

Final Fantasy Tactics Instruction Manual Translation

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTES: First of all, I would like to thank Square for producing yet another incredible game for the PlayStation. Square has now established such a solid track record of mind-blowing games (Tobal 1, Final Fantasy VII, Final Fantasy IV, Tobal 2, Bushido Blade, Final Fantasy Tactics, and Saga Frontier) that I just cannot imagine them making anything but cutting-edge, value-packed games. No other company important to the PlayStation's success (Namco, Psygnosis, SCEI, Core) can come close to claiming that. Square's continuous innovations and aim for near perfection = hopeful will continue (with Front Mission Alternative, Front Mission 2, Parasite Eve, etc.) and push the PlayStation to even greater excellence. = Sony's sole acquisition to Square games is a move that has solidified PlayStation's dominance in Japan, and I must say it was one of the best things the Sony can ever do. =

Second, I would like to commend you for taking such a challenge to even to attempt to play Final Fantasy Tactics (FFT). It will be a difficult challenge, but the reward will be great. For beginners who dare to take on this challenge, this translation is to help you get started. For the experienced players who have already tried to play FFT, I would like to offer this as a complete written guide for your continued journey into the world of FFT. =

Again, this is a literal translation of the instruction manual which comes with the game- the page numbers are notes so you can just follow along and look at the pictures in the manual. Occasionally, the translation may get a little rough because of the differences between English and Japanese grammatical structures, so you will have to excuse me for that. =

It can be polished up, but due to time constraints and the need to publish this information I am forced to leave it as it is. =

I am presently translating the tutorial section of the game, and that may be followed by the strategy, hints, and history of the game (as time permits). As far as I know, FFT may be released in the US by early/mid-1998, so it may not be completely worthwhile to translate the entire game at expense of my playing FFT. If you have any questions, you may contact me at the above e-mail address.

Well, good luck and enjoy. HJ

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A warrior holds his sword and embraces a stone against his chest.
He engraves his dying memories on that sword
and entrusts his trained abilities on that stone.
A legend is told from the sword and followed on the stone.
Now, we shall recite that legend.....

Thank you for purchasing PlayStation
"Final Fantasy Tactics" licensed by SQUARE CO., LTD.
Please read the attached instruction thoroughly before starting the game
Please keep this instruction manual for future reference.

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PRESTORY

~~ From the 50 Year War, and to the Lion War ~~

Throughout history, wars repeat themselves in various times, various places. From these wars, many heroes are passed down. However, in these legends gallantly taught to future generations, we must not forget the reality that was buried in secrecy. Weathered by people's rumors and the passing of time, the true legend is forgotten and passed away.....

A long time ago, a war seethed and erupted in a land called Evalease. This war engulfed the territory of Evalease and its neighbor country of Ordalia. It lasted for 50 years and finally ended in the form of discussions that formally called for peace. However, Evalease's obvious defeat was clear in everyone's eyes, and the state of affairs within the country steadily dilapidated. The defeat exhausted the people's physical strength and their resources.....

The lords of the six imperial ruling families got together, formed a united front, and guided Evalease back to prosperity. Their delicate balance of power soon collapsed, and this is such a time for legends. It was just one year after the end of the 50 years war. The incident of the abduction of Evalease's Queen Ovaria occurred. On this opportunity, an armed conflict started between two of the six imperial reigns: Galeonu (ruled by Larg) and Zerutenia (ruled by Goltarna). The war between the two families, which have the crests of the white lion and the black lion, was called the Lion War. Added to the backdrop of the Lion War, there was a problem of succession to the throne of the suddenly dead King. Larg is the biological older brother of Queen of Evalease, and Goltarna is the younger cousin of the dead King. According to the historical facts, there was a young hero named Dileeta who suppressed the Lion War that soon engulfed the entire country of Evalease. And, there was a young man name Ramuza who also appeared on the scene here. You cannot see his name in any historical facts. However, behind the magnificent legend of the hero Dileeta is the young man Ramuza who also lived through the dark part of Evalease's history. Shall we see what had happened?.....

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MAIN CHARACTERS INTRODUCTION

The Lion War started with the Queen abduction incident. Countless men threw themselves into this war that engulfed the entire country of Evalease. Here, let's introduce the two main characters of the legend.

Ramuza Beolubu

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Hero. Born to the noble family of Beolubu that served the Larg lords for generations and in charge of about half of Galeonu's military force. The family's two brothers are both strategists commanding the famous Galeonu Northern Sky Knights company, Evalease's most powerful military corps. Comparing the two brothers, Ramuza is strong but with an inferiority complex. After graduating from the Gariland officer academy, he joined in the service of Queen Ovaria's guard team and became involved in the Queen's abduction incident.

According to historical facts, he is the hero that led to the end of the Lion War. Afterwards, he became a king and continued a long and peaceful rule. To start, he was born to a family of horse raisers (people who breed and train military horses) that served the Beolubu family. Due to their relationship, he was friends with Ramuza since childhood. He was able to attend the Gariland officer academy, an elite school, and it is thought that it happened because of the influence of the Beolubu family.

However, his eminence after that is certainly an extreme exception, if you consider his birth/personage.

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HOW TO START A GAME

By pressing the PlayStation's open button and opening the holder, you can correctly set the CD-ROM. After the auto-demo ends, you will get to the title screen. * You can skip the auto-demo by pressing the START button.

NEW GAME: Select this to start a game from the beginning.

CONTINUE: Select this to start a continued game from saved data.

TUTORIAL: The mode to learn the game rules and how to play before playing.

SOUND: Set the music and sound effects (MONO AURAL/ STEREO/ WIDE)

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* When you start a game from the beginning

If you choose NEW GAME, the legend's general background and our hero are introduced through the words of historian Alazuramu, the legend's narrator. Afterwards, you will input the hero's name (the player's character) and the birthday. When everything is entered, the opening CG movie will play and the legend will start.

* When you start a game from continue

If you choose CONTINUE, the screen will ask you to select the memory card slot. You will choose the slot where the memory card is inserted and choose the data to load. You can save up to 15 data on the memory card if no other game data is saved on the memory card. (Consult page 39 for how to save).

This product comes with Disc 1 (Final Fantasy Tactics) and Disc 2 (Square Previews 2). Please set Disc 1 when you want to play Final Fantasy Tactics. Again, the saved data for the prototype version of Saga Frontier on Disc 2 cannot be used for Final Fantasy Tactics.

