Secret of Mana FAQ/Walkthrough

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Complete with everything you could possibly imagine for this game -
walkthroughs for every area, compendiums for spells, weapons, items,
armor, and monsters, and all other manner of things related to Secret
of Mana!
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4-7-02: Well, it appears my brainchild needs some touching up after
        all. Nothing too major here, you'll see changes mostly at the
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top of the document and in the Credits and Copyrights section.

Due to the immense size of this thing, you won't see a whole lot of difference. It really only matters to me.

4-15-02: Thanks to Ruben van Ophuizen, I now have useful information on the concept of Targeting. Thanks a lot, Ruben!

INTRO AND NOTES

I gotta say, this is my favorite video game of all time. That is no lie. My friends can testify to that. This walkthrough is nothing less than a dream of mine. Therefore, I'm not going to give the walkthrough for my favorite game ever the shaft. It's getting my best treatment. You still have to be aware of a few things though, so you don't get confused by the layout of this immense file.

- ** I think it is especially important if you have never beaten the game
 to not read the spoiler section. If you've never completed it then
 it
 would be in your best interest not to look at this section.
- ** If you're having trouble with anything, only look at the section that refers to what you're having trouble with. This isn't meant to be read through in one sitting (unless you're analyzing this whole document waiting for me to slip up somewhere along the line).
- ** The walkthroughs are presented in an easy-to-comprehend step-by-step arrangement. The walkthrough for an area is presented as follows:

NAME OF AREA

MAIN GOALS OF THAT AREA

THE MONSTERS YOU CAN EXPECT TO FACE IN THAT AREA ANYTHING SPECIAL YOU GET IN THAT AREA

+ Steps are presented in the easy-to-comprehend step-by-step arrangement I was just talking about. Each step is indicated by a plus

sign such as the one that precedes the previous sentence.

- ** Boss battles are indicated by the boss's name surrounded in asterisks (*).
- ** The walkthroughs start at the point that you get kicked out of Potos. Anything that happens at or before Potos Village is counted as part of the story section.
- ** I swear this game is cool. If it wasn't I wouldn't be doing this huge walkthrough that, in all honesty, is a waste of time. Well, I don't guess it is I mean, I'm living out one of my minor dreams, which is to write an FAQ/walkthrough for this game. So there you have

it.

** If you should feel the need to contact me for some reason, my e-mail address is <eubanks1084@hotmail.com>. Reach me here for any additions I need to make to the walkthrough, or any ideas that would make it better (I would appreciate the latter greatly). Also direct

questions about the game to this account.

STORY

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The world of long ago ... ravaged by war over the power of Mana. Its power was released, and the Mana Fortress was built as a conduit for its strength. Several people went to war trying to stop the fortress, but it was extremely powerful. In the end, one Mana Knight rose up and, using the power of Mana, won the war for everybody. The power of Mana was contained, but the war had resulted in what was almost the total annihilation of the world. Very few things were left alive.

To prevent another apocalyptic misuse of magic, the power of Mana was sealed in eight seeds guarded by eight elementals: Undine (water), Gnome (earth), Sylphid (air), Salamando (fire), Lumina (light), Shade (darkness), Luna (the moon), and Dryad (Mana itself).

"But time flows like a river ... and history repeats..."

SEVERAL YEARS LATER...

You, the hero, and your friends Timothy and Elliott are playing on the bridge over the waterfall, looking for treasure. You're not supposed to be there though, and you know it. As you follow Timothy and Elliott, you slip and are barely able to cling to the bridge. Your loyal buddies run over to save you, but you release your grip and plummet to the bottom. Not knowing what to do, Timothy and Elliott run away.

You land at the bottom of the waterfall, amazed that you have survived such a plunge. In any event, it's time to figure out where you are and how to get home. You look around the area, trying to find a path that leads back to the village. Along the way, you hear a voice calling your name ... where is it coming from?

The only trail you can find is blocked off by tall grass, and you quickly deduce that a sword will be needed to continue. As you look around, you notice exactly what you need to return to Potos Village. It's lodged in a stone located in the middle of the pond. You go to it and attempt to pull it out. What you see as your ticket home is about to become so much more...

A ghost appears and delivers a message to you. You now bear the most powerful sword in all the world. So not only do you have a decent lawn mower, you have a pretty good weapon too. You eliminate the meadow plants that were once a wall keeping you held in, and advance to the right. There are Rabites here ... but what would they be doing in a place like this?

TRAIL TO POTOS VILLAGE

MAIN GOALS

- * Get to Potos Village.
- * Obtain four candies.
- * Put your character's level up to 2 and your weapon's level up to 1.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE

Rabite

Candy (I consider that special at this point)

- + Keep fighting on this trail until you have four candies (the maximum that you can store) and you have built your sword up to level 1. Your sword is now officially the Rusty Sword.
- + When you get to Potos, find your friends in front of the Elder's house.

POTOS VILLAGE

MAIN GOALS

- * Defeat the Mantis Ant.
- * Learn what getting the sword means in relation to what is now happening both locally and in the rest of the world.
- * Get banished from the village forever. (What a goal!)

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE Mantis Ant

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET

Sword's Orb, 50 GP in the Elder's House, any armor that you buy in the shop

+ Talk to the crowd gathered in front of the elder's house. Elliott will fight you to the center of the village, at which point a tremor starts up. A hole opens in the ground, and you both fall into it. The Mantis Ant is in this hole.

* MANTIS ANT *

| 150 HP | 20 MP | 10 EXP | 100 GP |

Even though the Mantis Ant will probably overpower you severely when you fight him, there is no reason to use your candies. Given that for some inexperienced kid like you is going up against an opponent as tough as this creature is, a man (known as "Man) at the surface will revive you with a Cup of Wishes every time you lose all 59 of your hit points (you did build to level 2, correct?). You can't avoid the Ant's magic, but keep struggling against him and you will win the battle. When you win, the villagers will realize that you hold the true Mana Sword in your hands.

- + A group will convene inside the house. Everyone votes unanimously to banish you from the village. The Elder tells you that you can take what's in the chest downstairs.
- + Go downstairs and get the 50 GP in the chest.
- + Talk to the Elder when you go back up the stairs.
- + Leave his house and go to the armor shop. Buy everything that is available except for Overalls. You already have a pair of Overalls.
- + When you are absolutely ready, talk to the man at the southeast end of the village. He will ask if you are ready to leave Potos Village forever. When you say yes, he will let you by. Go past him and he will go back to his original position. You are now never allowed to enter Potos again, but you can actually go back with the help of a nifty glitch (see the Cool Secrets and Tricks section).

So your quest begins...

Go to the Walkthroughs for All Areas section for help with the remainder of the game.

CONTROLS

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Directional buttons move you in their respective directions (Up moves you up, Right moves you right, and so on).

B is the default attack button. Hold B to harness your mental abilities and do a super attack. A meter will slowly go up, and when it is full, release B to perform the special attack.

A makes your character break out in a dash.

Y accesses your character's item ring.

X accesses your other characters' item rings. Press X repeatedly to switch between them.

L and R allow you to check your weapon and magic levels on the Level menu.

Select switches characters.

Start brings another player into the game.

Flammie Controls

For help with the control scheme when aboard Flammie, look for the boss strategy for Mech Rider 2. Flammie's controls should be located immediately after that section.

MENUS

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The menu system in Secret of Mana is consisted of rings. Press Up and Down to rotate back and forth between the menu rings. Push B to select an option when it is at the top of the ring. There are several different types of rings, and each has different functions.

Item Ring

All characters have this ring. It is the one that stores both your expendable (i.e. items with limited use) and permanent items. Target an item in the top box and press B to use it. If you must select a character to use the item on, point the hand to the desired person and press B again to use it, as with Candy or a Cup of Wishes.

Weapon Ring

All characters can access this ring as well. Press B when the weapon you want to use is in the top box. It will flash, indicating that you have chosen it. Press B again to equip it, or press Y if you change your mind. If another character currently possesses the weapon that you chose, you will switch weapons.

Game Configuration Ring

All characters have access to the game configuration ring. In this one there are several options that have to do with changing settings in all areas of the game, whether you choose to change individual settings, control schemes, or even window color and pattern. A list of the functions follows:

Level: Check up on weapon and magic statistics. You will first see your current weapon stats, which consist of a number in the form X:XX where X is the current level and XX is the number of experience points you have with that weapon. There are 100 experience points per level. Press B to highlight a weapon. At the bottom a window will appear that will list the number of orbs you have obtained for that weapon and any special attributes it might have, such as if it is effective against a certain monster or if it tangles a monster.

Press R to check magic levels on the girl and the sprite. Like weaponry, magic has 100 experience points to a level. Press B to highlight elementals and get a quick rundown of the spells in that category.

Action Grid: Change the fighting style of your characters. Set the character's image near the bottom of the grid to make him or her stay away from monsters. Position the image at the right of the grid to make them guard you, where they attack only when they feel that you are threatened. At the top is Approach, where they will get near the monsters but only attack occasionally. Finally, set them at the left side of the grid to make them attack aggressively. This is a good option if you want the computer to build experience at the same time as you.

Once you have chosen the fighting style you prefer for the desired character, select the level that you want them to charge their weapon to when attacking. Most of the time you will want this to remain at 0.

Controller Edit: Change the control scheme. To do this, hold down the button whose command you wish to change, then press Left and Right to cycle through the commands. If a button already carries the command you choose, the two buttons will switch commands. Press Select to exit when you have the controls as you want them.

Window Edit: Edit the background color and pattern of the message window. Press Left and Right on the D-pad to choose a background.

The background color will be a conglomeration of the amounts of red, blue, and green. Hold A and press Left or Right to adjust the red, hold Y and press Left or Right to control the amount of green, and hold X and press Left or Right to control the amount of blue. Once you have it set the way you like it, press Select to exit.

Equip: This is where you don armor that you have bought or found. There are three sub-rings in this option.

The helmet ring allows you to equip things you wear on your head. The suit ring allows you to put on suits, dresses, and other items of the sort. The gauntlet ring is for equipping

gloves, wristbands, and other kinds of hand armor. To equip a new piece of armor, highlight it and press B twice.

All the sub-rings have a trash can that allows you to throw away armor you no longer need, but sell useless armor for money instead of trashing it. You can always use more money.

See the Complete Compendium of Armor for a full list of all the armor items you can buy.

Targeting: Mistaken was my previous stance that Targeting is totally useless and only good for identifying monsters. Ruben van Ophuizen has sent me news stating exactly the opposite.

Among other things, Targeting can be used to detect enemies in hiding (such as sand spiders in the Kakkara desert), but its best use relates to your allies. Select a monster with the target, and your partners will begin to focus all their attacks on that one monster! (Especially useful against Wall Face and the three Biting Lizards, so says Ruben.)

Status: Choosing Status brings up charts that reveal both individual statistics and other factoids about the game up to your current point. Here's a mock-up of what it basically looks like:

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1	NAME		STRENGTH ???
(picture	LEVEL		AGILITY ???
of person)	HP ???		CONSTITUTION ???
1	MP ???		INTELLIGENCE ???
EXP.	333		WISDOM ???
FOR NEXT L	EVEL ???		ATTACK ???
0		0	HIT % ???
0		0	DEFENSE ???
MANA POWER	8		EVADE % ???
00000	0 0 0		MAGIC DEF ???
0		0	1
0		0	1
MONEY	????GP		1
0		0	0

Not perfect, but close enough. Press B to cycle between all the characters' statistics and press Y to resume the adventure.

Magic Ring

Unlike the other three rings, only the girl and the sprite have access to the magic ring. There are eight elementals, but each ring will have seven icons because only the girl receives Lumina magic, while Shade is exclusive to the sprite. Each elemental gives way to a sub-ring containing a choice of three spells, which you can then cast unless that character is in the middle of another action.

COMPLETE COMPENDIUM OF SPELLS

I) Undine

Cure 2MP

Heals one member/all members of your party.

Remedy 1MP

Stops health drainage from poisoning. In this sense it works exactly like a Medical Herb.

Ice Saber 2MP

Coats your weapon with an ice layer. Allows you to "frosty" monsters (turn them into snowmen temporarily).

Energy Absorb 1MP

Hit points are taken from the enemy and given to the sprite. The higher the level this spell is, the more energy you will suck from the enemy. This spell, like most, is also more potent if only used on one enemy.

Freeze 2MP

Balls of ice rain down on the target, causing damage.

Acid Storm 3MP

Acid rain pours down on the target, causing minor damage and bringing down defense.

II) Gnome

Defender 2MP

Increases the target's defense.

Speed Up 3MP

Increases one/all of your characters' hit and evade.

Stone Saber 4MP

Coats your weapon with a rock layer. Allows you to petrify monsters.

Earth Slide 3MP

A ball of mud and earth falls on the enemy and causes damage.

Gem Missile 2MP

Diamond shards rain down on the target.

Speed Down 1MP

Vines greatly slow down the movement of the target.

III) Sylphid

Analyzer 1MP

Gives you statistics for a certain monster. Also tells you which elemental will activate an orb.

Silence 2MP

Confuses the enemy, causes backwards movement.

Thunder Saber 3MF

Coats your weapon in a layer of thunder. No special effect.

Air Blast 2MP

The enemy is struck by hard gusts of air.

Thunderbolt 4MP

A large lightning bolt strikes one or all enemies.

Balloon 2MP

Immobilizes the target enemy(ies).

IV) Salamando

Fire Bouquet 3MP

One of the girl's few offensive spells. A small ring of fire engulfs the enemy and causes damage.

Blaze Wall 4MP

The enemy is surrounded by a wall of fire. Damage is done and some attributes are temporarily lowered.

Flame Saber 2MP

Coats your weapon in a layer of fire. Allows you to engulf enemies in flame.

Exploder 4MP

Enemy is caught in an explosive blast.

Fireball 2MP

A series of fireballs homes in on the target.

Lava Wave 3MP

Lava pools surround the enemy and cause damage.

V) Lumina (girl only)

Light Saber 5MP

Coats your weapon in a layer of light. Does severe damage to dark and undead monsters.

Lucent Beam 8MP

Swift rays of light damage the enemy.

Lucid Barrier 4MP

Protects one/all characters from physical attacks.

VI) Shade (sprite only)

Dispel Magic 4MP

Cancels another spell's effects.

Evil Gate 8MP

Enemy is engulfed by the powers of ... well, an evil gate.

Dark Force 2MP

The enemy is engulfed in darkness. Only useful if used repeatedly.

VII) Luna

Moon Saber 3MP

Coats your weapon in a "moon" layer. Allows you to confuse enemies.

Change Form 5MP

Temporary change one monster into another monster. The type of monster varies depending on the level of the spell.

Magic Absorb 1MP

Take magic points from an enemy. The higher the level of this spell, the more magic you will suck from the enemy. This spell, like most, is also more potent if only used on one enemy.

Lunar Magic 8MP

Decreases an enemy's attack, hit, evade, and defense temporarily. When an enemy is in this dilemma, they are considered "burned out."

Lunar Boost 2MP

Increases your attack, but lowers your evade.

Moon Energy 2MP

Endows you with a cool burst of moon power.

VIII) Dryad

Wall 8MP

Protects one/all characters from magic assaults.

Revivifier 10MP

Resurrects a dead ally. In this sense it works exactly like a Cup of Wishes.

Burst MP

The enemy is surrounded by small explosive bursts.

Sleep Flower MP

Temporarily knocks an enemy unconscious.

Mana Magic (both girl and sprite) $_{\rm MP}$ Endows your weapon with the power of Mana so that you can do effective damage to the Mana Beast.

Quickest Ways to Build Up Magic!

So you don't use magic, you're a weapons-only kind of guy, and all this talk, blah blah blah blah blah blah. It's still good to have it powered up for a time that you do need it. So, I have devised what I know to be the fastest, most effective ways to build up magic for every elemental. Some do not take long at all, some may take upwards of an hour-and-a-half - it all depends on how high your magic level is. In any case, here it is for your convenience.

By the way, my favorite place to build both weapons and magic is the Upper Land, unless I happen to be in the Pure Land or the Mana Fortress.

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Magic Type	Girl	Sprite
	-	
Undine	Go to an inn and use	Go into battle and use
	Remedy repeatedly. Sleep	Freeze against monsters
	as needed to refill your	who are weak against
	magic.	Undine, Energy Absorb
		against those that aren't.
	-	-
Gnome	Go to an inn and cast	Go into battle and use
	Defender repeatedly. Once	e Speed Down until you're
	again, sleep if your	out of magic. Sleep or use
	magic runs out, and with	Faerie Walnuts as needed.
1	this elemental, believe	I I
1	me, it will.	

Sylphid	to death.	Use Air Blast on monsters until you run out of magic points, then refill and repeat.
Salamando	Go into battle and cast Fire Bouquet, one of the girl's few offensive spells, on everyone. I promise you this goes faster than using Flame Saber over and over.	
Shade	I	Find a good place to build magic and cast Dark Force repeatedly.
Lumina	Find a place where you can restore your magic for free, such as the Water Palace or the Wind Palace (I recommend the latter) and cast Lucid Barrier unceasingly. Takes next to forever.	n/a
Luna	building place and cast either Lunar Boost or	Find a spot where enemies can't easily reach you and use Magic Absorb on them over and over again.
Dryad	Go to your magic building area and cast Wall until you're at the level you need to be at. Takes the longest of all to build.	to refill your MP.

