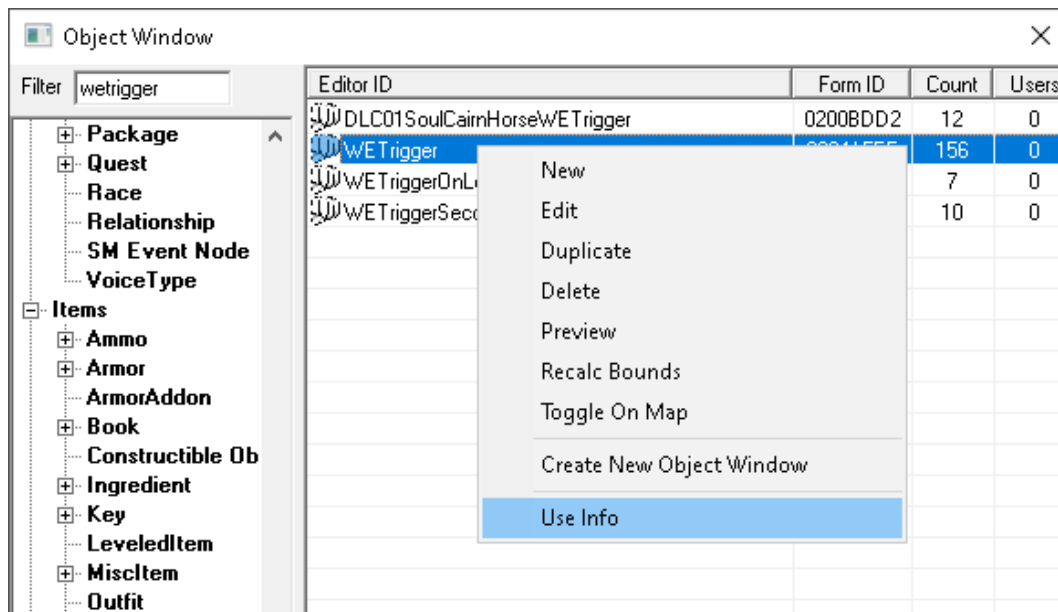


Figure 630 - Use Info.

This will bring up a list of every instance of WETrigger. Click on the World Editor ID column to sort by world space name.

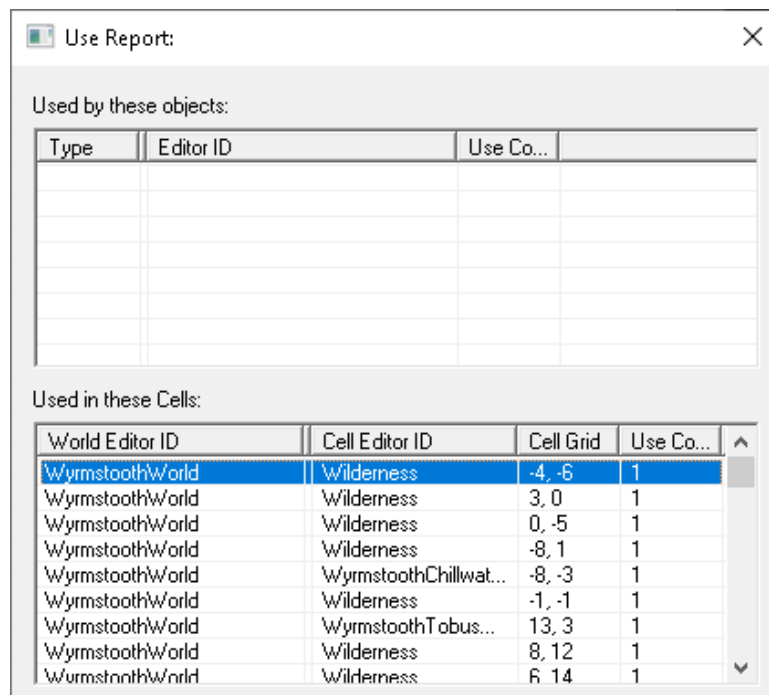
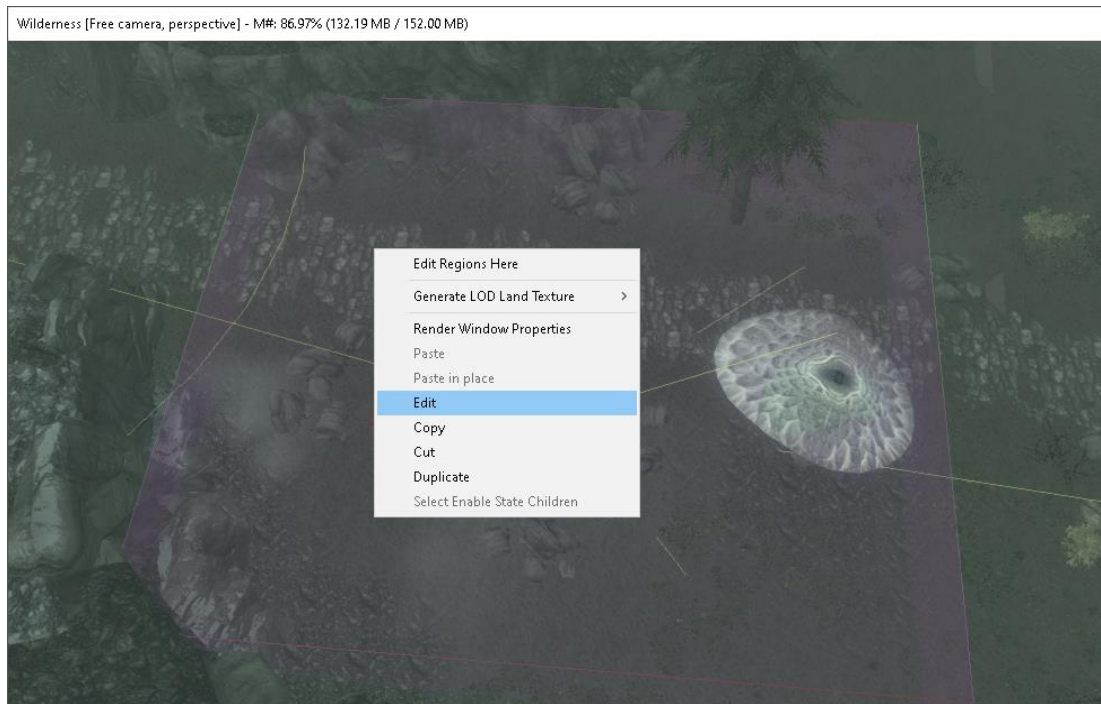


Figure 631 - Every instance of WETrigger.

Double-click on an instance in the 'Used in these cells' list to jump to that instance in the render window.



*Figure 632 - Opening reference properties for the instance of WETrigger.*

Right-click in the render window and select Edit or double-click on the WETrigger to bring up the properties for that instance.

Go to the Scripts tab, highlight the WETriggerScript and click on the Properties button.

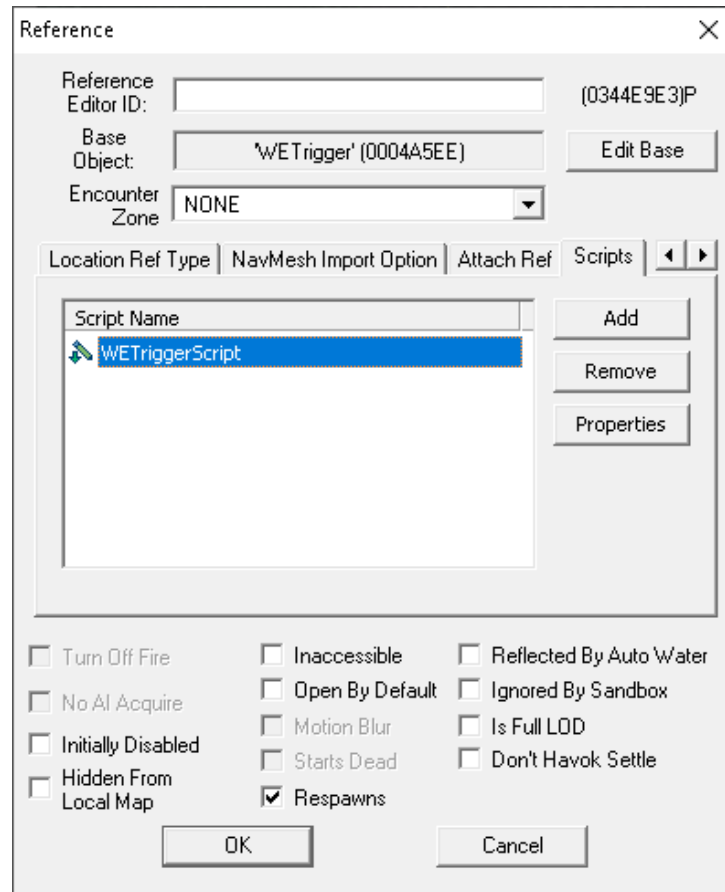


Figure 633 - Scripts tab in reference properties.

Change WERoadStart and WEstart to point to the new keywords you created earlier instead.

In the screenshot below I changed WERoadStart to WTWERoadStart and WEstart to WTWEstart.

