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The Story

A remote, frontier town, its streets powdered with the golden sands of the desert. Close by, the massive Monster Tower rising high into the air. As the name suggests, this ancient tower is the lair of monsters — hordes of them!

Although the journey is a grueling one, this doesn't deter the treasure-hunters from coming to the town. They're driven by desire — a desire to obtain the Monsters' treasure, but more than that, a desire to obtain the precious, rare Monster eggs. For if you raise a Monster from an egg it will become accustomed to humans. That's why the eggs, or a Monster which has been tamed, will fetch a high price.

If it's a special Monster it can be sold for an astronomical sum. The center of the Monster Egg Trade is the bustling town of Monsbaiya.

In this town there lives a boy whose father was one of the most skilled Monster Tamers in history. But while the boy was still young his father died. It was left to his mother to bring up the boy and his younger sister. They didn't have much money so everyday living was difficult. The boy would often think: "If only I could get one of those eggs, I could sell it for a lot of money!"

The boy had his father's blood running in his veins, and eventually he began to feel it stirring. All he could think of was going in search of the Monsters' eggs. But there was one problem. He was not allowed to go into the Tower until he turned 15 — the age of adulthood.

The boy couldn't get the idea out of his mind. He imagined going into the profound reaches of the Tower where the never before seen eggs were to be found. And then, if he could just get ONE of those eggs . . .

Now we come to today. It is the boy's 15th birthday — the day he becomes an adult!

Starting a Game

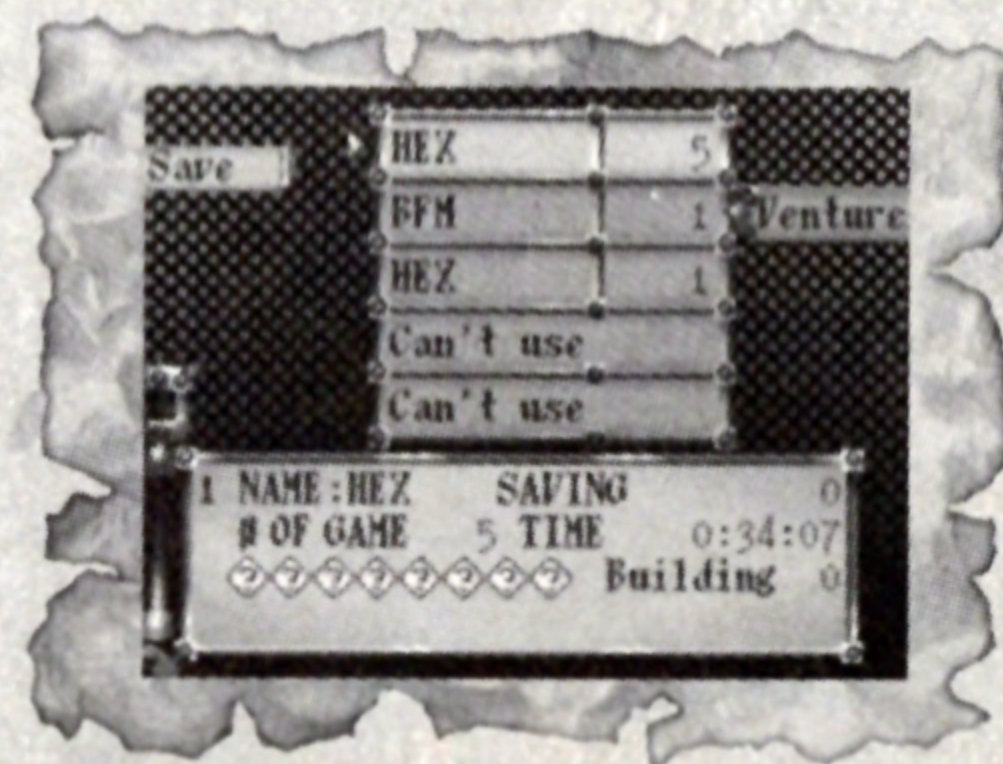
STARTING A NEW GAME

When playing the game for the first time, select "New Game". After a brief moment, the Name Entry Screen will appear. Enter the name of your player using the Directional Buttons to move the cursor and the **X** Button to select the characters. If you accidentally enter the wrong character, move the cursor to the character in question and enter the correct character. You can move the cursor to the left using the L1 Button and to the right using the R1 Button.