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HOW TO USE THE CONTROLLER

ABOUT THE SELECT BUTTON

On every screen, you can see Help Message by pressing the select button, then pointing the cursor to the matter you want to learn about. Whenever there is something you do not understand, try to press the select button. * There are some exceptions.

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CIRCLE BUTTON (CB)

(Battlefield)

* Decide

* Open the menu for the unit you chose with the cursor. When in the STAT=US window, if you press it once more, you get JOB LEVEL, and if you press=once more you can confirm the learned ABILITY.

* When cursor free, return the cursor to the unit.

(World Map)

* Decide

* Call out bar, shop, and other establishment on the cursor.

X BUTTON (XB)

(Battlefield)

* Cancel

* Display the range of possible movement of the unit chosen with the curs=or. * At this time, you can scroll the map by controlling the directiona=1 keys.

(World Map)

* Cancel

SQUARE BUTTON (SB)

(Battlefield)

* Cursor cancel (While pressing it, the friendly unit and enemy unit are =distinguished by color) * At this time, you can scroll the map by using =the directional keys.

* While pressing it, you can scroll the message wiindow.

(World Map)

* Have it pressed, the world map can be scrolled with controlling the dir=ectional keys.

* While pressing, you can scroll the message window. This operation can =be used anywhere, on formation screen and city/street establishments.

TRIANGLE BUTTON (TB)

(Battlefield)

* Open menu window

* Even in the middle of a battle that is progressing on auto, STANDBY can=be made by pressing the triangle button.

(World Map)

* Call out the menu window.

DIRECTIONAL KEYS

(Battlefield)

* Move cursor.

* When cursor cancel, move the screen up/down/left/right

(World Map)

* Move cursor

R1 BUTTON

(Battlefield)

* Make the map rotate rightward

(World Map)

* Display and return the complete map.

R2 BUTTON

(Battlefield)

* Change the horizontal level of the map.

(World Map)

* Not used.

L1 BUTTON

(Battlefield)

* Make the map rotate leftward.

(World Map)

* Display and return the complete map.

L2 BUTTON

(Battlefield)

* Change the zoom of the map (enlarge, shrink)

(World Map)

* Not used.

SELECT BUTTON

(Battlefield)

* Call out the Help Message.

(World Map)

* Call out the Help Message.

START BUTTON

(Battlefield)

* Cursor will point to units not associated with friendly/enemy forces.

* When cursor free, return cursor to unit.

(World Map)

* Call out the Help Message.

* Call out the menu window.

ABOUT SOFT RESET: You can soft reset by pressing START, SELECT, R1 and L1 buttons all at the same time. * The controls above are the basic controls.

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GAME FLOW

Here I shall explain the general flow of the game. Basically, the legend moves forward by movements on the world map and battle repeatedly. On the world map, you can organize units by the formation screen, and at every position (blue positions are places you can go already, while red positions are places you cannot go yet) you can increase your items and companions. Again, at the green positions, there is a possibility that battles can occur by random. If a new position appears, it is good to save it first before you go. (Consult page 39 for SAVE.)

Attack Formation <-- World Map Screen --> Event, or Formation Screen =
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Battle

Bar (page 26), Shop (page 28), and Warrior

Mediation Place (page 29)

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ABOUT BATTLE, BEGINNER'S VERSION

BASIS OF BATTLE

Before the battle, the stage's winning requirement is presented, of course. When you fulfill the winning condition, the stage will be cleared. (Winning requirement depends on the stage.) In this game, the command order goes around when the charge time (CT) reaches maximum whether it is enemy or friend. This command order is called the attack turn (AT). For

r an unit that is high in agility, the speed at which the gauge returns is fast, and therefore the AT that comes around will be many. On one round of AT, you can "move" and "act" once. You will obtain experience points (EXP) necessary for unit development and job point (JP) necessary for development of job and learning abilities. * To confirm the unit's operation order, please consult "attack turn" on page 19.

EXPLANATION OF THE SCREEN

CURSOR (a symbol which looks like a down arrow)

* Designate an unit or target by selecting and moving the cursor over the unit with the directional keys.

HP/MP/CT

* (from the top) Hit Point, Magic Point, and Charge Time are displayed

PORTRAIT

* Shows the face of the active enemy or guest unit.

AT

* You can move an unit that has AT displayed.

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* The cursor position's absolute height on the map is displayed. The height at which the unit stands has effects on the battle.

(Lower Right Box)

* Display the enemy/friendly units name, job, protection constellation, brave point, and faith point. (Consult page 21 for protection constellation, brave point, and faith point.)

(Colored Dots in the Lower Right Box)

* Blue dot is friendly unit, and orange dot is enemy unit.

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MOVE

When you chose "Move", the possible move range for the unit is displayed. When you decide on the place you want to move the unit inside the range, by your pressing the CB, the unit will begin moving toward that position.

ACTION

When you choose "Action", the equipped ability is displayed; for a human unit, that is "Fight". (Consult page 33 for abilities.) If you choose "Fight", you will decide on a target and attack with equipped weapon.

The attack range depends on the weapon. Furthermore, because the now usable abilities are displayed when you choose ability, you will choose and decide. Still, by using certain abilities, you may consume MP. (Consult page 15 for how to use abilities.)

STANDBY

You can "Standby" occasionally when "Action" ended and you may/may not "Move". Again, you can "Standby" without "Action" or "Move". When you decide to "Standby", the CT gauge is not used at all, and the next AT will come back quicker.

AT will come back quicker by this order: 1) Standby, 2) May/may not move, Action, Standby, and 3) Move and Action both.

DECIDING ON DIRECTION

When AT is over, you will decide the direction your units face. You will select and decide on one from the 4 directions that a light is turned on or off, but it is dangerous to have your back turned toward an enemy. Decide on the direction the unit should face by considering from which direction the enemy will attack.

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AUTO BATTLE

You can assign the compute to control friendly units. Please select the way you want to work from "Auto Battles", "Manual", or other ways.

1. Manual- Player controls unit.
2. Fight without Valuing Life- Fight the chosen enemy determinedly, w/o backing form danger.
3. Protect Comrade- Protect the chosen comrade without backing away from danger.
4. Save a Dying Life- Recovery preferentially a friendly unit with decreased HP.
5. Escape by Dashing Away- Try to escape to safe place if you can.