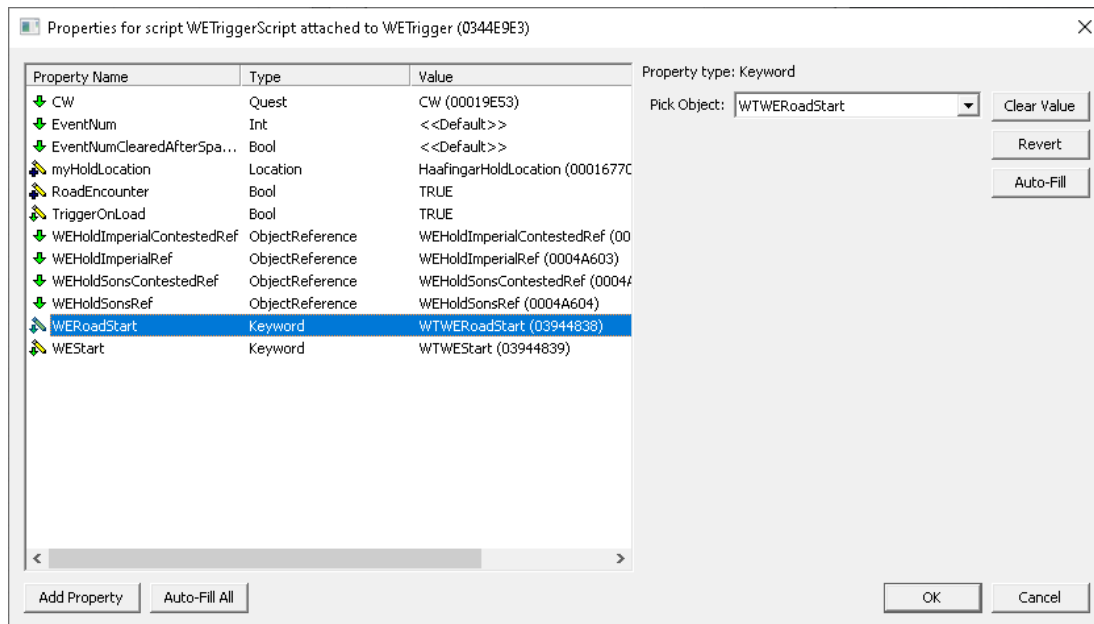


Figure 634 - Changing the keyword values in script properties.

Click OK to close out of the script properties.

Click OK to close out of the reference properties.

Go back to the list of WETrigger instances in Use Report, double-click on the next instance and repeat these steps.

Continue this until you've changed all instances of WETrigger in your world space.

## CREATING NEW RANDOM ENCOUNTERS

This section will cover creating our own random encounters that we can then add to the Story Manager.

The easiest way to create a new random encounter is to duplicate an existing one that closely matches what we want to create.

Let's say we wanted to create a random encounter that spawns in an NPC that travels to the nearest settlement. Well, the random encounter WEDL02 already does that. It spawns in Talsgar the Wanderer, and when he spawns in he'll path to the nearest settlement and wander there until his event ends.

In the Object Window, filter by 'WEDL' and search for WEDL02.

Right-click on WEDL02 and select Duplicate.

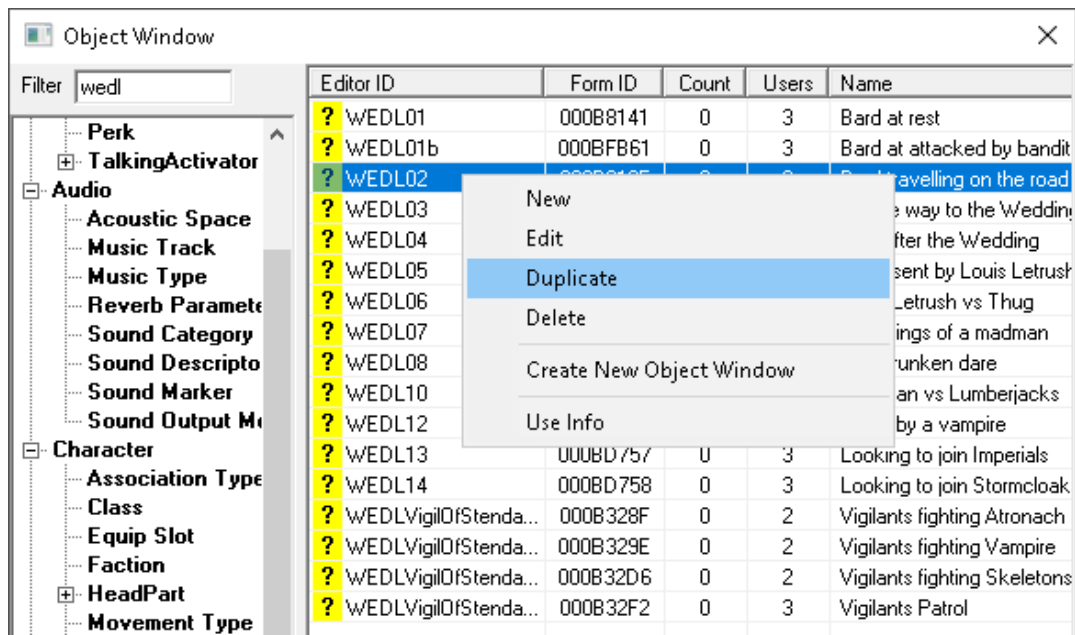


Figure 635 - Duplicating WEDL02.

This will create a duplicate quest that will be named WEDL02DUPLICATE003.



Highlight WEDLDUPLICATE003, press 'F2' and rename it.

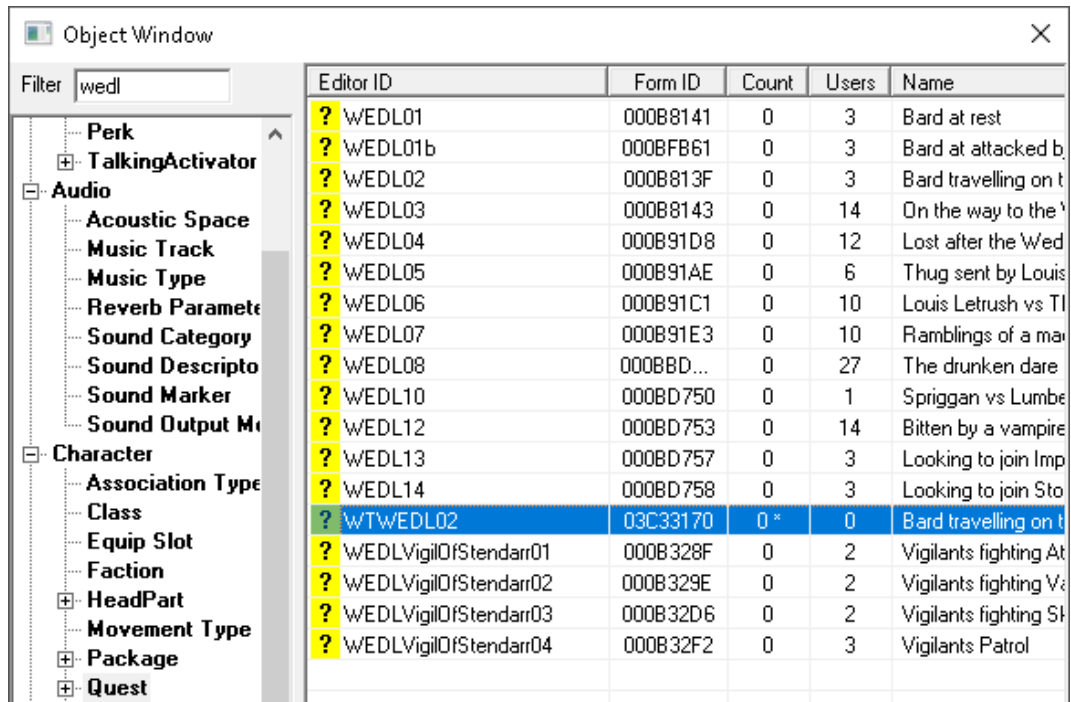


Figure 636 - Random encounter renamed.

For this example, I just reverted the name back to WEDL02 and added the 'WT' prefix.

Double-click on the new random encounter or right-click on it and select Edit.

