

Ronan's New Hat Quest

Story Beats

1. Ronan's got a New Hat. Why, you ask? Oh, he just wanted to impress Agatha. Yes, there's no other purpose to the hat. In fact, he needs someone to go ask Agatha if she's noticed the hat and is interested in him, because he is so immobilized by love that he can't speak to her himself. There is no other reason why he cannot get his legs to work, so quit asking.
2. When the player goes to Agatha and asks if she's seen the hat, she tells the player yes, but she isn't sure what that has to do with her. Someone else's hat doesn't mean much to her – she prefers to be pursued by suitors.

Ronan decides he must woo Agatha with gifts. He figures that Agatha, being earthy, might like materials to make her own cheese. The player's going to have to find some milk, to start. Ronan promises to reimburse the player if they buy the milk – he can't buy the milk himself because he "can't get his legs to work."

3. When the player gives Ronan the milk and asks for reimbursement, Ronan says he will reimburse them ASAP but needs something else first. It's not enough to just give Agatha milk – she'll need a cheese-making kit as well. Ronan (for some reason) recalls seeing a cheese-making kit in a specific cave. The cave, of course, is infested with monsters. The player must cut down these monsters and make their way through the cave until they reach a skeleton that has the cheese-making kit on it. This skeleton also happens to have an oddly tall hat...
4. The player tries to hand the cheesemaking kit to Ronan, but it slips through his hands and breaks on the ground. Forget the whole thing – the player should just go get some cheese for Ronan to give to her. A lot of it. The player better go buy/steal some.
5. The player returns to Ronan with cheese, but before the player can even offer the cheese to Ronan, a speaking rat named RATTY scuttles out from under Ronan's hat and steals the cheese, then disappears (This can be represented via text).
6. The *real* Ronan regains control of his body, explaining that he has been under Ratty's control this entire time. Ratty must have crawled under his hat and taken control of Ronan somehow just by pulling at his hair. He swears off hats because they make it too easy for rats to take control of people's bodies. Also, he has no interest in Agatha or cheese – that was all Ratty. He compensates the player for their time with his New Hat.