* To determine "Auto Battle", during the AT of a friendly unit, stop the battle flow with the TB and choose the unit with cursor and return to manual.

* Consult page 18 for "Status".

STRONG BOX and STATUS

An unit that has zero (0) HP and become "Unable to Fight" (Consult page 17) will change into a strong box containing items or a crystal when left alone. When a friendly unit (not including guest unit) picks up a strong box, an item is obtained. And when a crystal is obtained, the unit that obtained it can recover HP and MP fully. When a crystal is obtained, you can inherit the ability of the original unit (Consult page 35 for inheritance of ability.)

STAGE CLEAR and GAME OVER

When you met the winning requirement for the stage, it will be stage clear. If you do not meet the winning requirement, such as when the hero dies, it is game over. When stage cleared, you will receive war spoils and bonus money. After stage clear, the damage received by every unit will be recovered. When you want to recover in the middle of battle, you must use magic and ability from items. (Consult page 12) by using "Action".

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ABOUT BATTLE, INTERMEDIATE VERSION

FORMATION OF BATTLE TEAM

Attack team is the party that participates in battle. Usually, you will form attack team before entering battle. The maximum number of people in the attack team is five, including the hero (not including the guest units.) A chosen unit joins the party by positioning on the panel that becomes higher on the formation screen. Move over, the arrangement of panel which becomes higher depends on the place where the battle takes place.

The Basic Formation Method

- 1) Select an unit that you want to arrange by making your units scroll.
- 2) Decide by placing cursor on a panel you want to arrange a unit.

3) Repeat (1) and (2) whichever is set. And by pressing start button.
* Of course, you can correct you choices until you press the start button=
=2E When the arrangement is already finished, you can replace by selecti=
ng the unit.

How to Control When Forming the Attack Team

L1, R1 Buttons: Make your own scroll.

Square Button: Open status window and confirm status.

X Button: Close status window.

Triangle Button: Search the units on the panels.

Circle Button: Decide. You can choose the unit with cursor, and cancel =
the unit on the panel by

pressing it the second time.

START: After the attack team is formed, move to the battlefield.

* For details status of every unit, consult page 30.

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HOW TO USE ABILITY

When unit's operating, if you choose a command other than "Fight", t=
he ability you can use is displayed. Then, please choose a target becaus=
e the shooting image is displayed. The shooting range of ability is vari=
ous, and there are things that will have effects beside the user. (Cons=
ult page 23 for details on abilities.)

HOW TO CAST MAGIC

Even among ability, I shall explain the casting of magic. When you =
will use magic (black magic, white magic, time magic) you will choose whi=
chever "unit" and "panel" for target. If there is no "unit" on the "pane=
l" you targeted, then you will have chosen the "panel". Moreover, there =
is the Effect Range as well as the Shooting Range. When selecting a targ=
et, you should decide by confirming carefully, since the shooting range a=
nd effect range is displayed in different colors. =

* The thing that is turned on/off red on the magic command list is the ma=
gic you cannot use because you do not have enough MP.

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ABOUT CHARGE TIME

In Final Fantasy Tactics, there is a degree of time lag between the =
time you command magic and the time it is activated. (The length of time=
depends on the magic.) It is because there is a charge time (CT) for ma=
gic. (The unit that is in charge time will display "C". Consult panel t=
o the right for picture. While charge time is going on, the time will ru=
n, and when AT returns to the unit, you cannot take action on friend or f=
oe. Therefore, it is possible to perform something on an enemy when his =
charge time is active. Tactics are involved: for example, casting a mag=
ic on a "panel" and having it timed right to lure the enemy into it. Ple=
ase find other tactics for when charge time is active.

Before ordering magic, please confirm the firing time of ability.

(Chart on the Left)

ABILITY/ REF/ MP/ TURN

Fire- circular arrow- 06- 04

Thunder- circular arrow- 06- 04

Blizzard- circular arrow- 06- 04

(Chart on the right)

- 01 Judo
- 02 Ramuza
- 03 Megarays
- 04 Fire (Kattsu)
- 05 Dogman
- 06 Joanna

Using the above mentioned operation, you can confirm the activity or order of ability by looking at the AT order (Friends in black, and enemy in red.) On the left screen, "Fire" is the fourth (4th) in order because of AT, and as a result, it is active after the unit "Megarays". =

REF

Displays by a directional arrow an ability and magic that can be repelled by "Reflect". *Consult page 45 for "Reflect".

TURN

Active time according to AT order. * When it is "Now", there is no charge time.

* Please consult active turn on page 19 for confirming active time of ability after ordering magic.

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ABOUT ABNORMAL STATUS

The unit that received attack is indicated by abnormal status. There are times when time passes you will return from abnormal status to normal, and there are times when you will not recover automatically. The ways to recover varies.

THE MAIN ABNORMAL STATUSES

1. POISON: (Skull) Your HP gradually decreases. Recover by items "Antidote", "Panacea", and magic.
2. SILENCE: (three dots in balloon) You become unable to use magic. Recover by items "Echo Grass", "Panacea", and magic.
3. CONFUSION: (question mark in balloon) Regardless of friend/foe, you will attack all units beside yourself. Recover by "Panacea", magic from others, or receiving attack.
4. BERZERK: (asterisk in balloon) You will continue just "Attack" without accepting ordered command. Recover by magic.
5. DREAMING: (DM) You cannot move (Action and standby are possible) Recover with magic.
6. STONE: (stoned) You turned to stone and cannot act. Recover with items "Golden Needle", "Panacea", and magic. It is game over when all party members turn to stone.
7. FROG: (frog) You cannot use "Fight" and the black magic "Toad". Recover with items "Virgin's Kiss", "Panacea", and magic.
8. ANTIDOTE: (???) You will receive damage from magic and items that normally recover HP. Recover with item "Holy Water".
9. SLEEP: (ZZ) You cannot make a move because you are asleep. Recover with "Panacea", magic from someone else, and receiving attack.
10. DARKNESS: (sunglasses) Hit rate on physical attacks become lower. Recover with item "Eye Medicine", "Panacea", and magic.
11. CHARM: (heart) You will attack your friendly units because you are charmed by the enemy. Recover with receiving damage.
12. DEATH SENTENCE: (a number) A countdown number is shown. When it r=

eaches zero, you will not be able to fight (dead).