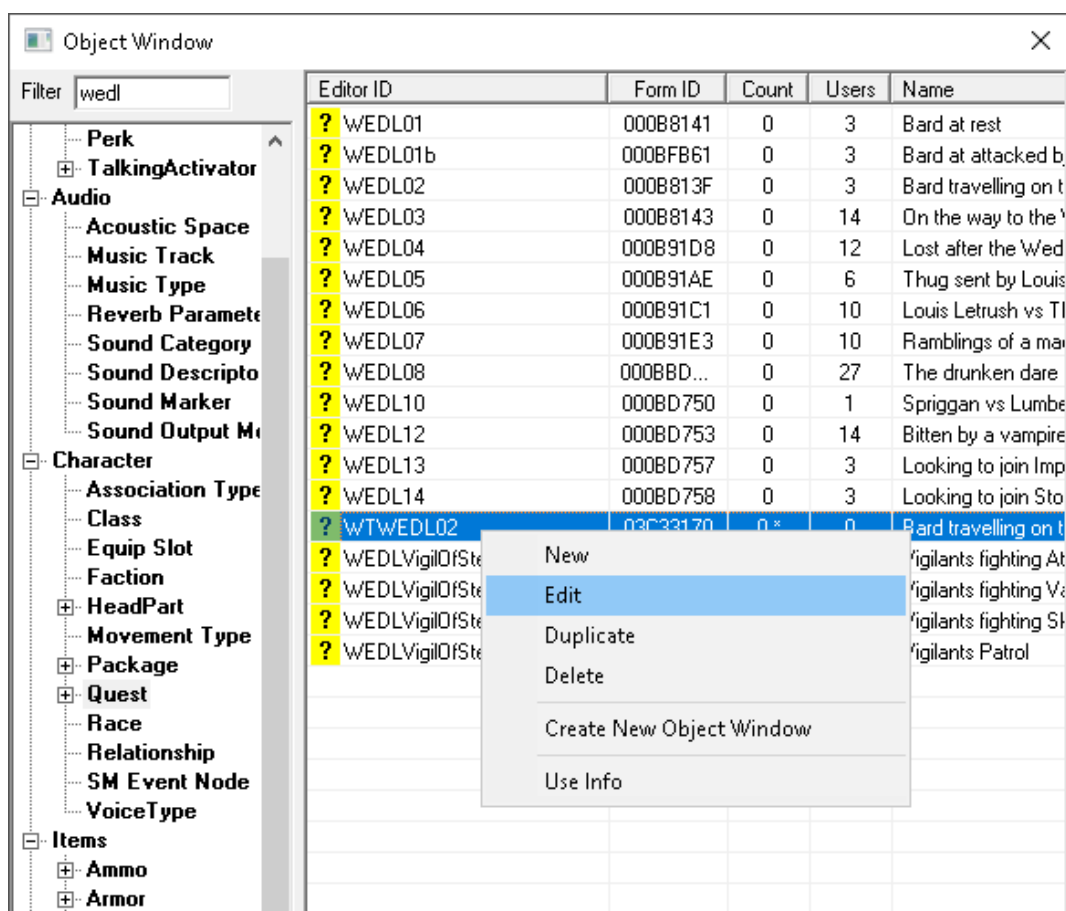


Figure 637 - Editing WTWEDL02.

Under the Quest Aliases tab, we'll see the Bard alias. This defines the NPC the encounter will be spawning in. Let's edit that first.

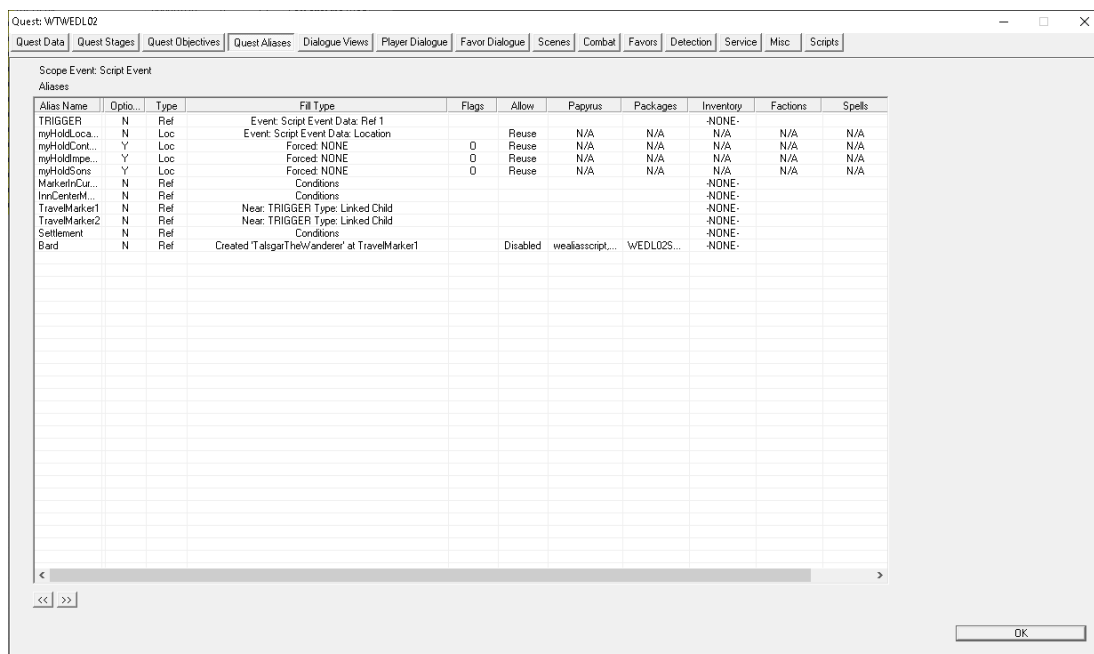


Figure 638 - WTWEDL02 Quest aliases.

Double-click on the Bard alias or right-click on it and select Edit.

In this example, we'll be spawning in a hunter instead, so change the drop-down menu next to 'Create Reference to Object' to 'LvlHunter' and change the Alias Name to 'Hunter'.

Reference Alias

Alias Name:  Display Name:  ☐ Reserves Reference ☐ Optional ☐ Essential ☒ Protected ☐ Quest Object

Force Into Alias When Filled:  Additional Valid Voice Types For Export:  ☐ Allow Reuse in Quest ☐ Allow Dead ☒ Allow Disabled ☐ Allow Reserved ☐ Allow Destroyed

☐ Uses Stored Text ☐ Stores Text ☐ Initially Disabled ☐ Clears Name When Removed

Fill Type: ☐ Specific Reference ☐ Unique Actor ☐ Location Alias Reference ☐ External Alias Reference ☒ Create Reference to Object ☐ Find Matching Reference

Select Forced Reference:

Ref Type:  Alias:

Create: ☒ At ☐ In

☐ From Event  Event Data:

☐ Near Alias  Near Type:

Match Conditions

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value

Scripts

Papyrus Scripts

Script Name
wealasscript
WECrimeFactionAliasScript

Buttons: Add, Remove, Properties

Alias Data

Alias Factions

Editor ID

Alias Spells

Editor ID

Alias Keywords

Editor ID

Alias Package Data

Editor ID	Value
WEDL02SettlementTravel	(...)
DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024	(...)

Alias Inventory

Count	Object ID	O...	H...	V...

Object:  Count:  Health %:

Owner:  Faction:

Global Variable:  Required Rank:

Preview Calculated Result:  Preview Level:

Buttons: OK, Cancel

Buttons: <<, >>

Spectator Override Package List:

Observe Dead Body Override Package:

Guard Warn Override Package List:

Combat Override Package List:

Figure 639 - Spawning in a hunter instead.

If you wanted to spawn in a unique NPC instead, such as Aela the Huntress, you would change the Fill Type to 'Unique Actor' and select 'AelaTheHuntress' from the drop-down menu.

When referencing a unique NPC, try using their unique ID where possible rather than a specific reference. If I set the Fill Type to Specific Reference instead and selected Aela's reference in the render window, this may create an unnecessary cell edit.

Near the bottom right you'll see the Alias Package Data list. This is a list of packages assigned to the NPC when the random encounter is running. These packages will override any packages already assigned to an NPC in their actor properties.

This alias is assigned two packages; WEDL02SettlementTravel and DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024.

So basically, when the NPC spawns in, they'll travel to the nearest inn. When they arrive, the travel package will end, and the sandbox package takes over to make them wander around that location.

Double-click on WEDL02SettlementTravel to open its properties.

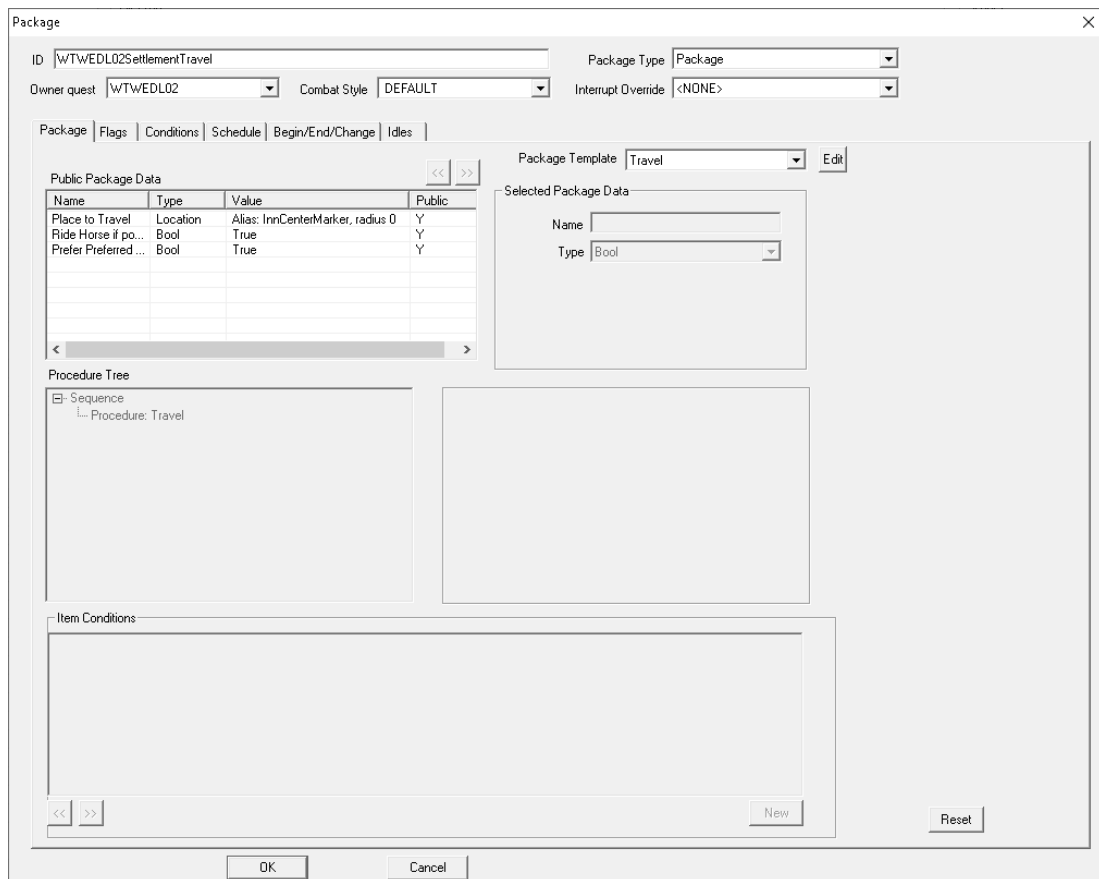


Figure 640 - Changing the package ID and Owner Quest.