COMPLETE COMPENDIUM OF WEAPONS

NOTE: An exclamation mark (!) indicates a weapon's highest level. Every level 9 weapon except the sword has an orb which is given as a treasure from an enemy.

Also if a weapon at a certain level has a special attribute or is effective against a certain type of monster, it will be listed below the level it corresponds with. Example: if at level 3 a weapon is effective against plants, the listing will look like this:

- Lv. 1 Basic Weapon
 - 2 Better Weapon
 - 3 Plant Killer
 - ** Effective against plants.

I) Swords

- Lv. 1 Rusty Sword
 - 2 Broad Sword

** Raises agility/evade %. 3 Herald Sword ** Effective against slimes/lizards. 4 Claymore ** Inflicts damages on insects, etc. 5 Excalibur ** Effective on evil/undead enemies. 6 Masamune ** Increases critical hit %. 7 Gigas Sword ** Strength is up by 2. 8 Dragon Buster ** Effective against dragons. 9! Mana Sword II) Spears -----Lv. 1 Spear 2 Heavy Spear 3 Sprite's Spear ** Balloons enemies. 4 Partisan ** Effective against slimes/lizards. 5 Halberd ** Confuses enemies. 6 Oceanid Spear ** Puts enemies to sleep. 7 Gigas Lance ** Strength is up by 2. 8 Dragoon Lance ** Effective against dragons. 9! Daedalus Lance III) Axes _____ Lv. 1 Watts' Axe 2 Lode Axe ** Effective against plants/fish. 3 Stout Axe ** Constitution is up by 2. 4 Battle Axe ** Effective against plants/fish. 5 Golden Axe ** Inflicts damage on insects, etc. 6 Were-Buster ** Use against animals/birds/beasts. 7 Great Axe ** Effective against plants/fish. 8 Gigas Axe ** Strength is up by 5. 9! Doom Axe IV) Boomerangs

** Effective against slimes/lizards.

Lv. 1 Boomerang

3 Lode Boomerang

4 Rising Sun

** Slows enemies down.

- 5 Red Cleaver ** Inflicts damage on insects, etc. 6 Cobra Shuttle
- ** Poisons enemies.
- 7 Frizbar
- - ** Effective against slimes/lizards.
- 8 Shuriken
 - ** Raises critical hit %.
- 9! Ninja's Trump

V) Gloves

- Lv. 1 Spike Knuckle
 - 2 Power Glove
 - ** Inflicts damage on insects, etc.
 - 3 Moogle Claw
 - ** Puts enemies to sleep.
 - 4 Chakra Hand
 - ** Raises intelligence/wisdom.
 - 5 Heavy Glove
 - ** Inflicts damage on insects, etc.
 - 6 Hyper Fist
 - ** Effective against slimes/lizards.
 - 7 Griffin Claws
 - ** Poisons enemies.
 - 8 Dragon Claws
 - ** Effective against dragons.
 - 9! Aura Glove

VI) Bows

- Lv. 1 Chobin's Bow
 - 2 Short Bow
 - 3 Long Bow
 - ** Use against animals/birds/beasts.
 - 4 Great Bow
 - ** Confuses enemies.
 - 5 Bow of Hope
 - ** Effective on evil/undead enemies.
 - 6 Elfin Bow
 - ** Raises intelligence/wisdom.
 - 7 Wing Bow
 - ** Confuses enemies.
 - 8 Doom Bow
 - ** Raises critical hit %.
 - 9! Garuda Buster

VII) Whips -----

Lv. 1 Whip

- 2 Black Whip
 - ** Slows enemies down.
- 3 Backhand Whip
 - ** Raises agility/evade %.
- 4 Chain Whip
 - ** Effective against slimes/lizards.
- 5 Flail of Hope
 - ** Effective on evil/undead enemies.
- 6 Morning Star
 - ** Inflicts damage on insects, etc.

- 7 Hammer Flail
 - ** Slows enemies down.
- 8 Nimbus Chain
 - ** Inflicts damage on insects, etc.
- 9! Gigas Whip

VIII) Javelins

- Lv. 1 Pole Dart
 - 2 Javelin
 - 3 Light Trident
 - ** Use against animals/birds/beasts.
 - 4 Lode Javelin
 - ** Balloons enemies.
 - 5 Fork of Hope
 - ** Effective on evil/undead enemies.
 - 6 Imp's Fork
 - ** Balloons enemies.
 - 7 Elf's Harpoon
 - ** Raises intelligence/wisdom.
 - 8 Dragon Dart
 - ** Effective against dragons.
 - 9! Valkyrian

COMPLETE COMPENDIUM OF ITEMS

By the way, this section covers things that you buy at shops that aren't classified as armor. It is also the place where you can look up the permanent items you receive during your quest (such as the Flammie Drum).

CANDY

Type of item: Healing agent

Normal price: 10GP (20 at Neko's)

What it does: Heals one character for 100HP

CHOCOLATE

Type of item: Healing agent

Normal price: 60GP

What it does: Heals one character for 300HP

ROYAL JAM

Type of item: Healing agent

Normal price: 300GP

What it does: Heals one character completely.

FAERIE WALNUT

Type of item: Magic replenishing agent

Normal price: 500GP at most shops, 1000 from Neko

What it does: Restores 50MP.

BARREL

Type of item: Defensive tool

Normal price: 900GP (only found at Neko's)

What it does: Can avoid physical attacks from enemies, but cannot use your weapons.

CUP OF WISHES

Type of item: Reviving agent

Normal price: 150GP

What it does: Restores a dead ally completely.

MEDICAL HERB

Type of item: Poison remedy

Normal price: 15GP

What it does: Stops countdown of poison damage. Does not reverse

effects of poison.

FLAMMIE DRUM

Type of item: Musical instrument

Normal price: Received from King Truffle after defeating Mech Rider 2 What it does: Summons Flammie so that you can fly to different places.

MIDGE MALLET

Type of item: Magical hammer

Normal price: Received from dwarf in Dwarf Village, but can only be

gotten once you have access to the Upper Land

What it does: Shrinks/unshrinks one/all characters.

MOOGLE BELT

Type of item: Belt

Normal price: Received from King Amar when you give him the Sea Hare's

Tail.

What it does: Reverses the effects of moogling. Can also turn you into

a moogle, if you feel so inclined.

COMPLETE COMPENDIUM OF ARMOR

I have devised a chart for this section in the interest of saving space. Here is a sample item from the chart:

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NAME OF GAUNTLET	DEF WHO CAN EQUIP IT?
	= ==== ======
X Gauntlet	50 hero, sprite
	-
Y Gauntlet	48 girl
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I assume that this an easy enough chart to understand, so I need not trouble you with meaningless explanations of its mechanics. The first chart is for helmets, the second chart covers gauntlets, and the third chart is where you will find the suits and dresses. Any questions? I thought not.

NOTE: I did not include prices - you can figure those out as you buy armor. I put stats so that when there is an opportunity to buy multiple new pieces of the same type of armor (e.g. when you get to Kakkara, you

can buy the Golden Vest and the Chest Guard, both of which you have not yet seen for sale), you don't waste money on something weak.

I) Helmet Chart

NAME OF HELMET	·	WHO CAN EQUIP IT?
Bandanna	2	hero
Hair Ribbon	13	girl
Rabite Cap	15	sprite
Head Gear	7	hero
Quill Cap	10	girl, sprite
Steel Cap	13	hero
Golden Tiara	17	girl, sprite
Raccoon Cap	21	all
Quilted Hood	126	girl, sprite
Tiger Cap	32	all
Circlet	38	hero, sprite
Unicorn Helm	55	all
Dragon Helm	66	all
Duck Helm	78	girl, sprite
Needle Helm	140	all
Cockatrice Cap	1142	all
Amulet Helm	143	girl, sprite
Griffin Helm	145	hero
Faerie Crown		 girl, sprite

II) Gauntlet Chart

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NAME OF GAUNTLET	DEF	WHO CAN EQUIP IT?
	= ====	: =======
Wristband	1	hero, girl
	-	
Elbow Pad	2	all
	-	
Power Wrist	4	all
	-	
Cobra Bracelet	6	all
	-	
Wolf's Band	8	all
	-	

Calam Diam		
Golem Ring 	13 	
Frosty Ring	16	
Ivy Amulet	20	all
Gold Bracelet	24	all
Shield Ring	29	all
Lazuri Ring	35	all
Gauntlet	90	all
Ninja Gloves	91	all
Dragon Ring	92	all
Watcher Ring	93	all
Imp's Ring	94	all
Amulet Ring	95	all
Faerie Ring	 100	
NAME OF SUIT/DRESS	DEF	WHO CAN EQUIP IT?
NAME OF SUIT/DRESS	DEF DEF =====	WHO CAN EQUIP IT?
NAME OF SUIT/DRESS OverallsKung Fu Suit	DEF ===== 3 	WHO CAN EQUIP IT? ====================================
NAME OF SUIT/DRESS Overalls Kung Fu Suit Midge Robe	DEF DEF 3 4 7	WHO CAN EQUIP IT? ====================================
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Flower Suit	115 girl
	139 all
	240 all
	243 girl, sprite
	245 hero
	250 girl, sprite

COMPLETE COMPENDIUM OF MONSTERS

** A brief note: I have compiled these statistics in the order that you encounter them in the game. Put in this order, one could suppose that I am arranging them from weakest to strongest, although sometimes this isn't true.

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Rabite
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| 20 HP | 0 MP | 1 EXP | 2 GP |

ATTACKS: Spins at you; bites you

SPELLS: None

Lullabud

| 36 HP | 10 MP | 3 EXP | 8 GP |

ATTACKS: Bites you if you approach it

SPELLS: Sleep Flower

Mushboom

| 60 HP | 0 MP | 3 EXP | 7 GP |

ATTACKS: Rolling attack that covers a small radius; can release spores

that knock you unconscious.

SPELLS: None

Buzz Bee

| 65 HP | 0 MP | 4 EXP | 11 GP |

ATTACKS: Charging attack; can shoot needles that poison you.

SPELLS: None

Blat.

| 55 HP | 18 MP | 7 EXP | 10 GP |

ATTACKS: Charging attack

SPELLS: Balloon

Kid Goblin

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| 64 HP | 0 MP | 8 EXP | 14 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Various weapons
SPELLS: None
Green Drop
| 40 HP | 0 MP | 10 EXP | 12 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Duplicates itself (three at a time max); can poison you
SPELLS: None
Chobin Hood
| 80 HP | 0 MP | 12 EXP | 17 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Bow
SPELLS: None
Werewolf
_____
| 140 HP | 6 MP | 30 EXP | 36 GP |
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ATTACKS: Punch, hard kick
SPELLS: Cure Water
Eye Spy
| 100 HP | 15 MP | 28 EXP | 30 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Releases Chobin Hoods; moogle ray
SPELLS: Cure Water
Polter Chair
_____
| 128 HP | 0 MP | 21 EXP | 22 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Jumps at you; won't attack unless you touch it
SPELLS: None
Iffish
_____
| 140 HP | 18 MP | 35 EXP | 29 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Jumps at you; fires small beams from its mouth
SPELLS: Cure Water
Goblin
| 150 HP | 8 MP | 38 EXP | 36 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Various weapons
SPELLS: None
Ma Goblin
______
| 130 HP | 18 MP | 42 EXP | 80 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Various weapons
SPELLS: Mix of Gnome and Undine (Cure Water, Defender)
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Chess Knight
| 135 HP | 15 MP | 36 EXP | 38 GP |
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ATTACKS: Leaps at you; uses horn
SPELLS: Speed Up
Tomato Man
| 40 HP | 46 MP | 65 EXP | 96 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Summons Zombies
SPELLS: Fireball, Moon Saber
Zombie
| 150 HP | 20 MP | 50 EXP | 48 GP |
ATTACKS: Poison mist, hand-to-hand combat
SPELLS: Unknown
Evil Sword
| 125 HP | 24 MP | 64 EXP | 60 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Lunges, slices, swipes - typical sword attacks
SPELLS: Moon Saber
Water Thug
| 145 HP | 10 MP | 77 EXP | 65 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Uses fork - can swing or throw
SPELLS: Cure Water, Acid Storm
Silktail
_____
| 130 HP | 40 MP | 91 EXP | 79 GP |
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ATTACKS: Spins at you; bites you
SPELLS: Cure Water, Acid Storm, Energy Absorb
Steamed Crab
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| 110 HP | 25 MP | 110 EXP | 180 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Throws claws <- very dangerous; bubbles that knock you out
SPELLS: Thunder Saber
Pebbler
_____
| 186 HP | 0 MP | 125 EXP | 96 GP |
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ATTACKS: Chucks rocks at you in a circle
SPELLS: None
Nemesis Owl
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| 122 HP | 24 MP | 100 EXP | 88 GP |

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ATTACKS: None
SPELLS: Silence
Crawler
| 100 HP | 16 MP | 124 EXP | 97 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Uses his tail
SPELLS: Sleep Flower
Kimono Bird
_____
| 160 HP | 48 MP | 145 EXP | 120 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Summons Pebblers
SPELLS: Thunderbolt, Air Blast
Sand Stinger
_____
| 200 HP | 10 MP | 170 EXP | 144 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Poison stingers
SPELLS: Defender
Spider Legs
| 230 HP | 21 MP | 188 EXP | 156 GP |
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ATTACKS: Draws you in using sand trap and hurts you
SPELLS: Earth Slide
Pumpkin Bomb
_____
| 160 HP | 4 MP | 1 EXP | 12 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Spin attacks, self-destruction
SPELLS: Burst
Howler
______
| 190 HP | 16 MP | 240 EXP | 180 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Lunge, bite, same old wolf routine
SPELLS: Speed Down
LA Funk
_____
| 100 HP | 20 MP | 265 EXP | 190 GP |
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ATTACKS: Poison gas balls
SPELLS: Acid Storm, Freeze, Energy Absorb
Shellblast
_____
| 180 HP | 16 MP | 300 EXP | 204 GP |
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ATTACKS: Rotating spear attack, charges at you while inside his shell