13. DON'T ACT: (DA) You cannot act (move and standby are possible) Recover with magic.

14. OIL: (oil drops) You become weak to fire because you are covered with oil. Recover with items "Panacea" or receiving a small degree of fire-related attack.

15. CHICKEN: (chicken) You will become a chicken and start to run around trying to escape and not join in the battle. If the stage ends while you are a chicken, you will desert the group.

16. UNABLE TO FIGHT/DEAD: (dead!) It's the situation when your HP becomes zero. Recover with item "Phoenix's tail" and magic.

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ABOUT BATTLE, ADVANCED VERSION

VERIFICATION OF STATUS

It is extremely important to keep a hold of the friend/enemy status while moving the battle forward. To verify the status, place the cursor over the unit you want to know and decide with the CB. When you select "Status", you can open the unit's status window.

STATUS SCREEN

You can verify the job level by pressing the CB on the status screen, and the learned abilities and abnormal status by pressing the CB once more afterwards. The present job level and usable abilities, and of course the abnormal status, are important status in controlling the war situation. Try to check very often.

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EXPLANATION OF THE MENU WINDOW

If you press the TB on the battlefield screen, the menu window comes out. You can choose between 3 different menus: a menu important for "Active Turn", "Unit List", and "Option" which you set the operational environment.

ACTIVE TURN

You can verify the unit's operational order and the activity order/activity place of magic and such after they have already been entered. If you move the cursor to an unit's name and press the CB, the cursor will be placed on that unit on the map. Moreover, when magic has been ordered, your friend's magic name (ability name) are in black, and your enemy's magic will be in red. If you place the cursor on a magic's name and press the CB, you can verify the activity place of that magic. If you can verify often verify the when and where abilities will be active, you can enjoy the tactical battle much more.

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UNIT LIST

All the units on the battlefield can be displayed (The direction the unit faces is the same as you see on the battlefield.) Here, you can verify the status of all the units by the following operations.

Directional Keys; R1/L1 Buttons: Select unit.

Circle Button: Verify the parameters of the chosen unit and the item and ability he/she has.

Select Button: You can see the Help Message on every parameter, item, and ability.

R2/L2 Buttons: Display the parameter you want to confirm.

* The menu window is again opened with the TB or the START button.

Arrange/Exchange: You will arrange the units according to the value of parameter of your choice.

Search: You can find the battlefield position of a chosen unit and return to the field.

OPTION

You can change the game's established environment, same as the options for world map. From among the various established settings, please choose settings to your liking. Please consult page 39 for the individual items.

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PROTECTION CONSTELLATION/ BRAVE POINT/ FAITH POINT

The protection constellation, brave point, and faith point is displayed on every unit's status screen. In the game, what kind of meaning do they hold? Here, I shall explain how they shall affect units in battle.

When you are forming your attack team, please remember what they mean.

PROTECTION CONSTELLATION

In the world of Final Fantasy Tactics, every unit receives the protection of one of the 12 constellations. The protection constellation set for every unit imparts large effects to the compatibility with fellow units. It is in the time of battle that this compatibility strikingly is shown. For example, when on an attack, if the compatibility is good, then they can give damage bigger than normal. But when their compatibility is bad, then the damage is decreased. In the middle of battle, you should check the compatibility depending on the protection constellation on the Help Message.

BRAVE POINT & FAITH POINT

Brave point shows the unit's courage. The higher this value is, the stronger the spirit; the lower, the weaker the spirit becomes because of cowardice. If the brave point is high, the damage given to the enemy is greater and the success rate is higher because of effects on the attack method. If it is low, it will be "Chicken" status (Consult page 17), and you will run away from the enemy. Faith point shows the strength of the heart to believe in the unbelievable power and phenomenon that science cannot prove, such as spirits and magic. In other words, if the value of the "Faith" is high, of course the unit will receive greater effects from magic. For example, when a white magic such as recovery is casted, the degree of recovery will be higher if the recipient's faith point is high.

And at the same time, for black magic, the attack magic's damage will be higher if the recipient's faith point is high. On the other hand, if the faith point is low, there is resistance to black magic, and this time the recovery magic too will be ineffective. These two can increase or decrease during battle by magic. Again, the units may be changed by events.

* When the battle ends, if the brave point or faith point is extremely low or high, that unit will have deserted the group.

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EFFECTS OF TOPOGRAPHY AND HEIGHT

Because the battle map is displayed in 3D, the topography and the height where the unit stands produces large effects on the battle. There are situations where, because of topography, the unit is limited and cannot

t invade. And an unit can demonstrate special ability to attack from a higher position. Because you can open the Help Message and receive latest report on the topography, it is good to verify the topography to determine the limit of movement and attacks.

ABOUT THE ABILITY TO MOVE

The ability to move (MOVE/JUMP), as displayed on the unit's status screen, is dependent on the unit and under the influence of the topography of the battle map. * "Move" shows the unit's move distance, and "Jump" shows that the unit has the ability to jump across things. These values can be increased by move ability and accessory equipment (Consult "Move Ability" on page 33)

TOPOGRAPHY & UNIT'S MOVEMENT

With special movement (such as floating), if your unit can enter a groundwork (such as lava place and deep water) where normally people cannot invade, then you can certainly get yourself into an advantageous fighting situation.

Again, if you select an unit that is at the same position but as a different height (like the left panel) the cursor will automatically move up and down. When the cursor is on the top of the target unit, please choose. When you want to change the cursor movement speed and replace the chosen unit with the START button, decide with "Option". (For "Option", consult pages 20 and 39) * Other than above, the ability of character movement is controlled also by the weather.

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INVITATION OF MONSTERS

If there is a storyteller in the party, then you can "Invite" an enemy (monster too) into your party. If you can successfully pull off the "Invitation" and make it part of the group, thereafter other same units can be made to join the attack team and can be controlled. If you can make a powerful monster into a friend, it will certainly be a big help. * Other than "Inviting", there are other ways to make monsters your companions.

STORYTELLER- Quite a marvelous warrior, storytellers walk across the battlefield by freely using skillful storytelling. Without anything but flirting with the enemy using mere words, the ability called "Invitation" is his/her greatest weapon.