In the screenshot above, I added the 'WT' prefix to the package ID and changed the Owner Quest to point to WTWEDL02 instead of WEDL02.

Click OK.

If prompted to create a new form, click Yes. We don't want to change the existing WEDL02SettlementTravel package, we want to create a new one for our new random encounter.

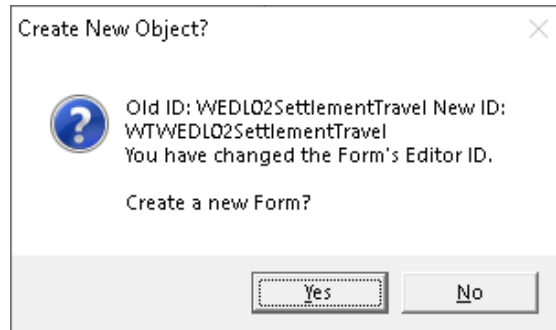


Figure 641 - Create a new form.

Highlight WEDL02SettlementTravel in the Alias Package Data list and press Delete, or right-click on it and select Delete.

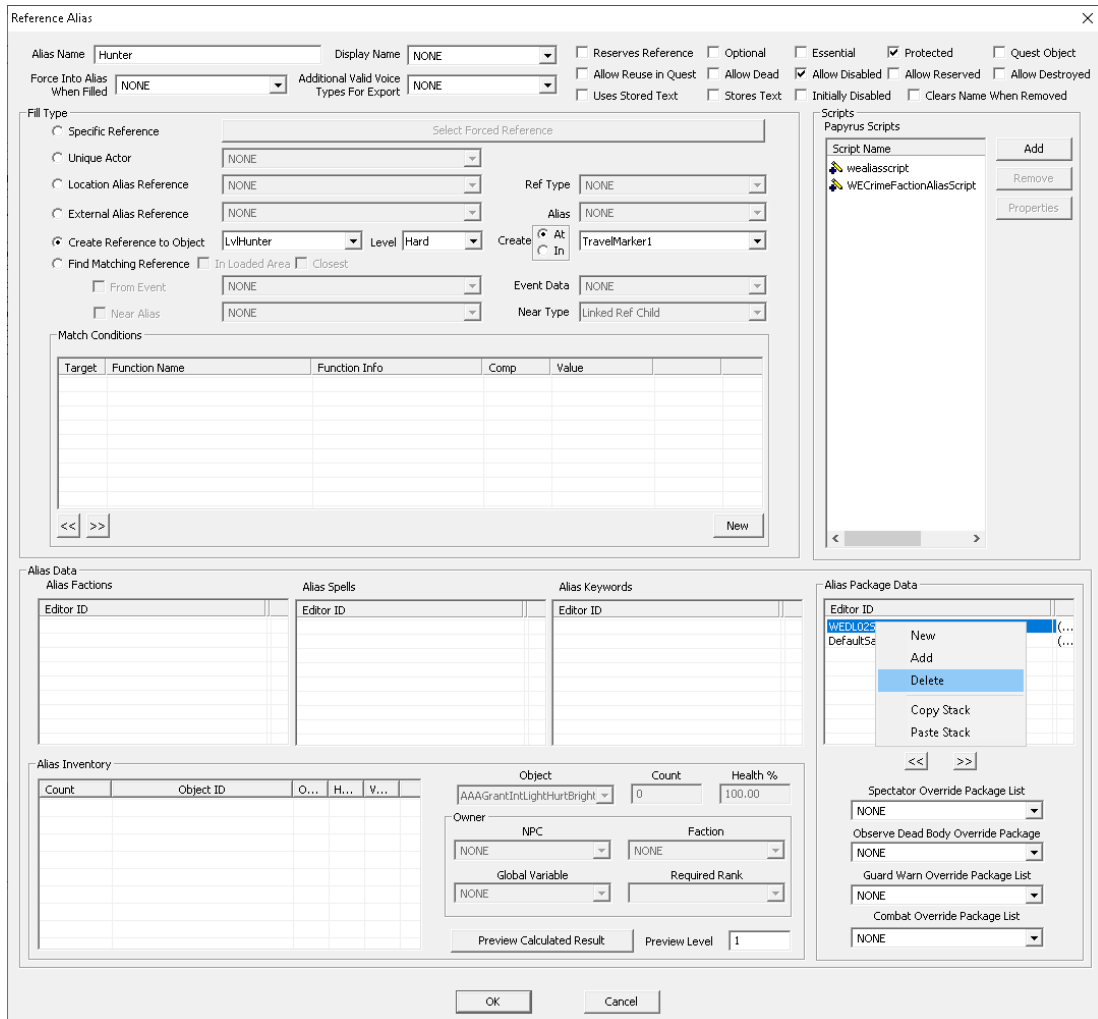


Figure 642 - Deleting the existing WEDL02SettlementTravel package.

Right-click in Alias Package Data and select Add.

Reference Alias

Alias Name: Hunter Display Name: NONE

Force Into Alias When Filled: NONE Additional Valid Voice Types For Export: NONE

Reserves Reference: ☐ Optional: ☐ Essential: ☐ Protected: ☒ Quest Object: ☐ Allow Reuse in Quest: ☐ Allow Dead: ☒ Allow Disabled: ☐ Allow Reserved: ☐ Allow Destroyed: ☐ Uses Stored Text: ☐ Stores Text: ☐ Initially Disabled: ☐ Clears Name When Removed: ☐

Fill Type

☐ Specific Reference Select Forced Reference

☐ Unique Actor NONE

☐ Location Alias Reference NONE Ref Type: NONE

☐ External Alias Reference NONE Alias: NONE

☒ Create Reference to Object LvlHunter Level: Hard Create: ☒ At ☐ In TravelMarker1

☐ Find Matching Reference ☐ In Loaded Area ☐ Closest

☐ From Event NONE Event Data: NONE

☐ Near Alias NONE Near Type: Linked Ref Child

Match Conditions

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value

Alias Data

Alias Factions

Editor ID

Alias Spells

Editor ID

Alias Keywords

Editor ID

Alias Package Data

Editor ID	Count	Health %
DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024	0	100.00

Context Menu:

- New
- Add
- Delete
- Copy Stack
- Paste Stack

Alias Inventory

Count	Object ID	O...	H...	V...

Object: AAAGrantIntLightHurtBright

Owner: NPC Faction: NONE

Global Variable: NONE Required Rank: NONE

Preview Calculated Result: Preview Level: 1

OK Cancel

Figure 643 - Adding a new package.

Search for the package you just created, highlight it and click OK.

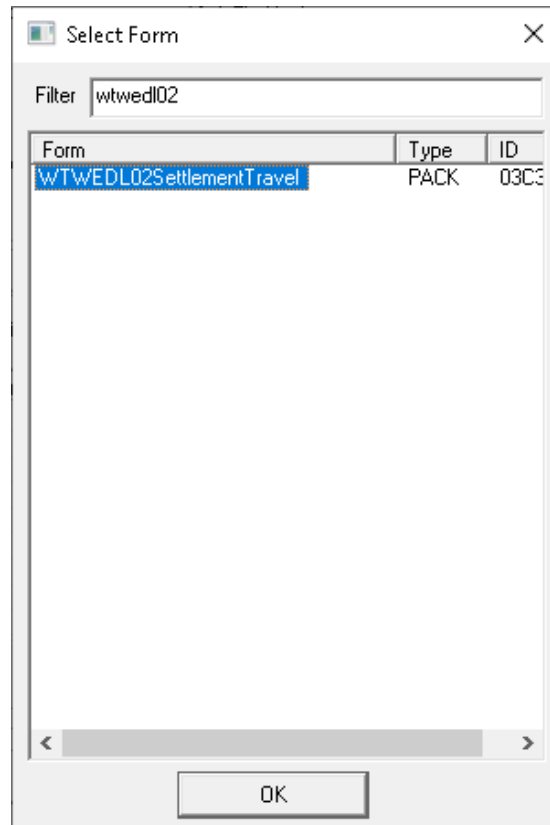


Figure 644 - Selecting the package we just created.

