Ninjara Hoi! FAQ/Walkthrough

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Welcome to another guide of mine. The subject of this particular one is Ninjara Hoi!, a **very** recently translated Famicom RPG, made in the style of the more well-known Dragon Warrior, which itself spawned a number of clones back in the '80s and '90s. It is known as a bit of a pariodical game in same vein as Tengai Makyou, with much of its humor centered around on various pop and historical figures of Japanese culture (which were modernized in the translation). It's also apparently made by the same team who developed the game Momotarou Densetsu: The Legend of Peach Boy, which is much of the reason why I've wanted to play this game for a while, knowing its humor and gameplay fairly well.

It's been over twenty-five years since this game's launch in 1990 by the ASCII Corporation. And since then, not a single FAQ has been written for it. Well, there's always a first time for everything, no? Ever since the start of the NES FAQ Completion Project on GameFAQs some years ago - a project designed to get a guide out for every single NES game out there - many people have now been helped because older, rarer, less popular games have gotten guides. So many games, in fact, that all of the North American games have been covered, as have the European games, leaving only those that are homebrews and mostly those released in Japan and the Koreas.

And so, that is how I came upon this game. Thanks for listening to my ramblin'; hope you enjoy!

Basics of the Game

Game Controls

Button	Effects
D-Pad	Move around and move cursosrs in menus.
A Button	Open an action menu and confirm choices in menus.
	Enter/exit Clockwork Tank when you get it.

	Begin flying or land the Clockwork Jet when you get it.
B Button	Cancel commands and leave menus.
Select Button	N/A
Start Button	N/A

Game Saving/Loading

Ninjara Hoi! - along with a number of other Famicom titles by ASCII - uses an expansion plug-in for the Japanese Famicom known as a Turbo File. This Turbo File is essentially a memory card, compatible with a number of other ASCII titles at the save time to store save data from the game. Those attempting to play this game on an actual non-Japanese NES or most emulators will not be able to save their game in the traditional ways as intended by the game; you will have to leave the console on or use save-states, respectively, to retain game progress.

An alternate method of saving - also available by speaking with a Reviving Jizo - is "Diary" saving. Diary-saving is NOT like traditional battery-backed SRAM (save-RAM, the save file that is stored on a game even when the console is turned off). It actually is very misleading in that regard. Rather, a Diary save will only function until the console is turned off completely: it remains there even if you reset. It's good for allowing you to move between save files. However, for long term play, you will need save-states or a Turbo File, or raise your electric bill by leaving the console on outright.

Should you wish to delete the in-game saves - not the Turbo File, the "diary" entries - hold Select and Start and reset the Famicom. The saved data should be deleted. Or just turn it off. Same thing. >_> Why they included a special code for that is beyond me.

Field Interfacing

In the field - which is simply defined as being out of battles - most of your interfacing (other than walking around) will be done via an action menu, which will be opened up with the A Button. At the top, you will see a brief summation of your current status: your name, level, HP, and JP from left to right, with your Gold ("G") below. There are six options at the bottom of the screen:

- Talk (Top-Left): Talk with the person you are currently facing.
- Items (Top-Right): Look at your item stock and use them as needed.
- Jutsu (Middle-Left): Jutsu is essentially magic in this game, and consumes JP.
- Status (Middle-Right): Look at your status in-depth.
- Search (Bottom-Left): Investigate the tile beneath your feet: used to find items.
- Scrolls (Bottom-Right): Use a scroll.

Here are the more in-depth details on each.

Talk: You can use this to communicate with people, and thereby obtain information. In a humorous game such as this, it is suggested that you talk with everyone at least once. Plus, they can also reveal helpful info!

Items: When you enter this menu, you can choose any of the up-to-eight items you have. There will be four options for an item: "Use" (use or equip the item), "Eat" (used for curative items), "?" (learn the item's effects), and "Drop" (discard the item). Items have a variety of functions and, while they're mentioned in this FAQ, using the "?" option can be helpful to learning their effects for yourself.

Jutsu: Jutsu is a kind of magic for this game. Each Jutsu has a varying effect, too. Jutsus will be learned at the various dojos in various towns, and each use will consume your JP. As some Jutsus are used more and more, they level up and gain higher levels of effectiveness. When you're in the field, you'll only be allowed to use certain Ninjutsus, Tengu Jutsus, and Kunoichi Jutsues.

Status: In the top-left, you will see your current Level (a measure of your power) and Gold ("G" - currency). In the top-middle box, you will see your EXP., current HP, max HP, current JP, max JP, Attack, Defense, and Speed. HP is a measure of your health; when it hits zero, you are warped to the last Reviving Jizo used. JP is used as a currency for Jutsu; hence, Jutsu Point. Attack influences the damage of your Fight command, Defense influences the damage you receive in battle, and Speed influences battles' turn order and your escaping abilities. In the top-right, you'll find the important "Treasure" items you'll get as you play. In the bottom-left, you can find your known Jutsus, and then the info on Tengus if you press A. At the bottom-right is your current equipment: each piece of equipment will be of one of four types, and you can only have one of any type equipped (for a total of four pieces of equipment). In any case, your stats (top-middle) will increase as you earn EXP. from beating enemies, and then level up.

Search: Searching will examine the tile you are standing on to find an item. This, like in most Dragon Warrior clones, is very rarely used except for plot purposes and in-dungeon treasure chests, so don't bother with it too much unless you need to. It's a pretty big game, after all! =P

Scrolls: View the scrolls in your possession.

Battle Interfacing

During battles - which can be randomly found in the overworld and certain other areas, and are forced at other times - you will enter a screen where you can see the enemies' sprites. You can fight a variable number of enemies, which means that it's encouraged to not escape many battles to thusly level up. In any case, you have six options available to you...

- Fight (Top-Left): Attack.
- Item (Top-Right): Use an item, often for a healing or damaging purpose.

- Jutsu (Middle-Left): These consume JP and have varying, useful effects.
- . Condition (Middle-Right): See if you've been ailed or the like.
- . Cover (Bottom-Left): Allows the user of this command to take the damage for another weaker or more important ally.
- Escape (Bottom-Right): Attempt to flee the battle. Escape is not guaranteed, but is proportionate to your Speed stat.

Later in the game, when you earn an ally, they will have access to the same actions except Jutsu, which is exclusive to the main character (Kazemaru). Additionally, certain items and Jutsus will only target one ally, so be sure to take that into consideration.

The goal of any battle is simple: attack the enemy and defeat them all. You will mostly do so with the Fight command, or the Item or Jutsu commands in some other cases. (Note that Jutsu is learned at dojos throughout the game, and consumes some of your limited JP.) When you choose an action, you must select a target. Note that the game is a bit odd about this. Normally, if the enemies are of different species, you can select each of them with a guaranteed chance of hitting any of them (assuming they fail to evade). However, if you find three enemies of the same species, you only can only choose the species given to you (i.e. Skull Knight if all three are Skull Knights), meaning you only have a 33% chance of hitting any. Because focusing your attacks on single enemies removes them from the battle faster and thus lessens harm to you, it is better to flee from battles that are heavily reliant on the same enemy species.

(As a footnote, the game will never specify what stats an enemy has: you have to go on what's given to you for that. In this FAQ, I used my emulator and knowledge of how RAM in games is generally organized to derive their stats for myself. While I don't know the exact mechanics, you can always assume this: higher Attack means more damage dealt, higher Defense means less damage dealt to whoever is hit, and higher Speed means that this person will more likely go first in battles. The troubles I go through for FAQs. <3)

When the battle is won, you will earn EXP. and Gold (G) for winning. EXP. is used to level you up; thus, as you win battles, you will get stronger. Or, to put it another way, no pain, no gain. =P Gold is used as currency to buy stuff. These are the main motivations as to why someone should *not* flee battles unless they're in danger of losing their health. (And yet, leveling up will also refill your HP and JP, so that could be something to consider in desperation.) Each enemy will yield its own amount of EXP. and Gold; basic algebra would suffice as for how to learn which enemy gives how much of each, but I've also used the RAM to save trouble on both of our parts in that regard. =P

Other Things of Note...

Items/Limits: Items are obtained by various means, typically through getting them in the field, as battle rewards (rarely), or from shops. The game will pile both your equipment and your consumable items into the same slots. At any given time, you can only carry eight items: any more and you cannot obtain the item. This doubles while you have an ally in your party (16 items: there will be a "Next Page" options). Items can be sold at the pawn shop owner within a town's shops, or kept in the item depository you can find in inns, whichever you prefer. Equipment is generally best sold when you obtain a better variety of it for this exact reason.

Death in the Party: When Kazemaru is the lone party member, like he is for much of the game, and his HP hits zero, you will be returned to the last town you visited. If all party members die when you have multiple members, that is when this teleportation occurs: otherwise, you will have to wander around with dead member(s). Those with no HP will not be functional in battle. To revive someone whose HP is gone, you can use a Reviving Ball. You can also speak with the Reviving Jizo found in each town and you will have to pay an amount of money equal to 16 times their level, like below.

	+A MONEY PAID FOR CHARACTER REVIVAL								
Level	Payment	Level	Payment	Level	Payment	Level	Payment	Level	Payment
Lv. 1	16 Gold	Lv. 11	176 Gold	Lv. 21	336 Gold	Lv. 31	496 Gold	Lv. 41	656 Gold
Lv. 2	32 Gold	Lv. 12	192 Gold	Lv. 22	352 Gold	Lv. 32	512 Gold	Lv. 42	672 Gold
Lv. 3	48 Gold	Lv. 13	208 Gold	Lv. 23	368 Gold	Lv. 33	528 Gold	Lv. 43	688 Gold
Lv. 4	64 Gold	Lv. 14	224 Gold	Lv. 24	384 Gold	Lv. 34	544 Gold	Lv. 44	704 Gold
Lv. 5	80 Gold	Lv. 15	240 Gold	Lv. 25	400 Gold	Lv. 35	560 Gold	Lv. 45	720 Gold
Lv. 6	96 Gold	Lv. 16	256 Gold	Lv. 26	416 Gold	Lv. 36	576 Gold	Lv. 46	736 Gold
Lv. 7	112 Gold	Lv. 17	272 Gold	Lv. 27	432 Gold	Lv. 37	592 Gold	Lv. 47	752 Gold
Lv. 8	128 Gold	Lv. 18	288 Gold	Lv. 28	448 Gold	Lv. 38	608 Gold	Lv. 48	768 Gold
Lv. 9	144 Gold	Lv. 19	304 Gold	Lv. 29	464 Gold	Lv. 39	624 Gold	Lv. 49	784 Gold
Lv. 10	160 Gold	Lv. 20	320 Gold	Lv. 30	480 Gold	Lv. 40	640 Gold	Lv. 50	800 Gold

Jutsu: Jutsu is this RPG's take on the magic command you'd find more often in other RPGs: Final Fantasy, for instance. Jutsu is much similar to that. It can be learned at the dojos in some towns, assuming that the dojo master is there, or some Tengus in other loci. Jutsu - as applicable - can be used in the field, in battles, or both, and it will consume some of your limited JP. However, as you use the spell more often, it will level up and become better: the levels will be noted by initially being Normal (which is just the implied level I give it), then becoming Hyper, Super, Ultra, and Miracle. This latter fact is only applicable to Ninjutsu and Kunoichi Jutsu; Tengu Jutsu, which plays a more functional role, will not level up, and only some of those Ninjutsus and Kunoichi Jutsus. When a Jutsu levels up, you almost always use that new form of the Jutsu except in a few rare cases: this new form may cost a little more JP, be stronger, be more accurate, or have new side-effects, among other things. You can see the specific details about the Ninjutsus, Tengu Jutsus, and the Kunoichi Jutsus in their respective sections - note that only Kazemaru can use Ninjutsus and Tengu Jutsus, whereas only Akane can use Kunoichi Jutsus.

Known Problems with the Game: This game has a few minor glitches of note: nothing that would derail your gameplay, but could cause confusion. Firstly, the use of the Trippy Balls is known to alter the palette and colors in the game; expect that. In particular, it will possibly make text invisible. You know, trippy. =P You can remedy this by simply walking around for a bit: the effect is only temporal.

Next, later in the game, you will earn the Burrow Tengu Jutsu: this is about halfway-to-2/3 through the game. This allows you to avoid random-encounter battles. However, in certain situations, its use can cause the game to hang: for example, the game might hang if you are under its effects and attempt to enter a boss battle. It is also a temporal thing: just know to walk around until the Jutsu loses its effect before entering any forced battles.

Also, if you name your character and your partner with names less than six letters, then the game will assume the rest of the name to be filled with spaces. For example, the phrase from the introduction (in English, if you're named BOB), were it displayed *properly*...

"It is the story of a boy known as BOB. Long ago, there once"	
would actually look like this:	
"It is the story of a boy known as BOB . Long ago, there once"	
Notice the gap between "BOB" and the period (".") in the second example, which is how the game renders th	e text with too-short names. Just so you know.
Walkthrough	
One Quick Note!	
To those who happen to be reading this FAQ, I would like to note that I am using the English translation of this by Pennywise, aishsha, and others. For this reason, I will provide translations (for relatively important scenes common player based on this translation, in case you cannot - for whatever reason - apply the translation to Japanese (like me =P). While such translations should be expected of FAQs for Japanese RPGs, also keep localized the translation so the humor therein would be retained for non-Japanese audiences, and my in-FAQ	: others are simply summed up or skipped) for the your own game and also have poor/no skills at reading n mind that the authors of this translation, in a way,
Game Start-Up	
At the title screen, press Start to begin the game. You will first be able to choose the speed at which message which you'll be able to select whether you want to load a new game (top) or start a new game (bottom). Assuname. Note that your name is limited to six characters - if it's any less, the game's text will look "odd" when you the remainder of your name. Additionally, the game won't let you enter a name that is all one character (i.e. "oddg. If you opt to not choose a name, you will be using the default name: the main character's is Kazamaru, and the character's is kazamaru, and th	ming you're doing the latter, you will next enter your our name is mentioned, as blanks will be put in to fill out AAAAAA"). The same is true for your partner and friend, a
The Star Scroll	
Sectional Flowchart	
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Introduction Translation	
Spoiler. Highlight text to view Female News Anchor - "Welcome to the 9 PM weather forecast for the evening news! Your weather for tomorrow is nothing but sunshine. A great day for some outdoor fun! Coming up next is the premiere of 'Ninjara Hoi!' Enjoy the show!"	
Male News Anchor - "Good evening! My name is Tadao Takashimadaira! It is my pleasure to present to you 'Ninjara Hoi!' It is a wacky Japanese game from 1990! It is the story of a boy known as Kazemaru. Long ago, there once was a Shinobi Kingdom created and ruled by the greatest ninja ever, Rahoi. But his kingdom fell when the evil Skull Shogun laid siege to the land and turned Rahoi to stone. However, before the petrification was complete, Rahoi entrusted his only son to his loyal follower, Stinkosai. Stinkosai and the others fled to the remote edges of the land. The Skull Shogun desperately searched for them, wanting to erase Rahoi's bloodline. And that is where our story begins! Well, folks, I hope you're all very excited! It's time for me to go. We'll see you at the movies! W-wait, no"	
[Scene changes to a house in the Wind Hamlet.]	
[Stinkosai Tozawa just cut loose a loud fart!!]	

Stinkosai - "Kazemaru! Good God! You rascal! ... Did you say you want to go on a quest to defeat the Shogun? Excuse me for farting, but you made me lose control of myself with that talk! So you're set on conquering the Skull Shogun? I see... Well, since you're so determined, I can't stop you! BUT! Kazemaru! Before you leave, I have a favor to ask of you! Please go to the nearby village of Encaenia and see the man they call Saizo to get a secret message from him! I won't let you leave unless you bring it to me within an hour! Get a move on! Time's a-tickin'!

Wind Hamlet

WIND HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS							
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Shuriken	16 Gold	Damages multiple enemies, usually for ~20 damage.					
Makibishi	30 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 75% success rate.					
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.					
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP.					
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP.					
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.					

WIND HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS								
Equipment Name	Туре	Type Cost ATK DEF SPD Wi						
Bokuto	Weapon	50 Gold	+2	-	-	Kazemaru		
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru		
Hachimaki	Headband	8 Gold	-	+1	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru		
Katabira	Torso Armor	50 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru		
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	Kazemaru		
Waraji	Footgear	20 Gold	-	-	+5	Kazemaru		

In case you don't remember, Stinkosai requested that you get him Saizo's secret message in an hour. While that's all well and good, the destination village is essentially next door, so don't worry too much.

After regaining control of your character, feel free to speak with the guy at the right side of the room. (He speaks of getting his orange belt - a symbol of strength, in regards to karate - through the mail, in case you can't tell.) Leave the house to the front lawn with the path in the shape of a swastika. At the south part of town is a white person, known as a Reviving Jizo, who you can save the game at.

Were you to enter the shop in the southeast corner, you would find the Shinobi Arms store - an equipment store - at the left, and the Shinobi Tools store - an items store - at the right. In the southwest corner of town is an inn where you can spend a small sum of money to stay the night and restore your HP and JP in full. You can also access a depository in the inn to save your items, and another for your Gold, which can then be withdrawn, not just here, but anywhere else where such a place exists! While you do not have any money - and thus both facilities currently lack any use to use - it is important to get familiar with them nonetheless.

In the northeast and northwest mountains making up the town are dojos where you can learn ninjutsu, this game's variation on magic that you'd find in most RPGs. However, the dojo master is not here; other towns will have such dojos for you to learn at, however. Anyhow, since you have nothing else to do here, simply head to the overworld. As you leave town, be sure to do so via the south end: there, you'll find a person next to the ring of trees surrounding the village. This is a Reviving Jizo: you can speak with these to learn how much EXP. you need to reach the next level and to save your game. Be sure to use them often (if you have a Turbo File).

Encaenia Village

TREASURES CHECKLIST ☐ Secret Message

ENCAENIA VILLAGE SHOP - TEA SHOP							
Item Name Cost Effects							
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP.					
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP.					
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.					

When you enter the overworld, don't worry too much about random encounters: in this particular region of the overworld, you won't deal with them. Just walk north to the next village: it's all of three steps away. >_>

When you enter the village proper, there's not a lot to do, but speaking with the townspeople can give some useful advice to RPG beginners. (Of course, if you're playing an RPG out of your language, you've probably played quite a few before! =P) Anyhow, in the northwesternmost house, speak with the man to get a riddle: should you answer it, you'll be told where Saizo is. The riddle is "Green on the vine, red on your plate! What six-letter vegetable am I talking about?" -- the answer is "Tomato". (On the English translation, note that it is case-sensitive.)

The man will then reveal himself to be Saizo, and you will be given a Secret Message. As you go south out of the village, there will be some ninjas awaiting you:

speaking with them reveals that this small task, by order of Stinkosai, has made you a full-fledged ninja! (What the hell?) **Return to the Wind Hamlet** TREASURES CHECKLIST [] 100 Gold When you return to the Wind Hamlet, you can enter Stinkosai's house - speak with him to end this minor quest. In the case that you did make it within the hour (it really shouldn't have taken more than 15 minutes), you'll be permitted to go defeat the Shogun and will be given 100 Gold. If you didn't finish in under an hour, you just don't get any money. > > When you're done, let's return to the overworld... **Our First Overworld Trek** TREASURES CHECKLIST

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Scythe Skull	7	22	14	16	3	2	None	
Skull Leader	5	7	7	7	3	1	None	
Skull Underling	4	5	1	3	2	1	None	

When you return to the overworld, note that you will now encounter enemies as you go through the overworld. Buying the Bokuto weapon and several Dangos from the Wind Hamlet is highly recommended to increase damage output (thus shortening battles) and to ensure your own life. Shuriken can also be helpful for multienemy fights. This is by far better than running since you can earn money and EXP. to ease your traveling, and there isn't a true "Game Over" in this game, so the risk is relatively little, at least at this point. The only real exception for now is the rare Scythe Skull, which drastically overpowers you, typically two-hit-killing you. ^sr1|Express Tengu and his true form.

In any case, begin by going northward. As you go through the larger mountains encircling this area, you'll find a Jizo statue, which you can speak with - at least in the overworld - to be able to get some useful hints, this hint being what you get from this Jizo. Further north, if you keep along the dirt path, you will find a Jizo. Go along the grassy path to the east and through the forest and then into the house at the end to find the Express Tengu. By speaking with him, you will have to play a little game with him to find his true form, a blue-clothed old man as when you speak to him initially - just press A when you see it. It might take a few tries, but it's doable and repeatable. When you win, you'll get the Express Tengu Jutsu, which functions like the Fujizoom item, which lets you travel to a town or village you've been to already for 10 JP. You could easily use the inns there to cheaply heal your JP back if needed. Thus, it's great for emergencies or the need to save quickly!

Backtrack through the overworld to that fork in the path near the second Jizo statue. Go north and along the path to find Manji Cave.

Manji Cave			
TREASURES CHECKLIST			
[] Rice Cake			

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops
Bad Luck	20	0	28	28	0	1	None
Good Luck	1	0	0	0	0~99	0	None
Scythe Skull	7	22	14	16	3	2	None

To the curious, the Jizo outside the cave notes that you will find two enemies - Good Luck and Bad Luck - inside, who are a bit special compared to the other enemies. Bad Luck is known to steal pretty much all of your Gold from your wallet, and your Speed is likely too low to guarantee an escape, so something like the Makibishi will help here to stop you from losing your Gold, maybe. On the off-chance you win the fight, you'll regain all lost Gold. Good Luck is quite the opposite: during a fight with him, you'll have to stop the digits of a number in the same manner as one would a slot machine; just press A to stop them. When all have stopped, you'll earn the equivalent amount of Gold, which will thus be between 0 and 99, since only two digits are operated.

Other than those enemies, you'll find plenty of Scythe Skulls throughout, and they are still rather powerful, meaning you'll probably lose most battles against them. It would be wise to bring along some Shurikens from Wind Hamlet to deal with them.

When you enter the cave, begin by walking along the linear path north and east and you will find a four-way intersection. Go south first and Search on the chest at the end of the path to find a **Rice Cake** item, which restores 25 HP! (That actually ought to be close to your actual max HP right now, assuming you're Level 4 as I am.) Similarly, if you go north of that four-way, you'll find an **Onigiri** on the ground, which heals 16 HP as you should already know. East of the four-way are the stairs, which lead to the overworld. Enter the nearby village.

Star Town

TREASURES CHECKLIST

STAR TOWN SHOP - TEA SHOP							
Item Name Cost Effects							
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.					
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP.					
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP.					
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP.					

Escape Ball 50 Gold Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.

When you enter Star Town, be sure to use the nearby Reviving Jizo to save if you can. In the southeast corner of the town is the inn, which will cost 5 Gold, and there's an items shop in the southwestern portion of town; a couple of Antidotes wouldn't be too bad an idea. In any case, if you were to speak with the locals around here, you'd learn that Star Town is a town that is absolutely fanatic about baseball, although since the Skull Clan's been coming around not many have been able to enjoy it. You'd also learn that you can find all five of Ninja Master Rahoi's scrolls to learn the ultimate ninjutsu, one of which would be in this town! Enter the Star Dome in the center of the town, which is the town's baseball field. Speak with the foul-mouthed Clemenichi on the mound and you'll be shoved to home base. As he throws the baseball, properly time your pressing of A or B so that you swing and hit a home-run. He will accuse you of being on something before throwing you the **Star Scroll!** ^_ After getting all of the damn foul language out of your system, leave.

The Dream Scroll

Sectional Flowchart

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- Napalm Hamlet
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- Dream Town

Moving Further In The Overworld

TREASURES CHECKLIST

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY									
Enemy Name Max HP ATK DEF SPD Gold EXP. Known Item Drop							Known Item Drops		
Bare Bones	11	8	30	30	10	2	None		

Battle Frog	8	26	18	24	5	2	Frog Oil
Frog Tamer	16	19	20	24	5	3	None
Jiraiya Skull	9	21	24	26	7	2	None
Ninja Dog	7	22	10	26	4	1	None
Poisonous Frog	7	15	22	26	6	1	None
Scythe Skull	7	22	14	16	3	2	None

When you arrive in the overworld, expect to begin fighting much-harder enemies than before; the Scythe Skull is relatively easy for now, as it happens. It would be best to grind yourself to somewhere around Levels 8~10 for now to deal with this. After, go along the path to the first Jizo statue you see, who will note that the Badabing Hamlet is to the northwest. Go northwest along the practically-dotted path in the forest to find it.

As a note, if you need quick Gold, you can get the item Frog oil from the Battle Frogs when you beat them. You don't have multiple party members as of yet, so selling it for a nice 90 Gold is a considerable thought.

Badabing Hamlet TREASURES CHECKLIST Badabing Ninjutsu Foxfire Ninjutsu

BADABING HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS									
Item Name Cost Effects									
Gunpowder Ball	8 Gold	Heavy damage to a single enemy. Deals ~24 HP of damage.							
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.							
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses. Deals ~80 HP of damage.							
Makibishi	30 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 75% success rate.							
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.							
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP.							

BADABING HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS											
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders					
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru					
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	Kazemaru					
Hachimaki	Headband	8 Gold	-	+1	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru					
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	Kazemaru					
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	-	Kazemaru					
Waraji	Footgear	20 Gold	-	-	+5	Kazemaru					

When you arrive, speak with the Jizo as usual to save, since you may as well. As usual, there is an inn nearby, which will cost you 15 Gold this time. In the southeastern corner of town, you can find the full set of shops you haven't seen since the Wind Hamlet. The arms shop is little different, but it contains two improvements: the Shinobi Katana and the Shell Katabira, which would be nice to grab. The new items at the tool shop are two new attacking items, neither of which are of particular want at the moment; I'd stick with maybe two Gunpowder Balls and some Rice Cakes.

In the northwestern cave of the town is a dojo where you can learn some Ninjutsu. Speak with the man within to confirm your training.

BOSS - Badabing Ninja

	Badabing Ninja
Max HP	50
Attack	24
Defense	26
Speed	24
Gold	0
EXP.	4
Items	None

The Badabing Ninja will mostly have two actions he can do. The first is a basic attack; assuming your armor situation is ideal, you won't take much more than 5 damage per hit. He will hit usually every two or three turns, instead favoring the Badabing Jutsu as his other move to heal some HP. This is most irritating thing, especially at lower levels as it can mean that your damage is quickly undone. Playing this battle is more of a waiting game than anything: for the most part, the damage done won't need to be healed until you're hit for the third or fourth time. Other times, it's mostly attacking and hoping the damage doesn't get undone; in this instance, being a bit slower than the Badabing Ninja can be helpful at the start since his Jutsu would be used *before* you attack. =P Other methods of killing would probably include the expensive attack items.

