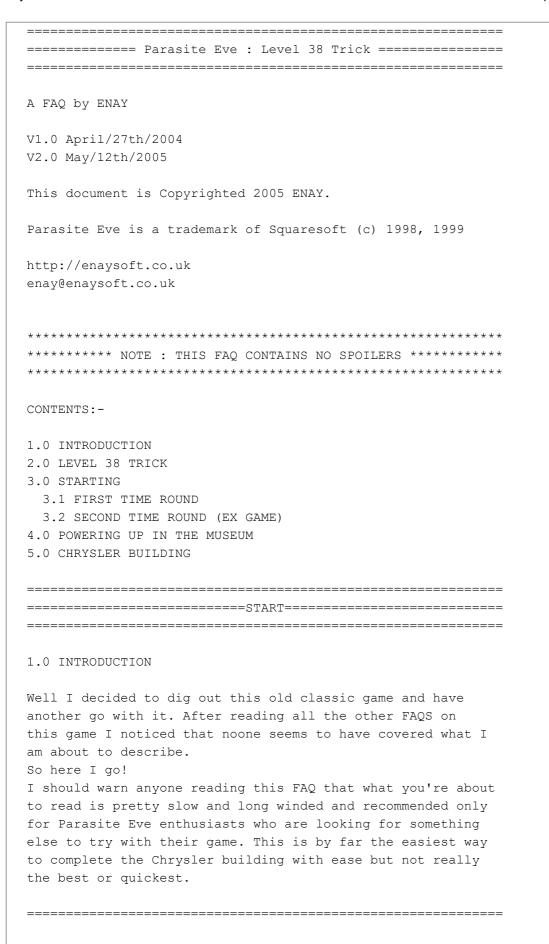
Parasite Eve Level 38 Trick FAQ

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2.0 LEVEL 38 TRICK

As with all role playing games that feature a levelling up

system; each time you go up a level you need just that little bit more experience to level up the next time round. For some obscure reason however with Parasite Eve this logic completely goes out of the window once you reach Level 38.

The highest level that most people achieve is level 34 to 35. If I recall correctly level 33 is where you acquire your final spell liberate, but I'm not sure. Levelling up from level 37 to 38 is something like 200,000 experience points. The jump from level 36 to level 37 is also pretty steep. It's enough to put anyone off ever wanting to level up again. Level 35 is probably the highest most people get, even when completing the Chrysler building. This is mainly due to the patronisingly small amount of exp that you get whilst battling inside of it.

So for some unknown reason once you get to level 39 you only need to get 4,500 exp points to level up again. Yes, that's right! A measly 4,500 exp points. And that applies all the way up to level 99. The maximum level you can get.

You need to get to 730,000 exps point to reach level 38 and 990,000 to reach Level 99. For some reason you jump straight to level 99 from level 96. Don't ask me why, it just happens.

As you can imagine the number of bonus points you can achieve levelling all the way up to level 99 is immense. You can practically level up every time you get into a battle in the museum. With each level achieved your offence, defence, parasite energy, status recovery, active time and item slots all go up one. The first four parameters of which you cannot ever increase using bonus points. These six parameters follow the same number of your level.

Such as:-

Level 85

Offence : 85 Defence : 85 Parasite Energy : 85 Status Recovery : 85

Active time : 85 (Providing you haven't increased these Item : 85 two with additional bonus points)

Levelling up to 99 which guarantee an extra 60 points on all of these parameters. A huge leap in everything :)

3.0 STARTING

Levelling up past Level 35 is probably overkill when you're not planning to go anywhere near the Chrysler building. This is best to be used on the EX game the second time round. Whether you're half way through the game, about to start the second time around or you've never played this game before. This is what you should do:-

3.1 FIRST TIME ROUND

When you're playing the first time round it's best to just carry on playing as you normally would. At least level up until you get to Level 33 or when you gain the spell Liberate before going past the point of no return point in the museum.

However during the game make sure you do the following:-

- Never use a gun that fires more than two bullets. The more bullets you have to fire, the weaker the shots will be and the longer time you'll be spending stood still vulnerable. A gun that fires 1 bullet is best.

- Don't drop any armour or guns you don't need. Store them at the police station.

