

Star Ocean: The Second Story Character Recruiting FAQ

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- V 1.0 19 August 1999 : Start writing.
- V 1.2 20 August 1999 : Added Info & Condition
- V 1.4 25 August 1999 : Added Prepare & Last chance.
- V 1.8 26 August 1999 : Aranged.
- V 2.0 28 August 1999 : Purpose & Type added.
- V 2.5 11 Septem 1999 : Some part fixed.
 Tips added.
- V 3.2 12 Septem 1999 : Teaming Strategy added.
 Cool SO:TSS Websites added.
- V 3.3 13 Septem 2000 : 1 day after a year, updated !
 Not much, only fixing my new
 email adress and websites URL.
 HEy.. its important.

P U R P O S E

You may confused reading other FAQs while you only want to find how to get the characters. So i decide to write this FAQ which only focused to " how to recruit the characters. I also add some more infos for you to choose your character carefully.

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CLAUDE

Condition : You choose the way.
Prepare : -----
Last Chance : -----
Info : -----
Type : Swordsman (Close Range)

How to get him ?? Dont be silly.Claude is one of the main characters in the game. He uses a sword in combat, and is a good short ranger fighter. His best equipment is Eternal Sphere + Atlas Ring. As you know, Claude is the best combo-fighter (the second is Asthon).

RENA

Condition : You choose the way.
Prepare : -----
Last Chance : -----
Info : -----
Type : Healer

How to get her ?? Wha ? Silly question.. Rena is one of the main characters in the game. Have a relation with Dias. She is located in Arlia, and is usually found hanging out at the Shingo Forest. She must be placed at backward for healing the injured party.

CELINE

Condition : You will met her in the story scene.
Prepare : Before meet the King of Cross.
Last chance : After you pass the Cross Cave scene.
Info : -----
Type : Magician (Long Range)

After talking to the King of Cross, you'll find Celine fighting over a treasure map she obtained in an auction. Following a display of magical pyrotechniques, she'll approach you to join her in her latest treasure hunt. At the end of your trip to Cross Cave, you'll have the option of recruiting her permanently.

Celine is a sorceress with great Heraldic spells. You can find her in Cross, and you will have no choice but to let her join at first. After you accomplish the deed in Cross Cave, you now have the choice of whether you want her in your group or not.

OPERA

Condition :You must not recruit Ashton and you must follow this
intruction below to recruit her.
Prepare :Before entering Cross Castle.

Last Chance :Before going to Hoffman Ruins with Leon.
Info :If you recruit Opera you CANNOT recruit Ashton.If you recruit her, you get the possibility to get Ernest. Also, if you recruit Ernest you will have to choose between the last three recruitable characters.
Type :Shooter (Medium Range)

To find Opera, you must see the Private Action in the Town of Cross, where a three-eyed man is running from the castle. After the Tournament of Arms in Lacour, go back to the tavern in Hilton, and an event where Opera is introduced to you will occur. Follow Opera back to the Town of Cross and ask for another audience with the King.

When you talk to him there will be a new option to ask about a three-eyed woman, pick that option and you will gain access to the Mountain Palace, which is between The Town of Cross and the Port of Click. Explore the place there and you will meet up with Opera again and she will join your party (if you let her). Then that will open up another option to recruit Ernest, Opera's boy friend. IMO, Opera is the sexiest character in the game.

ASTHON

Condition : You need to follow this insruction below to recruit him.
Prepare : After you save the childrens in the Mars.
Last Chance : Before go to Lacour.
Info : If you recruit him , you cannot recruit Opera and Ernest.
Type : Swordsman (Close Range)

An always sad looking man because that unexpected two dragons on him. After you solve the problem of kidnapping, in the Mars. Go to the port of Hilton.You will encouter with 2 person (who's talking about twin-headed dragon in Salva Mines) right in front of you. Talk to them, and then go back to Salva Mines. You will find Ashton inside there. Ashton is strong for close range, i love when he say "OH GOOD !" and "IM SO HAPPY!". His best equipment is Levantine Sword + Angel Armband.