For winning, you will earn the **Badabing Ninjutsu**, which is used to heal your HP! Nice! =D Heal up at the inn and go to the northeastern cave for another boss battle within the Ninjutsu Dojo there!

BOSS - Foxfire Ninja

	Foxfire Ninja
Max HP	60
Attack	26
Defense	20
Speed	19
Gold	0
EXP.	5
Items	None

The Foxfire Ninja will rely heavily on one technique: his Foxfire Ninjutsu, which will deal around 16 damage to you. This will mean you essentially have to quickly kill him, since his normal attack also does 7~10 damage. By "quickly kill", I mean you really ought to buy some attacking items and use them here to assure a quick death.

For winning, you'll get the **Foxfire Ninjutsu**. This Ninjutsu is used for offensive purposes, unlike the other one you learned in this town; it does start relatively weak (about half as powerful as Fight), but it gets absolutely deadly at higher levels. That will about do it, though. Head out of town when you're ready.

The Path of Napalm

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops			
Bare Bones	11	8	30	30	10	2	None			
Battle Frog	8	26	18	24	5	2	Frog Oil			
Frog Tamer	16	19	20	24	5	3	None			
Jiraiya Skull	9	21	24	26	7	2	None			
Ninja Dog	7	22	10	26	4	1	None			
Poisonous Frog	7	15	22	26	6	1	None			
Scythe Skull	7	22	14	16	3	2	None			

When you leave the Badabing Hamlet, go back east to the dirt path and follow it northward for a while; you'll eventually happen upon our next destination, Napalm Hamlet.

Napalm Hamlet

TREASURES CHECKLIST

∐ Napalm Ninjutsu

NAPALM HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS

Item Name	Cost	Effects
Limpy Flower	30 Gold	Lowers an enemy's Attack and Defense, increasing their damage taken and lessening their output.
Net	98 Gold	Makes it so that an enemy cannot attack for a brief time.
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses. Deals ~80 HP of damage.
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP.

NAPALM HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS											
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders					
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru					
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	Kazemaru					
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	Kazemaru					
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	-	Kazemaru					

As usual, be sure to use the inn (25 Gold) and shop as you enter the small hamlet. There's not much new in the shops, though you might find those Limpy Flowers and Nets useful for some battles, and the next Jutsu-earning battles in particular. In the northwestern cave, you can fight the Dojo Master...

BOSS - Napalm Ninja

	Napalm Ninja
Max HP	65
Attack	40
Defense	26
Speed	26
Gold	0
EXP.	6
Items	None

The Napalm Ninja will probably be the first of the Dojo Masters that has a legitimate chance at overpowering you at this point in the game. His normal attack will deal around 10~15 damage, and his Napalm Ninjutsu.... Well, that I think may have been nerfed during the development and debugging process a little *too* heavily since it was only about half as powerful as his attack. Still, neither are things you'll want to screw with. Generally, opening with Foxfire is a good idea: it should deal somewhere around 15~25 damage in this instance, and you'll probably hit the second time if you miss. From there, it will be better to devote your JP to the use of Badabing when you need to heal during a simple Fight offense.

After winning, you'll gain the **Napalm Ninjutsu**. As was shown in the battle, the Napalm Ninjutsu is a simple attack that costs 12 JP; at the moment, Foxfire will suffice for your offensive Ninjutsu, since Napalm is a lot inferior. At the same time, though, Napalm will eventually be useful as a multitarget attack since that is its intent: it will always be weaker than Foxfire, but it can also hit multiple enemies at once quite easily.

Other than this stuff, the Napalm Hamlet doesn't have much in it, so head back to the overworld.

Island Hoppin'

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY											
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops				
Bare Bones	11	8	30	30	10	2	None				
Battle Frog	8	26	18	24	5	2	Frog Oil				
Frog Tamer	16	19	20	24	5	3	None				
Jiraiya Skull	9	21	24	26	7	2	None				
Ninja Dog	7	22	10	26	4	1	None				
Poisonous Frog	7	15	22	26	6	1	None				

When you return to the overworld, head north and east and you will find a lengthy bridge. As you attempt to cross it, a man will come from Napalm with terrible news...

Spoiler. Highlight text to view

Man - "Kazemaru! I've got terrible news for you! It's about Master Stinkosai! The Skull Shogun attacked Wind Hamlet and turned him to stone!

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[The scene switches to a television report, like at the start.]

Tadao Takashimadaira - "Good evening! It's me, Tadao Takashimadaira! Things are starting to get hairy here, folks! As awful as it sounds, the Skull Shogun set his wrath upon the little Wind Hamlet and Stinkosai! Of course, I already knew that because I saw the trailer! Hahaha! Now we return you to your program, right inside Stinkosai's house! Enjoy the show folks! It's just getting started!"

[The scene switches to Stinkosai's home in Wind Hamlet.]

Stinkosai - "Forgive me, Kazemaru! It was my foolishness that led the Skulls here! And now, look at what has happened! The Shogun is doing all that he can to stop Rahoi's son from learning the ultimate Jutsu! Kazemaru! Please listen to me! The son of Rahoi is none other than you! I've been protecting your identity here in this hamlet ... but it's only a matter of time before the Shogun finds out who you are! We're in a race for our future, but you can't do it all alone! You have a sister who can help you! Your younger sister, Akane, is somewhere in this land! Hanzo Tsuzura was tasked with raising her, just as I did with you. If the both of you join your powers together, you will have the power to stop the Skulls and take our land back! Make me proud Kazemaru!

After that long scene, you'll be back in the Wind Hamlet. You'll need to backtrack manually to Napalm Hamlet and cross the bridge, or you could just use the Express Tengu Jutsu or a Fujizoom to get there faster. Whichever. In any case, once you get across, we'll properly begin the hunt for Akane.

Across the Bridge

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops			
Battle Rat	10	33	28	28	7	3	None			
Grinning Bones	8	18	18	32	9	1	None			
Rat Tamer	24	22	30	28	4	4	None			
Shinobi Rat	11	22	22	30	10	2	None			

On a quick general note, you will begin to fight Rat Tamers (among the other enemies listed here) after you cross the bridge. The Rat Tamers in particular are capable of summoning additional Battle Rats into the battle, so taking the Tamers out first is generally a good idea.

Once you've crossed that long bridge from Napalm to the new island, you'll find a Jizo statue noting that Limpy Hamlet is just ahead. Technically, it's to the southeast. but whatever: it's there, so going there isn't too bad an idea!

Limpy Hamlet

TREASURES CHECKLIST

∐ Limpy Ninjutsu

LIMPY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS								
Item Name Cost Effects								
Boom Ball	6,300 Gold	Hits a single enemy for moderate damage, around 20~30 points. Can be used multiple times.						
Big Kite	6 Gold	In the overworld, use this to zoom around to see the land nearby, then press A to land where you started.						
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.						
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses. Deals ~80 HP of damage.						
Food Capsule	50 Gold	Restores 40 HP to a single target.						
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.						

LIMPY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS									
Equipment Name Type Cost ATK DEF SPD Wielders									
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	Kazemaru			
Nunchaku	Weapon	560 Gold	+8	-	-	Kazemaru			
Hachigane	Headband	60 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru			
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	-	Kazemaru			
Ivory Katabira	Torso Armor	420 Gold	-	+7	-	Kazemaru			

Do the usual stuff when you enter the village: sleep at the inn (30 Gold), save at the Reviving Jizo, and go shopping. The shop has some new weapons and armor you might want to consider, but the benefits - assuming you already have ideal equipment - are minor at +2 Attack and +3 Defense, something you could just grind for in the overworld. The new usable items are an improved HP-restorer in the Food Capsule, the Big Kite (which is relatively pointless), and the Boom Ball, which can be used many times to deal damage to single-enemies.

Also, there's a dojo in the northwest corner of town where you can fight!

BOSS - Limpy Ninja

	Limpy Ninja
Max HP	70
Attack	38
Defense	38
Speed	32
Gold	0
EXP.	7
Items	None

The Limpy Ninja, as his name suggests, will rely a good bit on the Limpy Ninjutsu. It works much akin to the Limpy Flower item you could have bought before: it will lower your Attack and Defense, making you weaker and take more damage at the same time. Coming loaded with a couple of Food Capsules wouldn't be too bad an idea to counteract the damage, although you're mostly screwed on the Attack decrement. He often will use this several consecutive times as well: akin to Pok駕on strategy in that same manner, it will essentially magnify the effect and make you all the more ... well, limpy! For example, after two uses at Level 9 with ideal equipment (38 ATK, 38 DEF), I was hitting for about 4 damage and being hit for about four times that. o_o;

So, how to deal with this? Coming in with all guns blazing is about the best thing you can do: by beating him before he can actually use Limpy or the like, he'll never get the chance to use it and weaken you; Fight won't do it unless you've been grinding a lot. A Throwing Knife is a pretty sure-fire kill, and the Foxfire Ninjutsu works well, too, even if it is a bit inaccurate.

After the battle, you'll earn the Limpy Ninjutsu - initially costing 6 JP and taking 26 uses to level-up, it will reduce the target's Attack and Defense in battle, which, as demonstrated in this particular one, can be devastating to lone foes! Other than this, though, there's little reason to stay. So don't.

More in the Overworld...

TREASURES CHECKLIST

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops				
Battle Rat	10	33	28	28	7	3	None				
Fire Breather	12	19	28	29	8	3	None				
Grabber Skull	28	26	26	38	13	4	None				
Grinning Bones	8	18	18	32	9	1	None				
Porky Skull	10	26	32	27	12	2	Rice Cake				
Pusher Skull	11	30	36	30	16	2	None				
Rat Tamer	24	22	30	28	4	4	None				
Shinobi Rat	11	22	22	30	10	2	None				

Thrower Skull	14	22	48	40	20	2	None
Water Skull	14	28	30	38	18	3	None

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When you return to the overworld, head south and along the western dirt path for a bit. If you speak with the Jizo along the way - a Confirmation Jizo - he will mention the Express Tengu and his Tengu Jutsu you can learn from him. He can be found southeast of Manji Cave's south entrance, along the path in the forest there - see **Our First Overworld Trek** for more. To the southeast of there, you should see some form of two lakes: like in the nearby screenshot, you can see a house - that of a Tengu - to the southeast of there. Go there!

Within, you will find the Exit Tengu: confirm that you are here to learn his Exit Spell and he will ask you to hand him an item whose name begins with "Da-". The only such item we've found insofar in the game is the Dango item which can be bought at Star Town and earlier areas for 8 Gold: use the Express Tengu Jutsu or a Fujizoom to get to one of those an back. (Those using the Fujizoom may prefer Wind Hamlet, since it sells Fujizooms.) For obtaining one and then speaking with him again, you will learn the **Exit Tengu Jutsu**, which allows you to exit any area (in the same manner as the Escape Ball item) for 9 JP.

Back in the overworld, go north and west to the dirt path we were following earlier. Then just follow it southward to Dream Town.

Dream Town

TREASURES CHECKLIST							
☐ Dream Scroll	☐ 0~24 other randomized treasures						

DREAM TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE								
Item Name Cost Effects								
Guts Ball	7,000 Gold	If you would be killed on the turn this is used, you will survive with 1 HP left.						
Funny 'Shroom	180 Gold	Confuses the enemy, meaning they may attack their allies or unintended other targets.						
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.						
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!						
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.						
Food Capsule	50 Gold	Restores 40 HP to a single target.						

As per the usual, when you enter the town, save at the Reviving Jizo, heal up at the inn (50 Gold), and shop in the Tea House. When you're done, feel free to speak with the local townspeople: in general, this reveals that Rahoi had left some kind of precious treasure here, in the town's treasurt, and that you need to solve riddles to get to it.

There are ghosts in the northern portion of town who will give you hints as to the answer: here are the various hints you can receive:

- Speaking with the southeastern ghost clearly some man gone out of his mind with his delusions of being Jesus Christ will yield this question: which group (among the Mongols, the Europeans, and the Americans) never managed to make it to Japan? The Mongols didn't, so answer that and you will learn that the numbers in the password are all odd.
- Speaking with the southern ghost near the path in the trees will yield that the number is three digits.
- The ghost just northwest of that one will first ask who wrote *The Book of the Five Rings*. Frankly, I was soooo tempted to try J.R.R. Tolkien (thinking it to be a ploy on his works in the *The Lord of the Rings* series), but the ghosts weren't amused. =P Anyhow, the answer is "Musashi Miyamoto". You will then learn that the sum of the [three] digits in the number is fifteen.
- The next ghost to the north will (eventually) ask you which of the three names shown was a Japanese warlord. Of course, the answer is Oda Nobunaga. (Guess that gives some credit to the *Nobunaga's Ambition* series.) You then learn that the product of the three digits in the number equals 105. Quickly, then, mathematically:
 - \circ X + Y + Z = 15
 - X * Y * Z = 105
 - o Simple trial-and-error will allow you to deduce that the digits are 3, 7, and 5: their sum is 15 and their product is 105. The question is the order...
- The next ghost to the northeast will ask as to which of the three styles of poetry haiku, shi, and sonnets are Japanese. Answer with the top option, "haiku", to get another hint. All three numbers are prime numbers, which means that their only factors (as far as natural numbers (positive integers > 0)) are 1 and themselves. The previously deduced 3, 5, and 7 apply to this rule, so let's move on. ... Though, yeah, that would've given it away: the only prime numbers between 0 and 9 inclusive are 2, 3, 5, and 7. =P
- The next ghost to the northwest with the girly name... Okay, he's pointless. Moving on.

- The next ghost to the east, named Alexandre Dumbass (poor guy), will eventually remember his riddle: who can take the place of the emperor, at least in regards to general royal proceedings? It's a role generally delegated to regents in times of illness, so go with that, the top option. The ghost will allow you to know that the three numbers in the password are two apart from each other. So this works for 3, 5, and 7: 3 + 2 = 5, and 5 + 2 = 7. Moving on.
- The baseball-loving ghost just nearby will ask you this question: who was Musashi Miyamoto's main rival? (Musashi Miyamoto being a famous baseball star in Japan.) The answer is Kojiro Sasaki, the top option. You'll finally get a hint as to the order of the digits themselves: the first digit is larger than the second, and the second is larger than the third. Thus, if the number were XYZ, X > Y > Z, which means that the numbers descend in value. Since we know the digits to be 3, 5, and 7, we simply reverse the order: the answer to the password is 753! (7 > 5 > 3)

Approach the large pagoda in the center of this area and speak with the man at the door and he will ask you the password. Three zeroes will appear on the screen: use the D-Pad to manipulate them into reading "753".

Inside the treasury, you will find a massive store of 25 treasre chests!!! Search on them to find ... well, it actually varies quite a bit. The last thing you'll find in any of them is the **Dream Scroll**; from there on out, they'll all be empty. The contents of each are also randomized to an extent, so it's all a lot of luck.

Anyhow, when you're done, return back to the overworld.

The Song Scroll

Sectional Flowchart

Yeah ... it's a long one!

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- Turd Village
- The Turd Pit
- Fresh Air At Last!!
- Song Town
- · The Lake Cave
- Restoring Song Town's Music

In the Wetlands

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name Max HP ATK DEF SPD Gold EXP. Known Item Dro										
Caster Skull	12	18	32	42	22	2	None			
Drunken Skull	15	28	50	46	22	4	None			
Fire Breather	12	19	28	29	8	3	None			
Grabber Skull	28	26	26	38	13	4	None			
Halberdier	13	31	33	34	11	3	None			
Thrower Skull	14	22	48	40	20	2	None			
Water Skull	14	28	30	38	18	3	None			

Our next journey isn't too long. Continue eastward along the path from Dream Town to find a Jizo statue; they will mention that the Runaway Hamlet is nearby, and someone you know is there! The Runaway Hamlet can be found just to the south in the middle of some sand, so go there!

Runaway Hamlet

TREASURES CHECKLIST

[] Runaway Ninjutsu

RUNAWAY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS								
Item Name Cost Effects								
Infinite Star	5,800 Gold	Instantly kills multiple enemies at once. Can be used as an infinite number of times.						
Hand Mirror	180 Gold	When an enemy attacks you with a Jutsu on the turn you use this, they are hit with the Jutsu they used!						
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.						
Plum Pill	300 Gold	Restores 8 JP to a single target.						
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.						
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.						

RUNA	RUNAWAY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS										
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders					
Ivory Fang	Weapon	480 Gold	+11	-	-	Takamaru					
Nunchaku	Weapon	560 Gold	+8	-	-	Kazemaru					
Kusarugama	Weapon	940 Gold	+10	-	-	Kazemaru					
Ivory Katabira	Torso Armor	420 Gold	-	+7	-	Kazemaru					
Chain Katabira	Torso Armor	840 Gold	-	+9	-	Kazemaru					
Shinobi Waraji	Footgear	420 Gold	-	-	+10	Kazemaru					

When you arrive in the area, you'll be interested to find that many of those here are actually dogs. Huh. If you've been paying attention to the actual effects of some equipment, you'd know that Takamaru could equip some of it; Takamaru is actually a ninja dog, and these types of partners will mostly be able to equip headbands and fangs, since they can't ... well, wear much else. >_> Otherwise, shop and heal as you want to; the usual new items are in, plus a few interesting battle items, though their use is relatively niche or pointless for their cost.

If you enter the north-central house of the village, you can speak with the dog inside, Tazu, the dog who allied Rahoi on his own journeys. She won't join you, being too old, but her son Takamaru is more than willing to join! He will join at Level 1, so keeping him alive in most battles will take a bit of work, but his stats are a bit more buffed than yours initially were as a form of compensation.

Now, as usual, you can head into the northwestern cave to find a dojo for learning Ninjutsu! But first, a brawl!

BOSS - Runaway Ninja

	Runaway Ninja
Max HP	70
Attack	38
Defense	38
Speed	32
Gold	0
EXP.	7
Items	None

The Runaway Ninja will rely more on his physical brute to defeat you, as a result of the effects of Runaway Ninjutsu being essentially pointless to an enemy during battle. Generally, you'll be able to expect 10~15 damage from those physical attacks.

Opening the battle with the Limpy spell will be very helpful to you in this fight, since it will greatly reduce the boss's physical and defensive prowess after two successful uses, though the effect is only temporal. Alternatively, if you have any battle items like a Throwing Knife spare, that would help out a ton. But, otherwise, this mostly devolves to a hit-and-heal fight.

After the battle, you will learn the **Runaway Ninjutsu**. Unlike the other Ninjutsus learned thus far, its use is mostly one of function, and it cannot be leveled up: it, for 9 JP, will learn you run away from a battle with a 75%-or-so success rate, which isn't too bad. Anyhow, we're done in this town. Back to the overworld: there, just go east to Arhat's Road.

Arhat's Road

TREASURES CHECKLIST									
☐ Fancy Watch	☐ Fancy Watch ☐ Antidote ☐ Plum Pill ☐ Caterer's Card ☐ 100 Gold ☐ Antidote								
[] Food Capsule									

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops				
Blue Moth	14	36	20	51	18	3	None				
Caster Skull	12	18	32	42	22	2	None				
Grabber Skull	28	26	26	38	13	4	None				
Hellfire Skull	14	23	20	60	12	3	None				
Newborn Moth	90	66	10	46	8	17	None				
Scaler	34	48	40	60	26	8	Antidote				
Water Skull	14	28	30	38	18	3	None				
Yellow Moth	17	28	39	49	16	4	None				

Arhat's Road - 1F: This area, and the Road as a whole, is pretty linear. In the first area, just go to the southeast corner to find the stairs.

Arhat's Road - 2F: Go east to find the stairs.

Arhat's Road - 3F (West): Go southeast to the stairs.

Arhat's Road - 4F: Go south and west to find a fork in the path caused by two westbound paths. In reality, they both end up at the same place, so take whichever. As another path opens up to the south (assuming you took the southern path), though, go west, north, and east to find that chest you probably saw in the alcove: it contains a Fancy Watch. It simply allows you to see how long it has been since you started the game. Pretty interesting, eh? I've clocked in at 10 hours, 33 minutes so far. ... >_>;; Feel free to use it, though; it has infinite uses.

Round back to the west, south, east, and go south into the clearing. Further south of there is a bit of a labyrinth, but it's actually easy to navigate once you deal with it a little. However, as you go along, stepping on any of the rocks (I suppose they're eggs?) will initiate a battle against the difficult Newborn Moth, so look out! Stick with all of the westernmost exits to get an **Antidote**, then go north and east and south into another alcove for a **Plum Pill**. Repeat the process to find some useful **Frog Oil**, then go back into that horizontally-long clearing from before the labyrinth of eggs.

From there, head east along the southern wall and you'll find another path in similar design to the labyrinth's, but it's quite linear actually. It leads to a **Caterer's Card** chest at the end. Once you've snatched it (wonder why moths would need that?), go back to the horizontal room and east and across the bridge.

On the other side, immediately go north to find a chest; Search its contents to find **100 Gold**. Go back to the bridge, then along a path to the east when first possible. It will end up winding north into a clearing. There, go to its northeast and northwest corners to find two chests containing an **Antidote** in the northeast corner and a battle versus a Newborn Moth (if you want it) in the northwest corner. Go north from this room to another, then follow the path west from there to find some stairs.

Arhat's Road - 3F (East): Open up the nearby chest to find a much-needed Food Capsule, then go east and upstairs.

Arhat's Road - 1F: Yeah, you somehow skipped 2F. Anyhow. Go east and south to the overworld.

Overworld: When you arrive out of Arhat's Road, finally, go south out of the mountain valley to the oceanside. Head a bit east from there to the Doppel Hamlet.

Doppel Hamlet

TREASURES CHECKLIST

Doppel Ninjutsu

	DOPPEL HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS								
Item Name	Cost	Effects							
Smoke Ball	480 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 100% success rate in escapable battles.							
Windup Mouse	12 Gold	Allows you to freely view the terrain in caves and castles.							
Bamboo Pill	800 Gold	Restores 16 JP to a single target.							
Revive Ball	20,000 Gold	Revives an ally from being KO'ed with 1 HP. Better heal them soon!							
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.							
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.							

DOPPEL HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS									
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders			

Ivory Fang	Weapon	480 Gold	+11	-	-	Takamaru
Kusarugama	Weapon	940 Gold	+10	-	-	Kazemaru
Wind Katana	Weapon	1,320 Gold	+12	1	-	Kazemaru
Hachigane	Headband	60 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Chain Katabira	Torso Armor	840 Gold	-	+9	-	Kazemaru
Koga Katabira	Torso Armor	1,600 Gold	-	+12	-	Kazemaru

As always, begin your time in this hamlet with a much-needed rest at the inn (75 Gold) and some shopping. There's not a lot new in terms of equipment, though. If you were too lazy to use Fujizooms or the Express Tengu Jutsu to get Takamaru a Hachigane headband, now's the time, and it would be a **very** good idea to get him an lvory Fang since he's still likely underpowered compared to you. Otherwise, it's minor improvements you could pass on if you have the next-best thing.

Anyhow, there's not much else here ... except a brawl in the northwestern cave, as usual, for some Jutsu!

BOSS - Doppel Ninja

	Doppel Ninja	Clone
Max HP	96	19
Attack	55	55
Defense	50	50
Speed	58	58
Gold	0	0
EXP.	16	0
Items	None	None

The Doppel Ninja is the most powerful enemy you've fought so far, but that's not what is so threatening about him... The primary threat in this battle is his ability to create a clone of himself; he'll often do this early in the battle. This clone will have duplicated stats as well, except for his HP which will be about 20% of the original's. This also makes him a strategic threat since you will be forced to choose just "Doppel Ninja" when you attack, meaning you won't know which of the two, if either, you'll hit. The biggest threat *against* this strategy is anything you can do that is inherently multitarget: that means the Infinite Star and the Shuriken items. Extreme use of these items will be pretty much the only way to win. Let's look at it mathematically: normally, the Doppel Ninja hits you for 10~15 HP. Two brings that to 20~30 HP damage per turn. That's a three-turn kill assuming you're around Level 15. With you being only 50% likely to target the main one, it's either go for the costly strategy in the Infinite Star, or go for the luck-based strategy in a fight-and-heal battle.

To the curious: if you beat one of the clones, the text "Weez in da heat of battle!" appears, at least in the English translation I have. Dunno. Just seems kinda ... uh ... not very ninja-like, I suppose. =P

After the battle, you will learn the very, very, very, very useful **Doppel Ninjutsu!** For just 6 JP, you will be able to create a clone of yourself in battles! It will have about 20% of your HP and its other stats will match your own. In doing this, the enemies will have more trouble aiming at the real Kazemaru (only 50% chance, since there's two of you) and, if the clone lives longer than the turn on which it is summoned, it can also attack on its own! >:)

With this very cool Ninjutsu in ... well, I'm not where you keep it ... leave the hamlet. Once in the overworld, just go north and east to find Genbu's Castle.

Genbu's Castle

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name Max HP ATK DEF SPD Gold EXP. Known Item Drops										
Cow Skull	32	36	71	44	18	4	None			
Deserter Skull	19	52	88	46	20	6	None			
Dropper	14	28	62	56	23	5	None			
Kunoichi Skull	17	20	39	62	28	4	None			
Skull Templar	20	48	45	50	20	5	None			

Genbu's Castle - 1F: When you arrive in the castle, speak with the gray-looking dude at the front. This guy will force you to allow him to join; he is Jizo. For the most part, his role will be a plot thing; in battles, he will just Cover for you and he cannot die, so that's a bit helpful. Anyhow. On with the show 'n' stuff. Begin by going eastward for a while. As you go, you'll notice an open doorway to the north; nothing is beyond, and when you attempt to leave it, the castle will also be left, so don't bother. The same is true of the next such doorway you meet as you continue along the very linear path. As you go further west from there and up another set of stairs, you'll be right at a fork: one going upstairs to a door, and another going just east to a door. Use the latter doorway and you will end up on the roof. Go

east from there and through another doorway.

On the other side, go east, upstairs, and west to go through another door. In the room beyond, you'll find Genbu, one of the four Skull Devas!

BOSS - Genbu

	Genbu
Max HP	150
Attack	76
Defense	90
Speed	50
Gold	70
EXP.	66
Items	None

It's 'bout time we had a boss that wasn't just some Ninja in some hamlet somewhere! >:) Even so, Genbu is the most powerful enemy we've seen thus far, and the bulkiest as well. He likes to rely on his Shikigami technique; this will hit both members of your party for about 25 damage apiece. His own basic attack is almost as threatening, albeit single-target, but Jizo will sometimes step in and take the damage for you. (You won't need to heal him throughout the battle, so this is wholly a good thing.)

