

## The Unknown Mage

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Little is known about this unknown mage, not his name, not where he came from or where he had gone to once he left. What is known about this man is that he somehow was able to recover the Book of the Dead and return the evil that had plagued our world. He united the kingdoms of men through his actions and though sworn enemies of order and chaos, we have become united as one by his deeds.

The unknown mage was a strange man who often was making jokes, which did not seem to fit with anything that was happening. He spoke in strange words and seemed to be uninterested in the ways of our realm. At first, he was annoying, but later when he proved himself worthy, and then even further still, to be our hero, we quickly forgot about these small annoyances and gladly accepted him as our brother too.

It was a sad day when he left, for he could have been our king, as even our king, Lord British knew that this hero had won the heart of all the people. He declined such advances by our scholars, to learn our ways and stay in our realm and in a way, we knew he was destined to leave, for this was not his home. I remember watching a small boy ask him how he could leave after everything that had happened? "How can we possibly fill your shoes?" the boy said and "what if we need you again?"

The Unknown mage replied:

"Listen kid, my shoes are just [A Pair of Completely Normal Sandals]. You see, it just won't work out, me staying here that is. All men think they're fascinating. In my case it's justified. I have a life and I need to get home. If you need me again just click your heels three times and say, "there's no place like home"."

The Mage's Guild have been trying to get this final spell to work over the years with little success, though they keep trying.

As for the Unknown mage, we returned him back to whence he came using the Necronomicon, but before he said the words, he looked over to the boy who was clearly upset and said, "remember kid, there's no place like home". As irony would have it, he was gone but his Pair of Completely Normal Sandals remained behind. Those are shoes we are not likely to fill any time soon.

Our realm quickly returned back to the squabbles and concerns of events of the day. The unknown mage was gone, but through his heroic deeds, inspired all of us to be brave and have courage in the face of evil. As for myself who played a witness to these deeds, I have tried to pick up his mantle and be brave too, even with the objections of my wife. If we all hide from the face of terror and no one stands for what is true and right, then perhaps we deserve our fate, whatever that may be. This does not bode well. What the unknown mage showed me was more than being brave, but a little about who we are and when I think about him, I start to think of what is important to me. My family, my friends and the people that make our realm so wonderful. Through this memory I have of him, I know myself better and I appreciate everyone more, then I smile-as if somehow, I too won a great victory like he.

We were lost, and it took one hero to remind us how to find our way, that being lost doesn't require a hero, but to remember, who we are, where we come from and who helped us along the way. So, in this revelation I understand a simple notion, that to remember is to find our way.

There is much evil that still exists in our realm and I am excited to do what I can to make this world a little brighter, to what ever end.

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