BOWMAN

Condition : You will meet him in the story scene.
Prepare : After the Tournament of Arms.
Last Chance : After the Tournament of Arms.
Info : If you already have Precis in your party Bowman will not join your party. If you add Bowman to your party Precis will not join your party.
Type : Fighter (Very Close Range)

When you meet Bowman in the Town of Linga after the Tournament of Arms, he'll send you on an journey into the Sanctuary of Linga to get a rare herb for him. Once you get the herb Dillwhip or Clarisage, Bowman will take you to Kieth. After Kieth agrees to translate the scrolls from Cross Cave, Bowman will want to join your party. Firebird & Spirit attack Killer Move is his best friends. Later in the game, Bowman is very useful and for "Front Fighter Assistant" ! his fireballs really disturbing enemies that make your front-fighter freely to start combo, because Bowman will stand behind your front-fighter and keep firing his "Firebird/ Spirit attack".

Equip him with "Reflective Mail" that will restore his MP per 5 second

DIAS

Condition : You will meet him in the story scene.
Prepare : Before entering Mars.
Last Chance : Before Lacour Front Line.
Info : Only if you are playing as Rena you can recruit Dias.
Type : Swordsman (Close Range)

Dias is super-good in the beginning of the game. If you're playing Claude's scenario, you can't get Dias in your group. Sure first glance by knowing his personality and his voice, will make you think that he is cool. Yes, for the beginning, but I found Bowman more useful than him later in the game.

PRECIS

Condition : You need to follow this instruction below.
Prepare : Before you enter the Tournament of Arms.
Last Chance : Before entering Linga.
Info : If you recruit Precis you cannot recruit Bowman.
If you recruit Bowman you cannot recruit Precis.
Type : Fighter (Close Range)

After your first encounter with Precis in Linga, you'll need to leave Linga and perform a Private Action. Meet her in front of Bowman's Pharmacy for Claude or in her house (south Linga) for Rena. Precis is very agile fighter, especially if you keep building up her agility and dexterity. She will move like a flash in battle. But, she has very low defense.

ERNEST

Condition : Follow the instruction below to recruit him.
Prepare : Get Opera first.
Last chance : Before going to Hoffman Ruins.
Info : Recruiting Ernest you MUST have Opera and if you do choose to recruit him, you WILL have to choose between the last three playable characters.
Type : Fighter (Close Range)

Ernest can only be gotten if: Opera is in your group (duh), you commence a private action in Arlia with Opera in the group, and you finish the Hoffman Ruins. The private action in Arlia will reveal Opera's destroyed ship that crashed in Shingo Forest. Get everyone back in your group, go to Shingo Forest and you'll see the craft. Once you have finished the Hoffman Ruins and are leaving, Opera notices Ernest over by an open clearing. He's kinda bluish, and Opera shoots him because she knows that it's not the real Ernest. You fight a boss which is very easy and you get a final choice whether or not Opera stays in your group, or if Ernest joins. Pick "Yes" and Ernest will join and Opera will stay. Pick "No" and you can kick them out.

LEON

Condition :You will meet him in the story scene.
Prepare :After you give the ancient writings to professor Keith.
Last Chance :After Leon lost his parents.
Info :Only can join if you are playing as Claude.
Type :Magician (Long Range)

You can ONLY recruit Leon if you are Claude, and only after you reach the continent of El. Leon can be found in Lacour Castle in the laboratory working on a confidential project. After your finish the side quests in Linga, you will be directed to Lacour Castle to talk to the King.

You wander around and find yourself in the laboratory... except you rudely overhear everything in the conversation. You are caught and must travel to the Hoffman Ruins with Leon as your punishment. After completing the Hoffman Ruins, Leon will leave your group... but will rejoin if you decide to take him only in Claude's game. He will not join Rena's scenario.

Having Leon in your party, you will open cool voices of him. Yeah, i really love his "brat" voice. "Trust MEEE" !

NOEL

Condition :You will meet him in the story scene.
Prepare :After first time you fight Synard (Disc2) in planet Nede.
Last Chance :After you save the Synard in the Cavern of Red Crystal.
Info :-----
Type :Magician / Healer (Long Range)

Noel can be found on the planet Nede in a small house behind a forest. Noel is the easiest character to recruit. After you defeat the final monster in the Cavern of Red Crystal. He is impressed by your kindness and asks to join your team. Well, Noel is another useful character. If you are planning to battle with "all mens characters". Then you can replace Rena with him. His "EarthQuake" spell damaging 9999 points ! But, he doesnt have that "Raise Dead" spell.