Grinding away this boss's HP will take a bit of work on your part: for the most part, at around Levels 15~17, you won't see him taking much more than 10~15 damage from your attacks, although he tends to return that in double. Early in the fight - like for the first two or three turns - you can rely on the Foxfire Ninjutsu and Takamaru's Fight to dole out some heavy damage. From there on out, though, you should rely mostly on Kazemaru for Foxfire and Takamaru for some healing each turn; if you have some Frog Oils somehow, that would work great, but otherwise Takamaru will likely alternate healing until you run out of items, in which case the roles will need to switch so that Kazemaru uses his Badabing Jutsu while Takamaru attacks.

After the battle, Genbu flees while Tobimasa - a famous architect - cries out from beyond the wall. After Jizo frees him, he'll join you in much the same role as Jizo did: a Coverer in battles. In any case, leave the castle by any means you wish: you can backtrack manually or use the Exit Tengu Jutsu, whichever.

Evaporation of the Moat

TREASURES CHECKLIST

☐ Jingle Tengu Jutsu

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops				
Caster Skull	12	18	32	42	22	2	None				
Cow Skull	32	36	71	44	18	4	None				
Drunken Skull	15	28	50	46	22	4	None				
Fire Breather	12	19	28	29	8	3	None				
Grabber Skull	28	26	26	38	13	4	None				
Halberdier	13	31	33	34	11	3	None				
Pilgrim Skull	17	31	74	34	20	4	None				
Skull Templar	20	48	45	50	20	5	None				
Thrower Skull	14	22	48	40	20	2	None				
Water Skull	14	28	30	38	18	3	None				

When you return to the overworld, Tobimasa will evaporate much of the water surrounding Genbu Castle, which will allow us to continue our journey ever-forward. Go back to Doppel Hamlet to heal and restock, then head *north* - not east - of Genbu Castle. As you near the shoreline, go east to the end of the peninsula. Here will be a Tengu's house: this is the one of the Jingle Tengu. Confirm with him that you would like to learn his Jutsu: however, you must have absolutely no cash on you to be able to do that. If you have money, go back to Doppel Hamlet and deposit it all in the money depository in the northwestern corner of the inn, then return to the Tengu's house without winning any battles (just escape from them). For doing so, you'll learn the **Jingle Tengu Jutsu** - this cannot be used in towns, but it costs no JP and you will gain 1 Gold per step you take without going into a battle. It will be a bit inconvenient if you need to grind for money (since battles happen pretty often and it's only 1 Gold per step), but it might be a helpful extra boost.

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops				
Amanojaku	100	20	100	60	0	1	None				
Bikininja	45	20	45	60	22	5	None				
Bluffy	40	1	60	80	1	1	None				
Forgive-Me-Ninja	70	20	60	58	0	1	None				
Gale Skull	17	31	40	96	12	7	None				
Kate Ninjalet	40	100	60	32	32	8	None				
Mickey Rat	64	30	40	58	12	6	None				
Muscle Skull	40	80	58	46	26	18	None				
Substitute Ninja	60	32	46	48	21	5	None				
Tattooed Skull	19	52	50	52	21	6	None				

As you go through this area with new (mostly joke) enemies, be sure to be wary of the Amanojaku enemy - the background music will change when you fight him. He is known to steal your money before fleeing; you can regain it if you beat him, though! A similar trait is true of the Forgive-Me-Ninja. Another special enemy you may find is Bluffy, who's just really a joke enemy. >_> You'll also find a Substitute Ninja (who scolds you when you attack). There's also the Bikininja, who yells "Pussy!" every time you attack her. Then there's Kata Ninjalet, who likes to sing in-battle:

"Every night

I kill you
in my dreams!
I can see you now
that is how
I know I can
kill you now!
That is how
I know this fight
will go on and on..."

You can even find a Mickey Rat, who will use the Fantasia spell - a reference to the Disney movie Fantasia - to make characters immobile.

Anyhow, when you reach the first Jizo statue east of Genbu. First go northeast and follow the dirt path. As the path winds to the southeast, another Jizo will be nearby to notify you of a Tengu's house to the east of there. Follow the broken dirt path there to meet with the Waterwalk Tengu. He quickly decides to not teach you his Jutsu - since he didn't pre-order Ninjara Hoi (this game) and is now pissed off... But he quickly warms to you and decides that, if you can make him laugh, you'll get your Jutsu. But he thinks you're not ready for that and suggests playing another 10 hours. ... Hm... In any case, let's not bother for now. Dude's a jerk.

Back in the overworld, go to the southwest of that southeastbound path you were following earlier: we'll be doing a bit of side-tracking before you go to ... Turd Village. ... Anyhow. You'll soon find a castle. If you look throughout the forest around there, if you look carefully at the gaps, you'll notice that there is Japanese katakana there with the word "kohosochi" written. Not sure what it means, but just something the curious may wonder about. South of that castle, the **Firewakame Mall** - which we'll visit later - is Showdown Village.

Showdown Village

Speaking with the locals reveals that you have come just in thyme for the annual Grand Pun Slam! (See what I did thar?) Feel free to speak with the various locals for a number of pants-carpingly funny (or terrible) puns. (Aha! I can't stop! ... Okay, fine, it krills my brain to think up all of these puns. I'll stop.)

You can enter the contest by going into the northernmost building and speaking with the guy at the desk. The contest is rather easy; in fact, just enter **anything** and you'll win. I entered just "A" and won. So, that's really about it here. Go north of the town to find the Firewakame Mall.

Firewakame Mall

	FIREWAKAME MALL SHOP - ITEM SHOP								
Item Name	Cost	Effects							
Health Sandals	500 Gold	Restores HP as you walk in the field but Speed goes to 0, making you last to move in battle!							
Moonwalker	2 Gold	Gimmick item: it makes you appear to move backward in the field. (Doesn't affect D-Pad usage.)							
Trippy Balls	2 Gold	Gimmick item: "makes you trip balls!" (It just makes everything look differently colored.)							
Tabi Socks	2 Gold	Gimmick item: you walk at half-speed in the field. No real use otherwise.							

Whiffl	e Bat	600 Gold	Gimmick item: equipped as a weapon, though its use is unknown.
Fortun	e Cat	500 Gold	Just keep it along with your other items to earn 25% more money from battles.

F	FIREWAKAME MALL SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS										
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders					
Bokuto	Weapon	25 Gold	+2	-	-	Kazemaru					
Katana	Weapon	50 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru					
Hachimaki	Headband	4 Gold	-	+1	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru					
Hachigane	Headband	30 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru					
Katabira	Torso Armor	25 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru					
Waraji	Footgear	10 Gold	-	-	+5	Kazemaru					

^sr3|The hidden B2F option!

Mall - 1F: The Firewakame Mall is akin to the Department Stores of the earlier-generation Pok觸on games: a big shop with a variety of things to buy! When you arrive, go into the first doorway to the east and speak with the man within to choose a floor to go to. You can choose from the Roof/3F, 2F, 1F (where you entered, which has no shops), and B1F. "(There is a hidden B2F option you can reach: it is the blank line at the end of the floor-choosing text box - see the screenshot to the right to get what I mean.) Choose whichever fits your needs.

Mall - 2F: Here, the first room you can reach is an inn costing 1 Gold. The second is the Shinobi Arms shop. Why you would want the outdated equipment there is beyond me - I mean, it's *really* outdated, so much so that the half-price thing doesn't even make it worth bothering with. Except with the Hachiganes, the best headbands you can have insofar.

Mall - Roof: The area to the right is the Batting Center. For 100 Gold, you will have four balls thrown at you and you can swing at them. Depending on how many hits you get, you will get a variety of prizes:

Balls Hit	Prize	Normal Cost	Prize Effects
0	Nothing!		
1	Hand Mirror	180 Gold	When an enemy attacks you with a Jutsu on the turn you use this, they are hit with the Jutsu they used!
2	Smoke Ball	480 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 100% success rate in escapable battles.
3	Chain Katabira	840 Gold	Torso Armor for Kazemaru. Defense +9.
4	Tempest Katana	???	Weapon for Kazemaru. Attack +16.

Mall - **B1F**: When you enter, there is an items shop through the door to the west. You'll mostly find a bunch of gimmicky items there, so if you have the money to spare, go ahead and trip out on the Trippy Balls or something. The Fortune Cat is the only thing truly worth keeping for long-term use there, since it automatically boosts your money earnings by 25% just by being on-hand.

Mall - B2F: Here, after choosing that hidden option noted earlier, you can go to the Hamper Casino. There, for 100 Gold, you will be able to open a whopping 25 chests; similarly to the Dream Town treasury, the contents are randomized, but, yeah, there's lotsa goodies in there! =D When you're done, it's time to leave to the overworld

Heading for ... Turd Village

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY								
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Amanojaku	100	20	100	60	0	1	None	
Bikininja	45	20	45	60	22	5	None	
Bluffy	40	1	60	80	1	1	None	
Cow Skull	32	36	71	44	18	4	None	
Forgive-Me-Ninja	70	20	60	58	0	1	None	
Gale Skull	17	31	40	96	12	7	None	
Kate Ninjalet	40	100	60	32	32	8	None	
Mickey Rat	64	30	40	58	12	6	None	
Muscle Skull	40	80	58	46	26	18	None	
Pilgrim Skull	17	31	74	34	20	4	None	
Skull Templar	20	48	45	50	20	5	None	
Substitute Ninja	60	32	46	48	21	5	None	
Tattooed Skull	19	52	50	52	21	6	None	

Once you've finally returned to the overworld, it's time to go to the crappy Turd Village. From the Firewakame Mall, head northeast to the winding southeastbound parnd follow it further to the southeast. You'll find a Jizo soon who will complain about the smell of Turd Village. From here, you must simply go along the linear path cross the bridges and the islands to find Turd Village.							
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Turd Village							
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LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops
Hog Skull	17	21	46	58	12	8	None
Muscle Skull (Overworld)	40	80	58	46	26	18	None
Muscle Skull (Turd Pit)	22	31	58	64	20	7	None
Trickster Skull	6	16	88	80	1	20	None

.... *gags*

Turd Pit - 3F: When you arrive, go to the far east to the water, then go north along the linear-but-winding path. As you reach the next spring of water, go north first to find a "DEAD END" and a chest containing a Windup Mouse. Backtrack to the entrance and continue by going northwest and along the path to a fork, then going northwest from there. You will find a sign marking this as a "DEAD END" and a hamper containing an Escape Ball. Head back to the fork and go northwest, then north as much as possible, defaulting to west when needed. You will soon find a ladder going downstairs; ignore it and go north to find a Food Capsule. Go far east to the northeast corner to find a Bamboo Pill in a hamper there. Go back west to the stairs from before and use them.

Turd Pit - 2F: As a note of trivia, you can ease your navigation by looking at the shapes of the ... rivers of brown water, I suppose you could call them. They are in the shapes of the Japanese katakana for "u", "so", and "chi" going clockwise. You will start out just to the southwest of "chi".

Here, go north, east, and south along that wall that is surrounding that water and you will find a hamper. Open it to find a valuable **Throwing Knife!** Go back northwest to the ... brown water for "chi" and then west and into the hall there to another such lake, this for "so". Then go west from there to another hall and north there. You will eventually run into a **Bamboo Pill** at the northwest corner. From here, run faaar off to the east and you'll eventually hit some water. From there, begin going southeast until you end up at a "Y"-shaped fork that runs off to the north, which ends at a hamper. Open it for **200 Gold**.

Go back to the turd-lake in the shape of the katakana for "u" - we turned north there, remember? Now go south there. When you reach the water, there will be two southbound paths to follow: follow the western one to wander upon a hamper, though be careful as it's trapped and thus initiates a battle. Go northeast from there to a north/east fork; go east and along the path to find some stairs that go down. (The nearby hamper also contains a battle.) Go on down.

Turd Pit - 1F: When you arrive, it would probably be a good idea to heal up, since you probably fought quite a few battles on the way. In any case, go north and speak with the man there, Byakko of the Skull Devas!

BOSS - Byakko

	Byakko
Max HP	180
Attack	99
Defense	77
Speed	71
Gold	96

EXP.	82
Items	None

This fight will be pretty difficult, though, given our progress in regards to Level, Byakko is not nearly as overwhelming as Genbu likely was. Byakko will mostly rely on a basic Fight attack for this fight, though, even around Level 20~23 (where you should be) with ideal armor, you'll still take around 25~30 damage per hit, which is a four-hit-kill.

Opening with that Throwing Knife you recently got - as well as other super-special valuables you likely got from that Hamper Casino in Firewamake or other towns via shops - will be great! At this point, that should be dealing around 40 damage, which is about as twice as much damage as you'll be dealing to him. For the most part, this battle will become a fight-and-heal thing: have Takamaru focus on the attacking while Kazemaru uses Badabing to do the healing as needed, or Fight if there's no real danger.

After Byakko leaves, go north to the water and Shitose will depart from the party, leaving you with a hint as to the location of the exit: to push on the walls. Specifically, walk onto that brown-looking tile nearby. Go along the path from there to another such tile, then that will take you to the other side of the wall you saw earlier. Here, you will see two paths: one to the north, and one to the northeast. First go north and into the clearing there to find two hampers to open: they contain a **Pine Pill** and a **Caterer's Card**. Along the aforementioned path to the northeast, you will find the stairs to go outside, so use 'em.

Fresh Air At Last!!

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY								
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Poisonous Snake	20	40	72	66	24	8	None	
Sea Snake	28	42	59	60	24	9	None	
Shark Skull	20	47	48	56	18	11	None	
Shinobi Torpedo	28	58	42	70	26	10	None	
Snakehead Skull	25	51	60	60	20	11	None	

It's okay now! You can unplug your nose and your mouth, for we've finally returned to the overworld! When you finally leave the Pit, go east and north to find a Reviving Jizo on the shoreline. If you head further north, you'll find yourself on a lot of low-rising land that just winds around. Kinda like we're in a dungeon again, huh? But, in reality, there's not much here and nothing special along each path. Both paths are about equally long and wind up at the same place: at another long bridge. Before crossing it, though, go south and to Song Town.

Song Town

SONG TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE							
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Sacrifice Doll	96 Gold	Prevents the attack against you on this turn from damaging you. Has one use.					
Birdlime	80 Gold	Slows an enemy down.					
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.					
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.					
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!					
Bamboo Pill	800 Gold	Restores 16 JP to a single target.					

In case you don't know why no background music is playing when you arrive, you need to remember that this game is a parody. Thus, the lack of music is for humor: a song-centered town without background music. Or, as Tadao near the entrance of the town puts it, "Do NOT panic! Your Famicom is not broken!" Speaking with the locals reveals that this is because the Skulls kidnapped one of the members of this town's five-man band.

In any case, on to business. The town's inn is in the northeast corner of town and costs 100 Gold. The Tea House, which has a couple of new, interesting items, is in the west-central part of town. In the center of the town is a large, white pagoda; enter it and speak with the men within. It seems that the Song Scroll was inside the instrument of the fifth member of this five-band band's instrument, the same one who was kidnapped. He has probably been taken to the Skulls' underground lair. The way to get to him and the scroll is the Clockwork Sub built by Tobimasa; you are permitted to take it, and it's just outside of the town.

The sub is just south of the town: sail due south to the "Y"-shaped island to the Lake Cave.

The Lake Cave

TREASURES CHECKLIST				
Bamboo Pill	[] Windup Mouse		☐ Pine Pill	☐ Windmill Star
Kikatsugan	∐ Kikatsugan	☐ Escape Ball		

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops
Poisonous Snake	20	40	72	66	24	8	None
Sea Snake	28	42	59	60	24	9	None
Shark Skull	20	47	48	56	18	11	None
Shinobi Torpedo	28	58	42	70	26	10	None
Snakehead Skull	25	51	60	60	20	11	None

The path through the cave is pretty easy to begin with. Go south for a while until the river narrows significantly and spills into a clearing; go west from there and along the path to eventually end up at a three-way fork. Go east and onto the dark, black land to get a **Bamboo Pill** from the hamper. Return to the fork and go south, east, south, and west along the path. Another way to land will open up to the north.

Go north and land. (It seems you need to be on the leftmost tile of the river when you land.) Focusing on this area as a side-scrolling platformer may help your perspective. In any case, go to the left and past the first ladder, then down the next two. Continue along the path to find a **Windup Mouse** in a hamper at the end, then backtrack to the skipped ladder and ascend. When you get to the nest floor, go to the far right to find a **Smoke Ball**. Return to the ladder and ascend to the very top, then go right and down another ladder to find a hamper in a small, secluded alcove; it contains a **Pine Pill**.

Return to the submarine now. Go south, then west until a pathway to the north opens up. Go along it and land at the shoreline. (Again, at the far west portion.) Go left, skipping the first ladder to go down the second to find a **Windmill Star**. Then go to the top of both ladders to find a **Kikatsugan** at the top of the western one, and another **Kikatsugan** at the end of the path of the eastern ladder.

Return to the sub and go south, west, and north along the path. Eventually, a narrow path will open up to the north, and it will have a ladder along it: climb it and go along to the Skull Deva, Suzaku.

BOSS - Suzaku

	Suzaku
Max HP	255
Attack	108
Defense	76
Speed	88
Gold	134
EXP.	106
Items	None

Suzaku will mostly rely on his Fight move in this battle, and it's a pretty nasty one. Assuming you're around Levels 23~25 as you should be - yes, the person in each village recommending you levels is wrong - you'll take about 30~40 damage per hit, depending on your equipment and the like. For the most part, this will devolve into a bit of a grind. Early on, I would suggest at least attempting to use the Doppel Ninjutsu to create a clone of yourself; this would at least help Kazemaru to avoid being hit, and if he's not targeted at all that essentially gives you a third ally. When that works, the clone should focus on the use of various Fight moves, while the real Kazemaru works on the curative front and Takamaru attacks. At these levels, a fight will take about 10 turns (~25 damage per hit), so you shouldn't have to worry about your JP too much. Healing itself won't be needed but about every other turn, assuming the same person is hit twice in a row, so the fight will be noticeably shorter. It's still a bit of a grind, but by no means difficult.

After the battle, a flood of water will suddenly occur as Suzaku flees - drowning him, perhaps? >:) - and allowing you into a new area. Return to the ladder and to the submarine, then go west and into the new area. There, you can speak with the fifth band member, Musiko, who will end up joining your party for the time being. The hamper nearby will contain an **Escape Ball**, which you can use to get outside.

... Wait a moment. Why didn't Musiko just use that?

Seriously. It's a big plot hole.

Restoring Song Town's Music

TREASURES CHECKLIST Song Scroll

SONG TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE						
Item Name	Cost	Effects				
Sacrifice Doll	96 Gold	Prevents the attack against you on this turn from damaging you. Has one use.				
Birdlime	80 Gold	Slows an enemy down.				
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.				
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.				
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!				
Bamboo Pill	800 Gold	Restores 16 JP to a single target.				

Once you've left the Lake Cave, with Musiko in your party, return to Song Town. There, heal up and shop as desired, then go into the pagoda you were in before with the now-five-man band. Speak with the man in the southwest corner there to obtain the **Song Scroll**, the third of the five scrolls Rahoi left behind. Additionally, the background music for Song Town will be restored, allowing you to not believe your console is broken. Yeah. What a shame. Anyhow, finish up what you have here so we can continue!

The Rainbow Scroll

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Crossing to a New Island

TREASURES CHECKLIST

□ Burrow Tengu Jutsu

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Groggy Skull	22	60	75	80	41	12	None	
Headbutt Skull	23	40	80	80	28	14	None	
Poisonous Snake	20	40	72	66	24	8	None	
Sea Snake	28	42	59	60	24	9	None	
Shark Skull	20	47	48	56	18	11	None	
Shinobi Torpedo	28	58	42	70	26	10	None	
Skull Dog	24	42	68	66	20	9	None	
Skull Monk	50	48	70	66	38	10	None	
Snakehead Skull	25	51	60	60	20	11	None	

When you return to the overworld, go north and along the very long bridge to the next main island. When you arrive near the Jizo, head east to find the house of the Burrow Tengu. Speak with him and you'll have to play a game to learn his Jutsu: you must guess the music. When you hear the background music, choose where it's from. In my case, it was the main battle theme (the top option), then the town theme (second option), then the overworld theme (third option). You will then learn the **Burrow Tengu Jutsu**: for 13 JP, you can walk 30 steps without finding any enemies.

Anyhow, when you return to the overworld, go west and along the dirt path. You will soon find Bamboo Hamlet, the home of your sister Akane.

Bamboo Hamlet

	BAMBOO HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS								
Item Name	Cost	Effects							
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.							
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.							
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.							
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.							
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.							
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses.							

BAMBOO HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS								
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders		
Wind Katana	Weapon	1,320 Gold	+12	-	-	Kazemaru		
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	Akane		
Squall Katana	Weapon	2,800 Gold	+17	-	-	Kazemaru		
Koga Katabira	Torso Armor	1,600 Gold	-	+12	-	Kazemaru, Akane		
Ninken Katabira	Torso Armor	3,000 Gold	-	+20	-	Takamaru		
Wind Waraji	Footgear	1,240 Gold	-	-	+20	Kazemaru, Akane		

When you arrive, do the usual stuff you would normally do: stay at the inn (85 Gold) and go shoppin'. Now would probably be a good idea to go splurging via some means: you have a new weapon for Kazemaru (though if you have the Tempest Katana from the Firewakamae Mall, don't bother), the ability to buy he and Akane some new armor, and even the ability to boost Takamaru's Defense a lot with his own equipment! It's not something to pass up!

Speaking with the locals reveals grim news, however. (It may cause you to delay the purchase of Akane's equipment.) Akane has apparently been kidnapped by the Skull Clan, as well as Tobimasa, and they're being held captive in Seiryu Castle. Even worse, they're making Tobimasa build them a weapon ... a very powerful weapon, within a near-impregnable fortress.... Oh carp. (Not a typo.)

In any case, there's nothing left to do here: leave.

To Seiryu Castle!

TREASURES CHECKLIST

☐ Sprint Tengu Jutsu

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Birdhead Skull	37	62	120	78	42	16	Birdlime	
Claw Skull	23	52	60	80	36	17	None	
Groggy Skull	22	60	75	80	41	12	None	
Headbutt Skull	23	40	80	80	28	14	None	
Kusarigama Skull	24	60	55	70	33	13	None	
Poisonous Snake	20	40	72	66	24	8	None	
Shurikener	22	68	72	84	36	18	Windmill Star	
Skull Dog	24	42	68	66	20	9	None	
Skull Monk	50	48	70	66	38	10	None	

When you return to the overworld, go west and north and across the bridge. Here, you'll find a Jizo noting the nearby Skull Maze: for now, let's ignore it and go through the wetlands to the west. At the end of the house of the Sprint Tengu. He offers you a baseball quiz... Oh, crap, I'm a complete nerd. o_o;; In any case, here's the quiz and the answers.

- Question #1: Which of these is only related to baseball?
 - o Answer Choices: "Stealing a base"; "Getting to second base"; "Running the bases"
 - o Correct Answer: "Stealing a base"
- · Question #2: What's it called when a runner gets touched out?
 - o Answer Choices: "Hide-and-seek"; "Tag"; "Musical Chairs"
 - o Correct Answer: "Tag"
- · Question #3: What's answer term for a breaking ball?
 - o Answer Choices: "Knifeball"; "Forkball"; "Sporkball"
 - o Correct Answer: "Forkball"
- Question #4: What do you call a team's first pitcher in the game?
 - o Answer Choices: "Opening Pitcher"; "Starting Pitcher"; "Casey Killer" (IoI)
 - o Correct Answer: "Starting Pitcher"
- Question #5: What do you call it when the losing team scores zero points?
 - o Answer Choices: "Shutout"; "Blackout"; "Crapout"
 - o Correct Answer: "Shutout"

After successfully finishing the quiz, you will learn the **Sprint Tengu Jutsu** - for 6 JP, your walking speed will double. Not much, but in case the game's a bit slow for you...

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Back in the overworld, go back east-southeast to that Jizo mentioning the Skull Maze. As you can see, there are a number of paths going north you can go through, which is why it's a maze. You can skip through the skulls if you want to, but beware that you'll lose 5 HP per skull. The correct path is a bit to the east: if you look at the forest's trees' shapes, you'll notice that they have distinct shapes. The one you want to go along is the one in the nearby screenshot, of the up-pointing arrow.

As you attempt to cross the bridge and the river. (Jubei, the dog you named at the start, will block you if you've not gotten the Song Scroll yet, FYI.) In the middle of that area, you can find Skull Village 1. (It's safe to enter.)

Skull Village 1

SKULL VILLAGE 1 SHOP - TEA HOUSE							
Item Name Cost Effects							
Skull Flute	1,200 Gold	Instantly causes a battle in areas where battles can be fought.					
Skull Hachimaki	60 Gold	Equippable headband: Upgrades Ninjutsus one level but you can't use the Ninjutsus, so it's just gimmicky.					

Before I say anything, I will advise you against stepping on the dark red-and-black tiles, like those making up the eyes of the emblem of the skull in the center of the village. Were you to speak with some of the locals, you would know that this village has been taken over and cursed by the Skull Shogun: the villagers are mostly under his complete control, though there is a resistance movement.

Shop-wise, there's not much here; the items from the Tea House (the southeastern building) are pretty pointless, and the inn is so costly (1,000 Gold) that it's wiser to just use Express to go to and from another town and here to use an inn. =/ Still, healing would be wise. In the northern pagoda, you can speak with the lone resident there and affirm that you would step on a picture of the Skull Shogun to start a battle.

BOSS - Corona Skull

	Corona Skull
Max HP	140
Attack	94
Defense	102
Speed	100
Gold	122
EXP.	92
Items	None

The Corona Skull won't have a complex offense: mostly, it'll just Fight you and deal 20~30 damage per attack. It can use a Rapid Fire technique to hit both Kazemaru and Takamaru for about 20 damage, but that's about it. The main difficulty with fighting this boss, though, is how bulky it is: it kinda reminds me of Spiritomb from Pok駕on, who isn't a great attacker but can definitely outlast some attacks that OHKO others, thus being more able to hurt you.

Fighting this boss should be pretty simple, though, especially if you recently used an inn. (Just hopefully not this town's...) Basically, just keep it simple: have Takamaru attack every turn, with Kazemaru initially summoning a clone via the Doppel Ninjutsu, then having the real Kazemaru attack or heal every other turn while the clone attacks. If the clone dies, don't worry too much since the boss will be near enough to death to make the effort nearly pointless.