Only use your tools on guns and armour when there is at least a +1 attack or +1 defence to be gained.
Don't add any extra status effects to your armoury until later. Otherwise you'll have to waste your super tools later getting multiple effects from one weapon or armour.

- Save ALL of your super tools. Treat them like gold dust.

- Store all of your tune ups to add more slots to your armoury until later.

- Use ALL of your bonus points to add attack and defence to your weapons. Don't waste your time on items or active time. You'll lose all of that the second time you play. Besides, when you level up to 99 later you'll get all of these for free.

- GUNS

When you get your first rifle, keep using that until you get your next rifle. Keep using rifles only until you get to the museum. Each time you get a new and better rifle make sure you discard the old one with a tool and carry all of the attack, range and bullets to the next rifle. After the cut scene where the rumble happens and the dinosaur mouth falls down. Go downstairs to the room with the big mirror and walk through the broken glass and get the hidden gun round the left hand side. You'll know if you've got the correct gun because it'll have two turns on it. I think it's called M8000. Get used to this gun, you'll be using it for a long time :)

Go back to the police station and use a tool to get the attack, range and bullets that you've accumulated onto the M8000. Remember to NOT use your super tools. Now get as many slots on it as you can using, I think 5 if the maximum for the M8000. Next use 3 tools to carry over 3 more effects from other weapons. Get the explosion effect from the shotgun, the one you got from china town. Now add the 'Have your turn first' parameter from a handgun of your choice and finally the tranquiliser effect. This should leave one slot free and four of them used.

Keep equipping the best armour you can get. In the meantime use a regular tool to carry over your defence parasite energy and critical to your next best armour. Do this until you find an armour that has the blue x effect (auto use potion) From now on only use armours that have this effect. In the sewer you'll find an armour that has HP up on it. Don't equip it because of the ATB down. Keep with your original armour When you reach the museum and have acquired the M8000, use a tool to convert the HP up from the armour in the sewer onto the best armour you have. Use another tool to get the defence, armour and critical to your best armour and also a tool to carry over the auto potion effect. These two effects are fine for your armour needs. Look after this armour, you'll be seeing it for a long time to come :)

- MUSEUM

Experience points in the Museum are really high compared to anywhere else. In 99% of rooms you enter for the first time you will enter into a battle. However did you know that in almost all of them you can get a second battle if you leave the room and immediately go back in? Doing so ensures that you get almost double the experience you normally would going through this part of the story. You'll definitely get the liberate spell before the first boss fight in the museum. Make sure you cash in on this opportunity whilst you can. You won't be able to go back for it later.

3.2 SECOND TIME ROUND (EX GAME)

After completing the game you will start the second time around along with a nice 4,000ish point bonus. Anything in your police station chest will still be there, along with your newly renamed weapon and armour of your choice. This time round every time you complete a day you'll get a lovely 2000ish bonus points. So it's basically bonus points all round. :D

Stick it ALL on attack and defence. with two thirds of the bonus point being put on attack. Think about it, the stronger you are the quicker the battles will be over and the less times the enemy will attack. You can dodge most attacks anyway so it's less likely you'll be hit at all. You should have enough defence for the time being for enemies to attack you and inflict no damage. Remember that running into enemies always causes you damage. No matter if you've +999 defence. Maybe a bug? But a fact none the less. Still make sure you put some bonus points on defence but the priority should be on making you deal heavy damage in attack. Although the game is marginally harder on EX game you'll absolutely cruise until Day 5. Most fights should end in one shot. Bosses will die within seconds also. The explosion effect will hit multiple targets and you'll be getting around +20 extra attack on your gun per day, not including any other attacks you may find or grab from other

- ARMOUR

guns using tools. Bosses with multiple targets to hit will die even quicker than normal too. This time around the Chrysler building has appeared. Don't go anywhere near it though for the time being.

Going through the second time is simple, just keep using the tools to gain more defence and attack like you did before. Don't even bother equipping anything, you already have the best armour and gun you can get.

By the time you get to the Museum the second time round and are ready to start powering to Level 38 you should have about +200 defence and +200 attack on your armour and gun. You'll be so powerful already and yet you've only just begun your quest to power up Aya.