SPELLS: Cure Water, Ice Saber

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Blue Drop
| 380 HP | 0 MP | 330 EXP | 216 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Duplicates itself (three at a time max); frosties you if
     touched
SPELLS: None
Mystic Book
_____
| 190 HP | 99 MP | 370 EXP | 264 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: None, but flips to nudie pages occasionally - just wait
      patiently :)
SPELLS: Lucid Barrier, Air Blast, Freeze
Specter
_____
| 200 HP | 99 MP | 330 EXP | 213 GP |
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ATTACKS: None
SPELLS: Freeze
Weepy Eye
______
| 165 HP | 80 MP | 370 EXP | 264 GP |
ATTACKS: Moogle ray
SPELLS: Lucent Beam
Mad Mallard
| 200 HP | 0 MP | 215 EXP | 174 GP |
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ATTACKS: Throws eyeball-like things at you; summons Pumpkin Bombs
SPELLS: None
Robin Foot
_____
| 300 HP | 22 MP | 740 EXP | 800 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Bow
SPELLS: Flame Saber
Dark Funk
_____
| 100 HP | 20 MP | 268 EXP | 192 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Poison gas balls
SPELLS: Blaze Wall
Red Drop
_____
| 380 HP | 0 MP | 330 EXP | 216 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Duplicates itself (three max); engulfs you in flame if touched
SPELLS: None
Dinofish
_____
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| 240 HP | 25 MP | 400 EXP | 264 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Fires missiles at you
SPELLS: Freeze
Wizard Eye
| 200 HP | 50 MP | 530 EXP | 504 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Moogle ray; summons Weepy Eyes
SPELLS: Cure Water
Ghoul
| 230 HP | 32 MP | 450 EXP | 264 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Jumps into you
SPELLS: Defender, Speed Up, Speed Down
Imp
_____
| 138 HP | 64 MP | 582 EXP | 312 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Throws forks, can spit mini-fireballs
SPELLS: Fireball, Fire Bouquet
Grave Bat
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| 210 HP | 25 MP | 446 EXP | 258 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Rushes at you
SPELLS: Energy Absorb
Emberman
_____
| 125 HP | 36 MP | 685 EXP | 516 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Duplicates itself; can engulf you in flame
SPELLS: Lava Wave
Armored Man
_____
| 250 HP | 20 MP | 633 EXP | 540 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Uses a mace
SPELLS: Defender
Dark Ninja
| 523 HP | 22 MP | 1850 EXP | 1440 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Uses a sword, illusionary hiding techniques, self-destruction
SPELLS: Flame Saber, Speed Up, Burst
Fierce Head
| 308 HP | 80 MP | 928 EXP | 864 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Fires a pygmizing beam; summons Grave Bats
SPELLS: Dark Force
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Dark Knight
______
| 200 HP | 56 MP | 996 EXP | 1020 GP |
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ATTACKS: Swings a mace
SPELLS: Wall, Lava Wave
Bomb Bee
_____
| 310 HP | 40 MP | 863 EXP | 528 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Poison stingers
SPELLS: Unknown
Trap Flower
_____
| 144 HP | 50 MP | 800 EXP | 532 GP |
ATTACKS: Bites you
SPELLS: Sleep Flower, Energy Absorb
Eggatrice
| 185 HP | 0 MP | 928 EXP | 720 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Pokes you with beak; can turn you to stone
SPELLS: None
Beast Zombie
| 320 HP | 48 MP | 1065 EXP | 708 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Runs and leaps at you
SPELLS: Acid Storm
Marmablue
_____
| 324 HP | 30 MP | 1385 EXP | 816 GP |
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ATTACKS: Can use tentacles
SPELLS: Magic Absorb
Nitro Pumpkin
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| 420 HP | 20 MP | 1300 EXP | 468 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Snorts smoke from nostrils. When he uses Burst, he transforms
      into a normal Pumpkin Bomb
SPELLS: Wall, Sleep Flower, Burst
Shape Shifter
_____
| 350 HP | 0 MP | 1140 EXP | 1500 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Transforms into other monsters
SPELLS: None
Metal Crawler
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| 450 HP | 44 MP | 1563 EXP | 1020 GP |
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ATTACKS: Tail attack; blows fire that can engulf you; spinning spike
      attack; can poison you
SPELLS: Wall, Sleep Flower
Steelpion
_____
| 390 HP | 52 MP | 1472 EXP | 960 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Stinger can set you on fire
SPELLS: Defender, Gem Missile
Basilisk
_____
| 580 HP | 41 MP | 1755 EXP | 1200 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Petrifying breath; can lay eggs containing Eggatrices
SPELLS:
Kimono Wizard
| 408 HP | 80 MP | 1660 EXP | 1080 GP |
ATTACKS: Summons Metal Crawlers
SPELLS: Thunderbolt
Captain Duck
| 300 HP | 99 MP | 3390 EXP | 2444 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Pumpkin bombs; looks like he shoots eyes out of his butt
SPELLS: Exploder
Eggplant Man
_____
| 125 HP | 16 MP | 368 EXP | 240 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Summons Needlions
SPELLS: Lucid Barrier
Heck Hound
| 550 HP | 40 MP | 1964 EXP | 2450 GP |
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ATTACKS: Summons other wolves
SPELLS: Blaze Wall
Turtlance
-----
| 560 HP | 44 MP | 2300 EXP | 2965 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Spear; can turn feet into wheels and ram into you
SPELLS: Light Saber, Moon Saber
Gremlin
______
| 423 HP | 64 MP | 2074 EXP | 1620 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Poison attack; throws harpoons; spits energy balls
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Doom Sword
_____
| 411 HP | 32 MP | 2190 EXP | 2640 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Charging attack
SPELLS: Stone Saber
National Scar
_____
| 630 HP | 58 MP | 2425 EXP | 2600 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Shoots missiles; summons Imps
SPELLS: Wall, Evil Gate
Ice Thug
_____
| 440 HP | 40 MP | 2680 EXP | 2850 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Spinning fork; throws multiple forks simultaneously
SPELLS: Cure Water, Acid Storm, Freeze
Griffin Hand
_____
| 600 HP | 99 MP | 3090 EXP | 2560 GP |
ATTACKS: Jump attack; can render you unconscious
SPELLS: Silence
Mushgloom
| 628 HP | 38 MP | 2550 EXP | 3200 GP |
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ATTACKS: Scatters spores; rolling attack
SPELLS: Wall
Ghost
_____
| 632 HP | 99 MP | 3540 EXP | 2160 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: None
SPELLS: Freeze, Evil Gate
Needlion
_____
| 599 HP | 28 MP | 2800 EXP | 2430 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Needles can petrify you; lunges while shaped like a football
SPELLS: None
Tsunami
_____
| 388 HP | 99 MP | 3700 EXP | 2100 GP |
_____
ATTACKS: Poisoning, several other harmful physical attacks
SPELLS: Acid Storm, Energy Absorb
Master Ninja
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SPELLS: None

| 400 HP | 44 MP | 4388 EXP | 2760 GP |

ATTACKS: Very fast physical attacks with swords and ninja weaponry.

SPELLS: Stone Saber, Wall

Fiend Head

| 1150 HP | 99 MP | 3868 EXP | 2280 GP |

ATTACKS: Poison breath SPELLS: Dispel Magic

Wolf Lord

| 280 HP | 50 MP | 4210 EXP | 2400 GP |

ATTACKS: Punches and kicks

SPELLS: Cure Water, Lunar Boost

Metal Crab

| 533 HP | 28 MP | 3230 EXP | 2846 GP |

ATTACKS: Claws, bubbles SPELLS: Light Saber

Whimper

| 230 HP | 99 MP | 4036 EXP | 2280 GP |

 $\verb|ATTACKS: Harmful rays shoot from eyes|\\$

SPELLS: Stone Saber

Terminator

| 300 HP | 99 MP | 4570 EXP | 3600 GP |

ATTACKS: A really strong morningstar

SPELLS: Light spells

WALKTHROUGHS FOR ALL AREAS

** Note that the walkthrough here starts from the moment that you get kicked out of Potos. If you want to look up anything that occurs before you get kicked out of Potos, go see the Story section.

Jema told you to go to the Water Palace, so you need to go there.

PATH TO WATER PALACE

MAIN GOALS

* Find the Water Palace.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE

Rabite, Lullabud, Mushboom

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET

None

- + You have two options when you leave Potos: you can either walk to the Water Palace and gain experience (recommended), or you can take the Cannon Travel just to the right (I never take this route). If you wish to use the cannon to get to the Water Palace, don't worry about paying; Jema will have already paid your fare. If you walk, read the sign to the south and take the correct path.
- + The storyline has sort of a branching path here one of the few in the game. If you read the sign that says BEWARE OF GOBLINS and talk to Dyluck at the Water Palace, you will get captured by goblins on the way back, and will consequently meet the girl. She will run off before you get a chance to learn her name though. If you do neither of the two things I just mentioned, the goblins will not take you hostage.
- + Be sure and find Neko's shop. Although Neko is extremely pricey and has several items you do not yet need, his is a good place to stay the night and save your game.
- + Talk to Jema at the front door of the Water Palace. He will go in. Go in and he will tell you to follow him.

WATER PALACE

MAIN GOALS

- * Talk to Sage Luka about the sword and your destiny.
- * Energize the Mana Sword with the water seed.
- * Obtain the Spear.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET Spear

- + Press the green buttons to open up bridges that lead you to Sage Luka. Talk to her to initiate a conversational sequence.
- + When Jema goes off, talk to Luka further about the sword. She will ask you what you are afraid of. Either answer is acceptable. When she asks you if are willing to be the one who re-energizes the Mana Sword, say yes. You will hold the sword up to the seed. Doing this allows you to raise your sword's level once you have gotten it forged by Watts, which you cannot do yet.
- + Talk to Luka. She will restore your health and save your game. She will also tell you to go to Gaia's Navel. Looks like it's back on the road again. Once again, you have two choices. You can take the Cannon Travel Service, which you now have to pay for, or you can walk, which I strongly advise.

PATH TO GAIA'S NAVEL

MAIN GOALS

- * Raise the Spear to level 1.
- * Find Pandora.
- * Locate Kippo Village and buy better armor.
- * Enter Gaia's Navel.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE

Rabite, Mushboom, Lullabud, Buzz Bee

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET

Chain Vest, Elbow Pad (the two pieces of armor you should buy when you get to Kippo Village)

- + If you get captured by the goblins, watch that sequence and then move
- + Go east to the fork in the path. Pandora is south, so go that way.
- + Exit Pandora to the west.
- + Fight and go all the way west until you reach Kippo Village.
- + Find the item shop and buy the Chain Vest and Elbow Pad. If you took substantial damage on the way to Kippo, rest at the inn and save.
- + Go north to Gaia's Navel and take either path. They both lead into cave.
- + If you want to buy things from Neko and save, go in the cave to the right. Otherwise, enter Gaia's Navel through the left passage.

GAIA'S NAVEL

MAIN GOALS

- * Find the Magic Rope.
- * Locate the Dwarf Village and the switch you need to hit to gain access to it.
- * Defeat Tropicallo.
- * Accept the sprite into your party.
- * Get the bow, the boomerang, and the axe.
- * Get Watts to start forging your weapons for you.
- * Have the sword and the spear forged.
- * Buy armor for you and the sprite.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE

Blat, Kid Goblin, Green Drop, Tropicallo, Brambler

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET

Spear's Orb, Magic Rope, bow, boomerang, axe

- + Fight the Blats when you enter the cave. They can use the Balloon spell, which immobilizes you, so kill them quickly.
- + If you want to gain a quick level before moving on, fight the Green Drops and allow them to reproduce once you kill one. If you allow them to duplicate themselves in this manner, you can quickly gain experience.
- + Soon you will come to a room with lava, which is impassable. Go in the room all the way to the left and fight the Kid Goblins. At the end of this long corridor is the switch that drains the lava. Hit it with either weapon.
- + When you go back in, the lava is gone. Go south.
- + In the next room, go as far west as you can. Go up the stairs, battling the Green Drops if you wish, and go in the room.
- + Kill the Kid Goblins and shake open the chest to reveal the Magic Rope. If you are stuck in a dungeon or find that the enemies are too difficult for you to battle, you can use it to transport yourself back to the entrance.
- + Keep trudging ahead until you hear party-style music. You will not be able to go up the steps and into the door yet. The steps are all too low for you to reach the plateau. Go through the east door and fight the Kid Goblin guarding the switch. When he becomes one less burden, swing at the switch. A hole will open in the ground. Go back through the door you can now access the Dwarf Village.
- + Talk to all the dwarves outside. They have been having problems with earthquakes.
- + Buy new armor at the armor shop.
- + Go to the door with no label. Inside should be a forking path. Go to the left for a little entertainment.

- + Pay 50 GP to see the show. First you will see a bad appearance by the Rabiteman ("Take one Rabite and one man, and you have Rabiteman!"). I can't tell if the hero is cheering or booing, but they do tell him to pipe down. That still doesn't give much away.
- + Then a sprite from the Upper Land will appear onstage. You will hear his sob story about being brought here in a great flood and losing his memory. The sprite's manager will ask for a 100GP donation. Fork it over and leave.
- + Go in the door to the right this time. You will discover that you have been conned. Totally embarrassed, the two will refund the 150GP you gave them.
- + Leave and go see Watts the blacksmith.
- + When he tries to forge your sword, his hammer will give off a divine glow. He realizes that he is tempering the Mana Sword. With the rush of power flowing through his mallet, he decides to make a weapon. He asks you to come back later when he has completed it.
- + When you leave the smithy, a tremendous earthquake will rock the village. It's time to fight Tropicallo.

* TROPICALLO *

| 315 HP | 0 MP | 80 EXP | 132 GP |

Tropicallo's main annoyance is that he shoots those stupid pumpkin bombs at you. If you almost let one fall on you but then move at the last second, you might be able to prevent getting hit by them. If the Brambler (the vine that moves toward you) starts to corner you, find its source and strike it. It will retract back to the root and move to another section, and it can actually be killed quite easily as well. Use candy if you get in a jam.

Tropicallo is very hard to hit with your sword. Equip your spear, as it not only has better range but has higher attack. If you hit him as soon as he pops out of the ground, he will probably not be able to fire a pumpkin bomb. After a few moments of running around hitting him, he will be dead. You will obtain the Spear's Orb, which you can take along with the Sword's Orb to Watts for tempering into a better weapon.

- + The sprite will then join your party.
- + Buy him some armor, as well as some for yourself if you haven't done so.
- + Visit Watts. He will give you his Mana-charged axe and show you a faster way out of the cave.
- + Leave the cave and build up the spear and the sword and the three weapons you just got in the cave. Build them up for both characters. This will take the better part of an hour.
- + When you have FINALLY finished building your weapons, go to Pandora.

PANDORA

MAIN GOALS:

- * Find the girl.
- * Build her up on all of your current weapons.
- * Build the hero and the sprite up on the glove.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET: Glove

- + Enter Pandora and go to the easternmost part of town (not the ruins). When you go up, you should make it to Pandora's castle.
- + Go through the one-way castle until you see the girl storm out of her room, proclaiming that she hates her father. Her father has already arranged a marriage for her, but she wants to marry Dyluck.
- + When she finds you, let her follow you.
- + Name her.
- + Go out into the world and build her up on all the weapons you have obtained thus far.
- + Build the hero and the sprite's glove skills.
- + Go to the Haunted Forest (north of Gaia's Navel).

HAUNTED FOREST & ELINEE'S CASTLE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Find out what happened to Dyluck.
- * If you did not find the girl in Pandora, rescue her here.
- * Obtain the whip.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Blat, Chobin Hood, Mushboom, Eye Spy, Polter Chair, Spiky Tiger

** Depending on whether or not you found the girl in Pandora, you may or may not have to fight some Werewolves at one point. Even if you do not fight them to save the girl, you will face them in Elinee's castle.

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Boomerang's Orb, 50 GP in a chest, whip

- + Whoever you control here, they need to have the sword so that you can cut through grass and kill Chobin Hoods more efficiently.
- + Meet Neko, save your game, and buy as many healing products as you can hold (Royal Jam is optional).
- + In the warp up ahead, one of two things can take place depending on if the girl is in your party or not.

If she is with you when you enter the forest, you will advance to the next screen in the normal fashion.

If, however, you did not go to Pandora to accept the girl into your party or if you had her at one point and then she left you when you entered Gaia's Navel, you will have to rescue her from a duo of Werewolves. If this happens, kill them both. This can be a rather difficult undertaking if you do not have sufficient armor and healing products.

Either way, move on.

- + In this area, go to the left and cut down the stone statues with the axe.
- + Move down the stairs and slice the plant life to the right.
- + Step on the teleportation pad.
- + There should be another one up and to the right. This one does not send you anywhere, but instead causes the cliffs above to fall into a formation that you can walk across.
- + Backtrack through the teleporter and go all the way to the one in the lower left corner of the area.
- + Follow the path to the next teleporter. It is the up the leftmost flight of stairs on the north side of the screen. If you go up the first stairway, you will see two posts situated on parallel cliffs. You have no use for these yet, so move on.

- + Walk the trail to the last transport pad. Although there are forks in the road at some points, they all lead to the same place eventually.
- + Once you arrive at Elinee's castle, take the eastern path. It will lead around to the main door.
- + Step on the switch to open the gate and advance northward.
- + If you touch some of the chairs in the next room, they will come to life. These are known as Polter Chairs (Polter is apparently short for Poltergeist, as in a ghost or demon). Even if they are easy to kill, it is probably for the best at this point to avoid them.
- + Take the northwest path in the room with the Eye Spies.
- + If you can, fight the Werewolves from a distance. The bow and the boomerang are effective against these monsters if you wish to avoid hand-to-hand combat.
- + Step on the next switch that you come to. It appears that you do not yet know the button's effect.
- + Go downstairs.
- + Talk to the man in the first cell to open them all. He will give you some fragmented advice that should help you out. Even in a catatonic state, some people can be useful.
- + Run to the right to find Neko. Save and stock up on as many healing tools as your funds will allow.
- + Go back to the button north of the dungeon. All three characters must stand on it to activate it.
- + Avoid the Eye Spy and go in the northern door.
- + The wall to the west is blocking your progress. Go up and to the left to find a switch that will move it out of your way.
- + Avoid the Polter Chairs in Elinee's room and approach her. She sends Dyluck to Pandora and will not unseal the Underground Palace. When she goes to Spiky Tiger's chamber, follow her.
- + Prepare to fight what is probably the most difficult boss in the entirety of the game.

Spiky Tiger is the hardest boss to fight in the entire game because 1) you have no magic at this point, and 2) he is so aggressive with both his magical and physical attacks. I hope you have all the little candies and chocolates and Royal Jams that your little body can hold, because you're probably going to end up needing to use all of them if you're a novice. Experts can probably get away with using a little less than that, but stay stocked up in case he rages on you.

Spiky Tiger is most difficult if you're playing solo. Keep your fingers trained on the B and Y buttons. Do not even think about using charged attacks - you'll never get a single free moment to gather all that power. Equip the spear, sword, and axe on your three party members to start. These are the hardest-hitting weapons and will do the most damage while he's on the ground. When he leaps up to one of his pedestals, take out either the bow or the boomerang to hit him, as your ground-level weapons won't do anything now. He tends to use his heavy fire magic while up here, so if someone gets engulfed in flames, switch characters to continue fighting.

On the ground, avoid his roll attack if at all possible, even though it's extremely difficult. His rolling is highly erratic, but covers just about the entire area of the ground. If you are hit by the roll, you will be knocked unconscious briefly. Again, switch characters to stay in the game. You will also pass out if you are hit when he lands

from a jump. Use the weapon strategies I listed in the second paragraph to overcome him, and go treat yourself to a night on the town when you finally do - you deserve it.

I strongly recommend fighting this boss with a friend or two!

