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DIVING INTO ACTION

Sometimes, it still seems like a dream. You, a beggar boy who stowed away on a ship bound for faraway lands, have become the Prince of Persia.

When you first stepped foot on the sandy shores of that magical land, you thought only of your own survival. But the moment you first saw the Sulan's bounful daughter, your heart was captured. Soon you found yourself fighting for the Princess' freedom, and your own, against her father's many enemies. Through your efforts and devotion, you won the right to make her your bride.

The wedding was a magnificent celebration, as people the length and breadth of Persia rejoiced at the vanquishing of the evil Jaffar, and the return of peace to the Sultan's land.

Not all joined in the festivities whole-heartedly, but gazing into the eyes of your beloved, you scarcely noticed that King Assan, the Sultan's younger brother, smiled little during the ceremony, and left before the wedding feast was finished.

Once the revels were over, you settled into your new roles as husband and son. When King Assan invited the silian's family for a svili, you were apprehensive. Some said the King was a heavy-handed ruler, and there were vaque, umpleasant rumors about his behavior, and that of his son, Rugnor. Moreover, the Sultan and Assan were not on the best of terms. Silencing your protests, the Sultan instead on accepting the invitation, if relations between the two countries were to improve, these diplomatic opportunities could not be signature.

Thus you found yourself accompanying the Sultan and your wife on the trip. At first you enjoyed the change of scenery, spending many hours wandering the impressive grounds with your bride. The vacation from your duties was pleasant, and the mie alone with the Princess was priceless. The Sultan and Assan both seemed to relax, as if the visit had sparked reconcillation between them. There was no sten of the missertonic Risonal.

All seemed to be going well, until tonight ...

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SETTING UP

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Insert a Sega Dreamosa Controller it controlled to the Sega Dreamosa console power
ON. When the introductory sequence ends, the Start Menu appears. Select New Sainte and prepare
for adventure!

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SEGA DREAMCAST CONTROLS SUMMARY

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PRINCE OF PERSIA is a one player game. Before turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON, connect the controller or other peripheral couldment into the control

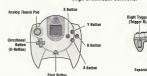
To return to the title screen at any point during gameplay simultaneously press and hold the A, B, X, Y and Start Buttons. This will cause the Sega Dreamcast to soft reset the software and display the Title Screen.

Sega Dreamcast Visual Memory Unit (VMU)



You can remap the controls by choosing the Controls option from the Start Menu. For more information see page 8.

Sega Dreamcast Controller





GAVE CONTROLS

Run Forward	Analog Thumb Pad Up
	L Trigger + Analog Thumb Pad Up
Walk Backward	
Turn Left/Right	Analog Thumb Pad Left/Right
Quick Turn-Around	
Pull up (Slow to a Walk)	L. Trigger
Jump Straight Up	
Standing Short-Jump	L Trigger + Analog Thumb Pad Up + Y Butto
Jump / Swim in that direction	
Crouch Down / Dive Underwater /	
Stand (when crouched)	X Button
Crawl in that direction (when crouched)	Analog Thumb Pad
Jump and Grab	Y Button + L Trigger
Shimmy Left/Right	
(While hanging from a ledge)	Analog Thumb Pad Left/Right
Climb Up (While hanging from a ledge)	
Pick Up / Grab/ Use Nearby Object	A Button
Enter Inventory / Pause Game	

Looking Around	
Rotate Camera Perspective Clockwise	.D-Button Left
Rotate Camera Perspective Counter Clockwise	.D-Button Righ
Reset Camera (Rehind the Prince)	D-Button Up

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Combat Movement Step Forward	Analog Thumb Pad Up
	Analog Thumb Pad Down
Sidestep Left	Analog Thumb Pad Left
Sidestep Right	
Draw / Put Away Weapon (Enter / Exit Con	nbat Mode)R Trigger

Melce Weapons

Block	A Button	_
Left Slash	X Button	
Overhead Slash	Y Button	
Right Slish	B Button	
Special Attack	Analog Thumb Pad Up + Y Button	
Spin Attack Left	Analog Thumb Pad Left + X Button	
Spin Attack Right	Analog Thumb Pad Right + B Button	E.co.
Bow and Arrow		Mar.