REPRESENTATIVE MONSTERS THAT CAN BE MADE ALLIES

* CHOCOBO: Use powerful skill, you can use their high mobility by riding (if your unit is human). When you designate a friendly chocobo before moving, anyone can ride. While on the chocobo, AT will not return.

* BOMB: It gives big damage to surrounding enemies by "Self-Exploding". Again, if it receives fire attack, it will recover instead.

* AIRYMAN: Its strong point is attacking with the line of vision from its big eyeballs. Another form of attack is the "Death Sentence" that drives the target to death.

* MOLDBALL: It uses "Stinky Breath" which causes a number of abnormal statuses. It is a troublesome monster when it is an enemy.

ABOUT "USING MAGIC ROTATION": When an unit that equipped "Using Magic Rotation" (a support ability for training warriors) is on the monster's side, he/she can increase one of the monster's ability.

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ABOUT ARITHMETIC

"Arithmetic", arithmetician's ability, can use every kind of magic without consuming MP. (White magic, black magic, time magic, Ying-Yang skill) When you use "Arithmetic", you must have third level command. First, you will appoint something that becomes the subject for calculations (such as level) You will appoint the value to calculate next (such as multiples of 3). Finally, you will appoint which magic to use (such as "Fire") The magic used by arithmeticians has no relation with the shooting and effect range. All the units on the map are subjects of arithmetic. For example, if you appoint the subject's level, multiply it by 3 to get a calculated value, and chose the magic as "Fire", "Fire" is activated to all the units that has levels in multiples of 3 on the map. If you can remember it once, you can use it without setting it again. =

(Consult page 35 for "Ability Set") and there is no charge time. * There are some magic arithmeticians cannot use.

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WORLD MAP SCREEN

Movement among positions, formation and shopping before battle, and data save are all done on the world map. As the story progresses, the positions that you can move increase. Moreover, the various positions are tied by routes, and 1 day passes by moving 1 section. Let's explain about the world map screen.

MENU SCREEN: you can call out the menu by pressing the TB or START button while on the world map.

- * MOVE: Appoint the position you want to move to. See page 26.
- * FORMATION: Arrange your army's battle condition. See page 30.
- * BRAVE STORY: A data base for collecting events during play and the obtained informations. See page 38.
- * TUTORIAL: You can study the game's rules and battle methods. See page 38.
- * OPTION: Decide on control conditions. See page 39.

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MOVEMENT

If position and route are shown the world map, you can move by appointing a position. For how to move, there are two types of ways: point to a position on the world map with the cursor, or appoint a position name on the menu window. With either method, events can happen in the middle of movement and before movement to suddenly bring you into battle. In order for any time/thing to happen okay, remember to save after and before any battle on the world map. (consult page 39 for "Save".)

ESTABLISHMENTS ON THE STREETS

There are bars, shops, and warrior mediation places in the position of castles and cities. More than just obtaining new information, buying/selling items, finding new allies, you can discover ways to increase the war funds absolutely necessary to continue the war.

BAR

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GOSSIP: When you talk to the bar master, if you select "Gossip", you can hear important hints and information that are useful for the legend's pr

ogression.

PROFITABLE JOB: When you show up at the bar, you can hear about "Profitable Jobs". If you join "Profitable Job" here, you can get involved in other jobs by dispatching an unit for a set few days from your army, while the legend progresses in other ways. (At that time you must consider the information fee and the cost.) If you go to a bar where a fixed number of days passes, you can hear "Job Report" from comrades who finished the job. You can obtain an unthinkable enormously large sum of money and priceless treasures, discovery of secret places, and JP (Job Point- Consult page 32). However, you can be in debt once you deducted the information fee and cost. Because gamble element is high, you should be careful about the remaining war funds (About treasures and secret places, consult page 38)

Flow of Profitable Job: Contract -> Dispatch -> Report

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SHOP

You can buy and sell equipment and recovery items.

* BUY: You can buy shop owner's equipment and recovery items.

* SELL: You can sell your army's equipment and recovery items.

* TEST ROOM: You can try out weapon, armor, and accessory obtained from the shop. You can buy items you like right here.

VERIFY THE UNIT'S EQUIPPABILITY: The shop sells equipments that you can or cannot use by the job. It is meaningless to buy strong weapon, armor, and accessory when you cannot equip them. In the shop, by pressing the TB when you've selected an item, you can confirm who can equip the item.

ABOUT THE STRONGEST TEST: With the equippable weapon, armor, and accessory sold at the shop, you can automatically test the item that is the most powerful (weapon =3D attack power, armor =3D HP upgrade and high evasion percentage)

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WARRIOR MEDIATION PLACE: At the warrior mediation place, you can hire new apprentice warriors for your army. Hired for scenarios, they are different from units that will become your allies. And the warriors you get here are nameless soldiers. They are completely untrained- they can be made to learn ability, depending on the shop. Please feel free to develop them to deepen your pleasure and increase your attachment to them.

CHANGE THE NAME OF MONSTERS: Monsters that become allies can have their names changed at the warrior mediation place. They originally have names, but you can change to ones that you like. * Special shops can be found in special streets. Please find them.

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FORMATION SCREEN

Formations prepare you for battle. On the formation screen, confirmation of unit status, job change, learning ability, and setting ability are all conducted here. In this game, the formation system must be learned in order to enjoy the battles. Let's move forward in the game by understanding the formation system.

THE ABILITY VALUE OF THE UNIT ITSELF AND THE EQUIPPED ITEM

(Please consult the Help message concerning individual items)

When you select a unit and press the CB, it will become the above screen. Here, you can confirm the unit parameter and item/ability equipped. When you press the CB again, you can confirm the job and ability which can now be changed.

* Directional Keys/ R1, L1 Buttons: Select unit.

* Select Button: See Help Message on every parameter, item, and ability.

* R2, L2 Buttons: Display the parameter you want to confirm.

* Triangle Button (TB), START Button: The window that setup every unit appears.

* Square Button (SB): Close the status window and return.

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SET-UP WINDOW: On the formation screen, if you press the TB or START button, the unit's set-up window opens. From here, you can set the equipment of every kind of item, job change, learning ability, and ability set.