It'll appear at the bottom of the Alias Package Data list. We'll need to move it above DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024 so it goes first.



Highlight the new package and click on '<<' to move it above DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024.

Reference Alias

Alias Name: Hunter Display Name: NONE

Force Into Alias When Filled: NONE Additional Valid Voice Types For Export: NONE

Reserves Reference: ☐ Optional: ☐ Essential: ☐ Protected: ☒ Quest Object: ☐ Allow Reuse in Quest: ☐ Allow Dead: ☒ Allow Disabled: ☐ Allow Reserved: ☐ Allow Destroyed: ☐ Uses Stored Text: ☐ Stores Text: ☐ Initially Disabled: ☐ Clears Name When Removed: ☐

Fill Type

☐ Specific Reference Select Forced Reference

☐ Unique Actor

☐ Location Alias Reference

☐ External Alias Reference

☒ Create Reference to Object LvHunter Level: Hard Create: ☒ At ☐ In TravelMarker1

☐ Find Matching Reference ☐ In Loaded Area ☐ Closest

☐ From Event

☐ Near Alias

Match Conditions

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value

Scripts

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Script Name
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Alias Data

Alias Factions

Editor ID

Alias Spells

Editor ID

Alias Keywords

Editor ID

Alias Package Data

Editor ID	Package
WVW0202SettlementTravel	(...)
DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024	(...)

Alias Inventory

Count	Object ID	O...	H...	V...

Object: AAAGrantIntLightHurtBright Count: 0 Health %: 100.00

Owner: NPC Faction: NONE

Global Variable: NONE Required Rank: NONE

Preview Calculated Result Preview Level: 1

Spectator Override Package List: NONE

Observe Dead Body Override Package: NONE

Guard Warn Override Package List: NONE

Combat Override Package List: NONE

OK Cancel

Figure 645 - Moving our package up in Alias Package Data.

Lastly, let's just change the Level drop-down menu to None, untick Allow Disabled and untick Protected.

The screenshot shows the 'Reference Alias' dialog box for the 'Hunter' alias. The 'Level' is set to 'None'. The 'Allow Disabled' and 'Protected' checkboxes are unticked. The 'Match Conditions' table is empty. The 'Scripts' list on the right contains 'wealasscript' and 'WECrimeFactionAliasScript'. The 'Alias Package Data' section at the bottom right shows a list of package IDs and their corresponding values.

**Reference Alias**

Alias Name: Hunter Display Name: NONE

Force Into Alias When Filled: NONE Additional Valid Voice Types For Export: NONE

**Fill Type**

☐ Specific Reference ☐ Unique Actor ☐ Location Alias Reference ☐ External Alias Reference ☒ Create Reference to Object ☐ Find Matching Reference

Select Forced Reference: NONE

Ref Type: NONE Alias: NONE

Create: ☒ At ☐ In TravelMarker1

☐ From Event ☐ In Loaded Area ☐ Closest

☐ Near Alias

**Match Conditions**

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value

**Alias Data**

**Alias Factions**

Editor ID

**Alias Spells**

Editor ID

**Alias Keywords**

Editor ID

**Alias Package Data**

Editor ID	Value
WTWEDL02SettlementTravel	(...)
DefaultSandboxCurrentLocation1024	(...)

**Alias Inventory**

Count	Object ID	O...	H...	V...

**Object**

Object: AAAGrantIntLightHurtBright

Count: 0 Health %: 100.00

**Owner**

Owner: NPC Faction: NONE

Global Variable: NONE Required Rank: NONE

Preview Calculated Result: Preview Level: 1

**Alias Package Data**

Spectator Override Package List: NONE

Observe Dead Body Override Package: NONE

Guard Warn Override Package List: NONE

Combat Override Package List: NONE

OK Cancel

Figure 646 - Removed level scaling on the hunter.

Click OK to close out of the Reference Alias properties for the Hunter alias.

Now let's take a look at where exactly our hunter will be going.

Double-click on the Settlement alias or right-click on it and select Edit.

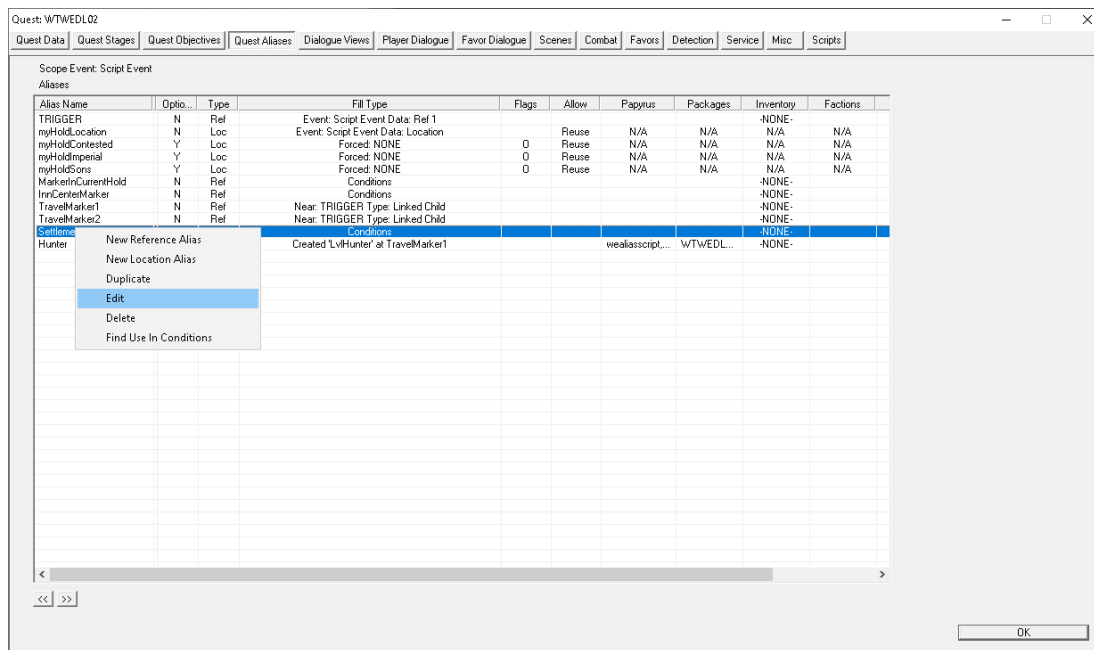


Figure 647 - Opening the properties for the Settlement alias.

So based on the conditions listed under Match Conditions, the location chosen must have a LocationCenterMarker and the CWCampImperial keyword.

Reference Alias

Alias Name: Settlement Display Name: NONE

Force Into Alias When Filled: NONE Additional Valid Voice Types For Export: NONE

Fill Type

- ☐ Specific Reference
- ☐ Unique Actor
- ☐ Location Alias Reference
- ☐ External Alias Reference
- ☐ Create Reference to Object
- ☒ Find Matching Reference
  - ☐ From Event
  - ☐ Near Alias

Match Conditions

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value
S	HasRefType	Location Ref Type: 'LocationCenterMarker'	==	1.00
S	LocationHasKeyword	Keyword: 'CWCampImperial'	==	1.00

Alias Data

Alias Factions

Editor ID

Alias Spells

Editor ID

Alias Keywords

Editor ID

Alias Package Data

Editor ID

Alias Inventory

Count	Object ID	O...	H...	V...

Object: AAAGrantIntLightHurtBright Count: 0 Health %: 100.00

Owner: NPC Faction: NONE

Global Variable: NONE Required Rank: NONE

Preview Calculated Result: Preview Level: 1

Scripts

Script Name

Add Remove Properties

OK Cancel

Figure 648 - Match Conditions for potential locations.

Let's change that keyword so our hunter actually goes to a settlement.

Double-click on the LocationHasKeyword condition.

Condition Item

Condition Function: LocationHasKeyword

Parameters: (Use Aliases) ☐ (Use Pack data) ☐ Keyword: CWCampImperial

Comparison: == Value: 1.0000

Run on: Subject

Swap Subject and Target: ☐ Use Global: ☐

OK Cancel

Figure 649 - Condition properties for the location keyword.

Click on the button with the CWCampImperial keyword.

Change CWCampImperial to LocTypeHabitationHasInn, then click OK.

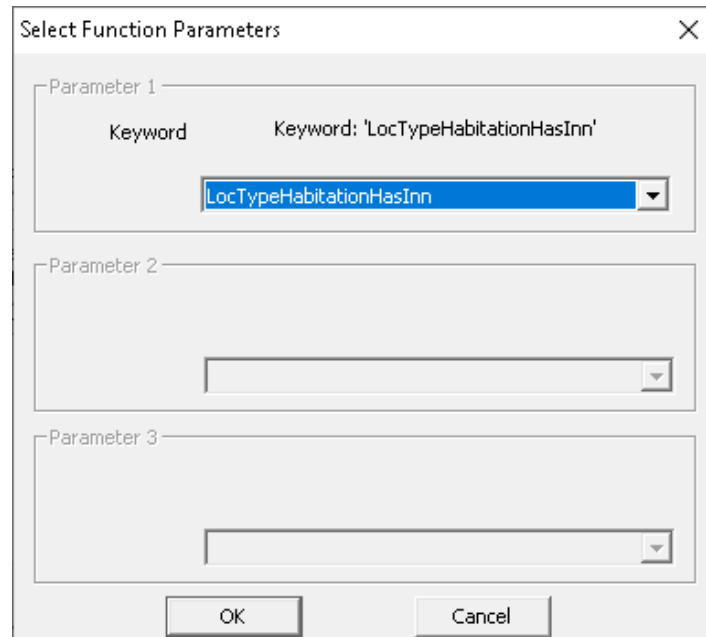


Figure 650 - Changing the keyword to LocTypeHabitationHasInn.