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 1 SHOP - TEA HOUSE								
Item Name	Cost	Effects							
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.							
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.							
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses.							
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.							
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.							
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!							

After the battle, it will seem that you broke the curse on the townspeople, turning them back to your side; in fact, if you go outside, you'll find that the emblem of the Ninja Villages has already replaced the Skull Clan's emblem in the center of the village! Speaking with the villagers will also allow the village to be renamed in your honor; it will now be Kazemaru Village 1! In fact, the Tea House's stock will even change, as reflected by the table above. Plus, the inn now only costs 1/1000th of what it did, now only costing 1 Gold! =D

In the southwestern house, you can also speak with the man within to learn the Binding Ninjutsu! It will, of course, follow a battle!

BOSS - Binding Ninja

	Binding Ninja
Max HP	80
Attack	64
Defense	98
Speed	83
Gold	0
EXP.	26
Items	None

At first glance, it would seem that the Binding Ninja would be a pretty easy one to fight; his stats are not nearly as good as most of our recent bosses, or even the Ninjutsu Ninjas. Of course, you're probably forgetting that Kazemaru is alone in the fight as usual. Plus, the Binding Ninja does have the benefit of the Shadowstitch Ninjutsu on his side: for *several* turns - not one, but three or so - you will be unable to move, and thus the Binding Ninja will get quite a few hits in.

Keeping your HP above 75% will be pretty critical during this fight, especially when the Shadowstitch Ninjutsu is used as you'll lose a good 60~80 HP in that interval. Granted, he probably won't get to use it but one time, at least in my case, and that was literally right at the end. Basically, just keep it up with your Fight attacks and heal whenever your HP gets below 3/4 of its max.

Winning nets you that useful **Binding Ninjutsu**. It works similarly to the Shadowstitch Ninjutsu seen in that battle: for 8 JP, you will be able to immobilize all of a particular enemy type in battle. It works great, thusly, in battles dominated by enemies of the same type, or against bosses, since the stoppage is for several turns. That'll do it for here.

To Seiryu Castle! (Continued)

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops
Claw Skull	23	52	60	80	36	17	None
Kusarigama Skull	24	60	55	70	33	13	None

Puppet Skull	24	48	70	92	38	14	None
Shurikener	22	68	72	84	36	18	Windmill Star
Skull Shaman	27	70	70	88	66	22	None
Skull Unsui	30	63	88	76	58	19	None
Winter Skull	22	48	64	90	30	16	None
Wounded Skull	24	62	100	69	48	17	None

A quick look around the area would reveal that Kazemaru Village 1 is in the middle of a moderately-sized wetland, with three paths into the Skull Maze beyond: one to the north, one to the southeast, and one to the southwest. These paths - aside from the one to thenorth - are about the same length, and all end up in the same location. The southwestern path, while winding, is the easiest the navigate, so I'd use that if I were you.

The paths will converge at a long bridge. Cross it, then enter the castle beyond.

Seiryu Castle

TREASURES CHECKLIST [] Zapper

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops
Alcoholic Skull	66	92	76	78	46	38	None
Armored Skull	34	66	130	80	86	32	None
Clockwork Robot	110	140	100	70	0	22	None
Murasame Skull	26	68	76	85	51	19	None
Skull Shaman	27	70	70	88	66	22	None
Skull Squire	32	92	88	88	42	18	None

STOCK UP!

I'll go ahead and say it now: a long, difficult dungeon with two bosses awaits you. It would be a good idea to go back now and stock up a lot on Frog Oils - probably around 10~15 - and to grab some Throwing Knives to deal some insane damage in battle. The two bosses in here will drain you, and that's amplified by the already-hard enemies herein. Stocking up and leveling to 25~30 is a good idea!

This place is a little odd, and it's also difficult to traverse due to the brute strength of the enemies herein, especially the Clockwork Robot. The use of the Burrow Tengu Jutsu or grinding to Levels 25~30 is recommended. In any case, in this area, there are three staircase. Each has a block of some kind on it; you will end up pushing this block up the staircase, and you need to push it up all of the way or you will be forced down to the bottom floor; however, at the top of each also lies an enemy, an Alcoholic Skull: ironically the easiest enemy here. >_> <_<

In any case, using the western or eastern staircases will just yield a battle; if you go up the middle staircase and beat the Alcoholic Skull atop there, you will find Tobimasa! He will give you a **Zapper**, which will make those Clockwork Robots a **HELL** of a lot easier to beat as it will kill them in a single shot. ^_^; Tobimasa will leave afterwards. The rightmost door on the bottom floor has also been unlocked, so go through it.

On the other side, go north and along the long, linear path for a long while. You'll eventually reach a door on the other side.

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In this area, as in the overworld, be sure to not step on the skulls on the ground since you'll lose some HP when you do so. For the most part, the path is also pretty linear here. Go east for a while, then upstairs and west. (Ignore the stairs you first find to the third floor: it's a dead-end.) What is interesting about this floor, as you travel west, is that you have to avoid the invisible tiles on the ground: the invisible tiles are in the same places as the skull were on the lower floor. The screenshot nearby shows how you would navigate the beginning, for example.

Go up the first set of stairs you reach, then further up and through the door. There, you will find the final Skull Deva, and the one closest-allied with the Skull Shogun, Seiryu!

BOSS - Seiryu

	Seiryu
Max HP	150
Attack	120
Defense	90

Speed	100		
Gold	187		
EXP.	146		
Items	None		

Seiryu is probably the most threatening enemy we've faced so far, at least when it comes to his whopping 120 Attack statistic. Admittedly, the Clockwork Robot was a bit worse at 140 ... Actually, in fact, the Clockwork Robot was worse in pretty much every way than Seiryu. Seiryu still can hit hard, though, easily hitting for 35+ damage with each turn that he gets. There's also the occasionally-used Lightning Jutsu that can hit both characters. Still, you should be able to hit him for about 30 damage yourself, and that's per character. Assuming you come into this fight fully healed, you shouldn't have a problem just having both Kazemaru and Takamaru both Fight for three or four turns. After the point where you start seeing the Lightning Jutsu, having Kazemaru focus on Frog Oil usage would probably be ideal. Late in the fight, Seiryu may also blow Takamaru away and out of the fight, but it'll be too late for that to be much of a worry.

After the battle, Seiryu will flee, and the Skull Shogun's voice will echo from somewhere: he will not challenge you himself. However, he has put Akane under his curse, and thus will make you fight your own sister; if you fight well enough to shatter the curse, she'll be returned to normal. And if you fail, the Skull Shogun has won. Akane will drop in from above, not knowing you to be her brother, and the fight will immediately begin!

BOSS - Akane

	Akane		
Max HP	240		
Attack	76		
Defense	100		
Speed	140		
Gold	234		
EXP.	189		
Items	None		

Akane is in, pretty much every way, Seiryu's superior. Her attacks don't hit necessarily as hard, but she has the bulk to back them up: for the most part, she'll hit for 15~25 damage, but she can use a Cursed Flamethrower technique to hit both you and Takamaru for about double that. She may also use a Shadowstitch technique, which could prevent you, Takamaru, or both from moving for several turns, which is a huge problem in this fight.

Your own attacks likely won't exceed 15 damage at this point, which will turn the battle into a long grind. Seeing as you were probably hurt a lot from the previous battle, focusing early on with the use of some Frog Oils from both characters for two turns would be wise to fully recover from the damage Seiryu caused, and that Akane will cause in the interim. Once you're done, you're mostly stuck on our "long grind" strategy. That is: when Akane just Fights, have Kazemaru use Badabing on the hurt character while Takamaru attacks; if Akane uses a Cursed Flamethrower, have the weaker of the two characters (likely Takamaru) use a Frog Oil while Kazemaru attacks. Throwing out some Throwing Knives is recommended to shorten this, but it's not required.

After the battle, the mask over Akane's face will shatter, releasing her from the curse. She quickly joins your party, and she will know the Dispel and Haze Ninjutsus by default. Dispel is used to nullify the effect of an enemy's Jutsu on an ally, while Haze lowers the accuracy of an enemy. Akane will join with the default stats usually attributed to the other third-wheel characters, but she can level-up at least.

After this, return out into the main portion of the area and return to the first floor, then go far to the right and through the door to the outside. On the way, equip Akane with any equipment you may have bought for her ahead of time in Bamboo Hamlet. When you exit to the overworld, you can either go ahead and **return to Bamboo Hamlet** for the sake of learning some new Kunoichi Jutsus - those which Akane learns - or simply continue **beyond Seiryu Castle** so we can get on with the storyline. I'll let you choose.

Return to Bamboo Hamlet

TREASURES CHECKLIST				
☐ Defense Kunoichi Jutsu	☐ Power-Up Kunoichi Jutsu			

You can see Bamboo Hamlet's Shops if you need to review the shops' stocks.

When you arrive, it would first be wise to sleep at the inn, of course, and to focus for the moment on getting Akane some suitable equipment for battle. It wouldn't be too bad an idea, either, to help her grind up to around Level 20 or so to keep her up with the local enemy populous. The main reason we're here, though, are the two Kunoichi Jutsu dojos in the northwesat and northeast corners of the hamlet. Like the Ninjutsu dojos for Kazemaru, these will allow Akane to battle some Ninjas to learn new skills. As usual, she will battle these Ninjas by her lonesome.

In the northwest corner of town, you'll find the one for the Defense Jutsu.

BOSS - Defense Ninja

	Defense Ninja
Max HP	120
Attack	73
Defense	73
Speed	101
Gold	0
EXP.	35
Items	None

The Defense Ninja is a pretty hard-to-beat enemy, mostly due to his bulk: if he gets in one of his Defense Jutsus, you're pretty much dead immediately, since Akane will have virtually no hope of piercing 5, 10 damage at that point, but be getting 20, 25 in return. That can be a big problem. That means, before the battle, you should buy a ton of Throwing Knives, save the game, and throw as many of them as you can before the Defense Jutsu occurs so as to maintain your own survival. It's pretty luck-based, but it's about the only shot you've got.

After this battle, you'll earn the **Defense Kunoichi Jutsu**: it allows you to raise your Defense in battle (clearly by a large chunk) for only 5 JP! Heal up and go to the other cave for another battle!

BOSS - Power-Up Ninja

	Power-Up Ninja						
Max HP	110						
Attack	76						
Defense	90						
Speed	121						
Gold	0						
EXP.	66						
Items	None						

The Power-Up Ninja is a pretty significant threat; especially given the previous battle, you can easily surmise that his Jutsu, Power-Up, will be used to increase his Attack. That will make the damage he deals rise significantly. As with the previous battle, due to his overpowering nature, the best you can deal with are Throwing Knives. The use of Defense a few times before attacking may help, or the same for Haze, but they are temporal....

For winning the battle, you'll earn the **Power-Up Kunoichi Jutsu**: as you can guess, this will allow you to raise your Attack in-battle to pretty significant levels. It will cost 10 JP to use it, and 40 uses to level it up.

In any case, heal up once more. We're done here for now, so back through Seiryu Castle to the other side so we can continue our lengthy journey.

Beyond Seiryu Castle

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY								
Enemy Name Max HP ATK DEF SPD Gold EXP. Known Item Drop								
Claw Skull	23	52	60	80	36	17	None	
Kusarigama Skull	24	60	55	70	33	13	None	
Puppet Skull	24	48	70	92	38	14	None	

Shurikener	22	68	72	84	36	18	Windmill Star	
Skull Shaman	27	70	70	88	66	22	None	
Skull Unsui	30	63	88	76	58	19	None	
Winter Skull	22	48	64	90	30	16	None	
Wounded Skull	24	62	100	69	48	17	None	

Beyond Seiryu Castle, you'll be on the moats around it. Simply go west and across the bridges; as you do, a Confirmation Jizo will ask as to whether you have the Sprint Tengu Jutsu, which can be found northwest of Bamboo Hamlet. It's not a particularly important Jutsu, but if you're a completionist, go back and get it. Anyhow, once across the bridges, go southwest to find a new village, the Vigor Hamlet.

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TREASURES CHECKLIST				
_] Vigor Kunoichi Jutsu	☐ Puppet Kunoichi Jutsu			

	VIGOR HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS							
Item Name	Cost	Effects						
Power Pill		Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.						
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.						
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.						
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.						
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!						
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.						

VIGOR HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS								
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders		
Cloud Katana	Weapon	3,600 Gold	+19	-	-	Kazemaru		
Copper Fang	Weapon	7,200 Gold	+25	-	-	Takamaru		
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	Akane		
Iron Hachigane	Headband	800 Gold	-	+6	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane		
Iga Katabira	Torso Armor	3,400 Gold	-	+15	-	Kazemaru, Akane		
Kunoichi Kimono	Torso Armor	19,800 Gold	-	+20	-	Akane		

When you arrive, do the usual stuff you normally do: that includes sleeping at the inn (125 Gold) and shopping. There's a lot of new equipment here, too, which is nice. Since Akane is probably underleveled right around now - you'll generally want to get the party to about Level 30 - grinding for some cash in the overworld, as well as EXP., wouldn't really kill you. Granted, it would take a while, but it would be worth it. The Kunoichi Kimono is something that's plenty worth skipping right now, since it's only a 5-point difference in Defense from the Iga Katabira yet costs 16,800 Gold more (and thus costs about six times more), so that's the only thing I'd leave out. Also note that selling the Zapper item you got from Tobimasa back in Seiryu Castle wouldn't be too bad an idea; you'll get 7,500 Gold for it, and yet will have no use for it now since Clockwork Robots are pretty much gone now.

Now, for the training... In the northwestern cavern, you can go against the Vigor Ninja: this will be a fight for Akane.

BOSS - Vigor Ninja

	Vigor Ninja
Max HP	100
Attack	66
Defense	80
Speed	105

Gold	0
EXP.	49
Items	None

In case you're wondering, the Vigor Jutsu is a Jutsu in the same vein as Badabing: for the role of healing 30 HP. Thus, you won't see it too much in this fight since the Vigor Ninja will primarily focus on attacking you. Even if you're not near Level 30 as I recommended (I first tried at 20), you shouldn't have too many problems with this fight since it'll be mostly you and the opponent trading 10-damage hits until one of you needs to heal. You could always just throw some Throwing Knives, but that strategy's starting to get a little expensive. =P

After the battle, you will earn the **Vigor Kunoichi Jutsu**! Its value is actually a bit beyond what you experienced during the actual battle: see, for 8 JP, you will able to restore 30 HP across the whole party, not just to a single target! ^ ^

The other cave is for the Puppet Jutsu, and is also a battle involving Akane since she is the one to learn it.

BOSS - Puppet Ninja

	Puppet Ninja
Max HP	120
Attack	72
Defense	82
Speed	121
Gold	0
EXP.	42
Items	None

This battle isn't too difficult; the main thing to overcome is the Puppet Ninja's tendency to deal damage in the 10~15 range, assuming you're not at the aforementioned recommended level of 30 as of yet. (Again, Level 20 statistics.) At the same time, the Puppet Ninja is pretty bulky, so grinding the overworld until you do hit that level wouldn't be bad since you'll only hit for about 10 damage otherwise, and you'd likely lose a 12-turn fight. In any case, for the most part, the Puppet Ninja won't deviate from his Fighting actions, so you could always just go Fight-Fight-Vigor and loop from there, using Vigor every three turns to pretty much ensure that you don't die.

One thing to be aware of that could put a dent in this strategem is the Puppet Ninja may - I stress may: I didn't see it for several fights - use his Puppet Jutsu. This results in a status akin to the Confusion of other RPGs (e.g. Pok駕on, Final Fantasy): you will pretty much be attacking yourself for a few turns. This shouldn't put much of a dent, though, since it just means that you need to use a Kikatsugan when you regain control.

After the battle, you will earn the **Puppet Kunoichi Jutsu**: this skill costs 8 JP and will confuse the enemy into attacking themselves for several turns! Anyhow, that's about it for this town. Heal up at the inn and leave.

The F-F-Frozen Fields

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY								
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops		
Amanojaku's Return	140	40	120	110	1	28	None		
Armored Skull	34	66	130	80	86	32	None		
Avalanche Skull	32	57	92	88	78	24	None		
Baboon Skull	33	68	113	82	74	20	None		
Glacier Skull	28	68	80	103	92	26	None		
Skull Crow	34	76	82	107	72	38	None		
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None		
Skull Princess	27	74	62	107	81	22	None		
Skull Sorcerer	36	66	98	98	90	32	None		
Windslash Skull	26	82	48	102	96	24	None		

When you return to the overworld, head northwest and cross the bridge there to what the nearby Jizo calls "The Frozen Fields". So, time to get a suntan? In any case, our current next destination is Skull Village 2, which is found in the Frozen Fields. There are two particular ways to get there. The one I recommend, which is slightly more EXP.-heavy, is simply going west and straight through the Fields: it is more EXP.-heavy due to the enemies that will appear in the fields. At the same time, you may rarely find the enemy Amanojaku's Return, who is known to steal your Gold like some other jokester enemies, and this one will pretty much be impossible to defeat in time to retrieve your money, so fleeing ASAP is the best idea.

If you would rather take the slightly-easier way out of it, you can go along the dirt path southwestward for a bit and find a Jizo; he will mention that Skull Village 2 is off to the northwest, so you can go northwest to find it.

Skull Village 2

TREASURES CHECKLIST					
☐ Transfer Kunoichi Jutsu	☐ Firefly Kunoichi Jutsu				

SKULL VILLAGE 2 SHOP - TEA HOUSE						
Item Name	Cost	Effects				
Skull Manju	6 Gold	Restores an enemy's HP by 10 if used in battle. Decreases your own HP by 10 if you eat it.				
Skull Flag	4 Gold	Makes random enemy encounters and battles more common. Works just by possessing it.				

As usual, when you arrive, expect the usual curse upon the people, the damaging dark-red tiles, and the terribly expensive (3,000 Gold) inn. In the northern house of the town, you can find Tobimasa: he's been captured by the Skulls. Again. He's worse than Princess Peach. >_> Anyways, he's just so happened to have built us a Clockwork Tank, which we can use to get through the otherwise-impassable mountains to the west of here... Of course, though, that idea's shot since the Skulls took over. We need to get the Flame Core for the Tank, which lies in a cave to the west.

And then Genbu shows up. *plays battle music*

BOSS - Genbu

	Genbu
Max HP	195
Attack	120
Defense	180
Speed	121
Gold	98
EXP.	197
Items	None

Genbu, at this point in the game, is pretty impressive statistically. For the most part, he'll be easily able to hit your characters for 30+ damage if you actually *did* get to Level 30+ as I recommended earlier. If you didn't, you'll probably see some one-hit-kills in this battle. The Shikigami attack is especially fruitful in that endeavor if you're underleveled, since it hits everyone; at around Level 30, it'll still hit for only about 20 damage, but lower levels can easily see 40 or higher, and, remember, it hits everyone. This is perhaps the most perfect battle to teach how to utilize your characters' roles properly: with the addition of Akane into the party, you no longer have to play Kazemaru as a wild card between frantically healing or attacking. Akane plays the perfect role of the White Mage in this game with her Vigor spell: for

addition of Akane into the party, you no longer have to play Kazemaru as a wild card between frantically healing or attacking. Akane plays the perfect role of the White Mage in this game with her Vigor spell; for the most part, and especially due to her high level of JP, you'll want her to be using that virtually every turn, or perhaps every other turn if Genbu's damage is lacking enough, in which case she should use her Power-Up Jutsu. Kazemaru can stick to simply attacking Genbu with his Foxfire or Napalm Jutsus, or just an outright Fight, and Takamaru will favor the latter as well.

Odds are, you won't get in much more than 10~20 damage per attack due to Genbu's wild 180 Defense, but Power-Up helps with that, and keep in mind you have two people attacking at once for once, which turns this into about an eight-turn battle.

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 2 SHOP - TEA HOUSE				
Item Name	Cost	Effects			
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.			

Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.

KAZEMARU VILLAGE 2 SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS							
Equipment Name Type Cost ATK DEF SPD Wielders							
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	Akane	
Storm Katana	Weapon	5,800 Gold	+21	-	-	Kazemaru	
Wintry Katana	Weapon	8,600 Gold	+23	-	-	Kazemaru	
Gale Katana	Weapon	14,000 Gold	+25	-	-	Kazemaru	
Wind Hachigane	Headband	4,200 Gold	-	+10	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane	
Kunoichi Kimono	Torso Armor	19,800 Gold	-	+20	-	Akane	

After the battle, Genbu will flee, unknowingly releasing his control over Skull Village 2 in the meantime: this, in turn, changes the name of the village to "Kazemaru Village 2". As you get ready to leave, Tobimasa will remind you about your next goal: to get the Flame Core from the western cave so you'll be able to power the Clockwork Tank. In doing so, you can help heed off the attacking currently going on in Rainbow Town.

When you exit the pagoda, you can, as usual, expect the town to have reverted to its Ninja Village-type state, and all of the people therein are no longer under the Skull Clan's curse. Additionally, new shops have opened: a different Tea House shop in the northeastern building, and a Shinobi Arms shop in the southeastern one. These changes are reflected in the tables above. And, of course, the inn now only costs 1 Gold.

Additionally, we also have another training dojo in the southwestern house of the town!

BOSS - Transfer Ninja

Max HP 160 Attack 110	
Attack 110	
Defense 110	
Speed 132	
Gold 0	
EXP. 82	
Items None	

It's probably around now that I should get serious about this: you need to get up to Level 30+ with Akane to be able to survive in the long-term - not just for this battle, but for the game in general. This guy will absolutely overpower Akane at lower levels, and even at the higher levels simply because she is not oriented for a direct offense as her Attack is absolutely abysmal. For the most part, in this battle, you will need to alternate as such: Power-Up - Fight - Kikatsugan. The damage from the first two turns will be pretty large (amounting to about 70), and the damage you deal out will be closer to 20. It does make this a fight lasting a very long while; you'll need about 16 Kikatsugans to survive this. You could attempt to use Throwing Knives, but they're costly and don't always hit, so it's a risk. Then again, the whole battle is a risk: Akane is just not meant to do this stuff... >_>

After the battle, you will earn the **Transfer Kinoichi Jutsu**. This Jutsu has more of a functional use: this allows Akane to give half of her JP directly to Kazemaru. This can be useful in its own way since Akane has a ton of JP that generally goes to waste between towns: I mean, Frog Oils tend to do most of your dungeon healing, right? And 180+ JP doesn't really get used up in a single boss battle via Vigor, either, does it? Food for thought.

There's another Jutsu-training dojo in the northwest corner of town, too! Again, it's for Akane...

BOSS - Firefly Ninja

Firefly Ninja

Max HP	120
Attack	80
Defense	70
Speed	116
Gold	0
EXP.	64
Items	None

This battle will likely end up a lot differently from the one with the Transfer Ninja: this guy is not nearly so overpowered. If anything, he's actually - *gasp* - on Akane's level, offensively! In other words, you'll probably end up hitting this guy as hard as does you: for the most part, like you, he will focus on the use of the Fight attack and, like you, will generally hit for 10~15 damage.

Ultimately, then, that makes this an all-out brawl: simply using Fight for the battle almost completely suffice. His HP is a bit higher than your own, so you will have to heal: **be sure to bring a Kikatsugan along for this battle!** See, the whole point of the Firefly Jutsu is to block the Jutsus of the target. For the most part, you'd likely rely on Vigor to heal, but that won't work with Firefly in effect, so you'll have to heal via an item, but it'll just be that one time before you get on the whole Fighting thing again.

After the battle, you will earn the **Firefly Kunoichi Jutsu**: the final one of Akane's Jutsus! This Jutsu will take up 7 JP in an attempt to block the enemy's Jutsu uses for a while. This thusly will only find a lot of use on the bosses of the game and a scant few sorcerer-type enemies, but it's nonetheless worth having! In any case, when you're done, it's time to leave. Once you've returned to the overworld, go west and you'll find a small stretch of land going into the middle of a lake. The middle of this lake will have the cave we're looking for, so enter it.

The Flame Shrine

TREASURES CHECKLIST								
∐ Kikatsugan	☐ Funny 'Shroom	☐ Pine Pill	☐ Throwing Knife	∐ 400 Gold				
∐ Bamboo Pill	☐ Sacrifice Doll	[_] 500 Gold	☐ Flame Core					

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops			
Alcoholic Skull	66	92	76	78	46	38	None			
Baboon Skull	33	68	113	82	74	20	None			
Fire Daruma Skull	29	86	68	88	88	40	None			
Fire Skull	30	48	80	87	98	38	None			
Inferno Skull	34	72	89	84	102	39	None			
Windslash Skull	26	82	48	102	96	24	None			

Flame Shrine - 1F: When you enter the Shrine, you will have to start out by simply going north for a good while. When you reach the lava pit, you'll round around to the west of it so you can continue; when you do so, go southwest and you will find a hamper on the ground near the lava. It contains a **Kikatsugan**. From here, go northwest to the corner, then south and to the ladder.

Flame Shrine - 2F: Go northeast and grab the Funny 'Shroom from the hamper there, then continue going north. It will linearly wrap around to the west and to another ladder

Flame Shrine - 3F: This is essentially the same as the previous floor, but you're going east and south to the ladder this time. Open the hamper on the way if you want, but it contains nothing.

Flame Shrine - 4F to 7F: The floors will repeat the pattern seen on 2F and 3F for a while, but the hampers will generally be empty. On 5F, you'll get a Pine Pill from the hamper. On 6F, you'll get a Throwing Knife.

Flame Shrine - 8F: Here, you will go north, west, and south along the linear path, essentially just winding around to the other side of the floor. In the southwest corner, you will find a hot spring you can enter to heal yourself and a chest with 400 Gold inside. Go east from there to the ladder.

Flame Shrine - 7F to 2F: This is again another repeating-pattern thing similar to the ascent, but with no chests this time around. You'll initially go west and north to the ladder, then south and east, then you just alternate between those until you're done with 2F.

Flame Shrine - 1F: When you finally return, go north and you will come to an east/west fork. Head east first to get a **Bamboo Pill** before heading west. This linear path will soon turn south and east before spilling out into a small clearing. When you leave it heading south, you quickly come to a west/east fork again; go west for the **Sacrifice Doll** before going to the east. You'll easily find a chest for **500 Gold** as you go along, after which you need to head west again to find another hamper, though note that it actually just contains an enemy.

BOSS - Seiryu

	Seiryu			
Max HP	420			
Attack	130			
Defense	108			
Speed	116			
Gold	483			
EXP.	243			
Items	None			

For all intents and purposes, Seiryu is not actually too different from the first fight we had against him back in his castle: his stats are generally buffed by about 10 points each, and he has about 60 more HP, but it's all pretty negligible, especially given that we have an additional ally alongside us! One interesting fact I noticed in this battle is that his HP is actually double what the game's RAM claims it to be: it's actually closer to 420, as the game internally halves all damage you deal to him, so he's reaaally bulky this time around.