Ready / Put Away Bow (if bow is the selected w	eapon)R Trigger
Pull Back Bow String	Hold A Button
Aim Arrow	Analog Thumb Pad
Release Armu	Release A Button

MAKING YOUR WAY

When the game begins, an opening movie is played. Press the Start Button to bursas the cinematic. When the movie finishes, the Title Screen appears, Press the Start Button to bring up the Start Menu. You can navigate the menus in this game by pressing the directional button to highlight your selection, and then the A Button to activate it. The B Button exits most screens.

START MENU

Here you can start or resume a game and configure your system.

New Game: This option begins a new game. You start deep in Assan's prisons armed only with your wits. Good luck! Load Game: This loads the game saved on the memory card placed in the first

slot of Controller A. You can have up to eight saved PRINCE OF PERSIA games per memory card. This option is also available from the in-game Pause Menu.

Sounds: Control the relative volume levels of the soundtrack and special effects.



commands. Use the left and right directional button to scroll through the available controller configurations. When you find a setup that you like, tap the B Button to return to the

When you start PRINCE OF PERSIA you enter the Adventure Screen. In the lower left corner are several red bottles, representing the Prince's life. When the Prince takes damage.

these bottles drain. When he is restored by drinking magic potions, the bottles fill. If all the bottles empty, the Prince dies and the game is over. If there is an enemy nearby, a second set of red bottles appears in the lower right corner of the screen.



By default, you view the game from slightly behind and above the Prince. However, as long as you are not in combat, you can shift the perspective of the camera, to look around and observe. your surroundings, using the following controls. You cannot move normally while you are looking around, but you can look around while hanging from a ledge, if you hold down the L. Trigger and then manipulate the D-Button.

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Reset Camera (Behind the Prince)	.D-Button Up
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"Free Look" Mode	.L Trigger + D-Buttons

If you want to change the camera perspective while you are in Combat Mode, you can rotate between four preset views by pressing the L. Trigger or use the left and right directional buttons to rotate the camera manually

PAUSE MENU

The Pause Menu is accessible at any time during play by pressing the Start Button. From here you have the option to Continue the game, enter your Inventory, Load a saved game or Quit the game and return to the Title Screen.

INVENTORY SCREEN

The Inventory screen allows you to view and select the various objects you acquire during your adventures. The D-Buttons let you highlight various objects in your inventory. At the bottom of the screen a brief description appears as each item is selected. Press the A Button to use the highlighted item, or press the B Button to ceit and return to the same.



- •Using a magic potion, found on the left in one of four slots, brings you instantly to the Adventure Screen where the effects of the potion can be seen. Potions are described in more detail on page 23.
 •Using an arrow selects those type of arrows to
- be used next time you shoot your bow. The number of arrows remaining in the quiver is indicated on the arrow icon. Using a sword or a bow makes that weapon the
- *Using a sword or a bow makes that weapon the active weapon. The next time you press the R Trigger it will be drawn.
- Using any other item may have no effect. Often you do not have to enter the Inventory screen at all
 to use objects such as keys. You simply move to the appropriate area and press the A Button to
 activate the item. For example, if you are at a locked door, and you have the correct key, it is automatically used to open the door, then disappears from your inventory.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

The path of true love is never smooth. In this section are detailed instructions on how to move around in PRINCE OF PIRSIA, as well as information on the types of traps, enemies, and other hurdles you may encounter in your travels.

CONTROLLING THE PRINCE

(While Hanging From a Ledge) ..

Pick Up / Grab/ Use Nearby Object

Climb Up (While Hanging From a Ledge)...