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JOB CHANGE: Every unit from the army which fulfills conditions for job changes appears in the form of a circle. For the unit, if its job can be changed, it is displayed light. If it cannot be changed, it is displayed dark. Please choose a job you want by make it rotate with the directional keys and decide with the CB. The units get job points (JP) by repeating battles and can change to various jobs (Summary of jobs is on page 40).

JOBS

All the standard units are apprentice warriors, except for units that become companions once they make it into the story's plot. It becomes possible to change to other jobs by accumulating experience. Moreover, since the various job's establish characteristic abilities, you acquire unique abilities by changing jobs using acquired job points. Once an ability has been learned, it is not forgotten even if you changed jobs. You can freely mix jobs and abilities. For example, you can have a knight that can cast white magic, and you can have a ninja who can handle black magic. Please try to mix as you please. * Consult page 33 for Ability and page 40 for general information on Jobs.

JOB LEVEL: Job level is necessary condition for job change. If you cannot raise your job level, you cannot change to another job. Among them, there are also jobs in which more than one job level is a condition. How does one manage to find all the jobs as expected?.....

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ABILITY

"Ability" is the magic, special techniques, and special powers learned by various jobs. Ability is just something that makes that job's distinctive feature especially prominent. For example, item knight cannot expect much in his attack ability, but he is the one and only job that can use items according to his ability. Again, as for the pairing of these job and ability, there is no saying too much even if I talk to infinity. Pair the strongest job and ability that you find. To search for that is the sweet taste of success in this game. Please experience the fun of freely making your unit.

(left panel)

1. ACTION ABILITY 1: (downward lightning arrow) The job's characteristic ability that you can perform, such as the action command (magic, special skill, and the like) during battle.
2. ACTION ABILITY 2: (downward lightning arrow) Action command that you can newly equip.
3. REACTION ABILITY: (arrow bouncing back up) The ability such as counterattack, absorption, and such that automatically activate against enemy attack.
4. SUPPORT ABILITY: (arrow going clockwise) The ability for strengthening parameter and other job's weapons and armors.
5. MOVE ABILITY: (footprint) The ability that can increase your movement ability.

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1. SET ABILITY: Consult page 35.
2. CANCEL SET ABILITY
3. LEARN ABILITY: Consult page 34.

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HOW TO LEARN ABILITY

There are mainly two ways to learn ability. The first and main way is to learn it in exchange for job points, and the second way is a special one in which you learn powerful ability that you cannot learn ordinarily.

EXCHANGE JOB POINTS FOR ABILITY: If you choose "Learn" on the screen from the previous page, the screen will display 1) the job point you have accumulated up to now for every job, 2) the accumulated job point necessary for the next job level up, and 3) the present job point. Please select a job you want to learn in ability. If you have the necessary JP to learn an ability for the chosen job, you can learn the ability here. The approach to learning ability is decided freely by the player. Do you learn by order from the lower level magic? Or, do you save a lot of job points and so learn powerful magic? Please select according to your own strategy.

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Job- Job name
LV- Job level
Total- Accumulated JP you have gained up to now.
Next- Accumulated JP needed for next level up
JP- JP now.

(lower panel)

Ability- Ability name
Mp- MP consumption
Speed- Charge time
Jp- JP necessary for learning

* When you are at the lower screen, you can change completely every ability (Action, reaction, support, move) with left/right on the directional keys. (Consult page 33 for every ability)

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INHERITANCE FROM CRYSTAL

When a fixed time passes after an unit becomes "Dead/Unable to Fight" (Consult "Abnormal Status" on page 17), you will become a crystal. (En-

emy units become strong boxes. Consult strong box and crystal on page 13)=

There are cases in which, if you pick up that crystal, you can inherit = the ability that the dead unit held. If you can defeat a strong enemy an= d pick up that crystal, you can learn ability that you cannot learn any o= ther way. Again, you can choose to recover HP and MP at this time.

SETTING YOUR ABILITY: Even if you learn many abilities, you cannot use t= he abilities if you do not equip them to the unit. Well, select "Set" of= ability, select the ability you want to set, and decide. Including the = action ability characteristic of the job, you can set up to a maximum of = four (4) types of abilities. (Consult page 33 for ability types) * There= are ways to learn ability other than the above-mentioned methods.

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OTHER MENUS DURING FORMATION

DROPPING A NAME/ EXPULSION: You can remove an unit from your army. Howe= ver, once an unit is "Expelled", he or she cannot be added back to the ar= my the second time. When you "Expel" an unit, you should do so only afte= r you have carefully considered it. And, depending on the unit, there ar= e persons you cannot "Expel".

ARRANGING UNITS: When selecting parameters displayed on the menu screen,= the units will be ranked in the order of the value of that parameter.

ABOUT MONSTER EGGS: When there is a monster in your party and there is s= pare room among your units, the monster will lay an egg. If it hatches, = the new monster will be added to your party. At that time, there is cert= ainly no limit as to how it may appear; it may look the same or differen= t from the original monster (black chocobos is born from white chocobo) = You can erase with the TB or START.

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BRAVE STORY

This is the data space where historian Alazulamu can teach you infor= mation about events and characters that you encounter in the game, and ab= out the history of Evalease. Of course, it serves the purpose of looking= back at situations you played before, but there are also valuable inform= ation that you cannot see except inside "Brave Story". Please get into t= he practice of frequently checking this and fill up the time between batt= les.

RECORD: You can look back at the legend you experienced so far. Not onl= y can you read the article, if you press the TB, you can see the reappear= ance of the scene.

CHARACTER: You can obtain information on characters that appear in the l= egend.

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EMPLOYMENT, TREASURES, AND SECRET PLACES

At any time you can see the results of profitable jobs that you unde= rtook because of requests at bars. You can confirm which job was success= ful, which may has been lost, and which treasures and secret places were = discovered. * Consult page 27 for profitable jobs.

TUTORIAL

You can confirm the fighting method and game rules (You can enter from title screen.)

* ORGANIZATION EDITION: You can see explanation on various controls for the organization screen and using the actual screen.

* BATTLE EDITION: You can learn the basic controls while referencing an actual battle.

* TIPS: You can see knacks for controls useful to the gameplay and hints.

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HOW TO END THE GAME: To make the game end, it is necessary to save the data to that point. Please select "Data" on the world map. Again, select a block of memory card that you want to save on. Please follow the message by pressing the CB. When you selected load, you load the game from the selected data from the memory card. * To save one game, it is important to have one empty block.