- + Elinee will be on your side after you win. She will let you have the contents of the two chests she owns 50 GP in one, the almighty whip in the other.
- + Once you have these two items, leave the castle. There are no enemies to stop you.
- + When you make it outside the castle, Luka will summon you to the Water Palace. Go there immediately.
- + Remember the stakes that you couldn't do anything with that were located just before the path to the castle? When you have equipped the whip, the view will adjust accordingly when you are across from one. Press your attack button to leap to the other cliff. The warp here will land you just outside the Water Palace. Just go north and in the door.

BACK AT THE WATER PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat the Biting Lizard.
- * Receive Undine's magic.
- * Get the Pole Dart.
- * Build up the whip and your new javelin.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Iffish, Tonpole, Biting Lizard

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Glove's Orb, Undine's magic, the Pole Dart

- + Find Luka and talk to her. She will tell you that Undine is in a cave just east of the palace. When the conversation is over, save and restore yourselves, then leave and take the eastbound path.
- + Fight the Iffishes outside the cave. These are your most formidable opponents yet (outside of bosses), so if you have trouble, go in the cavern to skip them.
- + There are more Iffishes in the first room.
- + When you enter the next room, you'll see the strangest little thing there in the middle...

* TONPOLE/BITING LIZARD *

Tonpole | 600 HP | 0 MP | 50 EXP | 0 GP |

Lizard $\,$ \mid 770 HP \mid 6 MP \mid 210 EXP \mid 348 GP \mid

The Tonpole is about the closest thing you'll get in this game to a lifeless, defenseless blob. It looks like a Rabite, only pink ... and scarier. It has no plan of attack or defense, so attack it mercilessly, but be careful once it turns into the Biting Lizard.

As the name implies, the Biting Lizard will try to use his sizeable mouth to eat you and quickly dwindle your energy. He will stick his

long tongue out when you are in front of him and draw you in. Either mash buttons or get the aid of a companion to release you. Obviously, the best solution would be not to approach him from the front! Attack from an angle so he doesn't quite know where you're coming from. His constant curing is also a menace. When he is dead, he will collapse in a heap, and you will obtain the Glove's Orb.

- + Go through the door ahead and talk to Undine. She will bless both the girl and the sprite with her abilities, and explains to the boy that he gets no magic now, but that his use will become apparent at a later time.
- + You will also receive the Pole Dart.
- + Leave and go to the Underground Palace, located deep in the depths of Gaia's Navel. The entrance is in the Dwarf Village.
- + First though, build up the javelin and the whip to their highest level.
- + When that's done, go to the Dwarf Village and enter the Underground Palace. Make sure your Undine magic is at level 1 at least. It does not take long at all to build up.
- + Use Freeze on the crystal orb to drain the lava.

UNDERGROUND PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Build up both the girl and the sprite's Undine magic to level 1.
- * Gain the Gnome's magic.
- * Seal the Earth seed.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Goblin, Ma Goblin, Chess Knight, Green Drop, Fire Gigas

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Axe's Orb, Gnome's magic

- + Go up through the door. Run up to the Goblins and Ma Goblins and kill them all. You may get hurt more than you want to if you try to use long-range weapons.
- + In the larger chamber, go east and then south through the door.
- + Touch the switch all the way at the bottom.
- + There is another switch on the opposite end of the area. Hit it too.
- + Once you have activated both of these, go to the middle. The fire pot that was blockading the stairway is no longer there.
- + Equip the whip for when you come to the poles in the next room.
- + Go north.
- + Avoid the Chess Knights and continue to move north.
- + You'll meet Gnome in the stage room. He is not very cooperative, and will run off when he senses Fire Gigas coming.

* FIRE GIGAS *

| 850 HP | 66 MP | 326 EXP | 360 GP |

This is the first boss that you will get to use the magic bombardment trick on, which will from here on out be referred to as "rapid-fire magic." Although this is a cheap trick, it will help novices beat the majority of the bosses in the game with minimal damage done to you and your allies. Experts may prefer a more strategic approach or, in the interest of challenge, could even do away with magic altogether to ante

up the game's difficulty.

Obviously, Fire Gigas couldn't have met you at a worse time. Make sure the sprite has his maximum amount of magic points. To execute rapid-fire magic, press Y and cast the spell you want again as soon as the spell's corresponding elemental disappears. In this case, you want to use Freeze. Use Freeze over and over and over again until you run out of magic. It shouldn't even matter how much damage you do to him - he should die after you deplete your magic supply. You will get the Axe's Orb once you accomplish your task.

- + Go into the room to the north. In order to thank you for getting rid of Fire Gigas, Gnome will bestow his magic on the girl and the sprite.
- + Run up to the seed and seal its power. You can now build your magic up to level 2.
- + The sprite will then recall everything in a flood of remembrance. He remembers that he came from the Upper Land, and that you need to go there. You do not have the opportunity to go there yet, but once you have done everything you need to in the first part of the world, the cannons will open up and you can continue your journey there.
- + For now though, go back to Watts and have any weapons forged that need it. Your next stop is, once again, the Water Palace.

THE WATER PALACE AGAIN

MAIN GOALS:

* Ask Luka where Jema is.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + When you arrive back at the Water Palace, talk to Luka. She will ask if you want to save your game and heal yourself, then wonder why Jema hasn't returned from Pandora yet. Hmm ... is THAT where he is? I had no idea! :)
- + Before you come here, work on all your weapons and magic until they are at their maximum levels. Remember that your magic can now go up another level, meaning you will have to work on Gnome for two levels to get it maxed out.

PANDORAN RUINS

MAIN GOALS:

- * Before going, max out your weapons and spells and buy some Faerie Walnuts.
- * Find Jema.
- * Figure out why the Pandoran citizens are in such a catatonic state.
- * Find out the truth about Dyluck and the girl's friend Phanna.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Tomato Man, Zombie, Chess Knight, Evil Sword, Wall Face

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Bow's Orb, Sword's Orb, Spear's Orb, 50 GP in a chest (4x)

+ Make sure your weapons and spells are at optimum power before coming

- here. It will not take long to build the sprite, but the girl takes forever. Just warning you now.
- + When you get to Pandora, talk to a green-clad girl with shimmering blue hair. Her name is Phanna, and she is the girl's best friend. If you try to chat with her, she will disappear. Go south to the ruins and find out what's going on.
- + When you make it to the ruins, the girl will punch the guards out of the way.
- + Do not fight ANYONE in here, I repeat, ANYONE. All the enemies have extremely high evade and can hurt you very badly. Do not veer off the path and go in any dead-end rooms. There is one path you must take no switches, no whip poles, nothing fancy. Run like there is no tomorrow. You will pay with your life if you stop to fight the Tomato Men and Zombies.
- + Once you make it to a chamber with several guards, heal as needed before confronting Thanatos. He will feed you to Wall Face, who would love to have your energy, as Thanatos puts it (loosely).

* WALL FACE *

| 920 HP | 99 MP | 580 EXP | 720 GP |

Target all your spells at the middle eye. Wall Face likes to use Freeze and Energy Absorb, and he can use them to his heart's content with his 99 magic points. Don't worry about trying to kill the other two eyes - just focus your efforts on the middle one. You can use spells on it even if it is closed tightly. To beat Wall Face, bombard him with Earth Slide, one of the sprite's Gnome spells. If you have Faerie Walnuts, use them as the need arises. Bombardment will do Wall Face in quickly.

- + Once you beat Wall Face, Thanatos will realize that you aren't just some wimpy opponent. He will take off, vowing to get you next time. Meanwhile, the mechanical demeanor of the Pandorans will have been lifted. They are all back to normal, except Phana and Dyluck, whom Thanatos is keeping in his clutches.
- + Find Jema and talk to him.
- + When you go back to town, go to the castle where you found the girl.
- + Enter the main door and find the king's room. Go in the small room to the left of the thrones.
- + Talk to the king. He will remove the guard blocking the treasure room since he realizes that you are the one destined to save the world. There are several things that you need to get in here.
- + Four of the chests contain 50 gold pieces. The others hold a Spear's Orb and a Sword's Orb.
- + Once you have these things, leave and go back to the Water Palace (yes, again).
- + The armor shop now stocks armor. Buy some Cobra Bracelets, which is all you should need.

ONCE AGAIN, BACK AT THE WATER PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

* Learn that the Water Seed is missing.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

+ Talk to Luka. She will tell you that the Water Seed was stolen, most likely while Undine wasn't at her full strength. The water told her that it went to Gaia's Navel ... or deeper ... so guess where you have to go now? Gee, I wonder :)

THIEVES' SHIP

MAIN GOALS:

* Regain the Water Seed.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Kilroy

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET: Whip's Orb, Javelin's Orb

- + The entrance to the thieves' ship is located in the Dwarf Village.

 Jema will handle the Underground Palace; you tackle the ship.
- + Walk in front of the hole to enter it.
- + Go downstairs once you are on the ship.
- + Head right and then up. You will find an orb for your whip.
- + Enter the large metal doors to find the boss of the Scorpions. They have no choice but to leave you to their robot, Kilroy.
- + When they leave, go through the doors to the north.

* KILROY *

| 900 HP | 18 MP | 686 EXP | 650 GP |

Kilroy, unlike the last two bosses you've fought, has no weakness, so you're going to have to take him down with your good old weapons. Never thought you'd have to do that again, didja? Oh mercy. Don't panic. It'll be over sooner than you think.

Since they used the water seed to pump up Kilroy, his systems have gone all out of whack. This will make him harder to kill.

Don't let his hammers hit you or you'll get moogled. Although it is fun to stay in the form of this weird little thing that can't do a blessed thing, you need to cast Remedy as soon as possible to keep fighting. Since he is slow-moving, it is easy to hit him with charged attacks. Set your allies' action grids to Attack so that they can help. Healing agents will help immensely here since his hammers are bound to hit you. Once you destroy him, you will earn the Javelin's Orb.

- + The Scorpion gang will skip town once you destroy him.
- + Now that you have recovered the Mana seed, go forge all your weapons that need it. If for some reason you return to the thieves' ship, you can escape using the Magic Rope. See? It's not TOTALLY useless!
- + Go forge your weapons at Watts's shop and build them up.
- + Before going back to the Water Palace to return the seed, build up every single weapon for every single character. Yes, this will take a long, long time, so just quit your whining and do it. Only go to the Water Palace once you have leveled up your arsenal.

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat the Jabberwocky.
- * Receive your orders to go to the Upper Land.
- * Reseal the Mana seed of water.
- * Get the Midge Mallet from the Dwarf Village before leaving.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Iffish, Water Thug, Jabberwocky

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Bow's Orb, Whip's Orb

- + Geshtar is holding Luka captive and demands the seed. He will see you and try to stop you.
- + When you have the choice between handing the seed over or running, choose running. Geshtar will knock you back. You won't be able to move, and he will take the opportunity to throw you to his horrific pet, the Jabberwocky.

* JABBERWOCKY *

| 950 HP | 90 MP | 800 EXP | 768 GP |

Jabberwocky likes to use Acid Storm to suck up your defense. The effect is only temporary though, so don't worry about a permanent lowering. You must destroy both of his heads to defeat him. Use a combination of weapons and magic.

Jabberwocky is weak against Earth Slide. Use it rapidly, and slice him with weapons between castings. As long as you are equipped with enough magic points and a few Faerie Walnuts, the Jabberwocky will be no problem at all. You will receive the Bow's Orb for your hard work.

- + Talk to Jema. He has prepared a cannon to take you to the Upper Land. He will also give you yet another Whip's Orb.
- + Talk to Luka and reseal the Water Seed. Also heal and save before you depart.
- + When you part ways, she tells you to seek out Sage Joch and reactivate the seeds in the remainder of the world. Visit some other places before leaving.
- + Go to Gaia's Navel and go back to the Dwarf Village. Talk to the small man standing in front of the hole that leads to the thieves' ship. He will thank you for stopping by and give you the Midge Mallet, which returns you to normal size if you are shrunk. Don't visit Watts just yet, though.
- + Find the Cannon Travel Center just south of Potos Village and choose to travel to the Upper Land.

THE UPPER LAND

MAIN GOALS:

- * Save the Moogles' village from the Pebblers.
- * Find Watts and Neko.
- * Do some major leveling up.
- * Open the path to the Wind Palace.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Silktail, Steamed Crab, Water Thug, Pebbler, Nemesis Owl, Crawler, Kimono Bird, Springbeak

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Axe's Orb, Glove's Orb, Boomerang's Orb

- + You will land in the wintery section of the Upper Land. Several weird little creatures will be running around. These are called Moogles, and their village has been overrun by Pebblers. You need to save their village and return it to them.
- + Find Watts and forge all the weapons you can up to this point. This will mean you'll need to spend a while building your weapons up.
- + Go south to the spring section (pink trees) and find Neko. Buy Quill Caps for the girl and sprite.
- + To the east is summer. There are two northern pathways; take the one to the west.
- + This should lead to an empty area filled with porcupine-like burrowing critters. These are the Pebblers that the Moogles wish to be rid of. Kill them all and then leave.
- + The Moogles should be in their own rightful area now. Get the orbs for the axe and the glove in the chests. Both Watts and Neko take up shop here now.
- + Forge the axe and the glove.
- + Talk to one of the Moogles. The sprite will now remember a little poem that should help you out: "Walk the seasons from spring to winter, spring again and you can enter."
- + Head back to spring.
- + Go east to summer, north to autumn, west to winter, and south to spring. You should hear a noise indicating that you have done exactly what that little ditty said you should.
- + When you make it back to spring, you'll hear a noise to the right.
- + Go to the right and north.
- + The village will be a total wreck. You'll hear a cawing noise.
- + The boss music will play. Head north.

* SPRINGBEAK *

| 720 HP | 99 MP | 1090 EXP | 864 GP |

Springbeak uses a variety of Sylphid spells. Among his arsenal are the ever-annoying Silence, Balloon, Air Blast, and the mighty powerful, highly injurious Thunderbolt. Weapon use is futile unless it's a long-range weapon such as the bow or the boomerang. Like the Jabberwocky before him, Springbeak is weak against Earth Slide. If the sprite's magic is at max, you won't even have to use a Faerie Walnut to beat him. Three good pummelings with the level 2 Earth Slide will do him in. You'll receive the Boomerang's Orb when you finish fighting Springbeak.

WIND PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Seal the Wind Seed.
- * Obtain the magical powers of Sylphid.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Sylphid's magic

- + Go north and into the castle after Springbeak is deceased.
- + Talk to the sprite's grandfather to hear a somewhat moving story.
- + He will tell you of the white dragon that leaves in a cave near the town of Matango. Sylphid will become your master also, and the old man will heal you all and give you the opportunity to save your game. Take advantage of it.
- + Seal the Wind Seed. You can now build your magic to level 3, but wait until you reach Matango to work on it.
- + Find the spring section of the forest and go west.
- + Analyze the crystal orb using the girl's magic. Sylphid's magic will work.
- + Use the sprite's Air Blast spell on it to clear the trail.
- + After getting rid of the orb, go west and north. Avoid all Crawlers.
- + When the path forks, take the one where the Silktail awaits you.
- + Enter the cave to the far north.
- + Avoid the Kimono Bird and the Pebblers he releases. Use the axe to clear out the stalagmites.
- + When you exit the cave, you will be in Matango, a town inhabited by peaceful Mushbooms.

MATANGO

MAIN GOALS:

- * Find King Truffle and learn about the white dragon.
- * Enter the cave of the white dragon.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + Find Fung Castle, the home of King Truffle. There are two doors. One leads to an item shop. Enter it first.
- + Buy Wolf's Bands and Fancy Overalls for everyone and a Steel Cap for the boy. When you have equipped these things, sell your old armor.
- + Go in the castle's main entrance.
- + Forge the boomerang. Watts is to the left.
- + Talk to King Truffle in the throne room. He knows right away that you are the ones the legend speaks of. He'll tell you he has a treasure for you upstairs to the right.
- + Get the Javelin's Orb by the bed upstairs.
- + Forge it too.
- + Go in the inn and work up the girl's Undine and Gnome magic. Work on Sylphid in battle by analyzing everything you can.
- + The man guarding the exit to the lower right has moved. You can now pass.
- + Go through the door and enter the cave to the north.

CAVE OF THE WHITE DRAGON

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat the Great Viper.
- * Find the white dragon.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Water Thug, Steamed Crab, Crawler, Kimono Bird, Pebbler, Nemesis Owl, Great Viper

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET: Sword's Orb

- + Stock up on Faerie Walnuts before coming to the cave. Work on the sprite's Sylphid magic until you have used three Faerie Walnuts. Save a lot of magic for the Great Viper.
- + Make your way through the cave, fighting the enemies with weapons and magic both. If at all possible, avoid Kimono Birds. Use your Thunderbolt spells on Pebblers if they appear though.
- + Keep going until you find a crystal orb. Analyzing it reveals that Gnome's magic activates its effect.
- + Use Earth Slide on it. Somewhere, some rocks have fallen...
- + Follow the new paths until you reach the Great Viper outside.

* GREAT VIPER *

| 1330 HP | 8 MP | 1410 EXP | 1056 GP |

The Great Viper is easy if you have powerful enough magic and plenty of it. He slithers through the trees with the greatest of ease, so switch to the sprite and control him yourself. Don't worry about the others as they try to fend him off with weapons. Occasionally he will weave to bite the others. His bite can pygmize you, so have the Midge Mallet handy. About five helpings of Thunderbolt level 2 will kill him. If you have level 3 Sylphid it will take even less time. For your troubles, the Great Viper will yield the Sword's Orb.