Run Forward	Analog Thumb Pad Up
Walk Forward / Climb Over Obstacle	
Walk Backward	Analog Thumb Pad Down
Sidestep Left/Right	L Trigger + Analog Thumb Pad Left / Right
Turn Left/Right	Analog Thumb Pad Left / Right
Quick Turn-Around	B Button
Pull up (Slow to a walk)	L Trigger
Jump Straight Up	Y Button
Standing Short-Jump	L Trigger + Analog Thumb Pad Up + Y Butto
Jump / Swim in that direction	Y Button + Analog Thumb Pad
Crouch Down / Dive Underwater / Stand (when crouched)	X Button
Crawl in that direction (when crouched)	Analog Thumb Pad
Jump and Grab	Y Button + L Trigger
Shimmy Left/Right	

Finer Inventory / Pause Came _______Start Button

Run: This is your normal loping stride. It is somewhat noisy, and you don't always have time to spot dancerous terrain when you are running.

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Analog Thumb Pad Left/Right

..Analog Thumb Pad Up

Walk: You have a better chance of avoiding certain types of traps safely and of sneaking by guards if you are walking.

Sidestep: This can be useful when negotiating dangerous terrain.

Turn: You can pivot in place by pressing the Analog Thumb Pad directly left or right, or push at an angle to veer in a direction while running or walking.

Quick Turn-Around: If you are standing still, pressing the "quick turn-around" button makes you do a quick iso degree turn. Note: You cannot do this when walking.

Pull Up: This lets you slow to a walk if you're running and suddenly spot a hazard.

Climbing: You automatically step over small obstades. If you stop at a barrier, turn to face it, hold Analog Thumb Pad Up and press the L Trigger. If you can, you will climb over the larger obstace. If the obstade seems too all to drinb over faller than the Prince), you may need to jump to it.

Jumpings You can Jump straight up by pressing the Y Button. You may also Jump forward, Incident, or not their skie by pressing the Y Button and the Analog Thumb Tad of a read-additional distance, you can jump forward while running. If you press and hold the L Trigger, you will attempt to a do not any narrylet feed as you're jumping. While continuing to hold down the I (rigger, press Analog I Humb Pad Up to climb up onto the ledge, or another direction to pull yourself along a done and the press L Pringer + Analog I Humb Pad Up to cause you to drop, ho secure as sand ing short-jump press L Pringer + Analog I Humb Pad Up + Y Button. There are times when you from the proper should be a something and the way or because it so out may not be ablance on.

Scaling Ropes and Poles: There are first types of ropes and poles that you may encounter in your may encounter in your markets achieved fundroming powerful or good and poles, andnorth of intoriumal poles, and swinging ropes. To dimin either type of anchored rope or pole, you can either jump up to goad bi. Ille a lodge, or stimm by walk one to it and press the A Button. You will eithin on the rope or pole. The Analog Thumb Pad allows you to control your movement on the rope, either up and down, or left and pills, it is possible to swing on some andorsed notionation pole by pressing and holding the L. Frigger: Taying the Y Button bunches you away from the rope, to hopefully land on a nearly deep or walkneys swinging topus belows movehal differently but must jump onto the rope by pressing and holding the C. Bresser and the pressing and holding the control of the pressing and holding the control of the pressing and holding the C. Bresser and the pressing and the pr

Swimming: You can run or walk through shallow pools of water, depending on the depth, but in deeper pools you automatically start treading water. While treading water you can use the Y Button to paddle forward and the A Button to paddle backwards, or, if the water is deep enough, you can use the X Button to dive. If you fall into water, you automatically plunge under the surface.