For the most part, Seiryu will rely on his Fight attack to deal damage. It's still a pretty threatening attack: you can expect it to hit for 35~50 damage, especially on Akane who naturally has lower Defense than the rest of the party. He will also use his Lightning Jutsu every few turns to attempt to deal party-wide damage in the general range of 20~30 HP; however, it's very inaccurate, so maybe one person will be hit

The general strategy for this fight is pretty simple. Akane needs to be using Vigor every single turn, without exception, while Kazemaru and Takamaru simply Fight. When the party's HP is below 50% (and thus a simple Vigor may not suffice), have Kazemaru use a Frog Oil, but that's about the only deviation you can expect. Due to the internal damage-halving, this battle will take a while, but it's pretty easy in all reality.

After the battle, head north and speak with the man near the edge of the pit (which he seems to think to be a sauna) and you will earn a **Flame Core**. Interestingly enough, you can actually obtain multiple Flame Cores from him just by speaking to him multiple times, though the reward for doing so is pretty much just wasted space since their use is ONLY for the Clockwork Tank, and you can't sell them. >_>
Anyhow, leave the cave and return to Kazemaru Village 2 to the east.

Tankin' Through

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY									
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops		
Rich Ninja	151	220	110	90	100	30	None		

When you return to Kazemaru Village 2, heal up in the inn and use the shops as you want. (The shops can be found **here**. When done, approach the orange thing in front of the pagoda to the north, step on it, and press A to enter the Clockwork Tank!

When you return to the overworld (just drive out of town), you will still end up finding random encounters. However, at the same time, the Clockwork Tank will beat them all for you ... but you won't gain EXP., Gold, or items. T_T Anyhow, go south to the dirt road and west along it to the mountain chain. When you arrive at the long chain of mountains, you can simply ride over them with the tank, nothing special required.

However, stick along the southern shoreline as you do so and you'll soon encounter a Jizo and a village in a small alcove. The Jizo will tell you that this is Seemenot Village, and that you should memorize the locals' loci. Hm. Anyhow, enter the village. Note that you can find Rich Ninjas in this area, if you need some money.

Seemenot Village

When you enter the village, you have to **quickly** memorize the positions of the villagers when you see them: they'll quickly disappear. The only visible man, near the entrance of the village, will mention that they're doing this to help in their ability to hide from the Skulls should they come by. Anyhow, here are their locations, in the form of a screenshot: simply face them from some direction and speak to them to find them. In case you can't tell, the eastern Jizo statue is one, and the initially-visible guy will just hide where he was standing.

^I6|The map of Seemenot Village, with the hidden people added in.

After this, go back and speak with the man you initially spoke with in the village. He will give you the **Male Buddha** and the **Female Buddha** figurines. Apparently, first the Female one is placed on the ground as a marker, then the Male one can be used to return to where the Female one is! This allows for easy travel between two inspecific unimportant spots that Express or the like wouldn't get you to: for example, it can be useful for quickly exploring multiple forks in the path in the middle of a dungeon! Pretty cool, eh?

Tankin' Some More!

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops				
Amanojaku's Return	140	40	120	110	1	28	None				
Armored Skull	34	66	130	80	86	32	None				
Owl Tamer	68	67	126	102	143	56	None				
Pauper	108	0	120	130	0	70	None				
Puppet	12	98	42	126	64	60	None				
Rich Ninja	151	220	110	90	100	30	None				
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None				

Once you're returned to the overworld, get back in the Clockwork Tank and continue traveling west. Once you're past the set of mountains surrounding Seemenot Village, you're done with the tank; it would be wisest to now exit and hoof it for the extra EXP. you might get on the way. However, beware the enemies you will now encounter, the Pauper in particular, who just loves to steal money. The same is true for the familiar Amanojaku's Return. >_>

When you get out of the tank, you'll find a Jizo nearby; speaking with him reveals that Rainbow Town is further along to the west. Go southwest along the sandy area. Eventually, you'll find a town enclosed within some white walls: that is Rainbow Town, though we may be too late: the Jizo outside says that the invasion of the Skulls has already begun! =O Get in there!

Rainbow Town

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY											
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops					
Bat Tamer	68	108	110	110	142	62	None					
Crow Tamer	80	98	110	105	156	59	None					
Puppet	12	98	42	126	64	60	None					
Puppeteer Skull	60	46	110	106	168	64	None					
Skull Bat	38	82	80	100	70	40	None					
Skull Crow	34	76	82	107	72	38	None					

When you arrive in the town, hurry up and speak with the Reviving Jizo to save, then get into the village proper. In the north-central pagoda, it will become clear that the fourth scroll, the Rainbow Scroll, has already been taken by Suzaku; the man there suggests focusing on Suzaku. The other people in the village will note that half has already been taken, and the mind control has already begun to take effect, much to the chagrin of one man ... enthused by the likes of pornography, to somehow put it tastefully.

If you cross the bridge, in the southern half of this middle segment of the town, you will find a Skull Ninja to fight. If you're not fully healed, it would be best to sleep in the inn to the southwest (150 Gold) first. There are three Skull Ninjas in all in this village: each battle will be against relatively normal enemies, though, not actual bosses. The first battle is against a Skull Crow and a Crow Tamer; the second against a Puppet and a Puppeteer Skull; and the third against a Skull Bat and a Bat Tamer. The significant fact in these battles is that the human-like enemy (the Tamers and the Puppeteer) can summon more of the other enemies (Bats, Crows, and Puppets), so you should focus on them first - but you've faced similar enemies before, so it's not much to worry about.

After this, in the eastern-middle house of the southern part of the town, you will find Suzaku again! Speak with him to engage once more in combat!

BOSS - Suzaku

Suzaku
480
140
76
120
736
368

Items	None
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Battling Suzaku so soon after Seiryu again will be pretty similar to fighting the latter: he's a lot bulkier, but the increment in Attack isn't a whole lot to be worried about. Even so, you can expect to see his Fight attack hit for 35~45 damage, and a special attack hitting everyone for 25~30, so a lot of healing will probably be needed.

The general strategy for this fight is pretty simple, and pretty generic as previous bosses have come to reveal. Akane needs to be using Vigor every single turn, without exception, while Kazemaru and Takamaru simply Fight. When the party's HP is below 50% (and thus a simple Vigor may not suffice), have Kazemaru use a Frog Oil, but that's about the only deviation you can expect. Due to the internal damage-halving, this battle will take a while, but it's pretty easy in all reality. It'll be a bit faster than against Seiryu since you'll likely hit for 35~50 damage with Kazemaru and Takamaru individually, due to the much-lower Defense on Suzaku.

	RAINBOW VILLAGE SHOP - TEA HOUSE							
Item Name	Cost	Effects						
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.						
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.						
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.						
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.						
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!						
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.						
Party Ball	50,000 Gold	Deals absolutely massive damage (150+ most often) to all enemies, and also completely refills the HP and JP of the party!						

After the battle, Suzaku will throw the **Rainbow Scroll** to you! With four down, only one remains! Plus, you can now also go ahead and shop at the Tea House now: those Party Balls are definitely something to consider.;) In any case, that's about it, so let's return to the overworld.

The Boat Scroll

Sectional Flowchart

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Walking On Water!

TREASURES	S CHECKLIST
☐ Massage Tengu Jutsu	☐ Waterwalk Tengu Jutsu

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY										
Enemy Name Max HP ATK DEF SPD Gold EXP. Known Item Dro											
Amanojaku's Return	140	40	120	110	1	28	None				
Armored Skull	34	66	130	80	86	32	None				
Cannon Skull	69	122	130	112	130	118	None				

Diving Skull	38	102	100	120	62	80	None
Drenched Skull	53	122	126	136	89	112	None
Ghost Jellyfish	16	95	85	199	132	86	None
Ginger Skull	38	88	96	120	130	118	None
Jellyfish	38	76	132	141	140	121	None
Marine Skull	46	121	158	126	156	162	None
Mizugumo Skull	34	90	98	100	80	68	None
Octopus Skull	56	110	148	108	88	88	None
Owl Tamer	68	67	126	102	143	56	None
Pauper	108	0	120	130	0	70	None
Pirate Skull	42	94	140	128	130	143	None
Puppet	12	98	42	126	64	60	None
Red-Eyed Puffer	46	106	126	135	208	246	None
Rich Ninja	151	220	110	90	100	30	None
Rock Skull	46	102	180	110	90	102	None
Skull Bat	38	82	80	100	70	40	None
Skull Crow	34	76	82	107	72	38	None
Skull Loggerhead	48	100	200	118	98	149	None
Skull Octopode	60	108	120	116	120	88	None
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None
Skull Ray	56	106	136	110	92	90	None
Squidhead Skull	30	138	110	114	180	216	None

After your brave exploits in the liberation of Rainbow Town and the gaining of the Rainbow Scroll, it's about time we moved on to bigger and better things. Head southeast of the town in the overworld and you will find a house near the shallows. (These shallow waters cannot be crossed without the Waterwalk Jutsu, according to the Jizo nearby.) Enter the house to find the Massage Tengu and he will do *quite a bit* of laughing, then will challenge you to see how times he said "ha": the correct answer is 28. In doing so, you'll earn the **Massage Tengu Jutsu**. This has more of a plot-oriented purpose.

First, though, how much JP does Kazemaru have at maximum right now? Seeing as you should be Level 35 or so, he should definitely have more than 110 JP; according to his stat growth from my game, he'll need to be at Level 27 or higher to be able to use this. Assuming you're above that (if not, grind), use the Express Tengu Jutsu to head to Showdown Village. Head northeast of there in the overworld for a while.

You'll soon find the Waterwalk Tengu's house: you remember, the guy raging about how he didn't pre-order Ninjara Hoi!? Face him and, with 110 JP or higher (since that is the JP cost), use the Massage Tengu Jutsu on him. He'll laugh finally and give you the **Waterwalk Tengu Jutsu**!

Return to Showdown Village if your JP is so low as to need healing (or just use Transfer) and then Express your way back to Rainbow Town. From there, go southeast in the overworld once more to the shallow waters around there. It is around here that you'll want to begin grinding for a while, especially since the getting is good on EXP. and Gold around here: some battles easily yield 1,000 or more of each! You probably want to be Level 35 before you progress too far through the overworld past here: it definitely will take a while to get up that far, but these battles are getting increasingly more difficult.

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In any case, when you're in the shallows and breathing through those cartoony bamboo straws, the general idea, really, is just to keep going east. Ultimately, finding the end of the path is pretty easy; it will be a long narrow path extending from the shallows near the grasslands of the next island, so basically stick to the north side and head east while in the shallows to find the way out pretty easily. Don't land in the grasslands area when you first get to them (that "don't go" area being pictured to the right): there's nothing really there, so keep going along the shallow waters.

If you keep going through the shallows, you'll eventually land on a beach to the east of the grasslands. Go south from there to find Boat Town.

Boat Town

		BOAT TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE
Item Name	Cost	Effects
Power Pill		Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.

Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.

When you arrive, using the inn and the Tea House shop would be a pretty good idea after all of those difficult enemies. The inn itself costs 175 Gold. Otherwise, there's not a lot of point to being here. Speaking with the locals will reveal that the Boat Scroll, the final scroll for the ultimate Jutsu, was apparently in the possession of a fisherman when he got eaten by a whale. (Same as what happened in *Pinocchio*, as one man points out.) There is also apparently a sea cave nearby. Anyhow, heal and stock up before leaving.

When you return to the overworld, immediately head east and use the Waterwalk Jutsu to get onto (well, under) the water: on the other side of the shallows is our next destination

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	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY											
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops					
Bloodipede	38	80	122	126	99	96	None					
Cannon Skull	69	122	130	112	130	118	None					
Corpse	39	0	0	0	0	0	None					
Corpse Puppeteer	68	127	116	128	154	180	None					
Hellipede	36	104	148	118	96	90	None					
Insect Tamer	56	60	136	122	140	118	None					
Lightning Skull	96	120	100	140	22	134	None					
Regal Skull A	920	220	200	180	4,300	3,720	None					
Regal Skull B	920	190	220	180	4,300	3,719	None					
Skull Bat	38	82	80	100	70	40	None					
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None					
Skullipede	28	97	110	120	80	86	None					
Tattoo	98	140	105	120	131	186	None					

To the curious, there are a lot of battles here that are very heavy in enemies: these will be the first battles you begin to see seven enemies in with regularity (and actually, for the first time in my case). While these battles will be very rewarding, keep in mind that there are a LOT of them. Coming in well-stocked at Level 35+ is highly recommended. Also note that the dungeon has quite a few forks in it, so you may want to make use of the Male/Female Buddhas from **Seemenot Village** if you want to speed things up a bit without using my walkthrough. (Awwww...)

Centipede Cave - 1F: This floor is interestingly in the shape of a centipede! You will start at the back-left antenna of the centipede, so go north into the long, rectangular hall. There will be a number of paths to the sides representing the legs of the centipede, which end in rooms that may contain treasures. The list is below: assume that the "first" room is the southernmost room.

East Side - First Room: Dango
West Side - First Room: Escape Ball
East Side - Third Room: Throwing Knife
West Side - Third Room: Kikatsugan
East Side - Fifth Room: Dango

West Side - Fifth Room: Dango

East Side - Seventh Room: Pine Pill

West Side - Seventh Room: Frog Oil

• East Side - Ninth Room: A secret staircase to 2F!

West Side - Ninth Room: Power Pill
 East Side - Northern Antenna: Dango

• West Side - Northern Antenna: Dragon Sword - a weapon for Kazemaru you should equip (Attack +27)

When you're done hunting down the chests, be sure to use the aforementioned hidden staircase.

Centipede Cave - 2F: God, I hated this floor the first time I went through: I literally went to the staircase first before knowing about the treasures. >_< There are three paths off to the north, and each are very linear but end up in different spots waaaaaay off to the north. The western and eastern paths have hampers at the end yielding a Power Pill and a Skull Flag, respectively. I'd recommend not getting or dropping the Skull Flag: it makes enemy encounters so common to the point that they're practically every freakin' step, and the encounters already are pretty common and hard here. Use the middle path to reach some a ladder.

Centipede Cave - 3F: ... This floor has essentially the same layout as the previous: however, I would be extremely wary. On this floor, you can encounter enemies known as Regal Skulls (there is an A and a B variety) whose arrival is signaled by a sudden, scary change in the background music: these enemies are extremely difficult and take 1/4 of the damage the game says they do, essentially quadrupling their HP; their Attack is virtually off the charts, too, so escaping this battle is the only way to win at anything under Level 50, really. You can't even avoid them with Burrow. o_o; At the same time, though, beating them yields 7,439 EXP. and 8,600 Gold - I mean, that's a freakin' boatload compared to what you're used to so, especially if you're overleveled (Lv. 40+), it's at least worth a shot with the usual strategy of Akane using Vigor and Kazemaru and Takamaru always Fighting.

Anyhow. The western path has another Skull Flag, and the eastern one has a Pine Pill. The stairs are in the middle.

Centipede Cave - 4F: When you arrive, go far to the south and you will find a whale sitting on the water. Attempt to walk on him to enter his belly!

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The Whale's Belly	
TREASURES CHECKLIST	
☐ Boom Ball ☐ Escape Ball ☐ Power Pill ☐ Tiger Book ☐ Boat Scroll (brie	·fly)
LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY	
Mostly just a bunch of weak enemies from early in the game. See this for their st	ats.

Whale's Belly - 1F: When you arrive, go north and over the red tongue and further along into the large, pink clearing (the stomach). If you exit it to the north, you will find an east/west fork. If you go east (presumably the large intestine), you'll find another fork near the tail. Go west there to find the **Boom Ball**. ... Did you laugh as hard as I did just now? Anyhow, go west from the initial east/west fork along the small intestine to the stairs.

Whale's Belly - 2F: Looks like we're ascending to the skeletal system. This guy has some weird anatomy: all of his bones, on the same level. XD Anyhow, hug the east wall as you go south and a room will soon open up. Inside is a chest containing an enemy, but it's a pretty special (old) one: a Man-o'-War. It's weak and will likely kamikaze-attack you on its first turn, but it's weak and an easy 170 EXP.

If you leave that small enclosure and continue hugging the wall to the very southernmost part of the area in that narrow hallway, you'll find another chest containing an **Escape Ball**. Go back north to the puddle of water near the south end of the spine, then into the enclosure west of there to find a **Power Pill** in the chest there, then go north. Within the hamper at the end of the path, you'll find a **Tiger Book**, which is used to boost your EXP. by 12.5% (1/8) of its current value! That should equate to at least one level-up at Level 35+ (usually a boost of 14,000+ EXP.).

Go back to the south now, into the room where you found the Power Pill. If you look to the southeast of the hamper containing - the color contrast is outright terrible - there IS a person there. ... Tobimasa, again. He'll hand you the **Boat Scroll** - the fifth and final scroll containing the secret to Rahoi's ultimate Jutsu - along with permission to use the boat anchored near Boat Town!

Sweeeeeet! After Tobimasa leaves, though...

Spoiler. Highlight text to view [The Skull Shogun appeared!] Skull Shogun - "It seems vou've

Skull Shogun - "It seems you've somehow managed to gather all of Rahoi's scrolls! A child like you doesn't deserve the power of Rahoi's ultimate Jutsu! Hand over those scrolls without a fuss and I won't have to teach you the true meaning of pain!"

You are then presented with two options: "Yes" or "No". Either way, you will end up handing over the scrolls, but if you say "No", Kazemaru's HP hits 1, so it's easier just to give 'em over.

Skull Shogun (if you say "Yes") - "Gahahaha! Thatta boy! Resistance is futile!"

Skull Shogun (if you say "No") - "Gahahaha! It's your funeral! Let me show you my power! Gahahaha!"

[The Skull Shogun fires a death ray from his finger!]

[Kazemaru was blown sky high! (Kazemaru's HP is now equal to 1!)]

Shull Shogun - "How'd you like that? You had your chance! I'll be taking these scrolls now! Gahahahaha!"

Anyhow, leave the whale and Centipede Cave	somehow and return to Boat Town.
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Setting Sail!

The Ultimate Jutsu... The End of the Skull Clan Ending Translation

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY

Just repeat enemies: see the Enemy Bestiary for more

This is just dandy, isn't it? The moment we obtain the fifth and final scroll, the Skull Shogun just warps in, blasts Kazemaru, and takes them away from us. We now only have one thing on our side, really: the boat outside Boat Town. Be sure to heal up in Boat Town and to buy some stuff before you set sail: simply walk onto the boat to begin sailing. Head east towards Centipede Cave, then just go around it, heading south on its east side. You'll eventually see a lot of green land to the east and west. Stick along the shoreline of the western island and it mountains and you'll eventually reach a point where you can make landfall.. Go north and east from there into the town, Skull Village 3.

Skull Village 3

SKULL VILLAGE 3 SHOP - TEA HOUSE						
Item Name Cost Effects						
Skull Manju	Skull Manju 6 Gold Restores an enemy's HP by 10 if used in battle. Decreases your own HP by 10 if you eat it.					
Skull Flute	Skull Flute 1,200 Gold Instantly causes a battle in areas where battles can be fought.					
Skull Hachimaki	60 Gold	Equippable headband: Upgrades Ninjutsus one level but you can't use the Ninjutsus, so it's just gimmicky.				

Feel free to speak with the locals in this village before doing much of anything: they're a bit more interesting than the others thus far. For example, one guy praises Tobimasa for having fixed his Famicom before thinking he might be able to fix his mom's face; then there's Jubei, who's apparently sided with the Skull Shogun for the time being. That's about it, though: the shop is as pointless as ever, and the inn's way overpriced at 8,000 Gold. (Kinda funny how the innkeep still says you're welcome here anytime. XD)

When you're ready, go into the northern pagoda and speak with the man there, Tobimasa: you know, that dude who has apparently saved you on multiple occasions? He will offer to sharpen Kazemaru's sword since he's the swordsmith here: you'll have to accept the offer, but worry not as Kazemaru won't lose his weapon. Thankfully. -_-;

BOSS - Genbu

	Genbu
Max HP	390
Attack	180
Defense	230
Speed	136
Gold	442
EXP.	908
Items	None

Geez, this is like the third time we've fought him. You've got to admire his persistence! In any case, his stat changes from last tmie are mostly in the regards of Attack and Defense: he is a LOT bulkier and a

LOT more powerful than before. He won't take much more than 15~20 damage from your attacks, even around Levels 35~40, but will willfully throw back 40~60 damage at those same levels, or 20~30 damage party-wide with his occasional Shikigami attack.

Even so, the strategy mostly remains the same. Have Akane use her Vigor Jutsu every turn while Kazemaru and Takamaru attack, having them throw in Frog Oils as needed. This will probably be an occasion where you need to consider going to purchase a Party Ball from Rainbow Town despite the 50,000-Gold price tag since it's insanely powerful. It won't one-hit-kill Genbu even still, but it will help you out when you're in low HP/JP since this battle will last a while.

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 3 SHOP - TEA HOUSE					
Item Name	Cost					
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.				
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.				
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.				
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.				
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.				
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!				

KAZEMARU VILLAGE 3 SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS							
Equipment Name Type Cost ATK DEF SPD Wielders						Wielders	
Iron Fang	Weapon	26,000 Gold	+30	-	-	Takamaru	
Kunoichi Katana	Weapon	27,000 Gold	+20	-	-	Akane	
Sun Katana	Weapon	44,000 Gold	+30	-	-	Kazemaru	
Wind Hachigane	Headband	4,200 Gold	-	+10	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane	
Wind Katabira	Torso Armor	26,000 Gold	-	+22	-	Kazemaru, Akane	
Wind Waraji	Footgear	1,240 Gold	-	-	+20	Kazemaru, Akane	

After the battle, the town will return to normal and be renamed in your honor as Kazemaru Village 3. The locals are still a bit interesting, so speaking with them will probably be worth it. In particular is the man outside the northern pagoda who mistakes seppuku for sudoku. (Seppuku is the ritualistic form of Japanese suicide, known to be committed after a severe dishonor is committed.)

Also be sure to speak with Jubei in the southwest corner of town: he apparently stole the **Boat Scroll** from the Skull Shogun and thus will return it to you! =D Also be sure to visit the renewed Shinobi Arms (southeast) and Tea House (northeast) shops for their new, rather-expensive stocks! ... Okay, the Tea House isn't new, but it's there. >_> Head back to the overworld when you're done here.

More Sailing

TREASURES CHECKLIST

[] Fate Tengu Jutsu

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY

Just repeat enemies: see the **Enemy Bestiary** for more

When you're done in Kazemaru Village 3, get back to the boat. If you head southwest of that island, you'll get into a rather large archipelago. The southwesternmost island has a house on it with the Fate Tengu in it. Within, he'll offer to give you his Tengu Jutsu for that which you hold most dear ... Takamaru and Akane. If you confirm this trade with "Yes", he'll simply reject it on the basis that he could never teach someone caring so little for their friends before threatening to spank you. So say "No". Please. And do so again when he asks for just Akane, and once more when he requests just Takamaru. He will then decide to teach you the Fate Jutsu. The **Fate Tengu Jutsu** is ... well, it's a randomized Jutsu. It can have a variety of effects: your party's HP can be fully refilled, you can get a random set of 3 items (one per character), lose 50% of your Gold, lose 67% of your Gold, or double your Gold. Odds-wise, there's a 60% chance of getting a beneficial Fate (though it's again random and only one effect occurs), so it's up to you. You could always use save-state abuse or something of the like for optimization, but, anyhow... As a bit of an easter egg, the background music also changes to an 8-bit remix of some classical composition. I honestly should know who did it, but it doesn't matter too much.

If you're curious, there's some weird chain of shallow waters east of Wind Hamlet. (Wind Hamlet is a bit to the south of the Fate Tengu's place.) There, you can find some Japanese katakana: the characters "do", "i", "so", "yu", "ki". Read in the traditional Japanese fashion, it reads "yukidoiso", though what this refers to is unknown since the arrow nearby just points north to areas already visited. =/ There's some text reading "ASCII" west of Wind Hamlet as well.

That's actually about it for screwing around in the overworld. We explored a lot more of it than most RPGs allow, eh?

There's also a house in the midst of some shallows north of Genbu Castle, or south of the Sprint Tengu's house or south-southeast of Kazemaru Village 3. Approach the shallow, light-blue water there and use the Waterwalk Tengu Jutsu to make your way to the middle of the lone village on this nearly-enclosed island. But it won't take long for Byakko to return and attempt to block you!

BOSS - Byakko

	Byakko
Max HP	360
Attack	228
Defense	180
Speed	140
Gold	721
EXP.	498
Items	None

I was wondering if we'd ever get around to this guy. Byakko is a lot more impressive than he was before, and he's also a great deal stronger than most of our foes thus far, boasting the highest Attack we've seen in the game insofar: he won't have trouble killing your allies in two hits: at Levels 35~45, you can easily expect 75 to 100 or more damage from him in a single strike! However, he's a lot less bulky, especially in comparison to Genbu's third iteration: you can expect to easily hit for 30 to 50 damage per hit this time around. That could win the battle in as little as four turns.

Hopefully, you've been using Akane's Vigor a lot to power it up, or at least bought a crapload of Party Balls from Rainbow Town, because without either you're pretty screwed. Akane does need to stick to healing with Vigor each turn, or perhaps using those Power Pills you got from Centipede Cave since most of Byakko's damage will be single-target. Kazemaru and Takamaru need to take the offensive, though the means for that won't matter too particularly.

After the battle, continue through the forests to the lone village here. If you remember the kanji from the game's logo, you should probably have a good idea of what this town is: Rahoi Town.

Rahoi Town

TREASURES CHECKLIST						
∐ Rahoi Katana	∐ Lily Katana	Silver Fang Silve	∐ Kaboom Ninjutsu			

	RAHOI TOWN SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS					
Item Name	Cost Effects					
Power Pill		Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.				
Revive Ball	20,000 Gold	Revives an ally from being KO'ed with 1 HP. Better heal them soon!				
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.				
Guts Ball	7,000 Gold	If you would be killed on the turn this is used, you will survive with 1 HP left.				
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.				
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.				

When you arrive initially, feel free to use the inn (1 Gold), save, and shop up, though the items here are nothing new. The main features can be found in the north-central house. There, you can speak with Tobimasa and he'll allow you use the of Clockwork Jet, which can be found just outside of town. As for the guy in the middle?