CONTINUING A GAME

When using a memory card, you can save your place in the game a maximum of five times per memory card. When you wish to resume a game from saved data, select "Continue" from the Start Screen.

If saved data for the game exists on the memory card, a screen similar to the one shown at the right will appear. Highlight the file you wish to play and select it with the **X** Button. Once the data has loaded, the state of the town and your possessions at the time the game was saved will be restored. Play will resume from the hero's home. If the file is marked "QUEST," then play can be resumed at a place in the tower. However, after continuing the game once, the "QUEST" mark will disappear, and only data for the state of the town and your possessions will remain saved. If you attempt again to continue using the same file, you will begin back at the hero's home, and money or items gathered in the tower will be lost. Note that copying the file will not duplicate the "QUEST" mark, so be especially careful when using this data.



SAVING A GAME

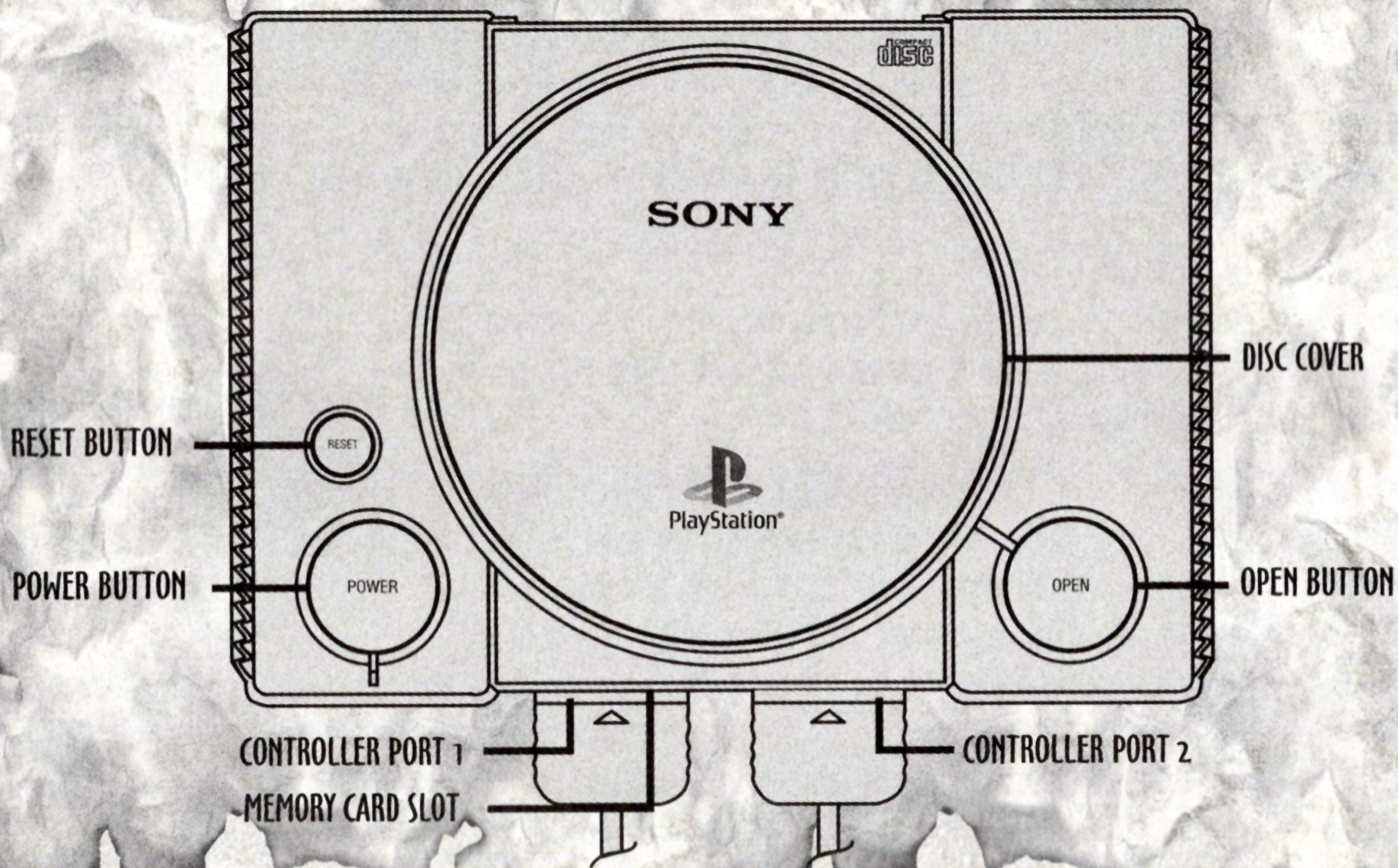
In the Town

See your mother, Wreath, when you wish to save the current state of the town and your possessions.