While anderwater, movement is different. Presting Up file you down. Down till syou up; Left and Right turn you in relief reflexion. Press the Y Button to strick owned. To get back above water, you need to fill yourself up and swin toward the surface. Your starting has been strengthered from years or toward and adventure, to you can't hold your breath indefinitely. While you are underwater, a barge blue bottle appears next to your normal red health ones. This slowly drains as you run out of all it Pryou are still underwater when it emplies, you will begin lossing hold hit When your health muse out, you

Crouching and Crawling: If you press the X Button, you drop into a crouch and can begin crawling by manipulating the Analog Thumb Pad. You remain in the crawl position until you stop and tap the X Button again. You cannot sidestep, jump, dimb, or pick up an object while crouching

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

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Once you're moving around you may quickly find yourself in a precarious situation. Doors open and gates slam shut, pools of water and heart-stopping drops are around every corner. The following are some common features you may encounter, and some suggestions on how to deal with them.

Opening Doors: Some gates and doors are already unlocked. These will open automatically as you approach them. If a given door doesn't open, or slame shut, it is likely either locked or controlled from a nearby switch. Search around in adjacent corridors for floor plates or other traggers that may open the door. Keep your eyes and ease open, and if you're stumped, you can try observing the actions of partofiling earlier floor of the other open doesn't be the actions of partofiling earlier floors.

Switches and Other Objects: From time to time you may come across keys, amulets and other small items whose purpose may not be readily apparent. Pick them up anyway.



By close observation of your surroundings, the usefulness of any object will be discovered in time. For example, you may take a key off of a quard and then later find a locked door. Move in front of the door and press the L Trigger. If you are holding the correct key, the door will open and the key will disappear from your inventory

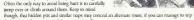
In addition to items you can take, you may also find levers, switches and other devices that can be used by pressing the L Trigger. These objects often contain clues to navigating the labyrinths of dungeons and palaces you're traveling in. Large boxes and blocks of stone cannot be picked up but they may be dimbed on or moved. You can push them forward, or pull them backward, by moving up next to them and pressing the A Button plus a direction. Don't be afraid to experiment.

Unconventional Exits: The way out isn't always through the door. You didn't get this far by always taking the conventional path. Keep your eyes open for loose ceiling tiles, trap doors, pools of water and other possible means of egress.

RECOGNIZING TRAPS

When there is something you need, or somewhere you have to go, there are certain to be lethal traps along the way. The following are descriptions of some of the more common snares

Dangerous Terrain: The ground itself can be a hazard. Burning lava, floor spikes, trap doors, and other dangers await the unwary traveler. These traps can be hard to spot, especially if you're running,



these traps without too much harm to yourself

Moving Blades: There are almost as many ways to rig a spring-loaded blade as there are adventurers to lose their heads to these fiendish devices. Most of these terrifying traps can be avoided, though, with quick feet and a little thought. Some can be jumped over or ducked under, while others move in a pattern that can be timed. Unfortunately the price of failure is usually death,

Spikes, Darts and other Projectiles: Patterns of holes on the ground or wall warn of a spike or arrow trap. They are easily spotted, if you know what you're looking for, but bypassing these traps can be difficult. If spikes thrust out, carefully jumping over them, or sticking to a far wall, may be sufficient. But if darts fly instead, only fast reflexes are going to save you from a painful skewering.

Collapsible Floors: The rumble of loose ground sends a shiver into the heart of any adventurer, but the most important rule to remember is keep moving! These types of traps will send you falling to your death, but there is often a brief pause between tripping the snare and suffering the effects. If you are running, or jump out of the way, you may bypass the trap entirely, and woe to anyone following close behind!

DEALING WITH ENEMIES

Of course, you will find that often the most difficult obstacles you face in your travels are the allies and minions of your enemy who block you, it seems, at every turn. Battles in PRINCE OF PERSIA are won with precise timing and knowledge of your weapons' capabilities. While some enemies can be defeated simply by slashing relentlessly, most adversaries must be taken more seriously, with regard for their individual strengths and weaknesses.