- + Enter the cave to the north. Don't worry about enemies there are none to stop you.
- + Talk to the white dragon. It is not full-grown and extremely powerful as you expected; instead, it turns out to be a baby who takes an immediate liking to you. You will end up taking it to King Truffle.
- + Truffle names the dragon Flammie. He tells you that the Cannon Travel Center is now opened up to Kakkara, the desert area. He tells you that the Fire Palace is located there.
- + Before leaving, work on both your magic and your weapons. Be sure to forge the sword since you just got an orb for it.
- + The cannon is located to the east on the screen where you find the cavern leading to Matango. It costs 50 GP, as usual, to fly to the desert.

THE SANDSHIP

MAIN GOALS:

* Escape from the sandship.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Sand Stinger, Pebbler, Spider Legs, Pumpkin Bomb, Mech Rider 1

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET: Whip's Orb

- + Unfortunately, the cannon man missed the town of Kakkara by a long shot, and now you're stranded in the desert. Go north one screen.
- + The Sand Stingers here like to use Defender a lot, but they are an easy kill. Once you have conquered them, venture west.
- + At the new screen with all the huge blocks, go north.

- + You should be in an area with Pumpkin Bombs and a Spider Legs enemy. Go east.
- + If you've done this right, your characters will go to the middle of the middle of the screen and complain of parched throats. They can't go on anymore, but in the distance they find what they think is their salvation...
- + Go north to board the ship.
- + The guards on the ship think you are spies and want to lock you up, but the gentler commander opens to them the option that you might've just gotten lost. (Yeah, yeah, that's it!) You will all then be separated. The boy will work the engines (you will control him), the sprite will work in the kitchen, and the girl will basically be the commander's wench. Yikes! Better save them right away!
- + With your party reduced to one, there's not much you can do except talk to folks. Chat with Sergo, the white-haired guy in the purple clothes. Talk to him twice.
- + The second time, he will help you escape. Do what he says and talk to the guards blocking the stairs.
- + Sergo will yell out that there is a fire, and the guards will go in a frenzy. Leave while you can.
- + Once you are on the top deck, go down and to the left.
- + Go upstairs and then walk around this deck until you see a stairway leading down.
- + Go in the door to the south.
- + You'll hear the people inside tell you that the sprite ate everything on the ship! Even I couldn't do that! :) Since he's your friend, they will ask you to take him away. Talk to him and he will rejoin your party.
- + After you get back to the top deck, go down and to the left. Enter the door (it's a bit hard to see if you're not looking for it).
- + Go up the flight of stairs to the left. The man in the middle of the top platform will allow you to save your game, so do just that.
- + Walk around to where more guards are blocking the door. The sprite will eliminate them by telling them rats have eaten the food (yeah, right).
- + When you go in, you'll find the commander hitting on the girl, who would rather "have her gums scraped." She's ever so glad to see you, but then they finally catch you for trying to escape. At just about that moment, the ship begins to tremble...
- + Since the soldiers are too cowardly to go to arms, you use the opportunity to go out to the top deck. All of a sudden, the place is swarming with crew members. The Empire has taken over the ship, and the hostages are completely helpless. While the Empire's men urge you to surrender, that's not gonna happen anytime soon. Go to the top of the ship and approach Geshtar.

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* MECH RIDER 1 *

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| 980 HP | 18 MP | 1595 EXP | 1055 GP |
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Mech Rider 1 (yes, there are more of them) has no real weaknesses, but his spells are extremely effective and will make him harder to hit with normal weapons. Ergo, you're going to have to use magic even though it does almost nothing for you. Great...

Almost immediately, he will use Speed Up to increase his hit and evade. Track him down before he speeds out of view and use Thunderbolt, the most effective spell for the job, on him. You will probably have to use

at least one Faerie Walnut to get it done. Don't worry though. Once his magic fades, combine weapons and magic. This can only serve to defeat him faster. Watch out for the little missiles he fires at you as well. They're not too powerful, but they are annoying.

The Whip's Orb is your reward for defeating Mech Rider 1.

- + Geshtar will then take the sandship and strand everyone in the desert. Talk to a soldier who tells you about a rescue team coming. When he asks if you're leaving, say yes.
- + Go north from the screen with the sand traps. You will arrive at the ever-so-gloomy village of Kakkara, whose water supply has been drained.
- + Talking to the townsfolk uncovers a new mystery: Salamando has been captured, and the Fire Seed has been taken from the Fire Palace! A double whammy, so to speak.
- + Find Watts and forge the whip.
- + Find the man selling items and armor. Do not buy the Chest Guard or the Golden Tiara.
- + It probably wouldn't hurt to stay at the inn before leaving either.
- + Go east to the cannon travel center and head for the Ice Country.

ICE COUNTRY

MAIN GOALS:

- * Find out what happened to Santa.
- * Rescue Salamando and receive his magic.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Howler, Pebbler, LA Funk, Shellblast, Boreal Face, Frost Gigas

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Salamando's magic, Spear's Orb, Bow's Orb

- + Take what's in the treasure chest in Santa's house (a Spear's Orb).
- + Forge the spear and then work on it and the whip at the same time.
- + When both of those are at level 4, go south from Santa's house.
- + The vast expanse of the Ice Country lies before you. To the right is the cannon travel center. You shouldn't need it yet, so move south.
- + Go west.
- + When you arrive at the next screen, there is a fork in the path. Take the southward trail.
- + Head west and avoid the LA Funks. Their Undine magic is very powerful and should be evaded if possible. On top of that, weapons won't work against them. Once you have Salamando though, they are well worth the trouble sometimes they leave behind Faerie Walnuts in chests!
- + Take the northern path when you can no longer go west.

* BOREAL FACE *

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| 1100 HP | 12 MP | 2245 EXP | 1040 GP |

Boreal Face doesn't have any weaknesses, but luckily, weapons are extremely effective, especially in this open field. These environs make it easier to run from his pumpkin bombs than Tropicallo's. There are four places where he can appear. Try to anticipate where he is about to burrow up from the ground and then go to where he actually does surface. Because of his slow pace, charged attacks work very well.

Slice the Brambler if it gets too close for comfort.

Boreal Face uses Gem Missile, Burst, and a pygmizing attack along with the pumpkin bombs. The Midge Mallet will cure the pygmy affliction, but there isn't anything you can do to stop Gem Missile. Energy Absorb is good for the sprite if he starts to take heavy damage. Once Boreal Face is done for, you will obtain the Bow's Orb.

- + Once Boreal Face is defeated, you will go north through the trees to an unusually warm village. Find out what's going on by talking to everyone. The general consensus seems to be that everyone loves this place to death.
- + Talk to the lanky guy guarding the furnace. He'll let you take a shift
- + Approach the furnace. When you are faced with the decision of opening it, say yes. Opening the oven releases Salamando. In gratitude, he gives you his magical powers.
- + Since the new resort is now a bust, the Scorpion Boss skips town.
- + Go back to the area near Todo Village and build Salamando up to level 3 for both magic users (keeping in mind you can't go to 4 because you haven't sealed the Fire Seed).
- + Once you have accomplished this, go north of the old resort.
- + Avoid the Shellblasts they have very high evade.
- + Go north and find Neko. He doesn't have any armor that you don't have already, but do save while you're around. Buy Faerie Walnuts and Cups of Wishes if necessary.
- + Run back to the previous screen and take the other northern path to the east.
- + Kill the Howler and the Shellblast and go north.

THE ICE PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Turn Frost Gigas back into Santa Claus.
- * Obtain the Fire Seed.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Shellblast, LA Funk, Blue Drop, Specter, Weepy Eye, Mystic Book, Frost Gigas

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Glove's Orb, Boomerang's Orb

- + Walk in the main door without going near the Shellblasts.
- + Go to the right and hit the switch just after the narrow corridor.
- + This is your first encounter with Blue Drops. Ignore them for now, and don't touch them, otherwise they'll frosty you. Run around and go through the door before they deal heavy damage.
- + Maneuver around the Shellblasts and go in the door to the right.
- + Hit the switch to create a bridge. Go in the door to the north.
- + Move past the Specters and get the Glove's Orb. Do not let them use Freeze on you.
- + Go back two rooms and enter the door to the left.
- + Avoid the Blue Drop and touch the button to create another bridge.
- + In the room ahead, kill the Weepy Eye and go upstairs.
- + The library is one of the toughest joints in this castle. Run past the Mystic Book. They usually cast Lucid Barrier first, which keeps them from being injured by physical attacks. Then it will hit all your characters with highly detrimental volleys of magic. Find the empty spaces where the bookshelves don't block your path. Also,

remember not to let the Specters use Freeze on you.

FUNNY NOTE! Sometimes if you wait a minute, the Mystic Books will turn to a page with a nude woman on it, then hastily flip somewhere

- + You will be trapped in the next room. Fight off the Mystic Books and go north.
- + When you hit the two buttons in front of the wall, a hole will open up and will fall, fall, fall...

* THREE BITING LIZARDS!!! *

(See Biting Lizard for statistics.)

This isn't really a boss, per se, because you don't get a weapon orb for your trouble (although you should). If you beat Biting Lizard with minimal difficulty, you shouldn't have any trouble with these three so long as you fight ONE AT A TIME. If you turn all the Tonpoles into Biting Lizards at once, they will give you hell.

Don't waste your magic on these simpletons. Weapons will do just fine. Remember to attack from an angle so that you don't get eaten as much. The spear and the sword are good weapons to have out for this battle. If you are playing solo, set the other two players' action grids to Keep Away so that they don't get eaten. Hit them while they try to cure. Sometimes they will heal all three of themselves and not gain as much energy back, so wail on them especially during those times. Once all three are dead, you will be back in the room you came from, and a door will be open. Go through it.

- + Kill the Blue Drop. He shouldn't be able to duplicate if you keep the enemies to the right in your line of sight.
- + Use the whip to get across the chasms.
- + Avoid the Specter, Blue Drop, and LA Funk and go to the warp pad in the middle.
- + Kill the Weepy Eyes. They aren't too dangerous except for Lucent Beam.
- + Go in the next room. A voice tells you to "be gone!" Say no.
- + You will fight Frost Gigas as punishment for your conceitedness.

quickly.

Frost Gigas is easy. In fact, you shouldn't even have to heal or use rapid-fire magic at all. Just a steady flow of fire magic should kill him. For the fastest KO, have the girl and the sprite double up on him since the girl has offensive spells that will hurt him. Level 3 spells should do damage in the mid-300's, which is enough to kill him very

Do not even attempt to use weapons. Magic is the only way to do in this guy. Don't be scared of his level 6 Undine spells. They hurt for about 25 max if your armor is at its best, and they are even less effective when he uses one spell on the whole party. You can't use magic on him when he disassembles his molecules and floats around. Use his movements at those times to anticipate where he is going to land so you can catch him with fire magic.

The Boomerang's Orb is your reward for defeating Frost Gigas.

- + Santa explains that he was actually Frost Gigas, and that he turned into Frost Gigas because of the seed. Kids no longer believed in him, so he wanted to bring back all their hopes and dreams, but the Fire Seed made him into a horrible, horrible monster. Now that he's better he'll give it back to you, and you will end up outside the Ice Palace.
- + Forge what weapons you can and build them up.
- + Take a cannon straight to Kakkara.

TO THE FIRE PALACE!

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat the Minotaur.
- * Seal the Fire Seed.
- * Build all your magic up to level 4.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Sand Stinger, Pebbler, Spider Legs, Pumpkin Bomb, Mad Mallard, Robin Foot, Dark Funk, Red Drop, Minotaur

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

1000 GP in a chest, Axe's Orb, Javelin's Orb

- + After landing in Kakarra, go to the inn and rest, then go south to leave town.
- + The path to the Fire Palace is: south, west, north. Avoid the Spider Legs. The Mad Mallards can summon Pumpkin Bombs, so watch out for those guys as well.
- + Defeat the Sand Stingers at the Fire Palace and go inside.
- + There are Spider Legs hidden in key areas. Watch out for them. It might be best to set your allies' action grids to Keep Away for this area.
- + Kill the Robin Foots when you enter the palace at last.
- + Go in the door to the left and get the Robin Foot out of your way.
- + Go downstairs. The room is boiling hot, and the red glow makes it hard to see (in fact, it hurts my eyes). Use Undine spells against the Dark Funks.
- + Analyze the crystal orb. Salamando does just fine on this one, so use the sprite's Exploder spell to cool the room down.
- + Head upstairs.
- + Do not touch the Red Drops in here they will engulf you in fire on contact. Skip them and find the middle stairway. Go up it. If you go down through the door to the south, you can jump over a pit which takes you back to the entrance. You don't need that right now.
- + Analyze the orb to the left of the Robin Foot. Salamando's magic works on it.
- + Use Fireball this time. Walk along the new bridge.
- + Go north through the corridor next to the door. You will find a chest containing 1000 GP.
- + Skip the Dark Funk and find the staircase all the way to the left.
- + Navigate the mini-maze and collect what's in the chest (an Axe's Orb)
- + Move down the middle corridor all the way to the bottom in the previous room. Turn left and keep moving so the Dark Funks don't cast spells on you. Go down the staircase.
- + Follow the path here to the next flight of stairs there are no forks.

- + Touch the switch and go down the lower staircase. The wall has been removed.
- + Whip your way across the pit.
- + Go up the staircase without messing with the Dark Funks.
- + The fire bowls in here are all empty. Press the green button to fill them with fire and discover a crystal orb that is susceptible to Freeze magic.
- + After using Freeze, you notice that there are two big fire pots that are still burning.
- + Stand in-between them to unveil a stairway leading to a boss.

* MINOTAUR *

| 1200 HP | 99 MP | 3348 EXP | 1440 GP |

The Minotaur has a very hefty Earth Slide - it's at level 7! He's the easiest boss yet though. Don't get too close to him or he'll wield his horns and charge at you. The Earth Slide, while big, is nothing to cry about. He'll probably only get to use it once, if at all. Pile on the Thunderbolts and he'll be no problem. Take your Javelin's Orb as your prize.

- + Go north through the new door.
- + Seal the seed and receive its power. You can now build your magic up to level 4, so go to the Ice Country and do that. Also forge your weapons and work on them now that you have a few more energy orbs.
- + After you're all built up, go to the Empire. It can be accessed by way of cannon travel east of Kakarra.

EMPIRE SOUTHTOWN

MAIN GOALS:

* Get the password to the sewer.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Password to the sewer

- + Once you are off the large winding wall, go northwest. You'll see a lady with blue hair quickly retreat to her house.
- + If you talk to her, she will give you the password to enter the sewer that leads to Northtown and the Resistance headquarters. The password is 634.
- + Don't buy armor at the shop there's better stuff in Northtown.
- + When you are prepared for tougher fights, find the entrance to the sewer.
- + Enter the password you learned from Mara.

THE SEWERS

MAIN GOALS:

* Make it to Resistance headquarters.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Iffish, Dinofish, Blue Drop

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

- + Kill the Iffishes and go around the Blue Drops.
- + When you get to the next room, head south immediately. If you get stuck on any platforms, the Blue Drops will show you what they're made of.
- + Go in the door to the lower left in the next room, again avoiding all Blue Drops and trying not to get stuck in certain areas.
- + Destroy the Dinofishes in the next area. Does there have to be a Blue Drop in every freaking room?
- + Battle your way through the mob of Dinofishes and take the north path.
- + After the next room with the Blue Drops, go up the stairs. You'll have arrived at Resistance headquarters.
- + Talk to everyone. When you exit the building, you'll be in Empire Northtown.

EMPIRE NORTHTOWN

MAIN GOALS:

* Find the Empire ruins.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + At the armor shop, buy some Frosty Rings and Tiger Caps for all your party members, Tiger Suits for the hero and the sprite, and a Tiger Bikini for the girl.
- + Walk up the stairs to the left of Resistance headquarters (the establishment with the coffee cup sign on the side).
- + If you go downstairs in the inn, you'll find Watts. Remember where he is in case you find any weapons.
- + Talk to a little girl who tells you about Phanna giving her candy. Phanna is at the ruins, so head east.
- + Go north to find the Empire ruins.

THE EMPIRE RUINS

MAIN GOALS:

- * Find Phanna at the entrance and try to figure out what's wrong with her.
- * Defeat Doom's Wall.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Wizard Eye, Weepy Eye, Ghoul, Imp, Grave Bat, Tomato Man, LA Funk, Dark Funk, Specter, Robin Foot, Blue Drop, Red Drop, Green Drop, Doom's Wall, Vampire

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Spear's Orb, Bow's Orb, Sword's Orb, Whip's Orb, Boomerang's Orb (ugh ... that's gonna be a lot of leveling up you'll have to do)

+ Run north and approach Phanna. She says that her and Dyluck are happy together, but the girl refuses to believe this. Krissie will come and take Phanna to her doctor. Then the screen will fade back to normal and you can set foot in the ruins.

