

Breath of Fire IV Rider FAQ

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Rider FAQ Introduction

The Rider is a very powerful enemy in Breath of Fire IV, who has the capability to take down your whole party in 1 minute! But, if you plan ahead the strategies you are going to use on him, then you shouldn't have any problems. I will teach you how to defeat this horrid beast with ease...

The Rider's Location

The Rider dwells alone in a small room in Mukto which I call "The Rider's Realm". Mukto is the ruins you enter upon exiting Fou-Lu's Tomb. The Rider dwells in a hidden area in Mukto, but he's not quite too hard to find! After riding the elevator out of Fou-Lu's Tomb, walk behind the lift, and jump across the gap. Next, walk to the left, then down. You'll enter a hidden cave. The cave is narrow, and it appears to be a dead end! But think again! On the rightmost wall close to the cave entrance, you'll notice that it looks a bit funny! It appears darker, and more cracked than the rest of the walls! No kidding... It's a secret passage! Have Ershin head-butt the wall, and exit the cave. You will enter some hidden ruins. Walk down the stairs, and grab the bag which sits at the end of the lower staircase. Keep walking to the right, and you'll enter another cave! Climb the ladders and jump down to grab some more bags. Climb the ladders once again to exit the cave, and you'll enter some more ruins. You tired? Ha ha ha... You're almost there! Enter the temple. There... you've reached "The Rider's Realm"! Open the chest in here to obtain a "Dragon Tear"! While this accessory plays no role in defeating the Rider, it is a rare and valuable item. This sacred room is where Fou-Lu, the first emperor was summoned into the world by an unknown entity! Read the script on the statue to see that I'm not bluffing.

The Rider's Appearance

The Rider is a brownish/redish horse, with a knight in silver armor riding it. The knight holds a long, freakish

looking pike in his hand, not to mention that he has fire for a head, and the horse has fire for feet, and levitates in mid-air!

Information about the Rider

Treasures: Cursed Sword/King's Armor

HP: 40000

EXP: 10000

Zenny: 10000

Attacks: Cleave (Learnable), Benediction (Learnable), Ragnarok, Disaster, Primus, replenishes 20000 HP each turn.

Info: "A warrior in search of the strongest opponents."

My personal theory of the Rider

I think that the Rider is an ancient ghost that has been haunting that area for over 600 years! Perhaps the Rider was a soldier who was killed by Fou-Lu during the war. The Rider then inherited super-human strength after death, to get back at whoever killed him! He now currently haunts that one tiny room where he was killed oh so long ago! He appears there, and waits for an opponent to arrive to challenge him. When he was alive, he must have been a good-hearted person, who perhaps was once a priest, due to the fact that the Rider is a fair fighter, in which he revives his opponents when only 2 or 3 are left alive.

Time to kill!!!

Alright, this is the moment that you've been waiting for! Time to do some heavy damage on the Rider! Okay, before encountering him, be sure that all of your characters are at Lv.50 or higher, and make sure that you have the necessary items and magic that you'll need. ie: Moontears, Whales, Vitamins, Nina's "Vigor" spell, Cray's "Shield" spell, Cray's "Might" spell, Scias' "ShiningBlade" spell. Also, be sure to have these skills equipped on your characters: Super Combo (Ryu), Focus (Ryu), Celerity, or Warshout (Ryu), or if you have good power-up items, such as Rainbow Trout, and Ginseng, then that will do. Why do these skills have to be equipped on Ryu you ask? Well, Ryu is the best choice to do hefty damage! After you've taken a deep breath... and after praying to God, then let's go for it!!! Walk around the room until you encounter the Rider! Pray for a "Green Swirl", and not a "Red Swirl"! Oh, in addition, be sure that you have the skills: Shadowwalk, Double Blow, Triple Blow, or Multistrike. Just one of these 4 is fine. Although, I really do suggest "Shadowwalk"! Equip it on Cray, or Ershin. Also, try obtaining an "Elixer", or even better, an "Elixer +", from the Morph Goo's. Although, they are quite rare, so I don't expect you to obtain one! But if you do obtain one, they come in handy when fighting the Rider. Damage is reduced when an enemy uses an elemental attack on you! Such as the Rider's

"Disaster", and "Ragnarok". Okay, back to the fighting! Upon encountering the Rider, have Ryu transform into the "Behemoth/Mammoth" dragon. (If you are at an EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL, then you won't need to transform at all, otherwise, do so. This dragon has alot of HP, and strong defense which will be very helpful! Next, have Cray cast "Shield" on the front rank, and have the 3rd person guard for his/her life! Now, have Ryu cast Warshout or Celerity to raise his power, have Cray keep casting "Shield" every turn. (You'll notice that the Behemoth/Mammoth dragon doesn't need to have its defense raised, this is to keep the front rank alive!) If the Rider has done major damage on your front rank, have the 3rd person use a healing item or healing magic PRONTO! If Ryu's power is at 800 or higher, then that's good enough! Have Ryu cast "Focus", and have Cray keep casting "Shield" on the front rank, while the 3rd person heals up the party. At this point, your front rank's defense should be quite high, and the Rider won't do much damage any more! If the Rider had already killed most of your characters at the start, before raising your front rank's defense, well don't worry! The Rider will cast "Benediction" if your party is badly hurt. Ryu is the one who we are really counting on anyway! Next, just have your front rank guard like crazy. Wait until Ryu's focus meter is at 3, then it's time to attack!!! First, have Scias use "ShiningBlade", then use "Shadowwalk", and finally "Super Combo"! (Everybody else's power doesn't need to be high, only Ryu's!) Having Ryu using Super Combo on the 3rd turn will give you more time to press the buttons, which will result in more hits! Now, this part is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!! Try not to mess up the button presses! Remain calm, but at the same time, press the buttons as fast as you can!!! If you managed to get alot of hits in the combo, you'll most likely defeat the Rider!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The Rider will most likely drop the "Cursed Sword", if not, then I feel sorry for you! Bwa ha ha ha ha!!! The Cursed Sword is the strongest weapon in the game, used by Ryu only. The more HP Ryu has, the more powerful the Cursed Sword will be! On the downside, the Cursed Sword will drain a bit of Ryu's HP each turn. But that's not a big problem, just heal him up! Here's a cool tip: If you took the time to try to steal from the Rider, you may obtain the Cursed Sword right then and there!!! If so, the Rider would have been ALOT easier! Also, the Rider has the King's Armor, which is worn by Scias only. Unlike the Cursed Sword, the King's Armor is rare, but worth the effort trying to obtain it! It's the best armor for Scias, and it has the same effect as the skill "Focus"! To conclude this FAQ... Once you've defeated the Rider once, don't stop! Keep defeating him to earn great cash! Just simply sell all the Cursed Swords he drops for some good zenny! How do you think I obtained 9999999 zenny?

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