When you draw a weapon, you drop into a distinct Combat Mode, during which the camera view shifts slightly, and movement control changes. You automatically orient yourself towards the enemy you are fighting, and all attacks and blocks only affect that opponent. The health of your current opponent is shown on the right side of the screen as a row of red bottles. When the last of these bottles is drained, your opponent dies,

Step: A quick tap moves you one step; holding down the Analog Thumb Pad allows you to move forward or backward one step at a time until you release it. A step in melee is obviously a smaller and more careful step than that you would take when running down a hallway.

Sidestep: You can sidestep either to the left or right, usually to manuever for position. When you side step, you do not move totally perpendicular to your current position; instead you keep yourself at the same distance to your opponent, walking in a circle around them. You automatically turn to face your opponent. Be careful! When you sidestep you tend to avoid attacks that come from the center or the opposite side, but you will take extra damage from attacks coming from the same side.

Put Away Weapon: Futting away your weapon returns you to normal movement mode However, without a weapon in hand Wormal Model, every blow can be life-threatening. It takes precious seconds both to put away a weapon and to draw it again, dirating which time you are extremely sulterable. Be careful not to put away your weapon unless you are sure you are out of reach of your opponent and can make quike gleaway.

Select Weapon: Press the Start Button to pause the game and open your inventory, where you can switch between any of the weapons you have picked up or drink a magic potion. You can switch weapons in Combat mode by going into your inventory – your current weapon will automatically be sheathed.

Although your begin your adventure weaponless, you will acquire different weapons along the way. The same button commands are used to control each weapon, and they perform a set of similar moves, such as striking and blocking. These basic moves are described next, but the details of each weapon's strengths and weaknesses, along with specific strategies for using and defending that weapon, can be found in following sections.

Block if an opponent is anaxing and you bit the block button, you block in the same direction that the opponent is attacking. However if you hold onto the block beam offer the nature, you continue to block in that same direction; you don't automatically adjust your block for different attacks. If you press the flock buttom when your opponents in not anaxing, they now just albock in anotion direction. When you successfully block an attack, you are pushed back a little, unless your back is already so the wall.

Left Slash: From a neutral position, you raise your weapon over your left shoulder and bring it in front of you in a wide arc.

Right Slash: From a neutral position, you strike with your weapon in an arc from right to left. The blow is quicker than a Left Slash, but does less damage.

Overhead Slash: From a neutral position, you raise your weapon up over your head and then bring it down in front of you (hopefully) on the skull of your opponent. This is usually the slowest attack, but it does the most damase.

Special Attack: Pressing the Analog Thumb Pad Up and the Y Button together allows you to

attempt a special maneuver, but this attack is very difficult to pull off successfully. It should only be tried when your opponent is out of position or if they are much slower than you.

Spin Attack: Pressing Analog Thumb Pad Left + X Button does a spin attack to the left and pressing Analog Thumb Pad Right + B Button does a spin attack to the right.

Counterattacks

If a combanat faunches an attack and that attack is blocked, It takes a small amount of time to recover and get back into a neutral position. During this time period, the blocking combants has an opportunity to perform a counteratuck. These attacks occur quicker than normal attacks, although they can still be blocked if you than very cur with solve Juv. Counteratucks do less damage than normal attacks, and to be executed successfully they must be amempted immediately after you pury. Overhead attacks cannot be countered. If you finely ourself blocking on the deft hand ske, ny counterstanking to the right:

THE BASICS OF COMBAT

- It may not be surprising to learn that the essentials of combat are simply common sense.
- You have to learn to block effectively since just a few hits from a sword can ruin your day. You
 know you are outnumbered, so be patient and make your kills clean. If you take several hard blows
 from everyone you face, you aren't going to lost long.
- Avoid hitting the same buttons over and over again. Not only do your attacks become predictable, and easily blocked, but it also does not use the full range of your skills. You are not a muscle-bound bruiser, flailing away at whatever is in front of you. You are trained to be accurate, swift and precise.
- By using a mixture of attacks from every angle, blocking and footwork, you maximize your advantages. Although some enemies are easily skin, if you do not practice good technique, you will be out-marked avainst more skilled orgonents.
- Be aware that you cannot scale walls, jump gaps, or climb over any large obstacles unless you first put away your weapon.
- Try a range of styles, being both cautious and aggressive. The same tactics will not work for every
 opponent.