4.0 POWERING UP IN THE MUSEUM

I hope you enjoy the museum and its music, because you're going to be seeing a lot of it. When you first get there make sure you gain as much experience as you can whilst you're inside of it. Enemy encounters are more common up to a point when you first arrive so make sure you drain the high encounter rates while it lasts.

Once you encounter the first fight and the museum music starts go back to the beginning and you should get into a couple more fights. Then go back to the original room and go into the next room. After this fight go back to the beginning and repeat the process. Basically every time you find a new place go back and forth through all of the old rooms. You should get into a couple more battles this way. This will allow you to get triple more battles and experience that you would normally do. During the EX game there are also more monsters in battle so you will be getting a bit more experience per battle :) Not all rooms have battles in them. Don't go into the save room for example, you're just wasting your time otherwise.

You were probably about Level 31 or 32 when you first got to the Museum, when you reach the giant corridor with the red carpet you should be about Level 35. If not then make sure you get to Level 35 before taking on the bosses. After this point you should have been everywhere but the place of no return room. It's now just a case of running around charging yourself up until you reach Level 38. That's all there is too it. Running around earlier in the day will have saved you a lot of time though.

For the next part I've tried to reverse engineer HOW battles are initiated. Number of steps taken, which rooms you're in. What you do in battle, hit points etc. I've tried everything and unfortunately getting into a battle is just pure luck.

It's something like a 1/20th chance of getting into a fight. You've simply just got to run around until you get into a fight :(However to make this process a little easier I've developed some tips you should follow. The best two rooms to run between are that of the giant red carpet room and the corridor to the right. It's also a short walk to the place in the room where battle starts.

You can try anywhere really but it's best to find a room where you don't have to open a door. You have to see that 2-3 second animation *EVERY* time you go in and out of the room :(

I still think the place I chose is the best, no door to open and big rooms with high experience with easy access. The only slight problem is that the big red room takes 4 seconds to load and the other 2.5 seconds. Yes you will notice loading after a while.

It seems that going in and out of a room is the only way to offer you the potential of getting into fight.

It's not how many times you go in and out without checking. I did this 50 times as a test without running near the battle zone and got nothing. It seems if there is a potential battle in that room and you don't go over to it then you've forever missed it, it won't be there again next time. So you have to run over there and check before you leave. There is no easy way to get a battle guaranteed :(

The big red room is usually 2 Dinosaurs and 1 Pterodactyl and rarely sometimes 1 Pterodactyl and a Scorpion. The corridor to the right is 1 Pterodactyl and an Armadillo. Sometimes it is 3 Armadillos. The lowest you could earn in any of these battles is 3,000 exp. That's pretty decent. You certainly don't want to waste your time in other places where there is only 1 Pterodactyl or those rooms with 1 or 2 green jumpy things with the long tongues.

It'll probably take you about 3-5 hours of charging to get to Level 38. If you're feeling the tedium do something else whilst you charge up. Watch TV, listen to the radio, read a magazine. Running backwards and forwards is easy to do without requiring your full attention. That's what I did.

Sometimes it may be around 30 times in and out before you get into a battle. Sometimes you'll get into battles all the time. It's just random. But if you are getting disheartened at the fact you haven't been into a battle for 10 minutes. Just keep at it, your luck will change sooner or later. One time I got into 4 battles in a row :)

Just think of the lovely 2,000 bonus points from level 36 to 37 and the 4000 bonus points from level 37 to 38 that you'll be getting. It's like completing 3 entire days and getting all that lovely bonus points :)

Once you're at level 38 charging up is much more fun. You'll get about 90-120 bonus points per level up. Not much but it all helps. You'll pretty much level up every battle you win. Sometimes you won't and sometimes you'll level up twice. It all depends on the battle and the experience you get from it. But once you're at level 99 you'll be practically unstoppable. You could probably kill the very last boss in the Chrysler building in your current state but you'll get even more attack and defence items in the Chrysler building in your way up :) In total you'll get about another 5000 bonus points whilst charging up to Level 99 from level 38. You can slowly put this all on attack if you like. I would do so. Once you feel comfortable with your character then it's time to brace the Chrysler building.