Spoiler. Highlight text to view

[Kazemaru speaks to Rahoi and warm, fuzzy feelings course through him!]

Rahoi - "Ah! Kazemaru and Akane! And you must be Tazu's son, Takamaru! It's amazing to see you all grown up! I must give Stinkosai and Hanzo my thanks! So, Kazemaru, do you know the riddle of my scrolls? The X's scattered through the text represent crossbones... Erase the symbol of the Skulls and the message will reveal itself! But remember this, Kazemaru! Once you claim the power of my ultimate Jutsu, its power must only be used on the Skull Shogun! Against a lesser foe, its power would tear them to shreds! My Jutsu must never be used to harm another living soul! It's meant to protect our world, not to destroy it!

And, now, I have gifts for you all! For Kazemaru, the Rahoi Katana! For Akane, the Lily Katana! And for Takamaru, the Silver Fang! These weapons will aid you in your battles! Wield them proudly! End the Skull Shogun's reign of terror!"

So, then, you've obtained the ultimate weapons of the game: Kazemaru's **Rahoi Katana**, Akane's **Lily Katana**, and Takamaru's **Silver Fang**. Be sure to equip 'em! Also, in the town's northwestern cave, you can find a Ninja willing to teach Kazemaru the Kaboom Jutsu: but only after a battle!

BOSS - Kaboom Ninja

	Kaboom Ninja
Max HP	240
Attack	140
Defense	108
Speed	120
Gold	0
EXP.	234
Items	None

This battle is going to be a bit interesting to play out. As you probably can gather, it's going to be a one-on-one fight between Kazemaru and the Kaboom Ninja. Both hit pretty hard, especially Kazemaru after having earned the Rahoi Katana: at Level 35+, you can expect to be doling out around 50 or more damage with every hit! At the same time, the Kaboom Ninja will hit back for about 30 damage. You both are essentially taking out equal percentages of the other's HP (15% ~ 30%) with every hit: it's a battle all about your Speed stat: the one who can go first will win, in all essence.

At the same time, though, be ready to heal. The Kaboom Ninja does have a tendency to use the Badabing Ninjutsu at low HP to heal 50 of his own HP, so be sure to heal your own at times.

For winning, you will learn the **Kaboom Ninjutsu**. This Ninjutsu is **INSANELY** valuable. Like, I cannot express its actual value. It will literally kill all of the enemies on the battlefield at the same time for a meager 32 JP! Imagine its value for grinding! Like, seriously, I recommend grinding now up to about Level 40 to be able to withstand the next dungeon! Do it! NOW.

The Final Dungeon: Skull Castle

TREASURES CHECKLIST					
☐ Star Scroll	☐ Dream Scroll	Song Scroll Scroll Scroll Scroll	☐ Rainbow Scroll	☐ Power Pill	
☐ Pine Pill	☐ Throwing Knife	☐ Escape Ball	∐ Sun Ball		

LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops
Bloodipede	38	80	122	126	99	96	None
Cannon Skull	69	122	130	112	130	118	None
Corpse	39	0	0	0	0	0	None
Corpse Puppeteer	68	127	116	128	154	180	None

Hellipede	36	104	148	118	96	90	None
Insect Tamer	56	60	136	122	140	118	None
Lightning Skull	96	120	100	140	22	134	None
Regal Skull A	920	220	200	180	4,300	3,720	None
Regal Skull B	920	190	220	180	4,300	3,719	None
Skull Bat	38	82	80	100	70	40	None
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None
Skullipede	28	97	110	120	80	86	None
Tattoo	98	140	105	120	131	186	None

In case you're the observant type, you'll notice that the Regal Skull enemies can indeed be found here, just like in Centipede Cave. In this instance, too, they will defy Burrow and are very rare: I didn't happen to encounter them until a second playthrough of the game (while making maps of the dungeons). As before, they are very difficult to beat as well; it will be hard to beat them without being Level 45-50. I didn't encounter them until the final floor, so my reference may be irrelevant to this section, but it's nonetheless noteworthy, especially since they yield obscene amounts of Gold and EXP.

Overworld: When you leave Rahoi Town, just south of the village will be the brown Clockwork Jet. When you press A to enter it, it will automatically begin flying in the direction of its facing: you want to attempt to go to Skull Castle. The game is a bit too vague on where it is, though: it's actually north of Wind Hamlet.

When you arrive there, land in the inner courtyard. Initially, it just seems to be a barren land of sand within a wall that is also within a wall, with just a small strip of dirt on it. Walk along that dirt trail to the center of the path. The screen suddenly flashes, turns dark, and a large Skull emblem is erected on the island as the Skull Shogun speaks: he awaits you on the bottom floor. Before you enter, be very sure to be able to escape somehow since the entrance disappears when you enter! Also be very well-stocked, and I recommend grinding to Level 40+. Well-stocked would imply several Party Balls from Rainbow Town, each costing 50,000 Gold: you will easily earn that much Gold, especially with the Fortune Cat from the Firewakame Mall in hand, while grinding between Level 35 and Level 40. Their main purpose would be to restore Kazemaru's and Akane's JP while also damaging the enemy in battle: Kazemaru will be getting much of his use from the Kaboom and Fate Jutsus, while Akane will use lots and lots of Vigor. The best place to level-up is the Centipede Cave due to the vast number of enemies there per-battle.

Skull Castle - Boss Gauntlet: When you arrive, go south into the small room there, then east and downstairs. You'll find a Skull Deva there: Genbu. Again.

BOSS - Genbu

	Genbu
Max HP	868
Attack	206
Defense	250
Speed	146
Gold	1,912
EXP.	1,621
Items	None

As usual, Genbu is waaay bulky, and is in fact the bulkiest enemy you'll see in the game in terms of raw Defense: he's only five points off from the max Defense value! And, of course, there's also that waaaay higher HP, nearing 900 thanks to some kind of dilation factor when you deal damage that shrinks it internally to 1/4 of the usual value. He also loves to hit hard: 60+ is what you'll be expecting per Fight at Level 42 (my level), and that's closer to 30~40 (though party-wide) with the Shikigami attack. Genbu does have one new trick up his sleeve this time around. At the start of the battle, he'll end up gnabbing someone from your party: they will not be able to act while in his grip, and, were you to attack, that character would be used as a human shield. While you may only end up doing 10~20 damage to Genbu per your own Fights at this level, this could exceed well over 100 damage, and is pretty much a guaranteed KO if you have both characters (even Akane) attack.

For the most part, this will be a battle of **vigor**ous healing. =P While you can, have Akane focus on using Vigor with every turn that passes; this should easily take care of most of the damage you receive, since the odds are only 1 in 9 that the same character will be hit twice consecutively and brought to near-KO HP. If that's the case, then have Kazemaru throw in his Badabing on that character alongside Akane's Vigor, but he should otherwise focus on using Fight or Ninjutsu, and Takamaru also needs to deal with offense.

In the instance that one of the characters are kidnapped, it will be best to wait it out rather than KO one of your own party members: use this time for healing and/or self-buffing.

After the battle, you'll end up with the **Star Scroll** again! =D Go ahead and continue along the linear path to another Skull Deva. Be sure to use Kazemaru's Fate Tengu Jutsu beforehand!

	Byakko
Max HP	480
Attack	228
Defense	200
Speed	186
Gold	2,347
EXP.	2,113
Items	None

As you probably know by now, Byakko is the polar-opposite to Genbu: where Genbu is bulky and reliant on his Defense and HP to outlast you, Byakko relies on his brute strength to kill you before you can kill him. Even so, there is a mild flaw with him in this battle: the only stats that changed since the battle near Rahoi Town are his HP (+120), Defense (+20), and Speed (+46), as well as his dropped Gold and EXP. His Attack has remained unaugmented.

That, in its own way, makes him easier to deal with than it should be. Granted, he is still no pushover: he can easily hit for 60~80 damage at around Level 42, especially on the naturally-weaker Akane. His relative lack of Defense is his own downfall, though: Kazemaru and Takamaru especially should be able to pierce 40 damage each against him at this point, turning this for all intents and purposes into a sixturn fight: just have Akane abuse Vigor and the others Fight.

Near the end of the battle, though - and this may be pure coincidence - Byakko used a ramming attack against Kazemaru, for the first time in the entire battle. This did ~170 damage to him at Level 42 and 160 Defense. It also had a recoil effect on Byakko for the same amount of damage, killing him. If Kazemaru dies in the battle, then that's essentially a game over and the battle will not be truly won. If Kazemaru could take such a powerful blow at full HP (~195 max to account for the RNG-based variety in damage), fully heal him near the end of the fight and use the Defense Kunoichi Jutsu on him, just to be safe.

After the fight, you'll re-earn the Dream Scroll! Continue on along the path to the next fight!

BOSS - Suzaku

	Suzaku
Max HP	632
Attack	196
Defense	150
Speed	196
Gold	1,866
EXP.	1,480
Items	None

Of the Skull Devas, Suzaku is probably one of the more balanced ones, relying on both the use of his moderate bulk and moderate attacking prowess to beat you down: he's not quite a strong as Byakko (hitting for 50~80 damage, with a ~35 party-wide damage attack), and yet not nearly as bulky as Genbu (you can hit this guy for 35~55 damage). He can still be a bit troublesome to deal with, but having dealt with the other extremists thus far, this shouldn't be too big a problem. For the most part, it's just another one of those fights where Akane uses Vigor and the others attack.

After the battle, the Song Scroll will be back in your possession! ^_^ Continue along the path through the dungeon to the fourth and final Skull Deva, Seiryu!

BOSS - Seiryu

	Seiryu
Max HP	1,350
Attack	220
Defense	210
Speed	210
Gold	3,062
EXP.	2,340

Items None

And, finally, we are permitted to slay the final of the Skull Devas. Seiryu is kinda like Suzaku on steroids: his stats indicate a clear balance, but they are also much higher than should be normal. In fact, Seiryu is, in his own way, considerably bulkier than any other enemy thus far in the game due to his exorbitant amount of HP. (This is again due to the internal dilution of your damage: this time, by a factor of 1/10 then subtracted from what the game claims to be 135 HP.) Seiryu can hit hard (generally between 60~80 damage), and he doesn't take damage too easily (typically losing 15~30 per Fight).

This will not be a particularly easy fight, and it's actually one of the main reasons I earlier recommended you bring Party Balls: this fight will be long. For the most part, Akane will need to keep using Vigor on each turn; however, when she runs out of JP (and she will), or the party as a whole is low on HP, use a Party Ball. At this point, Akane ought to be outspeeding Seiryu (220 Speed at Level 42 with Wind Waraji), so when that troubled situation arises, at least you can be sure you'll be able to rectify it. Kazemaru and Takamaru need to focus on attacking, though Jutsus may be the main means by which you attack in this instance: that, or Throwing Knifes or Party Balls, and the latter truly need to be conserved....

It will be a long fight, but by no means difficult. Barring a few instances, a Vigor every single turn ought to be able to remove most of the damage you receive barring two consecutive strikes on the same person: it's mostly a matter of making your JP last to the end.

For winning, the Rainbow Scroll will be yours once again. Continue along to the next floor.

Skull Castle - 2F & 3F: When you arrive on a part of 2F that is not involved in a boss battle, go south and along the path to 3F. There, go north and along that path back to 2F to find a bunch of hampers on the ground containing a Power Pill, a Pine Pill, a Throwing Knife, an Escape Ball, and a Sun Ball. USE THAT ESCAPE BALL NOW! You need to go do something in the overworld you could not do earlier, and you MUST do it to have any hope of beating the Skull Shogun.

The Ultimate Jutsu...

We now have all five Scrolls, so it's about time we put them to use: we will need that ultimate Jutsu to be able to defeat the Skull Shogun. Let us first decode the message. Enter the Scrolls menu and you will be able to see the text within the Scrolls.

Now, read the text in columns, going left to right, to get this:

MAXNJIXISLANDXCXENTERUSEXSHXURIKEXN

Per Rahoi's hint before, remove the X's - the emblem of the Skull Clan, the crossbones - from the message...

MANJIISLANDCENTERUSESHURIKEN

... and add spaces where appropriate for the hidden message:

MANJI ISLAND CENTER USE SHURIKEN

^sr8|Circled is Manji Island.

Okay, cool, so where is Manji Island? First, though, let us get a Shuriken. A Shuriken can be easily bought for a mere 16 Gold in the Wind Hamlet, so begin by going there for it. Once you've bought one, fly the Jet north back towards Skull Castle. The moment you begin to fly over its outer walls, turn east and you will reach an archipelago of islands: the same one with the Fate Tengu on it, as you will recall.

There is a particular island there in the shape of a swastika there (or, if you prefer, a Shuriken), a bit to the northeast of there. It will look like the island in the nearby screenshot. Land on there and walk onto the very center of it, where the Jet is hovering in the screenshot. Go into the Items menu and use a Shuriken to make a staircase appear. (In case you wonder why we couldn't do this earlier, you must have all five Scrolls in hand apparently: I tried it earlier a few times myself. >_>) Go down the stairs and open the hamper in the cave to find **Rahoi's Scroll**.

So, what is Rahoi's Scroll? For now, it is simply an item to carry around. As the description says, it multiplies the power of your attacks by ten, which would be absolutely devastating: thus, per Master Rahoi's advice, you are literally only permitted to use it in the battle against the Skull Shogun. Any other time will just make Rahoi's voice echo from nowhere to remind you of this. What a shame. So much abuse. I could rule the world... XD

Anyhow, stock up and return to Skull Castle. Again, try to be well-stocked and of a decent level. Level 40+ should still suffice for now, but a few Party Balls won't kill you. The enemy, though.... XD

The End of the Skull Clan

TREASURES CHECKLIST							
☐ Infinite Star	☐ Smoke Ball	☐ Revive Ball	∐ Guts Ball				

	LOCAL ENEMY BESTIARY							
Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Bloodipede	38	80	122	126	99	96	None	
Cannon Skull	69	122	130	112	130	118	None	
Corpse	39	0	0	0	0	0	None	
Corpse Puppeteer	68	127	116	128	154	180	None	
Hellipede	36	104	148	118	96	90	None	
Insect Tamer	56	60	136	122	140	118	None	
Lightning Skull	96	120	100	140	22	134	None	
Skull Bat	38	82	80	100	70	40	None	
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None	
Skullipede	28	97	110	120	80	86	None	
Tattoo	98	140	105	120	131	186	None	

NOTE

If you do not have Rahoi's Scroll yet, you absolutely must get it! ... Well, you don't have to, strictly, but it's highly recommended! It will make your life a HELL of a lot easier when fighting the Skull Shogun, to the point that it is virtually a requirement. If you do not have it, see **this section** for the details on how to get it!

In case you're the observant type, you'll notice that the Regal Skull enemies can indeed be found here, just like in Centipede Cave. In this instance, too, they will defy Burrow and are very rare: I didn't happen to encounter them until a second playthrough of the game (while making maps of the dungeons). As before, they are very difficult to beat as well; it will be hard to beat them without being Level 45-50. I didn't encounter them until the final floor, however, and didn't find them again elsewhere.

Return to the southwestern part of 3F and go east and along the path there back to 2F, then to 3F again. If you need the details on how to get there, see the

Skull Castle - 3F & 4F: When you descend again, go north and along the path around the chasm for a bit, ignoring the side path off to the east as you go. This linearly leads to a ladder to 4F, then a quick one back to 3F. The path you'll be on will take you to the area in the middle of that chasm, which has four hampers at the south end containing an **Infinite Star**, a **Smoke Ball**, a **Revive Ball**, and a **Guts Ball**. Backtrack along the path to southeastern 3F and, there, go east and north and down a ladder. Notice how there seem to be three ladders in that set close together? Use the middle one to go to 4F and to be easily able to reach a 5F ladder.

Skull Castle - 5F to 16F: Go southeast and use the ladder to hit 6F. Head to the northwest corner there to hit 7F. Go southeast to 8F, northwest to 9F, southeast to 10F, and basically just keep going to the opposite corner for a while, obviously.

Skull Castle - 17F & 18F: Go south and use the ladder to reach 18F. There, go far to the north and you will see a man in gray wandering around. This is the Skull Shogun: speak with him. He will first speak...

Spoiler. Highlight text to view

Skull Shogun - "Mwahahaha! I had just about given up on you making it here, Kazemaru! I've been thinking about what pose I should leave you all in when I turn you to stone! Mwahahaha! Perhaps you can all hold hands together, looking up at the sky for the salvation that will never come! I think I'll call it 'Childhood's End'! How does that sound to you? Mwahahahaha!"

... before the final battle beg-- holy crap, he's ugly.

FINAL BOSS - Skull Shogun

	Skull Shogun
Max HP	2,550?
Attack	255
Defense	255
Speed	200
Gold	0
EXP.	0
Items	None

Throughout the battle, you can pretty much expect the Skull Shogun to be powerful: he sports the highest Attack and Defense of any enemy in the game. At Level 42, you can expect to be hit for easily 80~100 or even more damage easily. If that's a problem for you, you'll have to return after grinding: honestly, Level 45 or even Level 50 may be needed, but I did relatively okay at Level 42 with a fair stock of Party Balls.

On the first turn, you will want to open the battle by having Takamaru use Rahoi's Scroll, Kazemaru attacking, and Akane using her Vigor Jutsu. To be honest, this game seems to work oddly after the use of Rahoi's Scroll: your damage output clearly increases to the general level of about 20 damage per Fight attack, but the problem is the way it's counted. It would seem like there is a damage dilution factor of 1/10 in this battle, so the game's RAM would consider 10 points of damage to be 1 point off the internal HP that reads at 255 initially. However, I've had 18-damage attacks rip off 5 HP, and then I've went 50+ damage before a single point was taken off. Not sure what that's about, so the 2,550 HP is simply a guess.

In any case, it pretty much will work out like this... After the first turn, you will need to have Akane use Vigor with every turn that occurs, and Takamaru Fight every turn. Kazemaru, due to the high level of damage that will be flying around, will likely need to alternate between the Badabing Jutsu and Fight or an offensive Jutsu every turn, with the healing focusing on whoever has the lowest HP at the time since Vigor just won't do it alone. Eventually, when either one of the Jutsu users is low on JP or everyone's significantly low on HP, have Akane use a Party Ball item and the other guys just attack: Akane ought to have a higher Speed than the Skull Shogun, so this will likely lead the turn and thus get the healing out of the way before you're hurt too much. It will definitely be a while before the battle ends but it's doable.

Ending Translation

Spoiler. Highlight text to view

[At the end of the battle...]

Skull Shogun - "URAAAAAAAAAAH! Has my time finally come!? Heed my words, Kazemaru! Savor your victory while it lasts for it will soon turn sour on you! As my empire falls, someone else will take my place! Evil will always flourish as long as those like you do nothing to stop it! Such is the nature of man! Mwahahaha! Now, Kazemaru! Will you help me put the finishing touches on my final opus!? For there is nothing more beautiful in the world than that which turns to dust! Crumble my body! Crumble my empire! Crumble my dreams! Crumble my castle! Crumble to dust once and for all!"

[The Skull Shogun's body dissolves and crumbles away...]

Takamaru - "Kazemaru! We gotta get outta here!"

[The party warps out of the dungeon as the Skull Castle crumbles into the ocean... They return to Rahoi Town.]

Takamaru - "Kazemaru! I wonder what Master Rahoi will have to say to us? He's been a statue for ages!"

Narrator (?) - "Did you enjoy 'Ninjara Hoi!'? Well, now you can finally meet the folks behind it!"

[The party warps to Boat Town.]

Takamaru - "Kazemaru! It's Boat Town again and... I don't ever wanna see Centipede Cave again! Grr...."

[Some credits roll, then the party heads to Kazemaru Village 2.]

Takamaru - "Kazemaru! This village was named after you! This is also where we found Tobimasa's Clockwork Tank!

Someone - "FIRE!"

[Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Seiryu Castle.]

Takamaru - "Kazemaru! Seiryu was such a stuck-up jerk! But we also first met Akane here as well!"

[Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Bamboo Hamlet.] Takamaru - "Akane! You take good care of Master Hanzo now! He's not some statue any more! [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Song Town.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! Music will live on in Song Town forever! Wanna see what's going on? The fiveman band is about to start their set!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Turd Village.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! Looks like Turd TV is on its way to a TV station near you!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Showdown Village.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! I wanna enter the Pun Grand Slam, too! Let me try one... The Skull Shogun was one shellfish jerk! ... C'mon now, Kazemaru! That was worth at least a chuckle!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Genbu Castle.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! That's where we met that moron Genbu! I'd like to see him as Bruce Campbell, though!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Runaway Hamlet.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! If you see my mom, tell her I kicked butt, okay? She'll kick my butt if she finds out I've been lazing around out there! Hahahah!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Dream Town.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! 753! I bet no one else figured that out!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Star Town.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! Who do you think win the World Series next year? I'm a Red Sox fan myself, but I guess it'll be another hundred before they win again, huh? Well, I had a blast, Kazemaru! I hope we can do this again someday!" [Another small credit roll, then the party heads to Wind Hamlet.] Takamaru - "Kazemaru! Home, sweet home! Wind Hamlet! If it weren't for Master Stinkosai, we never would've met! I used to think he was just a smelly old geezer, but it turns out he's pretty cool! All right! Let's go, Kazemaru! [The screen fades to a TV report. Note that the time reported is based on your own playtime: yup, I got 66 hours out of this!] Tadao Takashimadaira - "It's me, Tadao Takashimadaira! So, what'd you think? You played the game for 66 hours! Did you like it? That bit on Skull Island caught me by surprise... Anyways, Kazemaru! Congratulations on finishing the game! Next week's feature is by the RPG master himself, Yuji Horii! It's

called 'Fortune Street'! And for the week after, we'll be premiering 'Ninjara Hoi 2'! Can the people who made this game in three years churn out the sequel in two weeks? I hope because I can't wait three

years for another game! Well, that's the end of our program! Enjoy the weekend!"

~ END ~

Appendices

Enemy Bestiary

Enemy Name	Max HP	ATK	DEF	SPD	Gold	EXP.	Known Item Drops	
Akane	240	76	100	140	234	189	None	
Alcoholic Skull	66	92	76	78	46	38	None	
Amanojaku	100	20	100	60	0	1	None	
Amanojaku's Return	140	40	120	110	1	28	None	
Armored Skull	34	66	130	80	86	32	None	
Avalanche Skull	32	57	92	88	78	24	None	
Baboon Skull	33	68	113	82	74	20	None	
Bad Luck	20	0	28	28	0	1	None	
Badabing Ninja	50	24	26	24	0	4	None	
Bare Bones	11	8	30	30	10	2	None	
Bat Tamer	68	108	110	110	142	62	None	
Battle Frog	8	26	18	24	5	2	Frog Oil	
Battle Rat	10	33	28	28	7	3	None	
Binding Ninja	80	64	98	83	0	26	None	
Birdhead Skull	37	62	120	78	42	16	Birdlime	
Bloodipede	38	80	122	126	99	96	None	
Blue Moth	14	36	20	51	18	3	None	
Bluffy	40	1	60	80	1	1	None	
Byakko (1st)	180	99	77	71	96	82	None	
Byakko (2nd)	360	228	180	140	721	498	None	
Byakko (3rd)	480	228	200	186	2,347	2,113	None	
Cannon Skull	69	122	130	112	130	118	None	
Caster Skull	12	18	32	42	22	2	None	
Claw Skull	23	52	60	80	36	17	None	
Clockwork Robot	110	140	100	70	0	22	None	
Corona Skull	140	94	102	100	122	92	None	
Corpse	39	0	0	0	0	0	None	
Corpse Puppeteer	68	127	116	128	154	180	None	
Cow Skull	32	36	71	44	18	4	None	
Crow Tamer	80	98	110	105	156	59	None	
Defense Ninja	120	73	73	101	0	35	None	
Deserter Skull	19	52	88	46	20	6	None	
Diving Skull	38	102	100	120	62	80	None	
Doppel Ninja	96	55	50	58	0	16	None	
Doppel Ninja (Clone)	19	55	50	58	0	0	None	
Drenched Skull	53	122	126	136	89	112	None	
Dropper	14	28	62	56	23	5	None	
Fire Breather	12	19	28	29	8	3	None	
Fire Daruma Skull	29	86	68	88	88	40	None	
Fire Skull	30	48	80	87	98	38	None	
Firefly Ninja	120	80	70	116	0	64	None	
Forgive-Me-Ninja	70	20	60	58	0	1	None	
	60	26	20	18	0	5	None	
Foxfire Ninja	1							
Foxfire Ninja Frog Tamer	16	19	20	24	5	3	None	

Genbu (1st)	150	76	90	50	70	66	None
Genbu (2nd)	195	120	180	98	30	197	None
Genbu (3rd)	390	180	230	136	908	442	None
Genbu (4th)	868	206	250	146	1,912	1,621	None
Ghost Jellyfish	16	95	85	199	132	86	None
Ginger Skull	38	88	96	120	130	118	None
Glacier Skull	28	68	80	103	92	26	None
Good Luck	1	0	0	0	0~99	0	None
Grabber Skull	28	26	26	38	13	4	None
Grinning Bones	8	18	18	32	9	1	None
Groggy Skull	22	60	75	80	41	12	None
Halberdier	13	31	33	34	11	3	None
Headbutt Skull	23	40	80	80	28	14	None
Hellfire Skull	14	23	20	60	12	3	None
Hellipede	36	104	148	118	96	90	None
Inferno Skull	34	72	89	84	102	39	None
Insect Tamer	56	60	136	122	140	118	None
Jellyfish	38	76	132	141	140	121	None
Jiraiya Skull	9	21	24	26	7	2	None
Kaboom Ninja	240	140	108	120	0	234	None
Kate Ninjalet	40	100	60	32	32	8	None
Kunoichi Skull	17	20	39	62	28	4	None
Kusarigama Skull	24	60	55	70	33	13	None
Lightning Skull	96	120	100	140	22	134	None
Limpy Ninja	70	38	38	32	0	7	None
Man-o'-War	1	41	1	180	1	170	None
Marine Skull	46	121	158	126	156	162	None
	64	30	40	58	12	6	None
Mickey Rat	34	90	98	100	80	68	
Mizugumo Skull Muscle Skull (Overworld)	40			46		18	None None
Muscle Skull (Turd Pit)		80	58		26		
Napalm Ninja	22 65	31 40	58 26	64	20 0	7 6	None None
Newborn Moth	90			26 46	8		
Ninja Dog		66 22	10		4	17	None
, ,	7		10	26			None
Octopus Skull	56	110	148	108	88 143	88	None
Owl Tamer	68	67	126	102		56	None
Pauper	108	0	120	130	0	70	None
Pilgrim Skull	17	31	74	34	20	4	None
Pirate Skull	42	94	140	128	130	143	None
Poisonous Frog	7	15	22	26	6	1	None
Poisonous Snake	20	40	72	66	24	8	None Diag Calca
Porky Skull	10	26	32	27	12	2	Rice Cake
Power-Up Ninja	110	76	90	121	0	66	None
Puppet	12	98	42	126	64	60	None
Puppet Ninja	120	72	82	121	0	42	None
Puppet Skull	24	48	70	92	38	14	None
Rat Tamer	24	22	30	28	4	4	None
Red-Eyed Puffer	46	106	126	135	208	246	None
Regal Skull A	920	220	200	180	4,300	3,720	None
Regal Skull B	920	190	220	180	4,300	3,719	None
Rich Ninja	151	220	110	90	100	30	None
Rock Skull	46	102	180	110	90	102	None

Runaway Ninja	82	46	42	40	0	0	None
Scaler	34	48	40	60	26	8	Antidote
Scythe Skull	7	22	14	16	3	2	None
Sea Snake	28	42	59	60	24	9	None
Seiryu (1st)	150	120	90	100	187	146	None
Seiryu (2nd)	420	130	108	116	227	483	None
Seiryu (3rd)	1,350	220	210	210	3,062	2,340	None
Shark Skull	20	47	48	56	18	11	None
Shinobi Rat	11	22	22	30	10	2	None
Shinobi Torpedo	28	58	42	70	26	10	None
Shurikener	22	68	72	84	36	18	Windmill Star
Skull Bat	38	82	80	100	70	40	None
Skull Crow	34	76	82	107	72	38	None
Skull Dog	24	42	68	66	20	9	None
Skull Leader	5	7	7	7	3	1	None
Skull Loggerhead	48	100	200	118	98	149	None
Skull Monk	50	48	70	66	38	10	None
Skull Octopode	60	108	120	116	120	88	None
Skull Owl	32	94	84	105	68	34	None
Skull Princess	27	74	62	107	81	22	None
Skull Ray	56	106	136	110	92	90	None
Skull Shaman	27	70	70	88	66	22	None
Skull Shogun	2,550?	255	255	200	0	0	None
Skull Sorcerer	36	66	98	98	90	32	None
Skull Squire	32	92	88	88	42	18	None
Skull Templar	20	48	45	50	20	5	None
Skull Underling	4	5	1	3	2	1	None
Skull Unsui	30	63	88	76	58	19	None
Skullipede	28	97	110	120	80	86	None
Snakehead Skull	25	51	60	60	20	11	None
Sprinter Skull	34	98	66	120	120	48	None
Squidhead Skull	30	138	110	114	180	216	None
Substitute Ninja	60	32	46	48	21	5	None
Suzaku (1st)	255	108	76	88	134	106	None
Suzaku (2nd)	480	140	76	120	736	368	None
Suzaku (3rd)	632	196	150	196	1,866	1,480	None
Tattoo	98	140	105	120	131	186	None
Tattooed Skull	19	52	50	52	21	6	None
Thrower Skull	14	22	48	40	20	2	None
Tortoise Skull	54	136	162	128	160	162	None
Transfer Ninja	160	110	110	110	0	82	None
Trickster Skull	6	16	88	80	1	20	None
Vigor Ninja	100	66	80	105	0	49	None
Water Skull	14	28	30	38	18	3	None
Windslash Skull	26	82	48	102	96	24	None
Winter Skull	22	48	64	90	30	16	None
Wounded Skull	24	62	100	69	48	17	None
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Items Listings: Curative Items

Item Name	Cost	Effects
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Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.
Bamboo Pill	800 Gold	Restores 16 JP to a single target.
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP to a single target.
Food Capsule	50 Gold	Restores 40 HP to a single target.
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP to a single target.
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.
Plum Pill	300 Gold	Restores 8 JP to a single target.
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.
Revive Ball	20,000 Gold	Revives an ally from being KO'ed with 1 HP. Better heal them soon!
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP to a single target.
Skull Manju	6 Gold	Restores an enemy's HP by 10 if used in battle. Decreases your own HP by 10 if you eat it.