Our Condition Item properties should now look like this.

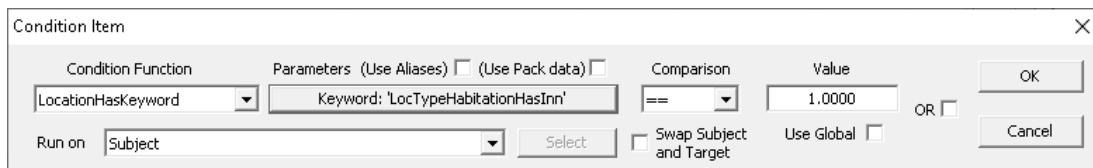


Figure 651 - Updated Condition Item with new keyword.

Click OK.

Our Reference Alias for the Settlement alias should now look like this:

The screenshot shows the 'Reference Alias' window for the 'Settlement' alias. The 'Match Conditions' table is updated with the following data:

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value	
S	HasRefType	Location Ref Type: 'LocationCenterMarker'	==	1.00	AND
S	LocationHasKeyword	Keyword: 'LocTypeHabitationHasInn'	==	1.00	AND

The 'Fill Type' section shows 'Find Matching Reference' selected, with 'In Loaded Area' and 'Closest' options. The 'Match Conditions' table is expanded to show the updated conditions. The 'Alias Data' section includes 'Alias Factions', 'Alias Spells', 'Alias Keywords', and 'Alias Package Data'. The 'Alias Inventory' section shows a table with columns for Count, Object ID, O..., H..., and V... The 'Object' dropdown is set to 'AAAGrantIntLightHurtBright', and the 'Count' is 0. The 'Health %' is 100.00. The 'Owner' is set to 'NPC', and the 'Faction' is 'NONE'. The 'Global Variable' is 'NONE', and the 'Required Rank' is 'NONE'. The 'Preview Calculated Result' and 'Preview Level' (1) are shown. The 'Spectator Override Package List' is set to 'NONE'. The 'Observe Dead Body Override Package' is 'NONE'. The 'Guard Warn Override Package List' is 'NONE'. The 'Combat Override Package List' is 'NONE'. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.

Figure 652 - Updated keyword condition in Reference Alias.

Click OK to close out of the Reference Alias properties.

Next, we need to update the scripting for the random encounter.

Go to the Quest Stages tab and click on stage 255.

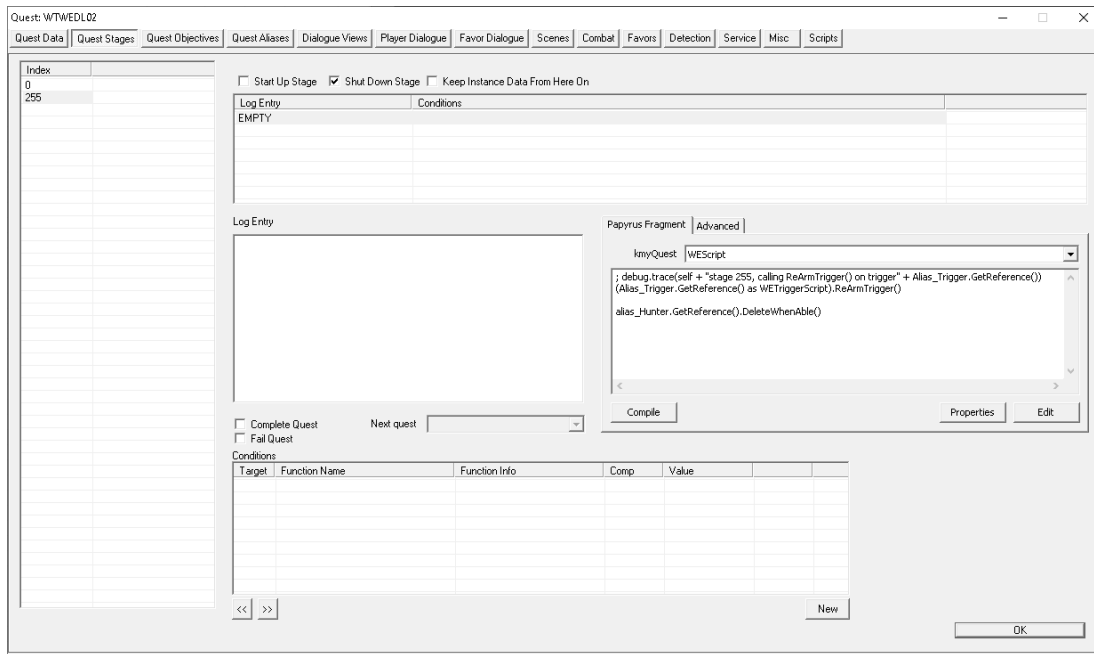


Figure 653 - Stage 255 of our random encounter.

To explain what's going on here, the scripting on stage 0 is run when our random encounter starts up. Seeing as though we're spawning in an NPC at TravelMarker1, we don't need to do anything here.

The scripting on stage 255 is run when our random encounter ends. We need to ensure any NPCs or objects generated by our random encounters are cleaned up to prevent save game bloat.

Change the line that reads:

```
alias_Bard.GetReference().DeleteWhenAble()
```

To:

```
alias_Hunter.GetReference().DeleteWhenAble()
```

Then click on the Compile button.

If you, for example, created an adversary for our Hunter to fight, like a bandit, you would also need to delete the bandit reference as well.

When dealing with unique NPCs, obviously we shouldn't be deleting them on stage 255.

For stage 0, we can move them into place with the following code:

```
if Alias_Aela.GetReference() != Alias_Follower.GetReference() &&
Alias_Aela.GetActorRef().IsDead() == false &&
Alias_Aela.GetActorRef().IsDisabled() == false

Alias_Aela.GetReference().MoveTo(Alias_TravelMarker1.GetReference())

endif
```

So basically we're checking whether our unique NPC, Aela in this example, is our current follower, is dead, or is currently disabled. If all three conditions are False, then we'll move her to TravelMarker1. Otherwise, do nothing.

To check whether a unique NPC is our current follower, you would need to create a new Reference Alias named Follower and link it to the Follower alias in the DialogueFollower quest like so:

Figure 654 - Pulling alias data from another quest.



For stage 255 we can return a unique NPC to their original location with the following code:

```
if Alias_Aela.GetReference() != Alias_Follower.GetReference() &&
Alias_Aela.GetActorRef().IsDead() == false &&
Alias_Aela.GetActorRef().IsDisabled() == false

Alias_Aela.GetReference().MoveToMyEditorLocation()

endif
```

Again, we're checking whether our unique NPC is currently our follower, is dead, or is currently disabled. If those conditions are all False, then we'll move the NPC back to their original location.

So let's get back to our Hunter random encounter.

Go to the Quest Data tab and change the Quest Name to provide a short description of what the random encounter is about. In my example, I set this to 'Hunter traveling to the nearest inn'.

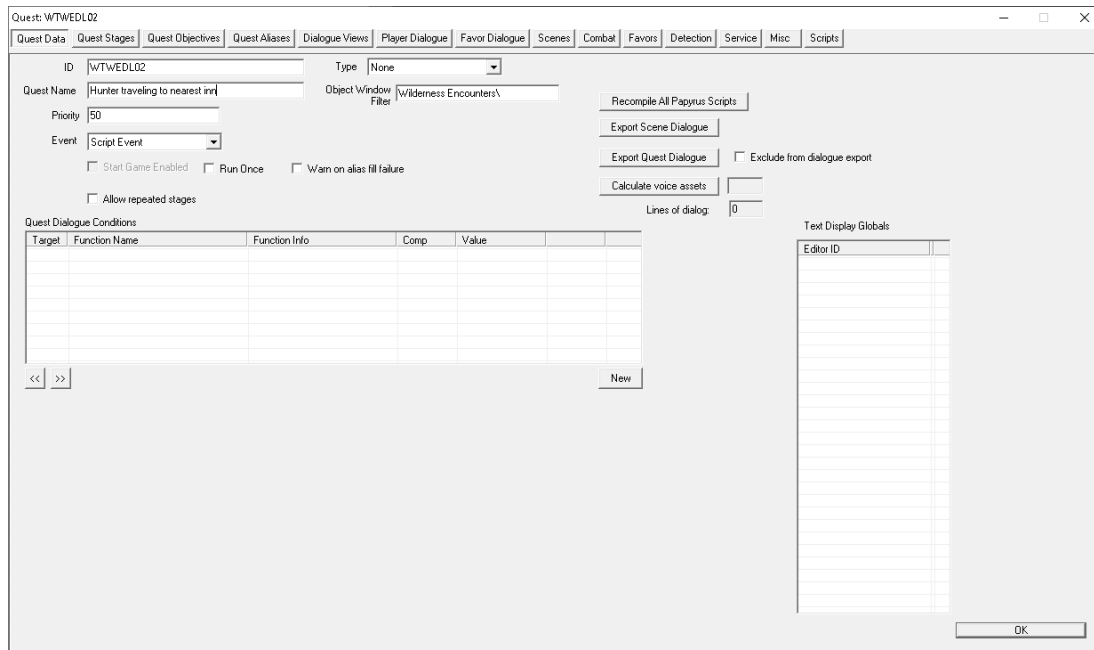


Figure 655 - Changing the description of the random encounter.