- + There is nothing of interest in the doors on the ground floor, so go up to the stairs to the left.
- + Go in the door in front of you.
- + Whether you fight the Imp and Grave Bats in here is your decision.
- + Run from the Dark Funk and the Blue Drops in the next room and go all the way to the left.
- + Pick up the Spear's Orb outside and run to the first room.
- + Go to the eastern room upstairs.
- + Either fight or skip the Wizard Eye and the Imps.
- + Run away from the Specters.
- + Go two rooms south to find a Bow's Orb.
- + Go back to the first room of the ruins and go downstairs.
- + Pass through the middle door.
- + As always, run away from the Specters.
- + Kill the Weepy Eyes in the next room and head downstairs, ignoring the Wizard Eye altogether.
- + Fight the Grave Bats they're easy and they give good experience.
- + In the room to the south are a Blue Drop, a Red Drop, and a Green Drop. In fact the whole scenario looks like something out of a Bust-A-Move game. If you want to fight for the experience, stay. If you wish to move on, then leave.
- + Watch out for the Ghouls that are waiting to ambush you. Avoid them and go all the way to the left. Do not go in the door that the Robin Foots guard; it eventually leads to a dead end.
- + Bypass the monsters in the next two rooms.
- + The next room is covered with spikes that are blocking passage to key areas of the ruins. You need to find a switch that will retract them. Go down the wide corridor all the way to the right and go past the Wizard Eye. Set foot in the door below.
- + Ignore all enemies in the next room.
- + Fight the Grave Bats that come rushing at you and also kill the Imp that looms eerily behind them.
- + Some Blue Drops are occupying the switch in the next room. Kill one of them so that you can stand on it. When you touch it, "you hear a distant noise."
- + Return to the room with the spikes. They are no longer there.
- + Enter the northwest room and obtain a Sword's Orb.
- + Go down the staircase near the Ghoul and the Imp.
- + When you touch the switch, a door will appear behind you. Go in it.
- + Avoid all enemies in the next three rooms.
- + Find the brown button in the next room. When you touch it, all the spikes will fall. Not only can you move about freely, but you have access to a large door.
- + Crash through the Imp and Grave Bats and beware the Robin Foot ambush in the next room.
- + Go through the door behind the Wizard Eye.

* DOOM'S WALL *

| 1180 HP | 99 MP | 4750 EXP | 648 GP |

You might recognize this guy as a forest green descendant of Wall Face from way back in Pandora. Again, the main focus here is the central eye. Don't even bother with the other two - once you bring down the core, it all comes crashing down.

Doom's Wall is weak against Lumina, but as luck would have it, you don't have that elemental yet, so you're going to have to use the

closest thing to light that you can find. Lightning bolts seem to be indicative of a light source, so use Sylphid's Thunderbolt, which is the best you have right now. Doom's Wall's Energy Absorb can take it out of you quickly, and he likes to cure his central eye with Cure Water. The Leaden Glare will slow you down a lot, but it shouldn't matter since all you need is magic. Once this wall is demolished, you'll receive the Whip's Orb. Pass through the newly revealed door to find Dyluck on the main stage.

- + When you approach him, he will turn around.
- + Dyluck draws the girl in and they have a lovely reunion, but all of a sudden her life is completely drained from her (under no control of Dyluck's). Not knowing she is being controlled by an outside source, the boy knocks some sense into Dyluck. He tells you to save her by going through the door behind him.
- + Refill your magic with a Faerie Walnut before you enter.
- + Through her own sheer will, the girl breaks free of Thanatos's grip. He sends the Vampire after you to kill you.

* VAMPIRE *

| 2550 HP | 99 MP | 5148 EXP | 696 GP |

The Vampire is also weak against Lumina, which you unfortunately still do not have, so you'll have to resort to the Thunderbolt spell again. Make sure you have at least one Faerie Walnut. With a combination of using weapons and having full magic, you might be able to beat him

without one, but don't risk it.

Vampire has Undine spells like Freeze and Energy Absorb, only his are more powerful than Doom's Wall's. He can poison you with one swipe of his claws and can knock you unconscious by landing hard on you from above. He also has a unique Sleep Ring attack that, while having cool animation, isn't good for you, especially if the sprite or the boy gets caught. With weapons helping, about nine or ten good helpings of Thunderbolt should kill him.

- + After the encounter with the Vampire, the team finds Dyluck missing. Since there's nothing they can do, they decide to leave. Use the Magic Rope to warp back to the entrance. By the way, you can't go in the back door again it "won't open anymore."
- + Go back to Resistance headquarters and talk to Krissie.
- + The group says that the Emperor finally wants a truce. This could be something big! Go to the castle to the north since you have business there now.

NORTHTOWN CASTLE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Seek an audience with the Emperor.
- * Free the Resistance members from the dungeon.
- * Obtain the Flammie Drum.
- * Learn to navigate Flammie and take King Truffle back to Matango.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Metal Mantis, Emberman, Armored Man, Dark Ninja, Mystic Book,

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Glove's Orb, Axe's Orb, Whip's Orb, Javelin's Orb, Flammie Drum

- + Enter the main door once you reach the castle.
- + All the guards say that the Emperor awaits you. Follow the given path to the main room.
- + When you get there though, nobody is there. Strange...
- + Talk to the man in the horned helmet at the back.
- + He's the emperor, but it was all a clever scam to destroy the Resistance and the Mana Knight! You're trapped and you have nowhere to go, so they throw you in the dungeon. "Oh, what to do now?" you may ask. I'll tell you...
- + Talk to the man guarding the cell. He'll let you out, but in order to let the others free, you're going to have to fight a boss. You'll be shoved into a large gap, where you will face the Metal Mantis.

Metal Mantis is not difficult at all, because instead of being weak against Lumina and it turns out you have to use the bland substitute Thunderbolt, this time HE'S ACTUALLY WEAK AGAINST THUNDERBOLT! Fortunately, you probably won't have to use a Faerie Walnut this time, as he has about half the hit points of the Vampire and is about ten times weaker.

Metal Mantis has a thin Fire Beam attack that doesn't hurt you hardly at all, and the spells Gem Missile and Lunar Boost. If you bombard him with Thunderbolt though, he won't get a chance to use the latter two. It should only take about five or six castings to destroy him. You will receive the Glove's Orb when you complete the task of killing him. Step on the checked floor tile to continue.

- + Follow the trail and get the 1000 GP in the chest at the top of the stairs when you find it.
- + Enter the small door to the left.
- + Either fight or skip the Embermen. They are not hard to defeat, but they can duplicate themselves and have strong fire capabilities.
- + Free the Resistance members from the prison and move west.
- + When you get outside in the fresh air, kill all the Armored Men. They are easy to take down and give you good experience.
- + Skip the main door and go in the one up the steps to the right.
- + More Armored Men in here. Press the red button to open the cage door.
- + Get the Axe's Orb and Whip's Orb located in the two chests.
- + Go outside and go in through the front door.
- + Fight the Armored Men and the Dark Ninja and head upstairs.
- + You probably saw two men guarding a door when you came to see the Emperor. Since they are no longer there, go through that passageway.
- + Weave your way through the turning corridor and go outside.
- + Enter the main doors.
- + Ignore the Dark Ninjas and the Mystic Book and touch the switch to reveal a door.
- + Terminate the Armored Men that materialize and make your way to the stairs in the upper left corner.
- + Kill the Dark Ninjas and go to the right, where you will find a teleportation pad. Step on it.
- + You cannot pass through the next one you find, but there is an odd device on the wall next to it. If you hit it, you can pass through it

and go in the door to the north.

+ Geshtar wishes to prove himself to the Emperor. The Emperor gives him one more chance, and since Geshtar doesn't intend to waste that chance, he's going to unleash the second Mech Rider on you.

| 1258 HP | 30 MP | 6013 EXP | 1500 GP |

Mech Rider 2 is not much different than the one you met in Kakkara. He still has no weaknesses, so for the fourth boss in a row, you're going to have to use Thunderbolt. That really takes it out of you, I know, but keep pressing on. You'll get to take a break for a while after this boss, and you get a REALLY cool item:)

Forget about using weapons - he'll probably cast Speed Up right away to increase his evade. Watch out for the Wave Cannon. Even with your powerful armor, it can hurt you for upwards of 100 points. If he speeds away out of your sight, hold the dash button to catch up to him. Only a few Thunderbolts are needed to kill him. When you win, you'll receive the Javelin's Orb.

- + Uh-oh. You've made Geshtar so mad he's going to destroy the entire castle with you on top of it. It appears as though all hope is lost for the Mana Knight and his friends ... but wait! What's that sound? Hey, how did King Truffle get here? Go to the right and talk to him.
- + It seems as though Flammie thinks you're its parents. So he wants to hang around you! All right! In order to summon Flammie, Truffle gives you the Flammie Drum. Now you'll take your first ride. Send Truffle back to Matango in the southwest.

Controls for Flammie

Use the directional pad to move in corresponding directions (Up moves forward, Down moves backward, and all that).

B makes Flammie descend. When you are low enough, the map will switch to an overhead view.

A makes Flammie ascend. When you are high enough, the view will turn to third person.

Press Start to see the world map in globe form and use the directional pad to move it around. Press B to return to the flight

 ${\tt L}$ and R switch between third person and overhead views when you are high enough up in the air.

- + Fly to Matango. It looks like a castle with orange-yellow dots bulging in and out. Truffle will be standing there when you land. Talk to him.
- + He says that what you seek is in the Lofty Mountains. Before you go, forge your weapons and work on them (this could take a while) and buy anything you need item-wise. Stay in the Upper Land to work on your weapons.
- + When all your weapons are at their highest level, board Flammie and look for a small island all by itself in the middle of the ocean.

SEA HARE ISLAND

MAIN GOALS:

- * Obtain the Sea Hare's Tail.
- * Take it to Kakkara and restore the water supply.
- * Obtain the Moogle Belt.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Sea Hare's Tail, Moogle Belt

- + Go in the large hut in the middle of the island. It's a shop.
- + The merchant has nothing to offer you except some Sea Hare's Tails. When he learns that you actually want one, he'll just give it to you at no charge. With the Sea Hare's Tail, fly to Kakkara.
- + Give King Amar the Sea Hare's Tail. In gratitude for saving the town from a lethal drought, he will give you the Moogle Belt, which reverses the effects of moogling.
- + Now fly to the Lofty Mountains.

MANDALA

MAIN GOALS:

- * Buy new armor.
- * Listen to the Veedio orbs in the temple.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + When you land, walk to the east to find an armor shop. Buy new armor.
- + Go north to the temple. There are several orbs inside containing historical records that date back to the Mana Fortress war. The ancients called them Veedios (how funny). Activate each one and listen to what they have to say.
- + When you're done, go outside and call Flammie. Fly to another spot in the Lofty Mountains; this time you should land in front of a cave.

PALACE OF DARKNESS

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat Lime Slime.
- * Receive Shade's powers (sprite only).
- * Seal the Seed of Darkness.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Fierce Head, Emberman, Dark Ninja, Dark Knight, Imp, Lime Slime

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Glove's Orb, Javelin's Orb, Shade's magic

- + Kill the Fierce Head in the first room.
- + Go in the room straight ahead. Two Fierce Heads are guarding a Glove's Orb. Kill them and get it, then go back to the previous room.
- + Pass through the door to the right.
- + Avoid the Dark Ninja and keep going.
- + Equip the axe so you can cut down the stalagmites.
- + If you notice, to the left there is a wall with a crack in it. That

is definitely an important wall, but for now you need to hack your way to the right and go south.

- + Touch the switch to the left and go down the stairs to the right.
- + Fight the Fierce Head and the Dark Knight in the next room. This room is a huge loop, so go all the way to the left.
- + Go up the stairs and into the door you find.
- + Use the whip to get to the plateau where the Embermen are.
- + Touch the switch. The wall to the right caves in and reveals a door.
- + Run all the way back to the room with the stalagmites you had to cut down and slash your way to the left.
- + The Embermen can be good for experience, but otherwise go to the next room.
- + Stepping on the buttons reveals invisible bridges, the paths of which are outlined by tiny blue flames. Stand on the switches and reveal the bridges to move on.
- + When you pass through the door, the elemental Shade is ready to test you.

* LIME SLIME *

| 2888 HP | 99 MP | 8000 EXP | 3000 GP |

Lime Slime is not hard to defeat as long you go all-out on the offensive with your Salamando magic. Since both the girl and the sprite have offensive fire spells, alternate between the sprite casting a spell and the girl casting one. If you rotate spell castings in this manner, you should have to use a Faerie Walnut for the entirety of the battle.

Don't blow off healing in this battle - Lime Slime has very powerful Shade magic that will kill you if you're careless. The more damage you do to him, the smaller he gets. Eventually, after several salvos, he will be down for the count. You will appear in a more normal room and receive the Javelin's Orb.

- + Approach Shade. He is proud of you for clearing his obstacles, and he bestows his magical power upon the sprite. Don't worry about the girl though she'll get an elemental all to herself later as well.
- + Now, leave the palace and climb the mountain to Sage Joch's cave.

CLIMBING TO SAGE JOCH'S CAVE

MAIN GOALS:

* Make it to Sage Joch's cave.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Bomb Bee, Trap Flower, Eggatrice

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + When you exit the Palace of Darkness, go east and up the steps.
- + You will need the whip to get across most of the small chasms here in the mountains.
- + When you find Neko, save your game.
- + Inside the cave, you will find a very rude character telling you that Sage Joch is not available right now and that he went to the Gold Isle northeast of this cave. You have your orders, but first, go to

your magic building area and build your magic up to level 5.

+ Once you have completed this task, head for the Gold Isle.

THE GOLD ISLE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Build your magic up to level 5.
- * Obtain the key to the Light Palace.
- * Get Lumina's magic (girl only).
- * Seal the Light Seed and build your magic to level 6.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

None

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + Find Watts's shop and get your glove and javelin forged.
- + Go upstairs at the northern part of town and walk along the city wall.
- + Talk to the man at the end of the wall.
- + In the armor shop, you'll find so much stuff for sale you aren't going to know what's useful and what's not! So you don't waste money, buy Lazuri Rings and Battle Suits for everybody, and Duck Helms for the girl and sprite and a Dragon Helm for the boy (he can't equip the Duck Helm).
- + Sell what armor you aren't using anymore and go to the Light
- + The door is locked. First, find a cheap inn and use the area around it to level up everyone's magic. Then, board Flammie and head for Southtown. You need to talk to Mara.
- + She will give you the key to the Palace of Light.
- + Once you have it, fly back to the Gold Isle and open the main door.

PALACE OF LIGHT

MAIN GOALS:

- * Receive Lumina's magic (girl only).
- * Seal the Seed of Light.
- * Build your magic up to level 6 for both characters.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Beast Zombie, Dark Ninja, Wizard Eye, Weepy Eye, Emberman, Blue Spike, Gorgon Bull

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Spear's Orb, Boomerang's Orb, Axe's Orb,

- + In the first room are two Beast Zombies. Kill them both and pick up the Spear's Orb in the chest.
- + You should be familiar with most of the enemies in the next room. Either go past them or take them out for the easy experience. Open the door to the right.
- + The next room kind of took me aback when you go up the stairs, you'll face Spiky Tiger's sickly blue cousin Blue Spike, who is extremely docile by comparison.

* BLUE SPIKE *

| 1980 HP | 90 MP | 9150 EXP | 3840 GP |

If you went to your magic leveling place and built it up to level 5 like a good boy/girl, you should have no trouble whatsoever with Blue Spike. This time, since you actually have magic to aid you, he isn't so much of a hassle. However, he does use the same spells that Spiky Tiger did (that would be Fireball and Fire Bouquet - they are markedly more powerful than Spiky's spells).

Blue Spike also has attacks such as Moogle Glare and Acid Bubbles. If you are at a high enough level, they should be easy to avoid. Pile on the Earth Slides. It doesn't appear to do much, but fortunately, since it's such a cheap spell (in terms of magic usage, not quality), you shouldn't have to use any Faerie Walnuts provided that you have full magic, which should be about 39 or 40 MP by now. Thunderbolt works about as well as Earth Slide, but occasionally falters.

When Blue Spike bites the dust, you'll receive a Boomerang's Orb. A stairway will also rise up from the middle of the room. Go up it.

- + Retrieve the Axe's Orb in the chest and go through the door to the north.
- + Go all the around to the staircase that leads up to the lair of the Gorgon Bull.

* GORGON BULL *

 \mid 2470 HP \mid 99 MP \mid 9755 EXP \mid 4800 GP \mid

Ahh, it seems like so short a time ago that you fought the Minotaur, and now you're fighting the Gorgon Bull. Wow. This is one of the more pitiful bosses in the game - your level 5 Thunderbolt will do about 600 times more damage to him than his level 8 Earth Slide will do to you. What I mean is that his Earth Slide typically does 1 point of damage while your Thunderbolt will pack it on for about 600 points - somewhere in that range, anyway.

The Gorgon Bull's physical attacks far outnumber his magical ones. He can ram you with his horns, knocking you unconscious if it actually makes contact. He can punch, pile-drive you into the ground, bear hug you, and all manner of things that barely hurts at all. With a sufficiently leveled-up Thunderbolt, Gorgon Bull will go down faster than an abandoned building, and for your trouble, you'll get the Bow's Orb. A staircase similar to the one that arose when you defeated Blue Spike will appear; walk up it.