CHISATO

Condition : You need to do this instruction below to recruit her.
Prepare : Search for All of the treasures in the Cavern of the Red Crystal (Disc 2). Get the her ID card.
Last Chance : Before fighting last monster in the Cave of Red Crystal.
Info : An event where Chisato is running in the cave and then she trips, dropping her Job ID Card, pick it up and after the cavern go to Central City. Go to the offices for the Nede Chronicle and talk to Chisato, then you will have a chance to recruit her.
Type : Fighter (Close Range)

She is a very enthusiastic and scheming reporter for the Nede Chronicles, and you will catch her following you as you go on your journey. In the Cavern of Red Crystal, there is an intersection. One direction will lead to a treasure chest that has two very good pieces of armor for the female members of the group. Go the direction of the treasure chest and a little scene with Chisato will showed up.

In the commotion, she drops her ID card and leaves. After getting what's inside the treasure chest, go back up and take Chisato's ID card. After you finish your task at the Cavern of Red Crystal, go back to Central City and find Chisato. She will ask you how you know her name, and you'll go through this conversation. At the end, there will be a decision of whether Chisato joins your group or not. If you choose the first option, Chisato will join you.

Chisato is a good fighter. The only missed is HER ATTACK POWER and HER DEFENSE ! You should not worried about her Combo.

T I P S

If you are planning to get Precis in your party, You better recruit Ashton because her last killer move is depending from Asthon. If you are planning to get both Noel and Chisato, dont recruit Ernest because your maximum slot for your characters is 8. You should not worried about how to recruit Leon or Dias because they will come to you.

T E A M I N G S T R A T E G Y

1.Claude

KM : Shooting Stars (if you gonna fight a single boss)
Ripper Blast (if you often encounter with big group enemies)
(or for fighting flying enemies)
Mirror Slice (always useful anytime & anywhere)

EQ : Eternal Sphere
Atlas Ring
Might Chain / Sturm Ring

2.Rena

STRGY : Recover friends only.
The item user (Ressoruction Bottle, black/blue berry, etc)

EQ : Fallen Hope
Mind Ring, Emerald Ring + Any shoes that make incredible speed such as "Bunny Shoes"

3.Celine

STRGY : If you often to encounter with magician enemies, then turn off all of her "big MP needed" spells. Just turn on Ray, Starlight or any spell that only need few MP, attack all enemies and fast charging. Then... use Attack till MP gone !

EQ : Million Staff
Luna Tablet + Mind Ring + Any shoes that make incredible speed such as "Bunny Shoes"

4.Ashton

KM : Sword Dance (Always useful anytime & anywhere)
Hurricane Slash (if you gonna fight single boss)
(or for fighting flying enemies)

EQ : Levantine Sword + Angel Armband.

STRGY : Spread Out And attack.

5.Bowman

KM : Spirit Attack (IF you gonna fight single non-flying boss)
Firebird Attack (Always useful anytime & anywhere)

(or for fighting flying enemies)

Sakura Attack (If you gonna fight a single boss)

EQ : Weird Slayer
Reflective Mail + Tri-Emblem + Any shoes that make incredible speed such as "Bunny Shoes"
STRGY : Protect friends.

6.Dias

EQ : Cromlea Sword + Tri-Emblem + or Same as Claude
STRGY : Spread out and attack.

7.Precis

KM : any of her fastest KM.
EQ : SDUGA or
Same as Bowman + anything that raise her defense & speed.
STRGY : Spread out and attack.

8.Opera

EQ :Psycho Box + Tri-Emblem/ Might Chain.
STRGY :Same as Bowman

10.Leon D Geeste

STRGY : You play as him, and launch gremlin lair near lot of enemies
Or use Celine strategy.
EQ : Mind Ring + Million Staff + Any equipment that make the every hit from his Gremlin Lair is over 1500.

11.Noel

STRGY : You can use Rena strategy or Celine.
The item user (Ressoruction Bottle, black/blue berry, etc)
EQ : Same as Rena.

12.Chisato

KM : Tear Gas (a bit slow but useful anytime & anywhere)
(or for fighting flying enemies)
FlameThrower (if you gonna fight single boss)
EQ : Pyshcic Gun + Anything that make her defense up.
Weird Slayer + Gale Earring.
STRGY : Protect Friends.

*--<Glossary :

-KM : Killer Moves
-EQ : Equipments
-STRGY : Strategy

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Me.
My Hand.
God.
Enix.
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Links.
My little bro : for borrowing me his Star Ocean.
Sandy Setiadi : For introducing me to the game.

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