5.0 CHRYSLER BUILDING

Don't charge up to Level 99 all in one go, do it in stages. What I do is do it in stages. Get to about Level 50 and then do 10 levels of the Chrysler building. Then do another 10 levels in the museum before going further, break it up a bit. The great thing about only needing 4,500 exp to level up is that gaining exp in the Chrysler no matter how puny seems a lot more fun. 30-100exp per battle out of your 4,500 to level up is far more fun and seems a much more realistic attainable target than the 30-100exp per battle out of your 120,435 that you're probably normally used to. Once you're at 99 you'll still get experience but it'll not get you any higher and then once you get 999,999 exp the numbers will never move any higher. Once you're at 999,999 all battles are a waste of time. You'll get nothing from them but items.

My tactic in the Chrysler building is simple. I always follow the left wall. Keeping next to it you can be sure to at least go everywhere and eventually find the exit. Make sure you find the hidden storage room on EVERY floor. Make a note which floor you're on and whether you found the room. It's very easy to forget. I always use a piece of paper. If you find the stairs first keep following the left wall until you find the store room. Afterwards simply find your trail back by following the walls on your right hand side. Easy! :) This works 98% of the time and you don't have to think at all. The only problems I find are forgetting which direction I came after coming out of a store room and trying not to go through all the dead ends on the way back from the store room backtracking to the stairs. A rare problem is that you may face a level where this plan doesn't work and you keep going round in circles. This is rare though and only happened to me once.

It's best to go through all the stores rooms whilst you're passing the floor rather than wait till later on. You'll need to collect over 10 rare cards to give to Wayne so he can give you the infinite super tool. Then you can go through ALL of the items you stored in the police station and add ALL of the stats to your armour and gun. That's about another 50 attack and defence. Not to mention the other bits and pieces you'll get for the other 4 parameters. You will literally be unstoppable. :)

If you take 300 junks to Wayne you get the chance to build a super gun of your choice. You get lots of it on the first 10 levels. You can do this if you wish but I wouldn't bother. You'll be strong enough as it is with even your weedy gun that you kept from the very first time round. The gun you'll get will only have about 40ish more base attack attached to it. You gained that much just from levelling up once from 37 to 38. You can get the item if you think you'll need it. But I personally wouldn't bother. It's entirely up to you. When you're on Level 99 your status recovery is 99. It's so quick that any status effects you get only last for 3-4 seconds :)

On your journeys make sure you super tool the Tranquiliser off your gun and put the Attack up effect on in its place when you find a gun that has it. As useful as the tranquiliser was, it's pretty useless when 95% of enemies die in one hit. The attack up won't make your gun stronger It'll increase your chance of getting a critical hit. (Yellow numbers) The fifth and final slot should be reserved for the rare cyanide effect, dealing even more heavy damage to your gun. This should increase your attacks by about 150 points of damage.

I'd stick with the same gun and armour until level 76 or so where you should super tool everything you find onto the best armour and handgun you have. You'll be able to EASILY defeat any boss below level 70 anyway, even with the crappy gun and armour you have equipped. But by now you'll have infinite super tools and will be able to snatch everything. Your stats for the gun and armour should be about +350 attack, but your actual attack will probably be about 600. you'll be practically invulnerable. Not to mention your offence and defence that you have maxed out to 99. You should be hitting for about 600-800 hit points PER BULLET! The last boss should be fairly easy. The bosses attacks should still be only inflicting between 0-20 points of damage on you. Depending on your defence some attacks will do no damage at all. Even from the last boss!

Your active time will also be so fast that you'll be onto your next turn before you've even finished firing your two bullets in your current turn. You're almost unstoppable. Super Aya! ;)

If you're still struggling (God Help you if you are!) with the game then there's nothing stopping you of course going through the game a third time to get EVEN more attack and defence!! I'd certainly recommend this if you love the story and can't be bothered to ever charge past Level 32. But remember to do so before even going anywhere near the Chrysler building or else you'll have to do it ALL again Chrysler keys cannot be carried across to the next game after the EX game :(At least I don't think so.

[EDIT] Thanks to all those people who've e-mailed me confirming this. You can carry over your Keys, you just need to make sure that you put them in the Police station chest before you go into the Museum past the point of no return.

Have fun!

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