Items Listings: Field Items

Item Name	Cost	Effects
Big Kite	6 Gold	In the overworld, use this to zoom around to see the land nearby, then press A to land where you started.
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.
Female Buddha	-	Place this somewhere so that you later can use the Male Buddha to warp there.
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.
Male Buddha	-	Warps you to the current location of the Female Buddha when used.
Moonwalker	2 Gold	Gimmick item: it makes you appear to move backward in the field. (Doesn't affect D-Pad usage.)
Rahoi's Scroll	-	Multiplies the power of your attacks by 10! It can only be used in battle versus the Skull Shogun, however.
Skull Flag	4 Gold	Makes random enemy encounters and battles more common. Works just by possessing it.
Skull Flute	1,200 Gold	Instantly causes a battle in areas where battles can be fought.
Tiger Book	-	Gives the user EXP. equal to 1/8 (12.5%) of their current EXP.
Trippy Balls	2 Gold	Gimmick item: "makes you trip balls!" (It just makes everything look differently colored.)
Windup Mouse	12 Gold	Allows you to freely view the terrain in caves and castles.

Items Listings: Battle Items

Item Name	Cost	Effects			
Birdlime	80 Gold	Slows an enemy down.			
Boom Ball	6,300 Gold	Hits a single enemy for moderate damage, around 20~30 points. Can be used multiple times.			
Funny 'Shroom	180 Gold	Confuses the enemy, meaning they may attack their allies or unintended other targets.			
Fortune Cat	500 Gold	Just keep it along with your other items to earn 25% more money from battles.			
Gunpowder Ball	8 Gold	Heavy damage to a single enemy. Deals ~24 HP of damage.			
Guts Ball 7,000 Gold If you would be killed on the turn this is used, you will survive with 1 HP left.					

Hand Mirror	180 Gold	When an enemy attacks you with a Jutsu on the turn you use this, they are hit with the Jutsu they used!
Infinite Star	5,800 Gold	Instantly kills multiple enemies at once. Can be used as an infinite number of times.
Limpy Flower	30 Gold	Lowers an enemy's Attack and Defense, increasing their damage taken and lessening their output.
Makibishi	30 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 75% success rate.
Net	98 Gold	Makes it so that an enemy cannot attack for a brief time.
Party Ball	50,000 Gold	Deals absolutely massive damage (150+ most often) to all enemies, and also completely refills the HP and JP of the party!
Sacrifice Doll	96 Gold	Prevents the attack against you on this turn from damaging you. Has one use.
Shuriken	16 Gold	Damages multiple enemies, usually for ~20 damage.
Smoke Ball	480 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 100% success rate in escapable battles.
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses.
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.
Zapper	-	Instantly kills Clockwork Robots in battle! Has infinite uses, too!

Items Listings: Key Items

Item Name	Effects
Boat Scroll	Contains, with the other four scrolls, the secrets to the ultimate Jutsu: the text in it reads "JLCEXRN".
Dream Scroll	Contains, with the other four scrolls, the secrets to the ultimate Jutsu: the text in it reads "AXNEUHK".
Fancy Watch	Allows you to view how long it has been since you starting playing Ninjara Hoi!. Has infinite uses.
Flame Core	It's the power source for the Clockwork Tank.
Rainbow Scroll	Contains, with the other four scrolls, the secrets to the ultimate Jutsu: the text in it reads "NSXTEUX".
Secret Message	You need to bring it to Stinkosai in the Wind Hamlet!
Song Scroll	Contains, with the other four scrolls, the secrets to the ultimate Jutsu: the text in it reads "XIDNSXE".
Star Scroll	Contains, with the other four scrolls, the secrets to the ultimate Jutsu: the text in it reads "MIAXRSI".

Equipment Listings: Weaponry

Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Special Effects	Wielders
Bokuto	Weapon	50 Gold	+2	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Cloud Katana	Weapon	3,600 Gold	+19	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Copper Fang	Weapon	7,200 Gold	+25	-	-	None	Takamaru
Dragon Sword	Weapon	-	+27	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Iron Fang	Weapon	26,000 Gold	+30	-	-	None	Takamaru
Ivory Fang	Weapon	480 Gold	+11	-	-	None	Takamaru
Gale Katana	Weapon	14,000 Gold	+25	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	None	Akane
Kunoichi Katana	Weapon	27,000 Gold	+20	-	-	None	Akane
Kusarugama	Weapon	940 Gold	+10	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Lily Katana	Weapon	-	+28	-	-	None	Akane
Nunchaku	Weapon	560 Gold	+8	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Rahoi Katana	Weapon	-	+40	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Silver Fang	Weapon	-	+35	-	-	None	Takamaru
Squall Katana	Weapon	2,800 Gold	+17	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Storm Katana	Weapon	5,800 Gold	+21	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Sun Katana	Weapon	44,000 Gold	+30	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Tempest Katana	Weapon	-	+16	-	-	None	Kazemaru
Whiffle Bat	Weapon	600 Gold	-	-	-	None?	Kazemaru
Wind Katana	Weapon	1,320 Gold	+12	-	-	None	Kazemaru

Wintry Katana	Weapon	8,600 Gold	+23	-	-	None	Kazemaru	
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Equipment Listings: Headbands

Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Special Effects	Wielders
Hachimaki	Headband	8 Gold	-	+1	-	None	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Hachigane	Headband	60 Gold	-	+2	-	None	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Iron Hachigane	Headband	800 Gold	-	+6	-	None	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane
Skull Hachimaki	Headband	60 Gold	-	-	-	Upgrades Ninjutsu one level, but you can't use Jutsus	Kazemaru
Wind Hachigane	Headband	4,200 Gold	-	+10	-	None	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane

Equipment Listings: Torso Armor

Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Special Effects	Wielders
Chain Katabira	Torso Armor	840 Gold	-	+9	-	None	Kazemaru
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	None	Kazemaru
Iga Katabira	Torso Armor	3,400 Gold	-	+15	-	None	Kazemaru, Akane
Ivory Katabira	Torso Armor	420 Gold	-	+7	-	None	Kazemaru
Katabira	Torso Armor	50 Gold	-	+2	-	None	Kazemaru
Koga Katabira	Torso Armor	1,600 Gold	-	+12	1	None	Kazemaru
Kunoichi Kimono	Torso Armor	19,800 Gold	-	+20	-	None	Akane
Ninken Katabira	Torso Armor	3,000 Gold	-	+20	-	None	Takamaru
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	1	None	Kazemaru
Wind Katabira	Torso Armor	26,000 Gold	-	+22	-	None	Kazemaru, Akane

Equipment Listings: Footgear

Equipment Name	Type	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Special Effects	Wielders
Health Sandals	h Sandals Footgear 500 Gold [Is 0] Gain HP wh		Gain HP while walking	Kazemaru			
Shinobi Waraji	Footgear	420 Gold	-	-	+10	None	Kazemaru
Tabi Socks	Footgear	2 Gold	-	-	-	Halves walking speed	Kazemaru
Waraji	Footgear	20 Gold	-	-	+5	None	Kazemaru
Wind Waraji	Footgear	1,240 Gold	-	-	+20	None	Kazemaru, Akane

Jutsu Listings: Tengu Jutsu

• Burrow:

- Found: See Crossing to a New Island
- Cost: 13 JP
- Uses: When used, you can walk 30 steps whilst underground, thus preventing random-encounter battles for that period of time. However, you may cause the game to hang if this is active when you attempt to enter a forced battle, like a boss.

• Express:

- Found: See [[Our First Overworld Trek]
- o Cost: 10 JP
- Uses: While in the overworld, you can use this to head to any previously-visited village or town.

• Exit:

- Found: See [[More in the Overworld]]
- o Cost: 9 JP

• Uses: This allows you to exit any area, such as a town or a dungeon, to return to the overworld.

· Jingle:

- · Found: See Evaporation of the Moat
- o Cost: O IE
- Uses: When this is used in the overworld or a dungeon (it won't work inside a town), you will gain 1 Gold for every step you take. You will, however, need to reactivate it after any random battle that occurs, so it can be a bit tedious to use.

· Massage:

- Found: See Walking On Water!
- Cost: 110 JP
- Uses: This is used only for a single purpose, one involving the plot. Once obtained, you are meant to get next to the Waterwalk Tengu, face him, and use
 it so that he'll give you his Tengu Jutsu. You can also use it and force anyone you meet to begin laughing uncontrollably (even Jizo statues), but it's rather
 expensive, JP-wise, for something so pointless.

· Fate:

- o Found: See More Sailing
- o Cost: 18 JP
- Uses: It can have a variety of effects: your party's HP can be fully refilled, you can get a random set of 3 items (one per character), lose 50% of your Gold, lose 67% of your Gold, or double your Gold. Odds-wise, there's a 60% chance of getting a beneficial Fate (though it's again random and only one effect occurs), and you can't use it in battle, so keep those in mind.

· Sprint:

- Found: See To Seiryu Castle!
- o Cost: 6 JP
- Uses: This mostly is just used for the sake of speeding up your walking speed in the overworld. It has no real functional usage, though.

Waterwalk:

- Found: See Walking On Water!
- o Cost: 0 JP
- Uses: This allows you to walk across the shallow, light-blue water in the overworld, such as that found to the southeast of Rainbow Town.

Jutsu Listings: Ninjutsu

Badabing:

- o Location: Badabing Hamlet
- Level-Ups: Use 48 times for Hyper, 75 more for Super, 109 more for Ultra, and 159 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Restores 30 HP to a single ally.
- Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 7 JP
 - Uses: Restores 50 HP to a single ally.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Restores 80 HP to a single ally.
- Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 9 JP
 - Uses: Restores 120 HP to a single ally.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: Fully restores a single ally's HP, no matter how high. (Technically, restores up to 254 HP.)

• Binding:

- o Location: Skull Village 1 (later known as Kazemaru Village 1)
- Level-Ups: Use 25 times for Hyper, 39 more for Super, 57 more for Ultra, and 83 more for Miracle
- · Level Normal:

- Cost: 8 JP
- Uses: When used, it is used against all enemies of the species selected. It will attempt to make them immobile and thus unable to attack. The success rate is about 25% ~ 33%.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Binding, but with a higher success rate, closer to 50%.
- Level Super:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Binding, but with a higher success rate, closer to 67% ~ 75%.
- · Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Binding, but with a higher success rate, closer to 80% ~ 90%.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Binding, but with a higher success rate, closer to 95% ~ 100%.

· Doppel:

- o Location: Doppel Hamlet
- Level-Ups: Use 27 times for Hyper, 39 more for Super, 58 more for Ultra, and 85 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: This creates a clone of the user. This clone will have about 20% of the HP of the user, and will otherwise mimic their stats. Assuming that the clone survives the turn on which it is summoned, it can also act independently and thus also attack. It can also be targeted; however, the enemy will be forced to assume that there are two Kazemarus on the field while only being able to select Kazemaru the same situation you have when multiple enemies of the same species appear and thus the clone can help to divert hits from the real Kazemaru as well.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Doppel, but the clone's HP is higher, closer to 40% of Kazemaru's.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Doppel, but there are two clones, with their HP closer to 20% of Kazemaru's.
- · Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Doppel, but there are two clones, with their HP closer to 40% of Kazemaru's.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Doppel, but there are three clones, with their HP closer to 40% of Kazemaru's.

• Foxfire:

- o Location: Badabing Hamlet
- o Level-Ups: Use 27 times for Hyper, 41 more for Super, 62 more for Ultra, and 91 more for Miracle
- · Level Normal:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Deals a small amount of damage, of about 50% the power of Fight.
- Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Deals a moderate amount of damage, of about the same power as Fight.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Deals a large amount of damage, about 50% stronger than Fight.
- Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Deals a massive amount of damage, about 133% ~ 167% stronger than Fight.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Deals an extreme amount of damage, about four times as strong as Fight.

• Kaboom:

- Location: Rahoi Town
- o Level-Ups: Does not level up
- · Level Normal:
 - Cost: 32 JP
 - Uses: Kills every enemy in the battle, thus making it invaluable when grinding for EXP. or money. However, it will not work on the Skull Devas or the Skull Shogun.

· Limpy:

- o Location: Limpy Hamlet
- o Level-Ups: Use 26 times for Hyper, 40 more for Super, 60 more for Ultra, and 87 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Lowers the Attack and Defense of a single enemy for a few turns: it will attempt to target a group thereof if multiple enemies of the same species are present. The decrement is significant, but very temporal (2 turns), so this mostly gets use when you have multiple party members attacking the same enemy.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Limpy, but it lasts three turns and has a higher success rate.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Limpy, but it lasts four turns and has a higher success rate than Hyper Limpy.
- Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Limpy, but it lasts five turns and has a higher success rate than Super Limpy.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Limpy, but it lasts six turns and has a higher success rate than Ultra Limpy.

· Napalm:

- o Location: Napalm Hamlet
- o Level-Ups: Use 42 times for Hyper, 66 more for Super, 97 more for Ultra, and 142 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 12 JP
 - Uses: Deals a very small amount of damage, 25% ~ 33% as powerful as Fight. This can be multitarget, unlike Foxfire, if multiple enemies exist of the targeted species: thus, due to the power decrement, this is better used in those situations.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 12 JP
 - Uses: Deals a small amount of damage, about 50% as powerful as Fight. This can be multitarget, unlike Foxfire, if multiple enemies exist of the targeted species: thus, due to the power decrement, this is better used in those situations.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 12 JP
 - Uses: Deals a moderate amount of damage, about 75% as powerful as Fight. This can be multitarget, unlike Foxfire, if multiple enemies exist of the targeted species: thus, due to the power decrement, this is better used in those situations.
- Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 12 JP
 - Uses: Deals a large amount of damage, about 25% more powerful than Fight. At this level, the Jutsu becomes by definition able to hit all enemies, regardless of their species, as well.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 12 JP
 - Uses: Deals a great amount of damage, about 75% ~ 100% more powerful than Fight. Again, this is by definition aimed at all enemies at this stage.

• Runaway:

- o Location: Runaway Hamlet
- o Level-Ups: Does not level up
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 9 JP
 - Uses: Allows you to flee battle with a ~75% success rate.

Jutsu Listings: Kunoichi Jutsu

• Defense:

- o Location: Bamboo Hamlet
- o Level-Ups: Use 21 times for Hyper, 34 more for Super, 52 more for Ultra, and 74 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 5 JP
 - Uses: Raises an ally's Defense rather significantly, but the effect barely lasts two turns.
- Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 5 JP
 - Uses: Raises an ally's Defense rather significantly, with the effect lasting for four turns.

- Level Super:
 - Cost: 5 JP
 - Uses: Raises the whole party's Defense rather significantly, with the effect lasting for two turns.
- · Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 5 JP
 - Uses: Raises the whole party's Defense rather significantly, with the effect lasting for two or three turns. (It varies.)
- Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 5 JP
 - Uses: Raises the whole party's Defense rather significantly, with the effect lasting for two to four turns. (It varies.)

· Dispel:

- o Location: This is one of Akane's initial Jutsus
- o Level-Ups: Use 10 times for Hyper, 16 more for Super, 24 more for Ultra, and 34 more for Miracle
- · Level Normal:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: This allows an ally to ignore the effects of a Jutsu the enemy is using on him.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: This allows an ally to ignore the effects of a Jutsu the enemy is using on him, with greater success.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: This allows an ally to ignore the effects of a Jutsu the enemy is using on him, with even greater success.
- o Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: This allows an ally to ignore the effects of a Jutsu the enemy is using on him, with even greater success.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 6 JP
 - Uses: This allows an ally to ignore the effects of a Jutsu the enemy is using on him, with virtually-complete success.

· Firefly:

- o Location: Skull Village 2 (later known as Kazemaru Village 2)
- Level-Ups: Use 16 times for Hyper, 25 more for Super, 37 more for Ultra, and 54 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 7 JP
 - Uses: Outright prevents the target from using Jutsus for one or two turns.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 7 JP
 - Uses: Outright prevents the target from using Jutsus for two or three turns.
- Level Super:
 - Cost: 7 JP
 - Uses: Outright prevents the target from using Jutsus for three or four turns.
- · Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 7 JP
 - Uses: Outright prevents all enemies from using Jutsus for one to three turns.
- Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 7 JP
 - Uses: Outright prevents all enemies from using Jutsus for two to four turns.

· Haze:

- Location: One of Akane's initial Jutsus
- Level-Ups: Use 14 times for Hyper, 21 more for Super, 31 more for Ultra, and 45 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 4 JP
 - Uses: Lower's the accuracy of an enemy's attacks a little bit.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 4 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Haze, but the success rate is higher.
- Level Super:
 - Cost: 4 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Haze, but it affects all enemies.
- · Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 4 JP
 - Uses: Same as Super Haze, but the success rate is much higher.
- Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 4 JP

Uses: Same as Super Haze, but the success rate is pretty much 100%.

· Power-Up:

- o Location: Bamboo Hamlet
- Level-Ups: Use 40 times for Hyper, 62 more for Super, 96 more for Ultra, and 137 more for Miracle
- · Level Normal:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: Raises an ally's Attack rather significantly, but the effect barely lasts two turns.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: Raises an ally's Attack rather significantly, with the effect lasting for three to four turns.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: Raises the whole party's Attack rather significantly, with the effect lasting for two turns.
- · Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: Raises the whole party's Attack rather significantly, with the effect lasting for two or three turns. (It varies.)
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: Raises the whole party's Attack rather significantly, with the effect lasting for two to four turns. (It varies.)

• Puppet:

- o Location: Vigor Hamlet
- Level-Ups: Use 23 times for Hyper, 37 more for Super, 55 more for Ultra, and 80 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: This makes it so that enemies will begin to attack themselves or unintended targets. It will aim at all of those of the targeted species, but the success rate is low.
- · Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Puppet, but with a higher success rate.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Puppet, but with an even better success rate.
- Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Puppet, but with a very high success rate.
- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: Same as Normal Puppet, but with a near-100% success rate.

• Transfer:

- o Location: Skull Village 2 (later known as Kazemaru Village 2)
- o Level-Ups: Cannot level-up
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 50% of Akane's JP
 - Uses: Akane will give 50% of her current JP to Kazemaru, up to the point where his JP is maxed out.

· Vigor:

- o Location: Vigor Hamlet
- o Level-Ups: Use 31 times for Hyper, 50 more for Super, 73 more for Ultra, and 107 more for Miracle
- Level Normal:
 - Cost: 8 JP
 - Uses: This heals everyone in the party for 30 HP each.
- Level Hyper:
 - Cost: 9 JP
 - Uses: This heals everyone in the party for 50 HP each.
- · Level Super:
 - Cost: 10 JP
 - Uses: This heals everyone in the party for 80 HP each.
- Level Ultra:
 - Cost: 11 JP
 - Uses: This heals everyone in the party for 120 HP each.

- · Level Miracle:
 - Cost: 12 JP
 - Uses: This heals the party's HP fully, no matter how high. (Technically, 254 HP of healing each.)

Shop Details

Quick Jump

This section will attempt to list all of the shops you'll find in the game, and the stocks of each along with those items' effects. To ease navigation, simply click on the name below that applies to the shop you wish to look at: they are listed in the order of their availability throughout the game.

- . Wind Hamlet's Shops
- Encaenia Village's Shops
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- · Badabing Hamlet's Shops
- Napalm Hamlet's Shops
- Limpy Hamlet's Shops
- Dream Town's Shops
- · Caterer's Card's Shop
- Runaway Hamlet's Shops
- Doppel Hamlet's Shops
- Firewakame Mall's Shops
- · Song Town's Shops
- Bamboo Hamlet's Shops
- Skull Village 1's Shops (later known as Kazemaru Village 1, or whatever your character's name is)
- Vigor Hamlet's Shops
- Skull Village 2's Shops (later known as Kazemaru Village 2, or whatever your character's name is)
- · Rainbow Village's Shops
- · Boat Town's Shops
- Skull Village 3's Shops (later known as Kazemaru Village 3, or whatever your character's name is)
- Rahoi Town's Shops

Wind Hamlet's Shops

WIND HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS								
Item Name	Cost	Effects						
Shuriken	16 Gold	Damages multiple enemies. Power is about the same as Fight.						
Makibishi	30 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 75% success rate.						
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.						
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP.						
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP.						
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.						

WIND HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS									
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders			
Bokuto	Weapon	50 Gold	+2	-	-	Kazemaru			
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru			
Hachimaki	Headband	8 Gold	-	+1	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru			
Katabira	Torso Armor	50 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru			
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	Kazemaru			
Waraji	Footgear	20 Gold	-	-	+5	Kazemaru			

Encaenia Village's Shops

ENCAENIA VILLAGE SHOP - TEA SHOP				
Item Name	Cost	Effects		
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP.		
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP.		
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.		

Star Town's Shops

STAR TOWN SHOP - TEA SHOP					
Item Name	Cost	Effects			
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.			
Dango	8 Gold	Restores 8 HP.			
Onigiri	16 Gold	Restores 16 HP.			
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP.			
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.			

Badabing Hamlet's Shops

	BADABING HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS					
Item Name	Cost	Effects				
Gunpowder Ball	8 Gold	Heavy damage to a single enemy. Deals ~24 HP of damage.				
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.				
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses. Deals ~80 HP of damage.				
Makibishi	30 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 75% success rate.				
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.				
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP.				

BADABING HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS						
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	Kazemaru
Hachimaki	Headband	8 Gold	-	+1	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	Kazemaru
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	-	Kazemaru
Waraji	Footgear	20 Gold	-	-	+5	Kazemaru

Napalm Hamlet's Shops

	NAPALM HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS					
Item Name	Cost	Effects				
Limpy Flower	30 Gold	Lowers an enemy's Attack and Defense, increasing their damage taken and lessening their output.				
Net	98 Gold	Makes it so that an enemy cannot attack for a brief time.				
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.				
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses. Deals ~80 HP of damage.				
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.				
Rice Cake	24 Gold	Restores 25 HP.				

NAPALM HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS

Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders
Katana	Weapon	100 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	Kazemaru
Coral Katabira	Torso Armor	90 Gold	-	+3	-	Kazemaru
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	-	Kazemaru

Limpy Hamlet's Shops

	LIMPY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS					
Item Name	Cost	Effects				
Boom Ball	6,300 Gold	Hits a single enemy for moderate damage, around 20~30 points. Can be used multiple times.				
Big Kite	6 Gold	In the overworld, use this to zoom around to see the land nearby, then press A to land where you started.				
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.				
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses. Deals ~80 HP of damage.				
Food Capsule	50 Gold	Restores 40 HP to a single target.				
Fujizoom	30 Gold	Allows you to warp between important locations on the map.				

