D.1 Beginnings

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The sign on the gate reads:

"Adventurer wanted – (Originality required) – Apply within"

However, the gate is tall, and of iron-bound oak construction. More significantly, as you establish after some preliminary tests, it is locked. The strange locking mechanism comprises a nested set of panels, some of which are embossed with letters. You start to wonder – How are you meant to begin your quest if you can't even open the gate?