Click OK to close out of the Quest properties for our random encounter.

Now we need to add our random encounter to the Story Manager.

In the Object Window, go to Character > SM Event Node and double-click on Script Event or right-click on it and select Edit.

Expand the WildernessQuestNode you created in the previous section.

Right-click on WildernessQuestNode and select Add Quests.

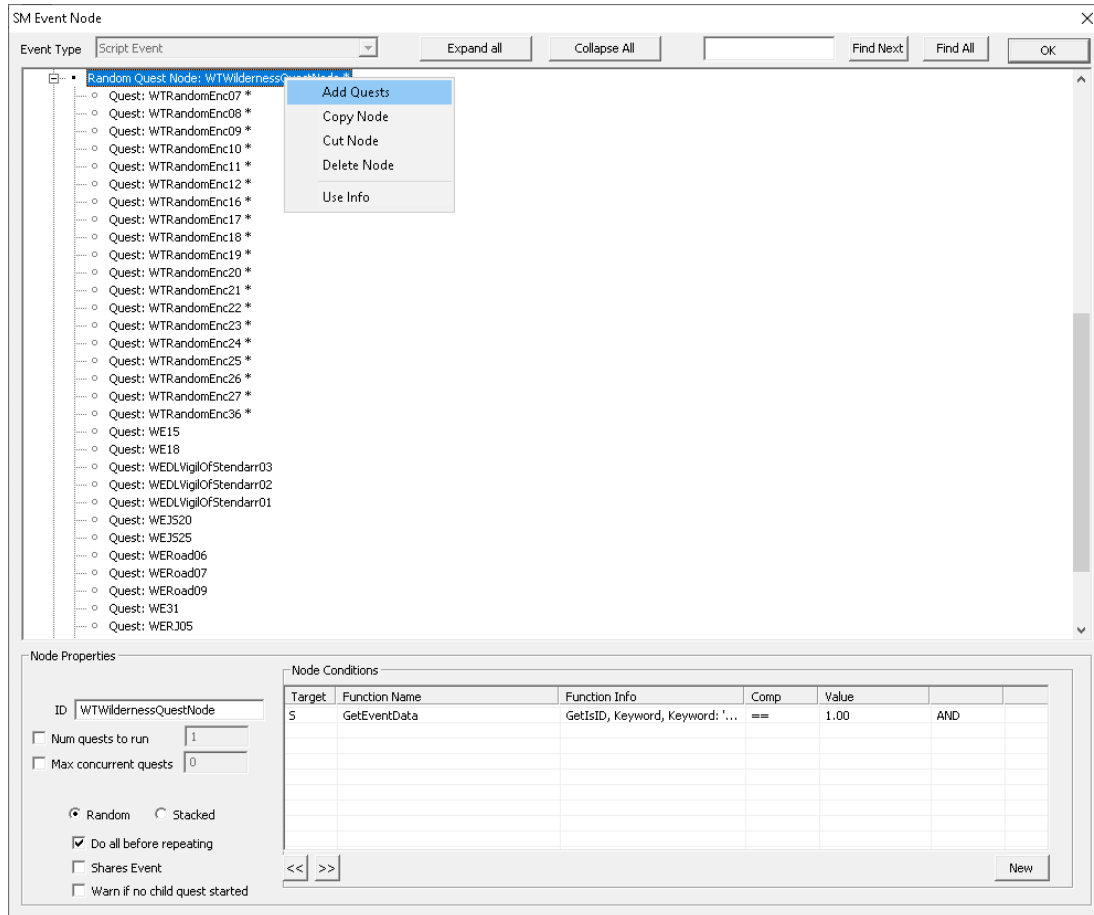
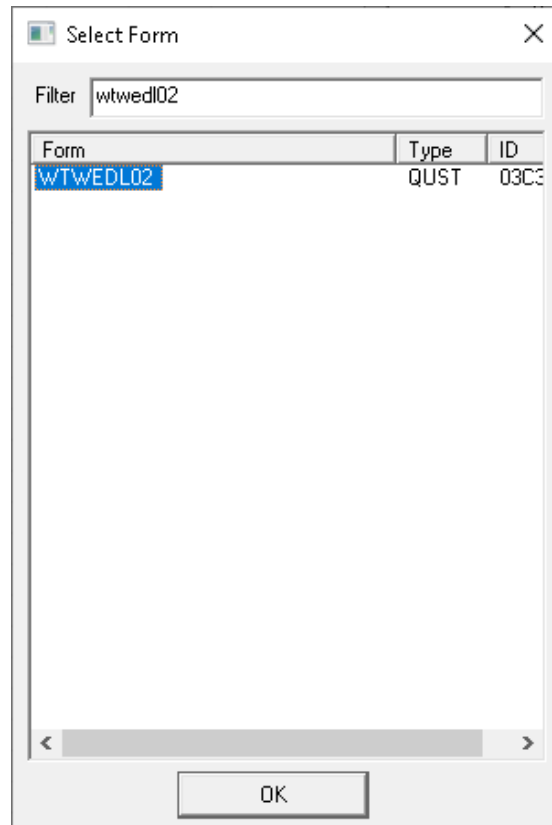


Figure 656 - Adding a new random encounter to WildernessQuestNode.

In my example I named the random encounter WTWEDL02 so that's what I'll be adding.



*Figure 657 - Filtering by the quest ID of the random encounter we just made.*

Click OK to add the random encounter to the Story Manager.

Confirm that the random encounter has been successfully added to the Story Manager.

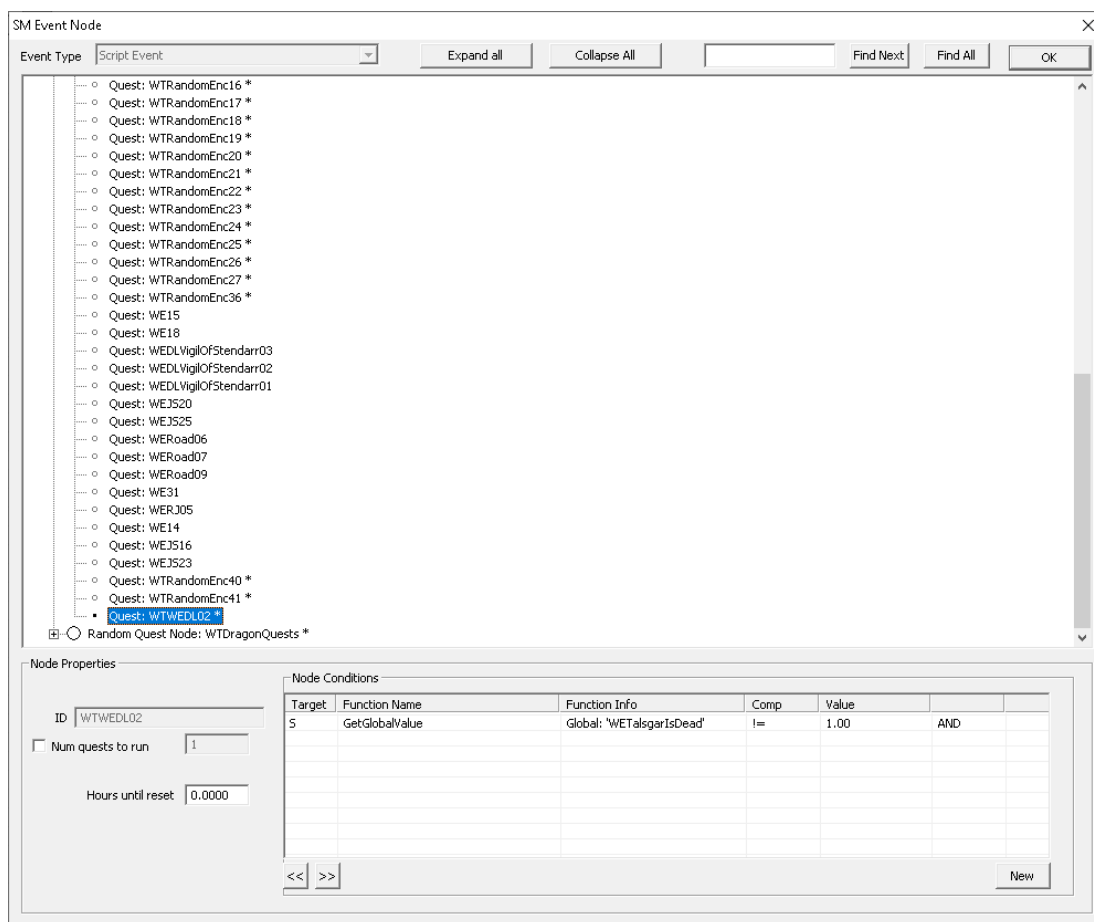


Figure 658 - Our new random encounter added to the Story Manager.