THE ART OF THE SWORD

The common scinitar has a decent reach, and its curved edge is weighted for reasonably fast, powerful, arcing strokes. In a match against a similarly bladed enemy, you should take full advantage of the sword's mobility and your own. Against a custions opporent, strike quidok, awring the pattern of your strokes to find openings in their defenses. A more aggressive enemy requires you to move about and block when necessar until they make a mistake you can capitalize on.

Datience is oven more important when you face an enemy armed what a paper or seal. These laye weapons rest affirmed in this hard, so so when A paper or seal. These laye weapons rest to this hard, so so which is found to be painful. Concentrate at first on storying out of their way, while cocasionally rrings a qualk shist to relief side to draw them into a block. Strike only when you are reasonably sure? star-ceding and then prese the advantage supplying closes and launching a follow up attack if possible. Once they are recting from your reserved to a studies as after a side of the property of the studies as after a side of the property of the studies as after a side of the property and the prop

Against someone with a small, fast weapon, utilize your greater reach. Don't be afraid to backpedal, strike, and back up again, staying just far enough away that they can't bunch an effective attack. Try side slashes to see if you can create an opening, and don't forget to counteratted when you block their blow.



A simple scimitar is generally your weapon of choice; it is easily obtained, dependable, and in the hards of a slidled warrior, undenably, effective. However, when fortune puts an enchanted blade in your hands, you would be a fool to set it aside. In fact, it is said that some magical entities may even be immune to the metals of ordinary blades. Luckly, if the late of great adventure are to be believed, when you most desperately need a magical end, you will find it.

The Blade of Caracas is one such weapon of legend. Forged by the alchemical smith, it is named for in the heat of a dragon's fire. This mighty sword has that fire imbased in its very metals. With each cut and slash, flams lean out, sarriar whatever they touch and wreaking envirous harm to the enemy.

Some end in fire; some end in ice. The Glacier's Axe is a mighty, double-bladed axe that sends the chill of the snow-capped mountains into anything it touches. This paradyzes your foces for a few moments, allowing a quick thinking attacker to strike while they are vulnerable.

The Hand of Malak is the gentle name given to a potent weapon. It is named for the peacock god whose cars defeated demons, but it is year opponents who will cry should you find this treasure. When it is used, a sort of magada shield is spun about the wedder, protecting him from all arrows and bolts, and even sometimes deflecting the blades of his attackers. The effect is said to be as if invisible wines oblifted the sourdeman.

Far less benificent is the fearsome Reaper's Sickle. Despite the name, the weapon is a finely crafted scimitar, but if brings death just as surely. The slightest scratch from this blade is said to bring nearly instant demise, but such powerful magicles can only be used a few times before they are expended. Perhaps this weapon no longer even exists....

USING A BOW

The bow is a convenient nod for those time that it is advoxed, or carwise, to plunge into hand-to-hand hattle-However, arrows are not infline in number, and you may want to reserve seen for more interesting uses than plugging quarks. Objects, such as switches, walk and windows can be hit as easi-not the property of t

Aiming and Firing

If your how is selected and you are in Combat Mode, holding down the A Button arms the bow by pulling bok on the howesting and aiming hearow. This actions worklose the carene, angle and a retire the in the center of the view appears to show where your arrow be surrently aimed. You can use the Analog Thumb Pad to adjust your arm likeding the A Button relies with a route of the property and and with to tuarent the bow pressing the Start Button while will holding the A Button and then changing your weapon back to a snored or are lets you stand down without shooting the arrow. You cannot worth arrows while you are aiming you must stand down and our Combat Mode

Acquiring Arrows

There are two basic types of arrows that can be found in your travels.