LIMPY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS						
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders
Shinobi Katana	Weapon	320 Gold	+6	-	-	Kazemaru
Nunchaku	Weapon	560 Gold	+8	-	-	Kazemaru
Hachigane	Headband	60 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Shell Katabira	Torso Armor	200 Gold	-	+5	-	Kazemaru
Ivory Katabira	Torso Armor	420 Gold	-	+7	-	Kazemaru

Dream Town's Shops

	DREAM TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE					
Item Name	Item Name Cost Effects					
Guts Ball	7,000 Gold	If you would be killed on the turn this is used, you will survive with 1 HP left.				
Funny 'Shroom	180 Gold	Confuses the enemy, meaning they may attack their allies or unintended other targets.				
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: [[Caterer Card's Shop]].				
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!				
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.				
Food Capsule	50 Gold	Restores 40 HP to a single target.				

Caterer's Card's Shop

Note that these are at double the normal cost of these items: probably the cost of convenience, I suppose....

	CATERER'S CARD'S SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS				
Item Name	Cost	Effects			
Food Capsule	100 Gold	Restores 40 HP to a single target.			
Kikatsugan	400 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.			
Noodle Bowl	160 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.			

Plum Pill	600 Gold	Restores 8 JP to a single target.
Pine Pill	3,000 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.
Power Pill	20,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.
Antidote	12 Gold	Cures Poisoning from an ally.

Runaway Hamlet's Shops

	RUNAWAY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS					
Item Name	Cost	Effects				
Infinite Star	5,800 Gold	Instantly kills multiple enemies at once. Can be used as an infinite number of times.				
Hand Mirror	180 Gold	When an enemy attacks you with a Jutsu on the turn you use this, they are hit with the Jutsu they used!				
Antidote	6 Gold	Cures you of being Poisoned.				
Plum Pill	300 Gold	Restores 8 JP to a single target.				
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.				
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.				

RUNAWAY HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS							
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders	
Ivory Fang	Weapon	480 Gold	+11	-	-	Takamaru	
Nunchaku	Weapon	560 Gold	+8	-	-	Kazemaru	
Kusarugama	Weapon	940 Gold	+10	-	-	Kazemaru	
Ivory Katabira	Torso Armor	420 Gold	-	+7	-	Kazemaru	
Chain Katabira	Torso Armor	840 Gold	-	+9	1	Kazemaru	
Shinobi Waraji	Footgear	420 Gold	-	-	+10	Kazemaru	

Doppel Hamlet's Shops

	DOPPEL HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS						
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Smoke Ball	480 Gold	Used to escape from battles. 100% success rate in escapable battles.					
Windup Mouse	12 Gold	Allows you to freely view the terrain in caves and castles.					
Bamboo Pill	800 Gold	Restores 16 JP to a single target.					
Revive Ball	20,000 Gold	Revives an ally from being KO'ed with 1 HP. Better heal them soon!					
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.					
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.					

DOPPEL HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS						
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders
Ivory Fang	Weapon	480 Gold	+11	-	-	Takamaru
Kusarugama	Weapon	940 Gold	+10	-	-	Kazemaru
Wind Katana	Weapon	1,320 Gold	+12	-	-	Kazemaru
Hachigane	Headband	60 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Chain Katabira	Torso Armor	840 Gold	-	+9	-	Kazemaru
Koga Katabira	Torso Armor	1,600 Gold	-	+12	-	Kazemaru

Firewakame Mall's Shops

FIREWAKAME MALL SHOP - ITEM SHOP							
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Health Sandals	500 Gold	Restores HP as you walk in the field but Speed goes to 0, making you last to move in battle!					
Moonwalker	2 Gold	Gimmick item: it makes you appear to move backward in the field. (Doesn't affect D-Pad usage.)					
Trippy Balls	2 Gold	Gimmick item: "makes you trip balls!" (It just makes everything look differently colored.)					
Tabi Socks	2 Gold	Gimmick item: you walk at half-speed in the field. No real use otherwise.					
Whiffle Bat	600 Gold	Gimmick item: equipped as a weapon, though its use is unknown.					
Fortune Cat	500 Gold	Just keep it along with your other items to earn 25% more money from battles.					

FIREWAKAME MALL SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS						
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders
Bokuto	Weapon	25 Gold	+2	-	-	Kazemaru
Katana	Weapon	50 Gold	+4	-	-	Kazemaru
Hachimaki	Headband	4 Gold	-	+1	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Hachigane	Headband	30 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru
Katabira	Torso Armor	25 Gold	-	+2	-	Kazemaru
Waraji	Footgear	10 Gold	-	-	+5	Kazemaru

Song Town's Shops

	SONG TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE						
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Sacrifice Doll	96 Gold	Prevents the attack against you on this turn from damaging you. Has one use.					
Birdlime	80 Gold	Slows an enemy down.					
Kikatsugan	200 Gold	Restores 80 HP to a single target.					
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.					
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!					
Bamboo Pill	800 Gold	Restores 16 JP to a single target.					

Bamboo Hamlet's Shops

	BAMBOO HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS							
Item Name	Cost	Effects						
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.						
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.						
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.						
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.						
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.						
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses.						

BAMBOO HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS						
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders
Wind Katana	Weapon	1,320 Gold	+12	-	-	Kazemaru
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	Akane
Squall Katana	Weapon	2,800 Gold	+17	-	-	Kazemaru
Koga Katabira	Torso Armor	1,600 Gold	-	+12	-	Kazemaru, Akane
Ninken Katabira	Torso Armor	3,000 Gold	-	+20	-	Takamaru

Wind Waraji	Footgear	1,240 Gold	-	-	+20	Kazemaru, Akane	
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Skull Village 1's Shops

The change in the town's name and the change in the Tea House's stock will result from you beating the Skull Ninja - the Corona Skull - in that village.

	SKULL VILLAGE 1 SHOP - TEA HOUSE						
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Skull Flute	Skull Flute 1,200 Gold Instantly causes a battle in areas where battles can be fought.						
Skull Hachimaki	60 Gold	Equippable headband: Upgrades Ninjutsus one level but you can't use the Ninjutsus, so it's just gimmicky.					

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 1 SHOP - TEA HOUSE						
Item Name	Cost	Effects					
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.					
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.					
Throwing Knife	990 Gold	Very heavy damage to a single enemy: best for bosses.					
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.					
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.					
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!					

Vigor Hamlet's Shops

	VIGOR HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS							
Item Name	Cost	Effects						
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.						
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.						
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.						
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.						
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!						
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.						

VIGOR HAMLET SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS										
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK DEF		SPD	Wielders				
Cloud Katana	Weapon	3,600 Gold	+19	-	-	Kazemaru				
Copper Fang	Weapon	7,200 Gold	+25	-	-	Takamaru				
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	Akane				
Iron Hachigane	Headband	800 Gold	-	+6	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane				
Iga Katabira	Katabira Torso Armor 3,400 (-	+15	-	Kazemaru, Akane				
Kunoichi Kimono	Torso Armor	19,800 Gold	-	+20	-	Akane				

Skull Village 2's Shops

The change in the town's name and the change in the shops will result from you beating Genbu in this village.

SKULL VILLAGE 2 SHOP - TEA HOUSE										
Item Name	Cost	Effects								
Skull Manju	6 Gold	Restores an enemy's HP by 10 if used in battle. Decreases your own HP by 10 if you eat it.								
Skull Flag	4 Gold	Makes random enemy encounters and battles more common. Works just by possessing it.								

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 2 SHOP - TEA HOUSE									
Item Name	Cost	Effects								
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.								
Power Pill	-	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.								
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.								
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.								
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.								
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.								

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 2 SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS										
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK DEF		SPD	Wielders					
Kunoichi Sword	Weapon	1,360 Gold	+15	-	-	Akane					
Storm Katana	Weapon	5,800 Gold	+21	-	-	Kazemaru					
Wintry Katana	Weapon	8,600 Gold	+23	-	-	Kazemaru					
Gale Katana	Weapon	14,000 Gold	+25	-	-	Kazemaru					
Wind Hachigane	Headband	4,200 Gold	-	+10	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane					
Kunoichi Kimono	Torso Armor	19,800 Gold	-	+20	-	Akane					

Rainbow Village's Shops

	RAINBOW VILLAGE SHOP - TEA HOUSE									
Item Name	Cost	Effects								
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.								
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.								
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.								
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.								
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!								
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.								
Party Ball	50,000 Gold	Deals absolutely massive damage (150+ most often) to all enemies, and also completely refills the HP and JP of the party!								

Boat Town's Shops

	BOAT TOWN SHOP - TEA HOUSE									
Item Name	Cost	Effects								
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.								
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.								
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.								
Escape Ball	50 Gold	Allows you to teleport out of any location to the overworld.								
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.								
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.								

Skull Village 3's Shops

SKULL VILLAGE 3 SHOP - TEA HOUSE									
Item Name	Cost	Effects							
Skull Manju	6 Gold	Restores an enemy's HP by 10 if used in battle. Decreases your own HP by 10 if you eat it.							
Skull Flute	1,200 Gold	Instantly causes a battle in areas where battles can be fought.							
Skull Hachimaki	60 Gold	Equippable headband: Upgrades Ninjutsus one level but you can't use the Ninjutsus, so it's just gimmicky.							

	KAZEMARU VILLAGE 3 SHOP - TEA HOUSE									
Item Name	Cost	Effects								
Power Pill		Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.								
Frog Oil	120 Gold	Restores 30 HP across the party.								
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.								
Noodle Bowl	80 Gold	Restores 20 HP to a single target, or 50 HP to Kazemaru.								
Caterer's Card	1,000 Gold	Summons a merchant from whom you may buy items: here is their stock.								
Courier's Card	1,000 Gold	Allows you to withdraw items and Gold from your depositories!								

KAZEMARU VILLAGE 3 SHOP - SHINOBI ARMS										
Equipment Name	Туре	Cost	ATK	DEF	SPD	Wielders				
Iron Fang	Weapon	26,000 Gold	+30	-	-	Takamaru				
Kunoichi Katana	Weapon	27,000 Gold	+20	-	-	Akane				
Sun Katana	Weapon	44,000 Gold	+30	-	-	Kazemaru				
Wind Hachigane	Headband	4,200 Gold	-	+10	-	Kazemaru, Takamaru, Akane				
Wind Katabira	Torso Armor	26,000 Gold	-	+22	-	Kazemaru, Akane				
Wind Waraji	Footgear	1,240 Gold	-	-	+20	Kazemaru, Akane				

Rahoi Town's Shops

	RAHOI TOWN SHOP - SHINOBI TOOLS									
Item Name	Cost	Effects								
Power Pill	10,000 Gold	Restores your HP and JP fully, then extends HP by 25% beyond its max and JP by 50% beyond its max. This does not increase the maximum capacity of each, however: this "over-the-limit" state will only last until you fall below your current maximum for each or when you attempt to restore HP or JP in any way. Additionally, this increase will only get these stats as high as 255 in each, and there is no "overflowing" glitch present, meaning this begins to lose efficiency for HP starting at 205 and JP at 171.								
Revive Ball	20,000 Gold	Revives an ally from being KO'ed with 1 HP. Better heal them soon!								
Pine Pill	1,500 Gold	Restores 24 JP to a single target.								
Guts Ball	7,000 Gold	If you would be killed on the turn this is used, you will survive with 1 HP left.								
Windmill Star	70 Gold	Moderate damage to multiple enemies.								
Sun Ball	240 Gold	Instantly kills a single enemy.								

Level-Up Stats

Quick-Jump

A Quick Note...

Note that there is some degree of randomization in stat growth in this game: usually, the growth can vary by up to 2 points from the value named when you level up, so this is best taken as a general growth chart for the main player more than anything. The total and next-level EXP. values are especially approximated since it would nearly impossible to derive exact values for the next-level EXP. except in certain situations (such as at Reviving Jizos), and those don't necessarily exist the moment you level up.

As with the shopping section, we'll be using a quick-jump here to make navigation a bit easier. Click on the name below that corresponds to the character whose level-up stats you want to see.

- Kazemaru / The Main Character
- Takamaru
- Akane
- Jizo, Tobimasa, Shitose, & Musiko (whose stats don't change)

Kazemaru's Level-Up Stats

Level	Max HP		Max JP		Attack		Defense		Speed		Experience/EXP.	
Level	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Current	Next Lv.
Lv. 1	10	-	10	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	0	+6
Lv. 2	13	+3	12	+2	9	+3	8	+2	9	+3	6	+12
Lv. 3	22	+9	17	+5	12	+3	11	+3	11	+2	18	+14
Lv. 4	27	+5	21	+4	15	+3	14	+3	14	+3	32	+19
Lv. 5	34	+7	26	+5	18	+3	17	+3	17	+3	51	+32
Lv. 6	40	+6	30	+4	21	+3	21	+3	20	+3	83	+63
Lv. 7	43	+3	33	+3	23	+2	23	+2	23	+3	146	+45
Lv. 8	48	+5	37	+4	26	+3	27	+4	26	+3	191	+63
Lv. 9	55	+7	40	+3	30	+4	29	+2	28	+3	254	+92
Lv. 10	62	+7	47	+7	32	+2	33	+4	31	+3	346	+133
Lv. 11	66	+4	50	+3	36	+4	35	+2	35	+4	479	+189

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Lv. 12	71	+5	54	+4	39	+3	39	+4	37	+2	668	+219
Lv. 13	77	+6	56	+2	41	+2	42	+3	41	+4	887	+295
Lv. 14	83	+6	62	+6	45	+4	44	+2	44	+3	1,182	+386
Lv. 15	87	+4	64	+2	48	+3	47	+3	48	+4	1,568	+520
Lv. 16	92	+5	69	+5	50	+2	48	+1	51	+3	2,088	+603
Lv. 17	99	+7	75	+6	54	+4	51	+3	53	+2	2,691	+830
Lv. 18	105	+6	79	+4	57	+3	53	+2	56	+3	3,521	+936
Lv. 19	109	+4	81	+2	59	+2	56	+3	60	+4	4,457	+1,231
Lv. 20	116	+7	85	+4	62	+3	59	+3	62	+2	5,688	+1,564
Lv. 21	120	+4	91	+6	66	+4	63	+4	66	+4	7,252	+1,780
Lv. 22	126	+6	94	+3	69	+3	65	+2	69	+3	9,032	+1,946
Lv. 23	130	+4	96	+2	71	+2	69	+4	71	+2	10,978	+3,440
Lv. 24	138	+8	102	+6	74	+3	72	+3	75	+4	14,418	+3,060
Lv. 25	143	+5	107	+5	77	+3	74	+2	78	+3	17,478	+3,570
Lv. 26	148	+5	108	+1	81	+4	77	+3	81	+3	21,048	+5,355
Lv. 27	152	+4	113	+5	83	+2	80	+3	84	+3	26,403	+4,845
Lv. 28	160	+8	117	+4	87	+4	84	+4	86	+2	31,248	+5,784
Lv. 29	166	+6	121	+4	90	+3	86	+2	90	+4	37,032	+7,562
Lv. 30	171	+5	126	+5	93	+3	89	+3	92	+2	44,594	+8,970
Lv. 31	176	+5	130	+4	96	+3	93	+4	96	+4	53,564	+10,665
Lv. 32	180	+4	134	+4	98	+2	96	+3	98	+2	64,229	+11,220
Lv. 33	187	+7	139	+5	101	+3	98	+2	101	+3	75,449	+13,812
Lv. 34	194	+7	140	+1	105	+4	102	+4	104	+3	89,261	+15,928
Lv. 35	199	+5	144	+4	108	+3	105	+3	107	+3	105,189	+18,704
Lv. 36	203	+4	148	+4	110	+2	107	+2	111	+4	123,893	+21,329
Lv. 37	208	+5	155	+7	113	+3	111	+4	113	+2	145,222	+25,500
Lv. 38	213	+5	157	+2	116	+3	113	+2	117	+4	170,722	+32,130
Lv. 39	219	+6	160	+3	119	+3	117	+4	120	+3	202,852	+36,045
Lv. 40	226	+7	166	+6	122	+3	119	+2	123	+3	238,807	+36,210
Lv. 41	232	+6	171	+5	126	+4	122	+3	126	+3	275,017	+41,820
Lv. 42	235	+3	175	+4	129	+3	125	+3	128	+2	316,837	+48,475
Lv. 43	241	+6	178	+3	131	+2	129	+4	132	+4	365,312	+51,000
Lv. 44	247	+6	181	+3	134	+3	131	+2	134	+2	416,312	+60,000
Lv. 45	250	+3	185	+4	137	+3	134	+3	137	+3	476,312	+65,000
Lv. 46	250	-	189	+4	141	+4	138	+4	140	+3	541,312	+79,000
Lv. 47	250	-	193	+4	144	+3	141	+3	144	+4	620,312	+79,000
Lv. 48	250	-	199	+6	147	+3	144	+3	146	+2	699,312	+93,000
Lv. 49	250	-	203	+4	150	+3	146	+2	150	+4	793,312	+100,000
Lv. 50	250	-	207	+4	153	+3	149	+3	153	+3	893,312	-
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Takamaru's Level-Up Stats

Level	Max HP		Max JP		Attack		Defense		Speed		Experience/EXP.	
Level	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Current	Next Lv.
Lv. 1	28	1	0	1	14	ı	14	1	14	1	0	+6
Lv. 2	32	+4	0	-	18	+4	17	+3	19	+5	6	+12
Lv. 3	34	+2	0	-	21	+3	21	+4	22	+3	18	+14
Lv. 4	41	+7	0	-	23	+2	24	+3	27	+5	32	+24
Lv. 5	44	+3	0	-	26	+3	26	+2	31	+4	56	+33
Lv. 6	51	+7	0	-	29	+3	29	+3	35	+4	89	+59
Lv. 7	55	+4	0	-	32	+3	33	+4	39	+4	148	+59

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Lv. 8	63	+8	0	-	35	+3	35	+2	42	+3	207	+41
Lv. 9	65	+2	0	-	39	+4	39	+4	46	+4	248	+98
Lv. 10	72	+7	0	-	41	+2	41	+2	51	+5	346	+142
Lv. 11	78	+6	0	-	44	+3	45	+4	55	+4	488	+175
Lv. 12	82	+4	0	-	48	+4	48	+3	59	+4	663	+223
Lv. 13	87	+5	0	-	51	+3	50	+2	62	+3	886	+296
Lv. 14	92	+5	0	-	53	+2	53	+3	67	+5	1,182	+389
Lv. 15	96	+4	0	-	57	+4	57	+4	70	+3	1,571	+538
Lv. 16	102	+6	0	-	59	+2	59	+2	75	+5	2,109	+610
Lv. 17	107	+5	0	-	63	+4	62	+2	78	+3	2,719	+757
Lv. 18	114	+7	0	-	65	+2	66	+4	82	+4	3,476	+978
Lv. 19	119	+5	0	-	69	+4	68	+2	86	+4	4,454	+1,275
Lv. 20	122	+3	0	-	72	+2	72	+4	91	+5	5,729	+1,532
Lv. 21	127	+5	0	-	74	+2	74	+2	94	+3	7,261	+1,803
Lv. 22	133	+6	0	-	77	+3	77	+3	98	+4	9,064	+2,653
Lv. 23	139	+6	0	-	80	+3	81	+4	102	+4	11,717	+2,550
Lv. 24	143	+4	0	-	83	+3	84	+3	107	+5	14,267	+3,825
Lv. 25	146	+3	0	-	87	+4	86	+2	111	+4	18,092	+3,315
Lv. 26	151	+5	0	1	90	+3	89	+3	114	+3	21,407	+4,335
Lv. 27	158	+7	0	1	93	+3	93	+4	118	+4	25,742	+4,455
Lv. 28	162	+4	0	-	95	+2	95	+2	123	+5	31,607	+5,308
Lv. 29	168	+6	0	1	99	+4	98	+3	126	+3	36,915	+8,293
Lv. 30	172	+4	0	-	101	+2	101	+3	130	+4	45,208	+7,905
Lv. 31	180	+8	0	-	105	+5	104	+3	135	+5	53,113	+10,455
Lv. 32	185	+5	0	-	107	+2	107	+3	138	+3	63,568	+12,495
Lv. 33	187	+2	0	-	110	+3	110	+3	143	+5	76,063	+13,125
Lv. 34	192	+5	0	-	113	+3	114	+4	147	+3	89,188	+15,863
Lv. 35	198	+6	0	-	117	+4	116	+2	152	+5	105,051	+18,969
Lv. 36	203	+5	0	-	120	+3	120	+4	155	+3	124,020	+20,797
Lv. 37	208	+5	0	-	123	+3	123	+3	160	+5	144,837	+25,755
Lv. 38	213	+5	0	-	126	+3	125	+2	164	+4	170,592	+31,365
Lv. 39	218	+5	0	-	128	+2	128	+3	167	+3	201,957	+37,485
Lv. 40	225	+7	0	-	131	+3	132	+4	171	+4	239,442	+36,465
Lv. 41	229	+4	0	-	134	+3	135	+3	176	+5	275,907	+40,800
Lv. 42	236	+7	0	-	137	+3	137	+2	178	+2	316,707	+47,710
Lv. 43	238	+2	0	-	140	+3	140	+3	183	+5	364,417	+58,000
Lv. 44	243	+5	0	-	144	+4	144	+4	187	+4	422,417	+53,000
Lv. 45	250	+7	0	-	146	+2	147	+3	190	+3	475,417	+65,000
Lv. 46	250	-	0	-	149	+3	150	+3	195	+5	540,417	+79,000
Lv. 47	250	-	0	-	152	+3	152	+2	198	+3	619,417	+79,000
Lv. 48	250	-	0	-	156	+4	156	+4	200	+2	698,417	+94,000
Lv. 49	250	-	0	-	158	+2	159	+3	200	-	792,417	+100,000
Lv. 50	250	-	0	-	162	+4	162	+3	200	-	892,417	-
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Akane's Level-Up Stats

Note that Akane joins the party at Level 18, and thus she will not have her stats detailed for below that level.

Level	Max HP		Max JP		Attack		Defense		Speed		Experience/EXP.	
Level	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Now:	+/-:	Current	Next Lv.
Lv. 18	80	-	134	-	36	-	49	-	92	-	3,442	+1,015

Lv. 19	80	-	139	+5	37	+1	53	+4	97	+5	4,457	+2,012
Lv. 20	88	+8	145	+6	38	+1	56	+3	102	+5	6,469	+1,275
Lv. 21	89	+1	151	+6	40	+2	59	+3	106	+4	7,744	+2,295
Lv. 22	94	+5	155	+4	43	+3	62	+3	111	+5	10,039	+1,530
Lv. 23	99	+5	162	+7	44	+1	65	+3	114	+3	11,569	+2,860
Lv. 24	105	+6	169	+5	47	+3	68	+3	119	+5	14,629	+2,805
Lv. 25	109	+4	175	+6	49	+2	71	+3	124	+5	17,434	+4,335
Lv. 26	115	+6	179	+4	51	+2	74	+3	129	+5	21,769	+3,570
Lv. 27	118	+3	187	+8	52	+2	77	+3	133	+4	25,339	+6,334
Lv. 28	123	+5	193	+6	55	+3	80	+3	137	+4	30,673	+6,883
Lv. 29	127	+4	197	+4	57	+2	84	+4	142	+5	37,556	+8,905
Lv. 30	132	+5	204	+7	58	+1	86	+2	147	+5	45,461	+8,160
Lv. 31	134	+2	211	+7	61	+3	89	+3	151	+5	53,621	+10,455
Lv. 32	139	+5	215	+4	63	+2	93	+4	155	+4	64,076	+12,240
Lv. 33	145	+6	221	+6	65	+2	96	+3	159	+4	76,316	+12,986
Lv. 34	150	+5	228	+7	66	+1	99	+3	164	+5	89,302	+16,388
Lv. 35	152	+2	233	+5	68	+2	102	+3	168	+4	105,690	+22,150
Lv. 36	160	+8	241	+8	71	+3	104	+2	172	+4	127,840	+17,174
Lv. 37	162	+2	245	+4	73	+2	107	+3	177	+5	145,019	+24,985
Lv. 38	167	+5	250	+5	75	+2	110	+3	182	+5	170,004	+33,150
Lv. 39	171	+4	250	-	77	+2	113	+3	186	+4	203,154	+35,290
Lv. 40	177	+6	250	-	79	+2	116	+3	190	+4	238,344	+36,465
Lv. 41	182	+5	250	-	81	+2	119	+3	195	+5	274,809	+42,585
Lv. 42	186	+4	250	-	82	+2	123	+4	199	+4	317,394	+49,706
Lv. 43	189	+3	250	-	84	+2	126	+3	199	-	367,100	+52,419
Lv. 44	193	+4	250	-	86	+2	129	+3	199	1	419,519	+57,000
Lv. 45	197	+4	250	-	88	+2	132	+2	199	-	476,519	+66,000
Lv. 46	204	+7	250	-	90	+2	136	+4	199	-	542,519	+75,000
Lv. 47	207	+3	250	-	92	+2	138	+2	199	-	617,519	+80,000
Lv. 48	214	+7	250	-	94	+2	142	+4	199	-	697,519	+94,000
Lv. 49	215	+1	250	-	97	+3	144	+2	199	-	791,519	+98,000
Lv. 50	220	+5	250	-	98	+1	147	+3	199	-	889,519	-

Static Characters' Stats

Aside from Kazemaru and Takamaru, there are a few characters who will join your party in the role of a third-wheel. For the most part, they have no function: you cannot see their stats without looking at the game's RAM, and they cannot be controlled in battle, only defaulting to Covering characters. Still, for the sake of completionism, I figured out their stats. Note that these are called "static" characters for a reason: regardless of how much EXP. may be earned in battles, these characters will never level up, and thus their stats will not change.

Character	Level	Max HP	Max JP	ATK	DEF	SPD	EXP.
Jizo	Lv. 18	80	134	36	49	92	3,442
Tobimasa	Lv. 18	80	134	36	49	92	3,442
Shitose	Lv. 18	80	134	36	49	92	3,442
Musiko	Lv. 18	80	134	36	49	92	3,442

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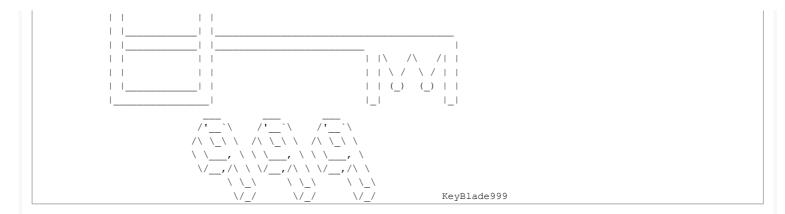
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