OPTION

You can change the settings to your liking, in regard to the following items.

1. The cursor movement depending on the directional key input on the battlefield.
2. Repeat speed of the cursor on the battlefield.
3. The speed of cursor moving between different class of units on the battlefield.
4. Movement speed of point cursor on the menus.
5. Speed of message display
6. Display/Not Display the explanation of control process which is inserted in the midst of battle.
7. Display/Not Display what kind of effect received in the middle of battle.
8. Display/Not Display what kind of magic activated in the midst of battle.
9. Display/Not Display gained experience value and JP in the middle of battle.
10. Flicker on/off of unit depending on Square button in the middle of battle.
11. Display/Not Display the name of item that cannot be equipped, when you're changing equip.
12. On/Off automatic strongest equipment when job change
13. Music/ Sound Effect: stereo, mono, and surround (wide).
14. Return to original settings.

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JOB INTRODUCTION

I shall introduce the main jobs that appear in this game here. The various jobs will go up in level as you collect JP from battles. When you do not increase jobs a lot, please try to level up by becoming various jobs. Again, it is possible that with a job, that comes about because of the legend, cannot be changed. * "Command", in the explanation, is the job's characteristic action command. (How to change jobs, see page 32; About ability, page 33-35)

Squire (male, female): Most basic job without any particular distinctive feature.

1. Command: "Basic Skill"

2. Representative Ability: "Treatment" =3D recover from abnormal status without consuming MP.
3. Equippable Weapon: short sword, sword, mallet

Chemist (male, female): The only job that uses recovery items

1. Command: "Item"
2. Representative Ability: "Potion" =3D use potion items that recover HP.
3. Equippable Weapon: short sword, gun

Knight (male, female): Sword master who honor the chivalry spirit. It is possible to destroy by watching for the enemy's defense and ability.

1. Command: "Fighting Skill"
2. Representative Ability: "Armor Break" =3D Destroy the defense worn on the body (armor).
3. Equippable Weapon: sword, knight sword, mallet

Archer (male, female): The only job that uses bows and arrows.

1. Command: "Charge"
2. Representative Ability: "Charge 10" =3D increase attack ability
3. Equippable Weapon: bow, automatic bow

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Monk (male, female): A job that turns disciplined body into weapon. Uses recovery technique depending on spirit concentration.

1. Command: "Martial Arts"
2. Representative Ability: "Wave Motion Punch" =3D throw energy ball at enemy.
3. Equippable Weapon: bare hands

Priest (male, female): User of white magic =3D recovery magic.

1. Command: "White Magic"
2. Representative Ability: "Care" =3D HP recovery magic. Gives damage to the undead.
3. Equippable Weapon: staff

Wizard (male, female): User of black magic =3D attack magic.

1. Command: "Black Magic"
2. Representative Ability: "Thunder" =3D gives damage by crashing thunder on target.
3. Equippable Weapon: rod

Time Sorcerer (male, female): User of time magic =3D control time and space.

1. Command: "Time Magic"
2. Representative Ability: "Slow" =3D slow the flow of time for the target.
3. Equippable Weapon: staff

Summoner (male, female): Raise dream beasts from imaginary world and use power to make them big.

1. Command: "Summon Magic"
2. Representative Ability: "Bahamoot" =3D gives enemy big damage with the breath of dragon king Bahamoot.
3. Equippable Weapon: staff, rod

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Thief (male, female): Thief that steals the enemy's possessions. Can steal

eal equipment.

1. Command: "Steal"
2. Representative Ability: "Take Gil" =3D steal the enemy's funds.
3. Equippable Weapon: short sword

Storyteller (male, female): Novel warrior that walks across the battlefield by eloquent tongue.

1. Command: "Storytelling"
2. Representative Ability: "Invitation" =3D lure the enemy into your army.
3. Equippable Weapon: short sword, gun

Ying-Yang Warrior (male, female): Controls the forces of Ying-Yang, which is the principle behind all things. Make enemy spirit and body deteriorate.

1. Command: "Ying-Yang Skill"
2. Representative Ability: "Undead" =3D turn the target into the undead =2E
3. Equippable Weapon: staff, rod, dictionary, cane

Elemental User (male, female): Attack by awakening the potential power of the ground/nature.

1. Command: "Wind and Water Skill"
2. Representative Ability: "Ivy Hell" =3D make ivy twine around the enemy from underground. Can also slow time.
3. Equippable Weapon: sword, ax

Dragon Knight (male, female): Expert of spear that attack by jumping high in the sky, while heavily equipped.

1. Command: "Jump"
2. Representative Ability: "Horizontal Jump 2" =3D horizontal limit widens to 2 panels.
3. Equippable Weapon: spear

Samurai (male, female): A fencer from a foreign country that discharged = spirits and equipped with a blade.

1. Command: "Extract"
2. Representative Ability: "*****" =3D gives damage to surrounding enemy's MP.
3. Equippable Weapon: blade

Ninja (male, female): Worker of the dark born in the world of history's = shadows. Can throw weapons at enemy.

1. Command: "Throw"
2. Representative Ability: "Hand Sword" =3D gives damage by throwing hand sword.
3. Equippable Weapon: Ninja blade, short sword, mallet

Arithmetician (male, female): A scholar warrior decides enemy target by = numerical calculations.

1. Command: "Calculation"
2. Representative Ability: "Level" =3D make target's level the subject = of magic calculation.
3. Equippable Weapon: dictionary, cane

Minstrel (male): Encourage and protects his comrades with his songs.

1. Command: "Poetry"
2. Representative Ability: "Poetry of Life" =3D recover all the comrade's HP on the map.
3. Equippable Weapon: musical instrument

Dancer (female): Gives various bad effects on the enemy by her bewitching= dance.

1. Command: "Dance"
2. Representative Ability: "Witch Hunt" =3D gives damage to all the ene= my's MP on the map.
3. Equipable Weapon: short sword, cloth

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MAGIC

There are many different magics: white magic, black magic, time mag= ic, Ying-Yang magic, and summon magic. Let's introduce these magic one a= t a time.

WHITE MAGIC: Magic most of which is recovery of hit points and recovery = from various abnormal status. It is replete with defense assistance.