Normal arrows can be made by an ordinary fletcher. They can be found near the bodies of some guards, and by searching in places likely to have a cache of supplies, or where passing guards may have dropped them. Simply approach a pile of arrows and press the A Button to pick them up. They are usually unremarkable, capable of hurting most normal creatures and even shattering delicate objects in the hands of a skilled archer. However, it is worth noting that armor and thick hide, as well as certain magical potions, can grant partial or full immunity to missile fire. If several arrows are needed to bring down just one enemy, it might be better to save them for other uses.

Artificed arrows are infused with a variety of magical powers during their creation. This process is naturally quite difficult, and many of the fletcher's secrets have been lost to the mists of time. However, a few of these enchanted arrows can still be found.

Atar's Retribution is the name given to the most common type of artificed arrow, one which has been imbued by its maker with a shard of holy fire. Magical flames explode upon impact, severely injuring anyone struck by this arrow. These arrrows have also been known to melt huge blocks of ice. Death's icy fingers mark anyone wounded with Jurin's Messenger. This fell type of arrow has never been known to leave a victim alive, once the archer manages to find the target.

The Vampire's Kiss is a rather sinister bolt, the arrowhead reputedly made from the fang of that undead monster. When the arrow strikes, the life essence of its victim is said to be magically transferred to the archer who unleashes it

IDENTIFYING YOUR FOES

Wherever you go, you are bound to meet opposition. Following are descriptions of a few of the more common figures that oppose you and your goals.

Guardsmen: Guarding doors and hallways, from the depths of the dungeons to the highest towers



of his palace, are Assan's soldters. Some merely do their job, no more cruel or violent than any mercenary, while others have fully embraced the ruthlessness of their master. All are utterly faithful to Assan (any hint of disloyalty in the past has merited death). Expect no mercy in combat from these driven warriors. However, as with every army, the quality of these soldiers varies greatly from unseasoned recruits to expert sword and spearmen. The cream of King Assan's forces guard the upper levels of his palace.

Black Market Bandits: Even at the edges of respectable sokas treacherous scum wait to prev on the rich and unwary. In markets that deal in stolen goods, such thieves and cutthroats are



everywhere! The menacing stares and tattoo-bedecked bodies of these bandits clear a wide berth in the stalls and alleyways. Meeker denizens of the underworld see them as both a hazard and a defense. Patrolling their district as doggedly as any city quard, Black Market Bandits are quick to attack with sword or staff, targeting anyone who doesn't belone, who might draw the attention of the authorities, or who seems to be carrying anything of value.

Roustabouts: Dirigibles dominate the skies above Persia, providing luxurious travel for the elite. A strange breed of workers has evolved to man the magical crafts; they live and die without ever setting foot on land. Although their ancestors were ordinary dockworkers, these hulking ape-like figures scarcely resemble anything human. They wrap their hands and prehensile feet in bandages to protect them from blistering on the hemp rope, and rags cover their faces to shield them from dust and debris. Roustabouts make their home in the bowels of the dirigibles, maintaining the machinery that keeps the airships aloft. They fiercely guard their territory with whatever weapons happen to be at hand.

Demons: Any malicious and mysterious spirit that has no other name is called a Demon. They have as many manifestations and arcane powers as there are tales to be told. One popular tale describes a twisted and malignant creature, twice the size of a man, but almost skeletally thin, with rough skin like sloughing gray bark. Spawned from the suffering



of a dving people, this Demon and others of its breed wander the ruins of a lost city, hunting for revenge with axes dripping in blood. Although such accounts are probably exaggerated, travelers should always be cautious and defensive.

Darkhold Assassins: Though they rarely leave their mountainous fortress, Darkhold Assassins are known as heartless butchers who have been gathered into the service of a mysterious sovereign. The skill of these hired killers is whispered of throughout the neighboring lands. Peasants make signs to avert evil at the mention of their name, and none dare to wear clothing of purple and black, because those are the colors of the Darkhold's cadre. Even if the murders attributed to them have been exaggerated ten-fold, the



STAYING ALIVE

Assassins are a formidable force

Keening yourself relatively safe and sound is not an easy task when everything from sements to sultans are howling for your blood. In order to survive you're going to need a sizeable dose of common sense and caution to go along with your courage.