- + Approach Lumina. The king has been using his power to make gold for the entire city. Since this is obviously an abuse of his abilities, he will readily endow you with his skills.
- + Run up to the seed and reseal it. Now that you've done this, go back to your magic leveling area and build both magic users' magic up to level 6.
- + Forge your weapons at Watts's shop in Gold City and build them up as well.
- + After you've done all of that, go back to Sage Joch's cave.
- + His apprentice Jehk tells you that Joch is gone again, much to the gang's (feigned) surprise. He is at the Sea of Wonders, an eerie

place located at the end of the Kakkara Desert. You'll know it when you see it - just land near the gaping navy blue hole in the desert.

THE SEA OF WONDERS

MAIN GOALS:

- * Obtain Luna's magic.
- * Seal the Moon Seed.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Marmablue

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Luna's magic

- + When you get to the edge of the Sea of Wonders, walk north along the sandy path.
- + Board the ferry. Karon the Robin Foot will give you a lift to the palace, and gives you a few tips about it on the way there.
- + Avoid the Marmablues they have a very powerful Magic Absorb spell.
- + Once inside, the room is black except for the sparkling elliptical galaxies you see. Walk to the upper right and keep going until you find a crystal orb with a Marmablue guarding it.
- + Use Lucent Beam on the orb to be taken to a more material room.
- + Walk north to the main stage room.
- + Approach Luna. Her speech is short and sweet she's definitely not out to waste your time. After you receive her power, seal the seed, then go and work on your magic. You cannot call Flammie while you in the Sea of Wonders.
- + When it's leveled up, go see Sage Joch again.
- + Jehk will tell you that this time he's at Tasnica, west of the Republic. Once again, board Flammie and leave for that area.

TASNICA

MAIN GOALS:

- * Fight the Dark Stalker.
- * De-hypnotize the king.
- * Find out from Jema where you can learn what true courage is.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Dark Stalker

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Sword's Orb

- + Enter the castle and go up to Jema. He says there's an Imperial spy in the palace and then goes away.
- + Find the king. He thinks you're the spies! This isn't good. But it turns out this is a huge setup. The Dark Stalker is using the king to do things that the king wouldn't normally do. Afterwards, the Dark Stalker decides to just take you out himself.

* DARK STALKER *

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| 510 HP | 60 MP | 1219 EXP | 900 GP |

The Dark Stalker fears Lumina. Too bad Lucent Beam is just such a

darned expensive spell! Oh well, it's the only thing for the job at hand. This is a really, really, really, really, really, REALLY easy battle! All it takes to kill the Dark Stalker is one level 7 Lucent Beam, which should hit for 999. When the battle is over, go to the king and tell him to snap out of it.

- + Jema will tell the king that you, the Mana Knight, have successfully vanquished the Dark Stalker, who is the real spy. In gratitude, the king will give you a Sword's Orb, which is never a bad thing.
- + Talk to Jema. He will tell you to learn what true courage is from Sage Joch.
- + NOW go back to Sage Joch's cave YET AGAIN. I promise this is the last time!
- + If you look around the castle, there is also a secret passageway in a wall that leads to a shopkeeper. Don't buy anything from him, most especially the Gold Bracelet, which is a terrible piece of armor in comparison with what you already have. Unless you need healing items or Faerie Walnuts, stay away from him.

THE TEST OF COURAGE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Navigate the Path of Courage.
- * Prove yourself to Sage Joch.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Nitro Pumpkin, Shape Shifter, Doppelgangers

**NOTE: Due to the fact that Shape Shifters can create other monsters, you will face some monsters that you might not face under normal circumstances. Among these enemies are Captain Duck, Beast Zombie, Eggplant Man, and Needlions. Since most of these are normally encountered in the Mana Fortress, I have not put their descriptions until the very last in the compendium of monsters.

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

None

- + Talk to Jehk. Finally, Joch is in, and he will now see you.
- + Joch talks in the ancient language, and so Jehk translates for him: If you pass the test before you, you will find true courage. Say yes when he asks if you will try.
- + When you say yes, Jehk will open the path to the left.
- + The Nitro Pumpkins are too hard to destroy with weapons, and you'll want to save your spell power for the end of the path. Ignore them completely.
- + Make sure someone has the axe equipped so you can cut down the rocks.
- + The Shape Shifters are easy to kill, but can transform into any enemy and take on that monster's abilities. Since they have only 350 hit points and give you 1500 gold, go for the kill. It's well worth it, unless they start busting out the tough enemies, in which case run.
- + At the first fork in the path, go to the right. The Nitro Pumpkins at this point are extremely vicious. Go right past them though.
- + There is another fork immediately after the first one. Take the path leading south this time.
- + At the third fork, go left.
- + Travel north and prepare to take the test.

Shadow X1

| 999 HP | 0 MP | 0 EXP | 0 GP |

Shadow X2

| 800 HP | 0 MP | 0 EXP | 0 GP |

Shadow X3

| 800 HP | 0 MP | 0 EXP | 0 GP |

This is a great battle for three players because each one can focus on a different shadow character. It's still easy if you're going solo though, because they have low health and no magic. The boy attacks with the sword, the girl uses the glove, and the sprite equips the boomerang.

Shadow X1 (the boy) has the most hit points, so if you can, deal with him first, though it really doesn't matter who you go for first because this is a very easy battle that can be won with weapons alone. Shadow X1 also has a twirling sword attack that he has a tendency to overuse. If you use charged attacks, don't release them while he is doing this technique. A normal level 6 charge attack should hurt for about 475, which is a good chunk of any of the doppelgangers' health.

You don't get any experience or gold or even a weapon orb for defeating these people. All that's happened is you've shown Sage Joch that you can hear with your heart now as well as your ears. It turns out that the old man isn't really Sage Joch - Jehk was Sage Joch! He's been in the freakin' cave the whole time! Whatever the case, you now need to build any weapons or magic that you haven't yet leveled up and then head for the Tree Palace. Sage Joch will refill your life for you. After he does, summon Flammie and head for the Tree Palace, which is near the Ice Country.

TREE PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat Sheex, who turns into the Aegagropilon.
- * Seal the Mana Seed.
- * Obtain Dryad's magic.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Aegagropilon,

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Spear's Orb

- + Enter the Tree Palace. Up until now a mysterious force has been pushing back if you tried to go any further, but the mysterious force is now gone. Your party will automatically run up to the Emperor.
- + Sheex, who was the Dark Stalker from Tasnica, wants a chance to deal with you. He uses his powers from his contract with the Underworld to turn himself into the Aegagropilon, which looks like a watermelon with legs.

* AEGAGROPILON * *********

| 3016 HP | 99 MP | 11050 EXP | 1800 GP |

Almost immediately, Aegagropilon will cast a level 7 Wall on himself in order to deflect any spells you cast on him onto you, thereby greatly damaging yourself. If he casts Wall, eradicate it by using the sprite's Dispel Magic spell. Then, absorb all his magic from him to disable him from using it, preferably before he's able to use Wall again. Don't let him use Burst either.

Once you have taken away all his magic, heap either Earth Slide or Thunderbolt on him. Using Analyzer shows no apparent weakness, but these are the best spells to use against him. He can only resort to his rolling and jumping attacks after you absorb every bit of his magic, so do him with those spells I mentioned and you'll walk away with a Spear's Orb.

- + Walk to the left and up the staircase.
- + Go up to the seed and attempt to seal it. The seal is melting, so it will not work. At this time, Dryad will appear and tell you to leave immediately. Since she isn't able to save the palace, she wishes to go down with it as a captain would his ship. Her Mana magic has been sealed by Thanatos, but she finally agrees to do what she can to help you out. When you receive her powers, the sunken continent that is below the palace will rise.
- + Land on the sunken continent and talk to Jema.
- + After you do, get moving and go into the Grand Palace.

THE GRAND PALACE

MAIN GOALS:

* Find the Ancient City below the palace.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Dark Knight, Shape Shifter, Metal Crawler, Dinofish, Steelpion, Kimono Wizard, Basilisk, Eggatrice, Marmablue, Hydra, Captain Duck, Fierce Head, Grave Bat, Dark Stalker, Ghoul, Eggplant Man, Kettle Kin, Heck Hound, Beast Zombie, Turtlance, Gremlin, Doom Sword, National Scar, Imp, Snap Dragon, Hexas, Mech Rider 3

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Boomerang's Orb, Whip's Orb (2), Bow's Orb, Sword's Orb, Javelin's Orb, Spear's Orb

- + The main entrance yields no paths. You will have to find another one.
- + Go all the way to the bottom of the palace.
- + Once at the bottom, walk down the staircase to the left.
- + Walk to the left and fight through the Dinofishes until you see a staircase that leads down.
- + Use the axe to hack through the red and blue things.
- + Have everyone stand on the yellow bouncy thing to ascend to the plateau above.
- + Stand by the top of the left side of the waterfall and hold right to gain access to the treasure chest. A Boomerang's Orb is inside.
- + Let the cascade carry you down and go in the door above the yellow bouncing pad.
- + Cut through the field of obstacles with the axe. If you touch the

- switch in the middle they will all resurface.
- + Avoid the Kimono Wizard (unless you want to kill Metal Crawlers for the experience) and head north.
- + Go to the left and fight off the Basilisks. Beware they lay eggs containing Eggatrices.
- + There is a series of waterfalls up ahead that can only be passed by hitting switches in the wall with your weapon as you tumble down the falls. There are three waterfalls to pass.
- + In the first one, the switch is on the wall to the left.
- + There is no switch in the second one just hold left.
- + In the third one, the switch is on the wall to the right.
- + When all three waterfalls have gone dry, go through the door that you can now access.

* HYDRA *

| 3382 HP | 99 MP | 12439 EXP | 3600 GP |

You may notice that the Hydra resembles the Jabberwocky from the Water Palace way back in the day. The only difference between this guy and that guy is that that guy COULDN'T GROW HIS HEADS BACK! You'll have to attack fast and strong to beat this guy and remain in one piece. His only spell is Acid Storm, so don't worry about getting whupped by any magic anytime soon.

Pile on the Exploder spell, which is his primary weakness. The Hydra has a little fire attack of his own (Fire Breath), which is nothing to get whiny over. Each fire spell you pack should destroy a head, but don't worry. He only has a limited supply. If you begin to run low on magic, use Magic Absorb. Remember that the girl has offensive Salamando spells as well.

When you defeat the Hydra, you'll get a Whip's Orb and you'll have to face the Emperor once again.

- + Avoid the Kimono Wizard and his Metal Crawler cronies in the next room.
- + Although it appears that there are three doors in the next room, there is only one, and it is located in the middle.
- + Go down the conveyor belt going north (the one that makes you go real slow when you walk on it) and hold to the left. When you enter the secret corridor, go to the left and touch the switch.
- + Go all the way to the bottom and enter the first door to the right.
- + Talk to Watts and get your weapons forged, then see Krissie, who will heal you.
- + Leave and go to the right.
- + Kill the Captain Duck with your new weapons and advance to the left.
- + Run up the conveyor belts. When you see a brick wall, it means you are able to go down it, but not back up it. Make sure you've done everything you can in a particular sector before advancing.
- + Find the switch all the way to the right, then move back to the left.
- + The laser barrier there has been removed. Go through the new passage.
- + Walk all the way around to the next laser blockade. Have everyone move over the opaque brown tile to open it.
- + The room with all the water is merely a one-way path. Follow the path to get to the next area. Notice how Dark Stalker is just a normal enemy now :)
- + There should be some buttons on the wall, each a different color. If

you talked to one of the guys in the area where Watts and Krissie were, you'd know the code. If you don't, push the buttons in this order: red, blue, yellow, then green. The laser door below will open up. When you go through the door, you'll be in a familiar area, but a different part of that area.

- + When you touch the switch, go all the way to the right. The door that was once there is now gone.
- + Find the conveyor belts and go in the door at the bottom of either one.
- + What?! A subway station in the middle of a palace! Whatever! Go in the open door to the left.
- + Journey through the entire length of the subway car, killing all the Ghouls along the way. Watch out for the Eggplant Man who casts level 7 Lucid Barrier.
- + Once at the end of the car, leave.
- + Run the long trail south. When you get to the laser door, walk through each of the H-looking structures above it. This should open the door.
- + Go through the door at the southwest end and you'll find the Scorpion Boss.
- + In order to get the Mana Sword, they'll bust out their newest robot Kettle Kin on you.

* KETTLE KIN *

| 1230 HP | 33 MP | 15555 EXP | 3360 GP |

By all standards this is a pretty low-level boss. It's just his magic that will get on your nerves. He uses Lunar Boost to increase his stats and Lucid Barrier so that your weapons won't hurt him. He's far easier than Kilroy was, though. Whenever he uses Lucid Barrier, nullify it with Dispel Magic. He may use it repeatedly, so respond it to it with that spell. When there's an open spot, use Magic Absorb to keep him from using those two spells. Due to his low HP, weapons will do him in sufficiently. You will get a Bow's Orb from this battle.

- + You will end up outside after the battle with Kettle Kin. Find the double doors and go inside.
- + The Heck Hounds and Beast Zombies should be an easy fight. Also try to take down the Turtlances and Gremlins you encounter.
- + Go in the archway ahead.
- + In the double doors to the left in that room lies a crystal orb. Use Gem Missile on it and you will hear "a distant sound..."
- + There are also some double doors to the right that house yet another crystal orb. Use Freeze on this one to hear the same distant sound.
- + Go back to the main room, and this time go upstairs to the staircase up there.
- + You will need the whip to get around this place. Notice that some of the poles are not opposite another pole this means you will have to go all the way around if you want to get back to a certain area.
- + But for now, go through the double doors to the left.
- + Use Air Blast on the crystal orb in here.
- + When you eliminate that crystal orb, go through the door south of the double doors you just went through.
- + For now, skip the staircase in the middle and go all the way to the right.
- + Go through those double doors as well.
- + Cast Fireball on the orb (as if the background of the room wasn't a

dead giveaway as to which magic to use).

- + Now go through the staircase in the southern room.
- + Go east and then south through that door. Get the Sword's Orb that the Doom Sword is sitting on top of.

NOTE: If you leave the room before getting the Sword's Orb and then come back, the chest containing the orb may disappear. Get it the first time you see it to prevent this.

- + After getting the Sword's Orb, go all the way to the right.
- + In this room (also a dead giveaway as to which spell to use), use Dark Force on the orb.
- + In the room with the Sword's Orb, go all the way to the left.
- + Summon Lumina and cast Lucent Beam on the orb.
- + Use a long-range weapon to hit the switch by the cage door. This will open it for you and is faster than using the path that leads you to it.
- + Go up the stairs past the cage door.
- + If you go up and to the left, you should be able to take the stairs down to the lower level of the room. Go all the way around.
- + The next room contains very many switches. Touch the two on the opposite ends of the room to reveal two stairways.
- + The other two lower some walls to reveal a confusing maze of whipping poles. Go to the left and face down. You should be able to whip your way across.
- + Enter the set of doors to the left.
- + Luna's magic should work on this orb. Use the sprite's Lunar Magic on it
- + You should be able to use the whip in a similar fashion on the other side of the room.
- + Instead of double doors, there is a staircase. Go up it.
- + Touch the green button.

* SNAP DRAGON *

| 1215 HP | 6 MP | 19200 EXP | 12480 GP |

Forget about the Tonpole phase - this guy turns immediately into a dragon, and he's ready to just lay into you too. Since he has low MP, he won't be able to cure very often. Waste him with a few fireballs and you shouldn't have any trouble at all. You'll get the Javelin's Orb when you finish him off. Go to the left and up the stairs when you beat the Snap Dragon.

- + Something is up in this next room. The Emperor won't talk to you at all and there's an exit behind the stage! Before going into the next room, restore the girl's and sprite's magic with some Faerie Walnuts. You're undoubtedly running low on magic by now.
- + It seems Fanha has beaten the Emperor and is in alliance with Thanatos. He intends to make Dyluck's body his own. They split and leave you to the super-duper-ugly boss monster Hexas.

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* HEXAS *

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| 3465 HP | 99 MP | 20103 EXP | 14400 GP |
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Whoa! Talk about magic! Hexas will use the Pygmus Glare repeatedly - it's almost a waste of time to use the Midge Mallet on anyone. She will

occasionally use Freeze and Acid Storm at the same time, and she likes to use Dispel Magic (strangely enough on the boy who HAS NO MAGIC) a lot. Using Analyzer shows that she has no apparent weakness. This will be a tough battle indeed.

All the elementals except for Dryad seem to yield equal results but can do wacky things at points. Earth Slide and Thunderbolt are probably your best bets. If you keep casting these and using the Midge Mallet whenever a member of the team gets pygmized, you should come out of that battle unscathed just about. When you win, you'll obtain another Whip's Orb. Go through the hallway that opens up and touch the switch. You'll see Mech Rider 3, who the team thinks is Geshtar ... or is it? Using ancient magic, Thanatos has created "a living, fighting machine!"

