Vortex of the Mind

NOTE: Certain rooms are only accessible through random teleportation.

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I wrote this when I was 9 or 10 years old. My dad would bring home his work computer, a Macintosh SE, for me to play with on the weekends. Someone he worked with must have given him a copy of Microsoft BASIC. I'd written BASIC on my dad's Timex Sinclair 1000 previously, but the Macintosh was a definite upgrade from the Sinclair 1000 and I remember thinking of this as my first "real program".

Mrs. Olson was my computer lab teacher in elementary school. I put this on a floppy disk along with the BASIC interpreter and gave it to her, hoping to get some useful feedback. She gave it back to me a week or two later with an offhand comment about how many spelling errors she noticed. Thanks for nothing, lady.

The floppy disk, homemade cardboard sleeve, and hand-drawn map sat on a bookshelf in my dad's office for the next 30 years. I don't think this represents the complete game, but it's what I was able to recover.

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100 REM ***************************** START
101 PRINT "THIS GAME IS LICENSED TO MRS. OLSON"
102 PRINT ""
101 PRINT "    Welcome, what is your name?"
102 INPUT "      ";a$
107 FOR i=1 TO 5
108 PRINT ""
109 NEXT i
103 PRINT "    Hello, ";a$; ", prepare to blow your mind in ..."
104 PRINT ""
104 PRINT ""
105 PRINT "                        ... Kyle's VORTEX OF THE MIND"
106 PRINT "                          ... Kyle's VORTEX OF THE MIND"
105 PRINT "                            ... Kyle's VORTEX OF THE MIND"
107 FOR i=1 TO 10
108 PRINT ""
109 NEXT i
112 INPUT "                              ... press RETURN to continue";Q$
126 PRINT "......"
127 PRINT "You " ;a$;", have traveled to many far away lands and conquered many"
120 PRINT "foes.  But now you are about embark on an amazing journey, a"
121 PRINT "journey into KYLES VORTEX OF THE MIND."
122 PRINT ""
123 PRINT ""
124 PRINT ""
125 PRINT "On the way, you will face many decisions and challenges."
126 PRINT "But remember you must not let the evil subduct you for you are on"
127 PRINT "a misson of peace.  Your goal is to rescue the king from his own"
120 PRINT "split personality - your foe the hairy bloat!"
121 PRINT ""
122 INPUT "                              ...Press RETURN to continue";d$
123 PRINT "(NOTE)"
124 PRINT "Certain rooms are only accessible through random teleportation."
125 PRINT ""
126 PRINT ""
127 PRINT "......"
138 INPUT "                              ... press RETURN to continue   ";Q$
1000 REM ***************************** ENTRY ROOM
1001 REM
1002 PRINT "You are in the ENTRY ROOM"
1003 PRINT ""
1004 PRINT "You are standing in a big room."
1005 PRINT "There is only one door which opens to the South."
1006 PRINT "Do you want to enter? (y/n)"
1007 PRINT ""
1008 INPUT b$
1009 IF b$="y" GOTO 2000
1010 PRINT "The ceiling slowly moves downward and crushes your skull."
1011 PRINT "You should have entered."
1012 GOTO 20000
2000 REM ***************************** GATEWAY ROOM
2001 REM
2002 PRINT "You are in the GATEWAY ROOM"
2003 PRINT ""
2004 PRINT "You are in a room with four doors."
2005 PRINT "The door to the East is locked."
2006 PRINT "The doors to the North, South, and West are wide open."
2007 PRINT "Where do you want to go (n/s/w/e)?"
2008 INPUT b$
2009 PRINT ''"
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