Name/ Effect

- Care/ small HP recovery
- Care-ra/ intermediate HP recovery
- Care-ga/ large HP recovery
- Raise/ make battle incapable unit revive
- A-Raise/ make battle incapable unit revive when HP is fully down (zero)
- Regenerate/ gradual recovery of HP within a fixed time
- Protect/ raises defense against physical attacks
- Shell/ raises defense against magical attacks
- Wall/ raises defense against both physical and magical attacks
- Ethna/ recover from many abnormal status
- Holy/ white magic's only attack magic; works by holy force

BLACK MAGIC: System of magic which primarily aims to attack. If you add= one black magician to your attack team, it would prove extremely favorab= le to your battles. It is magic that consistently serves its purpose fro= m beginning to the end of the game.

Name/ Effect

- Fire/ small fire attack
- Fire-ra/ intermediate fire attack
- Fire-ga/ large fire attack
- Thunder/ small thunder attack
- Thunda-ra/ intermediate thunder attack
- Thunda-ga/ large thunder attack
- Blizzard/ small cold attack
- Blizzar-ra/ intermediate cold attack
- Blizzar-ga/ large cold attack
- Toad/ make enemy into a frog
- Death/ if successful, can make enemy dead in one hit
- Flair/ strongest black magic known. Attack by high heat, fired energy

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TIME MAGIC: It is magic that mainly used in attack assistance and defens= e assistance. You cannot expect it to decrease enemy's HP, but by contro= lling time you can follow it with attacks.

Name/ Effect

- Haste/ quickens the flow of time of the target
- Slow/ slows the flow of time of the target
- Stop/ stops the flow of time of the target

Don't Move/ make the target unable to move =

Levitate/ release from gravity and make float

Reflect/ reflect the received magic back

Quick/ return the active turn preferentially to the target

Gravity/ decrease a fixed proportion of HP by super-gravity

Graviga/ decrease a fixed proportion of HP by super-gravity (bigger effect)

Meteor/ let a large meteor fall to the battlefield and cause big damage

YING-YANG SKILL: It is magic that primarily changes the target status. =
At first look, it is modest, but you can make the unit have abnormal status and unable to fight.

Name/ Effect

Tied and Darkness/ gives the "Darkness" status to the target

Magic-Draining Song/ drains target MP

Life-Draining Song/ drains target HP

Silence Song/ make the target "silent"

Undead/ turn target into the "undead"

Brave Lunatic/ make target "berserk"

Fox-Chicken-Rat/ decrease target's brave point

Discontinue Equipment-Release Magic/ erase the effect of support abilities

Dream-Nightmare/ make the target have "sleep" status

Tombstone Seal/ make the target have "turn to stone" status

SUMMON MAGIC: Summon magic creatures from illusionary worlds so you can explode the battlefield with that powerful force. Against every kind of assistance, the power unleashed is enormous. It is a magic that goes left and right on the battle situation.

Name/ Effect

Morgri/ return friends HP

Shiva/ gives enemy cold damage

Ramah/ gives enemy thunder damage

Ifrit/ gives enemy fire damage

Titan/ gives enemy ground damage

Bahamoot/ gives enemy non-elemental damage

Odin/ gives enemy non-elemental damage

Leviathan/ gives enemy water damage

Crippus/ gives enemy non-elemental damage

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WEAPON/ ARMOR/ ITEM: There are two types. There single-handed weapons, and there are weapons that need both hands. When you equipped a weapon that need both hands, you cannot equip another weapon. Try to be aware that the chemist can only use the item that he is holding. Again, the equipments introduced here are just a few of the one available. Please definitely search stronger items.

WEAPON

Name/ Hands Needed/ Remarks/ Number of Weapons Possible

Short Sword/ one-handed/ Short and light weapons like dagger and knife/ =
two

Sword/ one-handed/ Long and heavy weapons for strong jobs like knight/ =
two

Knight Sword/ one-handed/ High attack weapon used by knights/ two

Blade/ one-handed/ Foreign sword tempered by spiritual sword maker for =
samurai/ two
Ninja Sword/ one-handed/ Ninja's sword. Lighter than samurai's. Make =
for agility/ two
Ax/ two-handed/ Attack by thrashing. Attack power is high
Rod/ one-handed/ Magician's weapon. No attack power, but with many eff=
ects and magic/ two
Staff/ one-handed/ Magician's weapon like rod. Has many holy effects/ =
two
Mallet/ one-handed/ Weapon with a metal ball at the end/ two
Gun/ one-handed/ Weapon used in olden days. The shooting distance is o=
verwhelmingly long.
Auto Bow/ one-handed/ A bow relatively simple to control with one hand
Bow/ two-handed/ Archer weapon. Fire distance and attack force both la=
rger than auto bow.
Musical Instrument/ one-handed/ Minstrel's special weapon that plays sp=
ecial melody.
Dictionary/ one-handed/ Special book. Attack with power in the written=
words.
Spear/ one-handed/ Dragon knight's weapon. Longer reach than sword or =
blade/ two
Cane/ one-handed/ Long cane for thrust attack. Longer reach than sword=
or blade/ two

ARMOR

Name/ Hands Needed/ Remarks

Shield/ one hand/ Evasion rate against enemy attack increases considera=
bly.
Helmet/ head/ Solid armor protecting the head, but it is heavy.
Head Gear/ head/ Armor worn over the head. Easy to use, and many jobs =
can use it.
Suit of Armor/ trunk/ Solid, heavy armor protecting trunk.
Suit/ trunk/ A typical protection for the trunk. Many jobs can equip t=
his.
Robe/ trunk/ Worn by magic-related units because it wraps the body comf=
ortably.

ITEM

Name/ Effects

Potion/ Recover HP, small
High Potion/ Recover HP, intermediate
X Potion/ Recover HP, large
Ether/ Recover MP, small
High Ether/ Recover HP, large
Elixir/ Completely recover HP and MP
Antidote/ Fix status for "Poison"
Eye Medicine/ Fix status for "Darkness"
Echo Grass/ Fix status for "Silence"
Virgin's Kiss/ Fix status for "Frog"
Golden Needle/ Fix status for "Stoned"
Panacea/ Fix status for "Poison", "Darkness", "Silence", "Frog", "Stoned"=
, "Sleep", "Berserk", "Oil"
Phoenix Tail/ Fix status for "Dead" / "Unable to Fight"

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