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* MECH RIDER 3 *

 \mid 4327 HP \mid 38 MP \mid 21104 EXP \mid 16000 GP \mid

Man, is this guy ever tough. He uses Wall and Speed Up and has no weaknesses at all whatsoever. Use Dispel Magic when he casts Wall to get rid of that. Use Magic Absorb to take away all of his magic. Once you have it, start using Thunderbolt. You will undoubtedly have to use a Faerie Walnut at least once during this battle. Later on in the skirmish, weapons may start working. However weak they seem, any hit you can get in helps. Once it becomes apparent that weapons make a noticeable dent, use them when you run out of magic. You'll get a Spear's Orb when you beat the third (and final) Mech Rider. The palace will start sinking after this and ... what's this? Oh my God ... they're reactivating the Mana Fortress!!!!!

- + Once you're on Flammie, land back at the Tree Palace.
- + Talk to Jema about the Pure Land.
- + Walk all the way around the palace and buy Neko's new armor. Man, that stuff is muy expensive!
- + Among the people you find in the palace are Mara and Phanna, who the girl agrees to be friends with again.
- + Get all your weapons forged somewhere and then work on them and whatever magic you haven't built up before going to the Pure Land.

THE PURE LAND

MAIN GOALS:

- * Restore the power to the Mana Seeds.
- * Discover the true story of the hero's father Serin.
- * Get the power of the seeds and restore the sword's power to max.

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Needlion, Mushgloom, Griffin Hand, Ice Thug, Dragon Worm, Snow Dragon, Ghost, Eggplant Man, Rabite (spawned from Eggplant Men), Axe Beak, Red Dragon, Thunder Gigas, Blue Dragon,

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Axe's Orb, Bow's Orb, Javelin's Orb, Glove's Orb, Sword's Orb, Boomerang's Orb

+ Explore and fight monsters here for now. If you find a cave, don't go in it yet. It leads to the Dragon Worm, the first of many bosses in the Pure Land. Fight Griffin Hands until you receive the Griffin

Helm, the strongest helmet in the game. Unfortunately, only the boy is able to equip it, so only go after one. They are very rare, and fighting enemies looking for one is a good way to build up your weapons. Once you have it, equip it on the boy and move on.

+ When you have the Griffin Helm, go to the cave I was talking about.

* DRAGON WORM *

| 3525 HP | 99 MP | 24290 EXP | 17460 GP |

The Dragon Worm is a little bit tough because of how he swerves everywhere and uses funny little magic attacks. His Balloon Ring and Petrify Gas are easy to avoid if you have good enough stats, but the level 8 Earth Slide will hurt. Oddly enough, this boss is weak against Sylphid, as was his predecessor the Great Viper. Energy Absorb won't be very effective against this guy, so you might want to make sure you're stocked up on the Faerie Walnuts about now. Several good Thunderbolts will kill him, and you'll get the Axe's Orb.

- + Advance north once you kill the Dragon Worm.
- + There is a special place here where you can save and be informed of the next part of your mission. After it tells you to go to the left and fight the dragon there, you will be asked to save. Say yes.
- + There is only one room here, so fight through the enemies and go through the northwest passage.

That's me!

| 2800 HP | 99 MP | 26588 EXP | 18360 GP |

The Snow Dragon is easily taken out with fire spells, so double up using the girl and the sprite. Use only Fire Bouquet and Fireball, the two cheapest spells they have. Each one hits for anywhere from 495 to 515, so if each character contributes, he'll be done for in no time. When he's dead, you'll receive a Bow's Orb. Go back to the save point.

- + It now says "Continue on." It will also ask you again to save. Say yes again and continue. You will continue even if you say no.
- + Find another cave in the area and go in.
- + You can't hit Ghosts with weapons, so kill the Ice Thugs and go downstairs.
- + The path leads north to a room with lots of stairs.

* AXE BEAK *

| 2800 HP | 99 MP | 27784 EXP | 20400 GP |

It's difficult to chain-cast against Axe Beak because he's so much jumpier than Spring Beak was. Undine magic works best against him, so when you have a good line of sight, use Freeze. It hits in the 500 range at level 7. Axe Beak rarely has time to use his fire magic, but he does have a level 7 Fireball you should be careful of. Freeze should do him in quickly. When you get the Javelin's Orb for winning, a

stairway leading north appears.

- + You need a cutting tool to get through the grass outside. Try to get through with minimal damage from the enemies' magic.
- + You will have to defeat another dragon according to the gate up ahead. Save if you feel you need to.
- + Go left as the gate commands you.
- + Avoid the Eggplant Man, who will cast Defender on everybody to make them harder to kill. Go in the cave behind him.

* RED DRAGON *

| 3000 HP | 99 MP | 29000 EXP | 21800 GP |

Take a wild guess as to this guy's weakness.

In case you're a moron, it's Undine again. Six good Freezes should wipe him out since they do just a little over 500 damage per salvo. Don't even worry about his spells - this guy is so easy! When you beat him, you get a Glove's Orb. Leave the way you came in and go back to the gate.

- + Follow the one-way path. There is no way to deviate from the given path until several screens have passed.
- + You will come to what appears to be a three-way road. The south road is actually a dead-end and leads to nowhere. The east road leads you through a large, inconvenient circle. Take the north path, however, and you will meet up with Thunder Gigas.

* THUNDER GIGAS *

| 4462 HP | 99 MP | 30277 EXP | 30600 GP |

Thunder Gigas is no dummy. He's got so many different spells at his command that you're going to wonder where the heck he got them all. But the thing to watch out for isn't any of the Sylphid spells he's got in his line-up. It's a tricky little maneuver called Blitz Breath. It hits for at least 400 any time it hits somebody. This is one of the few boss battles where you may need to break out a Cup of Wishes or use Revivifier (if you've built up your Dryad spells, that is).

Thunder Gigas will also cast Thunder Saber on your weapons. Do not hit him with your weapon during this time or it will heal him substantially. Towards the end of his life he will use the atom scrambling technique a lot more and it will be harder to hit him. Cast Gem Missile on him when he reappears, or better yet, just as he's rematerializing (that is, when he's not quite whole yet but the spell menu still recognizes his presence and is able to target him). When you finally beat this bad cat, you'll get a Sword's Orb - a hard-earned Sword's Orb, no less.

- + A path will be opened to the north when you defeat Thunder Gigas.
- + Save at the gate and head left to fight another dragon.
- + You will need a weapon that can cut grass to get through this area. The enemies like to hide in the foliage and get you, so just avoid them and head north. You'll be on a castle rooftop with yet another boss before you.

* BLUE DRAGON * ********

| 3200 HP | 99 MP | 31570 EXP | 28560 GP |

The Blue Dragon is also weak against Gnome, so just pile on some more Gem Missiles - they're cheaper than Earth Slides and are just as effective. Blue Dragon also has a Blitz Breath, but it's not as powerful as Thunder Gigas's. Just cast Gem Missile on the rare occasions when he doesn't swoop off the screen and you'll be done with him shortly. You'll get a Boomerang's Orb once you've dispatched of him. Leave the way you came and enter the gate where you just saved.

- + You've found the Mana Tree! Now it's time to revive the Sword...
- + Just then, the Mana Fortress destroys the Tree, and you land next to the stump unconscious. When you wake up, the Tree speaks to you.
- + You learn a few important things, such as the fact that your father Serin was the man who appeared to you when you pulled the Mana Sword from the rock, and that women of the Tribe of Mana protect all the Mana in the world. You've got the Sword, and now it's your job to protect the world from evil. At first you're kind of dazed because you've just heard from your very own mother, but your friends are there to snap you out of your trance-like state.
- + Now that your sword power is at maximum and the power of the seeds has been revived, build up what weapons and magic you can.
- + After everything is at max, head for the Mana Fortress.

MANA FORTRESS - THE DAY OF RECKONING

MAIN GOALS:

- * Defeat Buffy.
- * Defeat Dread Slime.
- * Kill Dark Lich, thus doing away with Thanatos forever.
- * Destroy the Mana Beast.
- * Complete the game!!!

MONSTERS YOU WILL FACE:

Captain Duck, Dark Stalker, Metal Crab, Tsunami, Whimper, Buffy, National Scar, Dread Slime, Master Ninja, Terminator, Shape Shifter, Fierce Head, Armored Man, Dark Lich, Mana Beast

SPECIAL ITEMS YOU WILL GET:

Certain excellent armor from monsters along the way, the ability to use your Mana magic (after defeating Dark Lich)

SPECIAL NOTE! (This is as good a place as any to stick it) Keep fighting monsters in the Mana Fortress for weapon orbs. Several characters in the Fortress are capable of distributing them if you fight long enough. Doing this, you will be able to build all weapons to level 9 except the Sword, which can only be done through a cheat that I will not reveal because it causes several uncool game glitches.

- + The Mana Fortress lies suspended in the air. Have Flammie fly to it. You'll make it there if you approach it.
- + The door to the inside is at the very top.
- + Head through the door to the north and use the whip to get across the gap.
- + Step on the switch to reveal a bridge.
- + Walk north until coming upon green crystals obstructing your path.

Cut through them with either the sword or the axe.

- + Go left and down. There are several whip posts here. Use one to get across the pit and go south.
- + When you come to the room that's loaded to the hilt with green crystals, cut your way west to a door leading north. Follow the path through the door until you come to another door.
- + Step on the teleport pad.

* BUFFY *

| 4200 HP | 99 MP | 35686 EXP | 22200 GP |

Unlike the last time you had to throw down with a vampire (named, aptly enough, Vampire), you didn't have the magic that your Analyzer spell told you you needed to give the guy a good beat-down. Now you have the full power of the Lucent Beam at your command. Its spells hurt too, so deal your damage before Buffy can do anything overly dangerous to you. Watch out for the claws and the life absorber, both of which are highly recommended that you avoid. But, being a vampire, a good light barrage will send him to the land of the dead, and Lucent Beam is just perfect for that. Use it in excess until you win. After Buffy, a switch appears on the floor. Touch it to proceed.

- + The path leads in two directions. Go east.
- + Again, you have a choice of paths. Again, go east.
- + Whip across the chasm in your way to the north.
- + Up ahead is another branch leading east. Take it.
- + Follow the one-way path until you come to a switch.
- + Stepping on it makes a bridge leading to Dread Slime.

* DREAD SLIME *

| 5000 HP | 99 MP | 37000 EXP | 26400 GP |

You may find this hard to believe upon entering the Dread Slime's lair, but - and Analyzer will prove this - the Dread Slime is in fact a being of light. The dark lair doesn't do much to give that away, but you go with what you know, and you know that darkness combats light any day. It engulfs you faster than Lime Slime did, and so you have to work harder to get it to die. Fortunately, Dark Force is a great chain combo spell, so overdoing it is in fact not overdoing it, considering how much HP this sucker has. You'll have to give it a good 999 damage FIVE TIMES to get close to killing it. If possible, attack the center while the sprite casts Dark Force. While it does not do nearly enough injury to have a noticeable effect, it helps in minor ways that you might not realize until the Dread Slime is dead. Teamwork is always better than going alone, even if you do have magic capable of world destruction.

- + Now that you've defeated the Dread Slime, go north.
- + The Master Ninjas and Terminators are tough opponents. If possible, ignore them. If you want the experience, fight them.
- + When you have to go left, whip across the pit.
- + The rest of the path is only one-way, but you will face several tough enemies. Attempt to conserve your magic through this crossing, using only healing spells and weapons to battle your foes.
- + The final room in this area appears to be in the shape of the

international "No" sign (like the No Smoking signs you see), and a switch is located in the middle of the slash. Ignore the Tsunamis and touch it.

- + In the next room, your party will stop to see the view, then come back to their senses. There is a switch to the right. Odds are you are not prepared for the battle ahead. Here is where you should heal everybody (how you do so is your choice) and make sure all your magic is at full. If it is, you are ready.
- + If you are absolutely prepared to face what is up ahead, then step on the switch to the right.
- + Thanatos is there, and Dyluck stands behind him. He gives you his conquering-the-world spiel and how he was going to possess Dyluck's body in order to do so. The girl's love for Dyluck prevails, and she attacks Thanatos, thereby weakening him. This is her statement, "You can't have my Dyluck!" Thanatos appears gone, but he is really about to steal Dyluck's life force. Dyluck, in a moment of overcoming his overwhelming odds, tells you how he's got connections with the underworld, and he only gets stronger and more evil with the passing of time. Then he comes ... he's coming to get you...

Oh my, what to start with? Dark Lich has tons of attacks to use against you, several of them unique. He has gas that shrinks you - use the Midge Mallet to return yourself to normal size so that you can use magic. He can freeze you with another spell of his, and he has several dark spells that will hit you for a whole lot. If you are not completely full on magic, this will be a bleak battle for you. Use the girl's Lucent Beam to the utmost level that you can, but also take the time to heal if one of your party members needs it. In the way of magic, go with the girl. She's got what it takes to do him in; the sprite, as you have seen throughout this level and will see in the final battle, has pretty much become less useful in the manner of battles and such. You can try to use him, but nothing he has is very effective.

If you do happen to run out of magic, however, make sure you have Faerie Walnuts on hand for the girl to use. Try not to use many, because she serves even greater purpose in the final match against the Mana Beast. Once you finally defeat Dark Lich, you get buttloads of experience and all your statistics are filled to the max, as per the usual after a boss battle. Now, something is attacking the Mana Fortress. You go outside to see what it is, and good golly, Miss Molly, it is none other than the ferocious, enormous, and all around huge...

* MANA BEAST *

| 9999 HP | Infinite MP |

Outside the Fortress, you find that the Mana Beast is attacking the Fortress. If you lose here, the world comes to an end. With your Mana magic out in full force, bust it out now.

The only physical weapon that can hurt the Mana Beast is your sword, and it can only hurt him when it's charged up with the power of Mana. Have both the girl and the sprite cast the Mana Magic (found under the

Dryad subcategory of their magic). You can also only hit when it's in front of you like a brick wall, so use that opportunity to slash away until your magic runs out again. Repeat the procedure once you can't hurt him. Couple this with the girl's Lucent Beam, which really hurts him. The beast can go far away and come at you in a large flash of fire that hurts everybody a lot. While the boy and girl are your primary forces, remember to keep the sprite alive as well, for you need his part to keep the sword up to the pace it needs to be at to kill the Mana Beast. Other than that, he is totally useless. Use your magic for nothing but charging the sword and casting Lucent Beam. This may take a few tries, but if you fail, try different methods, like healing with Royal Jam or Chocolate (which I hope you have at least three of). Finally, when you defeat the Mana Beast, the game is over.

EPILOGUE

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At the end of the game, you've finally defeated the Mana Beast. The Mana Fortress comes down in a smoldering ball of flames, and Thanatos is no more after his brave last stand. The boy learned the true identities of his father and mother, both of whom served greatly in the fight to keep Mana alive. The girl lost her boyfriend, the debonair general Dyluck, but she gets over it in time. The Sprite, whose Mana was completely drained after the epic conflict with the Mana Beast, passed on to the next world, but the boy and the girl remain alive should the threat of the destruction of Mana ever rise up within the world again. For now, peace is prevalent in the world. Until Seiken Densetsu 3, that is...

COOL SECRETS AND TRICKS

1. Chain Magic

Okay, so this isn't really a trick, it's just a cheap thing you can do that really racks up the damage on your enemies. This especially makes bosses easy to defeat once you have magic. After you cast a spell, press Y before the elemental can appear to bring up the menu, then keep doing this over and over to achieve damage of astronomical proportions (well, 999 is as high as the game goes, but that's still darn good!). Usually, novices and people who build their magic like to do this, but real purists will go through the game using nothing but their weapons. That adds a nice challenge to the game if you are willing to try it.

- 2. The Face in the Corner of the World Fly around on Flammie, looking down on the water. In one of the corners of the map, you should see a face in the water. It is very vague and somewhat nondescript, but is fun to look at.
- 3. Get Back Into Potos Village
 Run up to the man guarding you. By the way, does he just stand there in case you try to pull anything funny and get back in? He must take breaks occasionally. But if you do want to get by him, press yourself up against and repeatedly tap Select. With luck, you'll be able to get into the village! WARNING: Only do this if you have Flammie if you

4. Special Spell Effects After beating the game, play it again. This time, you can build your magic up to as high as level 8:99. This makes certain spells have

don't, it's awfully hard to get back out.

enhanced effects, such as the following, in order of the order you

obtain the elementals in.

Cure Water: Royal Jam animation

Freeze: large ice blocks

Earth Slide: rocks have a happy face

Gem Missile: more violent

Air Blast: much, much, MUCH larger Lava Wave: enemy engulfed by lava flow

Fireball: fire turns into dragon

Blaze Wall: very high fire

Dark Force: longer, huge explosion

Evil Gate: longer, little things run around

Lucent Beam: more beams, and bigger

Burst: much bigger and longer

5. The Solar Elemental

To disavow any rumors about the Solar elemental, let me state here and now that it does not exist! Have you noticed that there isn't a space for it on the magic chart? The one that appears to be empty is for the elemental that the girl and sprite cannot get. The sprite has an empty space for Lumina, and the girl has an empty space for Shade. Do you see it? Thanks to Emptyeye for finally revealing the reason why Solar does not exist - I got this from a message board thread a long time ago (back in about July).

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