Highlight the GetGlobalValue condition checking the current value of 'WETalsgarIsDead'.

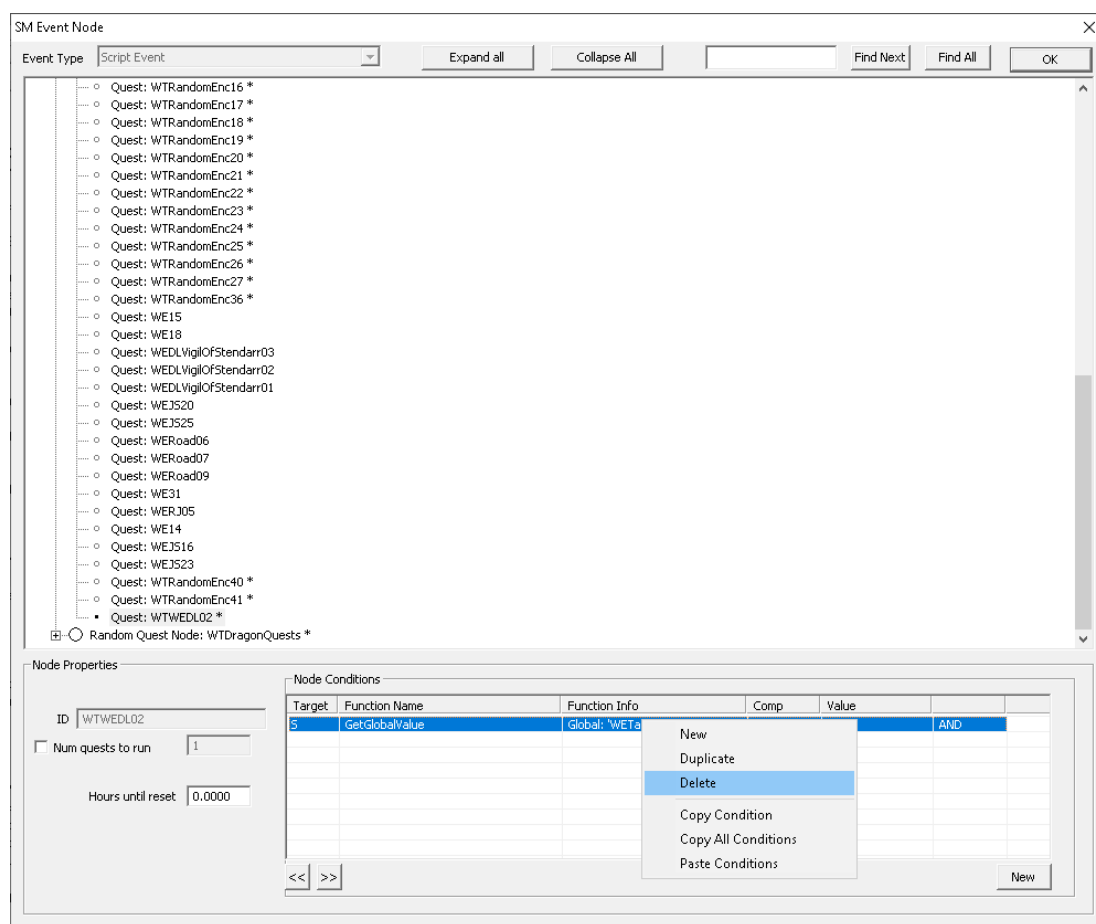


Figure 659 - Removing an existing condition.

Press Delete or right-click on it and select Delete to remove the condition.

Lastly, say for example we only want our random encounter to occur during the day. Well, we can add our own conditions to the random encounter in the Story Manager.

Right-click on Node Conditions and select New.

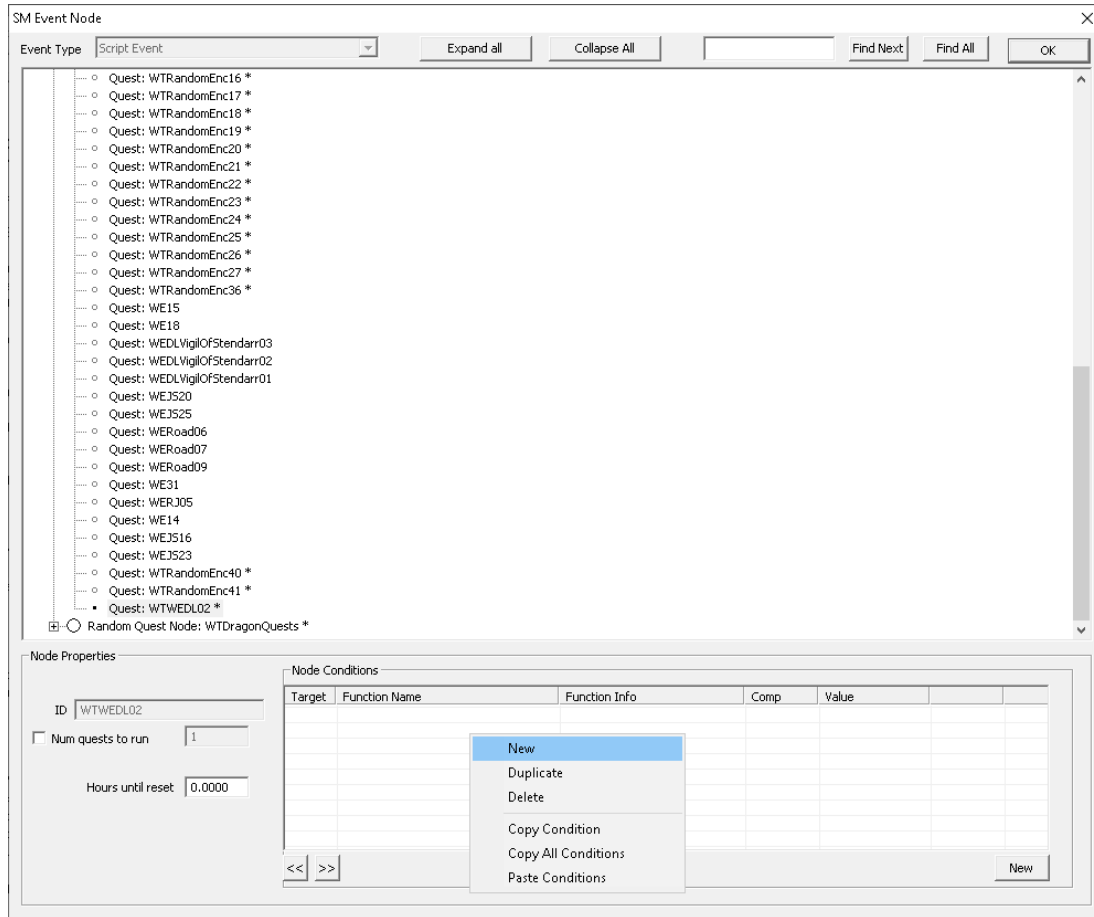


Figure 660 - Adding our own condition.

Set the Condition Function to GetCurrentTime. Set the Comparison operator to '>' and set the value to '7'. This means that it needs to be at least 7:00 AM for this random encounter to occur.

Click OK to close the Condition Item properties.

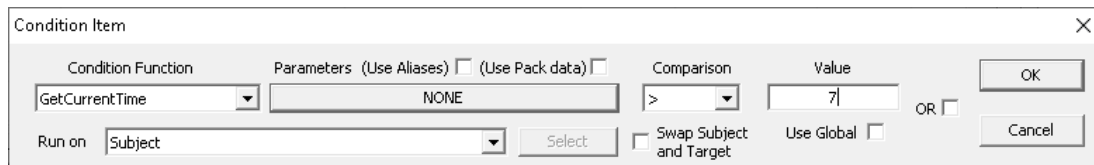


Figure 661 - Setting the first time condition.

Right-click and create another new condition.

For this one, set the Condition Function to `GetCurrentTime`, set the Comparison operator to '`<`' and set the Value to '20'. This means the random encounter can't occur later than 8:00 PM.

The 'Condition Item' dialog box is shown with the following settings:

- Condition Function:** `GetCurrentTime`
- Parameters:** (Use Aliases) ☐ (Use Pack data) ☐ NONE
- Comparison:** `<`
- Value:** 20.0000
- Run on:** Subject
- Swap Subject and Target:** ☐
- Use Global:** ☐

Figure 662 - Setting the second time condition.

Click OK to close out of the Condition Item Properties.

The 'SM Event Node' dialog box shows a list of random encounters. The selected node is 'WEDL02'. The 'Node Properties' section shows the following settings:

- ID:** WEDL02
- Num quests to run:** 1
- Hours until reset:** 0.0000

The 'Node Conditions' table is as follows:

Target	Function Name	Function Info	Comp	Value		
S	GetCurrentTime	NONE	<	20.00	AND	
S	GetCurrentTime	NONE	>	7.00	AND	

Figure 663 - New Node Properties on our random encounter.

We should now have two `GetCurrentTime` conditions on our WEDL02 random encounter as per the screenshot above.

For a full list of [Condition Functions](#), see the article on the Creation Kit wiki.

Click OK to close out of the Story Manager.