Pay Attention: When you first enter an unfamiliar area, slow down to a walk and observe your surroundings. Don't forget to look all around you (press the D-Button to move the camera). Once you've gotten a feel for an area, know what sort of opposition you're facing, and have a general layout in your head, you can pick up the pace.

Avoid Confrontations: The easiest way to stay alive is to avoid unnecessary fights. Guards are more likely to spot you when you aren't hiding behind walls or pillars, and you're easier to hear if you are running instead of walking. Be cautious, and keep in mind that an enemy may be lulled into thinking that they didn't hear anything if you quiet down for a while. However, if they see a fellow quard in trouble, or if you shoot them full of arrows, they're going to come looking for you, whether they can see and hear you or not.

Run Away Before You Get In Trouble: The best time to run away is when you see an enemy from a distance, and can make a plan to avoid them. Many of your enemies can run just as fast as you, and worse yet, any hit you sustain when you don't have a weapon in hand is brutal.

Fighting More Than One Person At Once Is Usually Suicide: Your best chance for survival is to back away, put away your weapon and run away. If you are forced to fight, try to use footwork to avoid giving the other combatants a free shot at your flank, and keep a wall at your back!

HEALTH AND HEALING

You start PRINCE OF PERSIA at less than full health, represented by only two of the three red bottles at the lower left of the Adventure Screen being filled. Different events will occur in the course of your travels that decrease your health, such as falling from a long distance, encountering a trap, or fighting off an enemy. The red bottles drain to represent this. Obviously, when you are at zero health, you die. The most common way to restore your strength is by drinking a healing potion.

Death

Even the most experienced adventurer can have a bad run of luck or encounter a new and devious way to die. If you have a fatal accident, you will be returned to the Start Menu where you can elect to restore your last saved game by selecting Load Game. Of course the best way to ensure you don't lose valuable time retracing your steps after a misadventure is to save whenever you can. You can save at certain save points, marked by the Rune of Memory. By picking up the rune, you automatically save the game. There is always a rune close to the beginning of each level.

MAGIC POTIONS

Scattered throughout the dungeons and towers you will travel are precious vials of rare liquids. Sometimes these potions are all that stands between you and death.

Soma's Tisane is a common mixture of herbs and extracts from holy plants and can be distinguished by its pleasant azure blue color. It is a general restorative, which grants a relatively small amount of relief from injury.



The Blood of Kiva is a much rarer liquid, distilled from fragile mountain currants, and a combination of rare alchemical spices and cultivated fungl. Known to have a near miraculous restorative property, the potion is treasured by luddy possessors. The name, incidentally is derived from its rich crimson color, not from any unswory components.

RUNES OF POWER

Scattered here and there in many dungoons and other unexpected places can be found what are known as runes of power Delicate magicks, these incantations are intended to be activated with a toach, making it impossible to store them for later use. Sometimes it is better to pass by a rune, until you know what you might need it for. However, due to their unstable nature, there is no guarantee that a rune will still be there if you leave I rand return.

Rune of the Gazelle: When this icon is touched, it briefly imbues you with the essence of that graceful plains creature, able to leap incredible spans as easily as crossing a stream.

Rune of Shadows: Releasing the power of this symbol instantly renders you unseen. You become but another shadow, a flicker of light, a whisper, unnoticed by all. Of course, this doak of invisibility has been known to fade, often at the most inopportune moments.

Rune of Life: The magics of this secret symbol permanently gift you with additional stamina & vitality.

Rune of the Winds: The dijints of the air have a fragment of their magic in this rune. When touched it lets you float as easily as a feather in a breeze. A fall from the hishest rower is no threat to

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