In the Tower

Each time you ride an elevator up to the next floor, a message will appear. Only at these times can you save a game in the tower. If you choose to Quit the game you will be given an option to Save before quitting. Follow the instructions on the screen to save the data to the desired Memory Card.

Getting Started

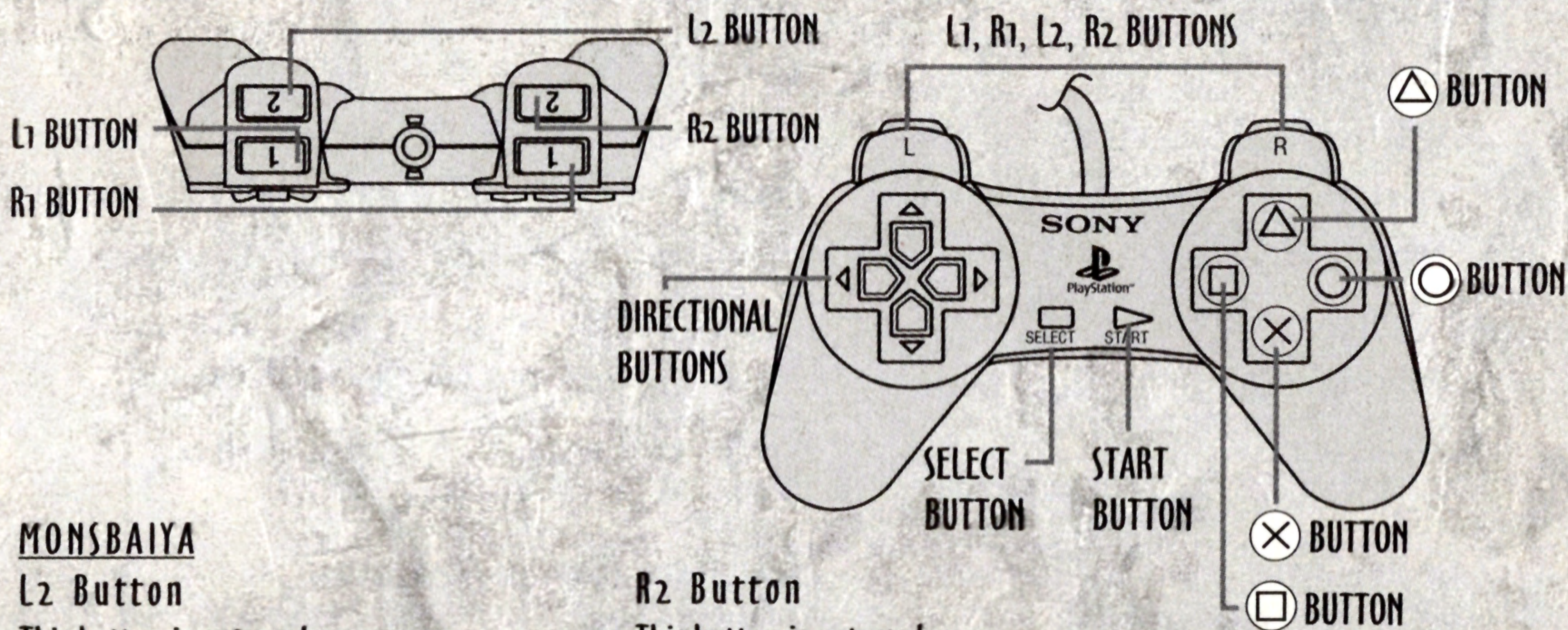


Set up your PlayStation® game console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the power is OFF before inserting or removing a compact disc. Insert the Azure Dreams™ disc and close the Disc Cover. Insert a game controller and memory card and turn ON the PlayStation® game console.

Note: It's possible to play the game without a memory card, but you can't save your game.

Controls

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MONSBAIYA

L2 Button

This button is not used

L1 Button

Change viewpoint (rotate right)

Directional Buttons

Control the character, select menu items

Select Button

This button is not used

Start Button

To begin game

R2 Button

This button is not used

R1 Button

Change viewpoint (rotate left)

△ Button

Jump

○ Button

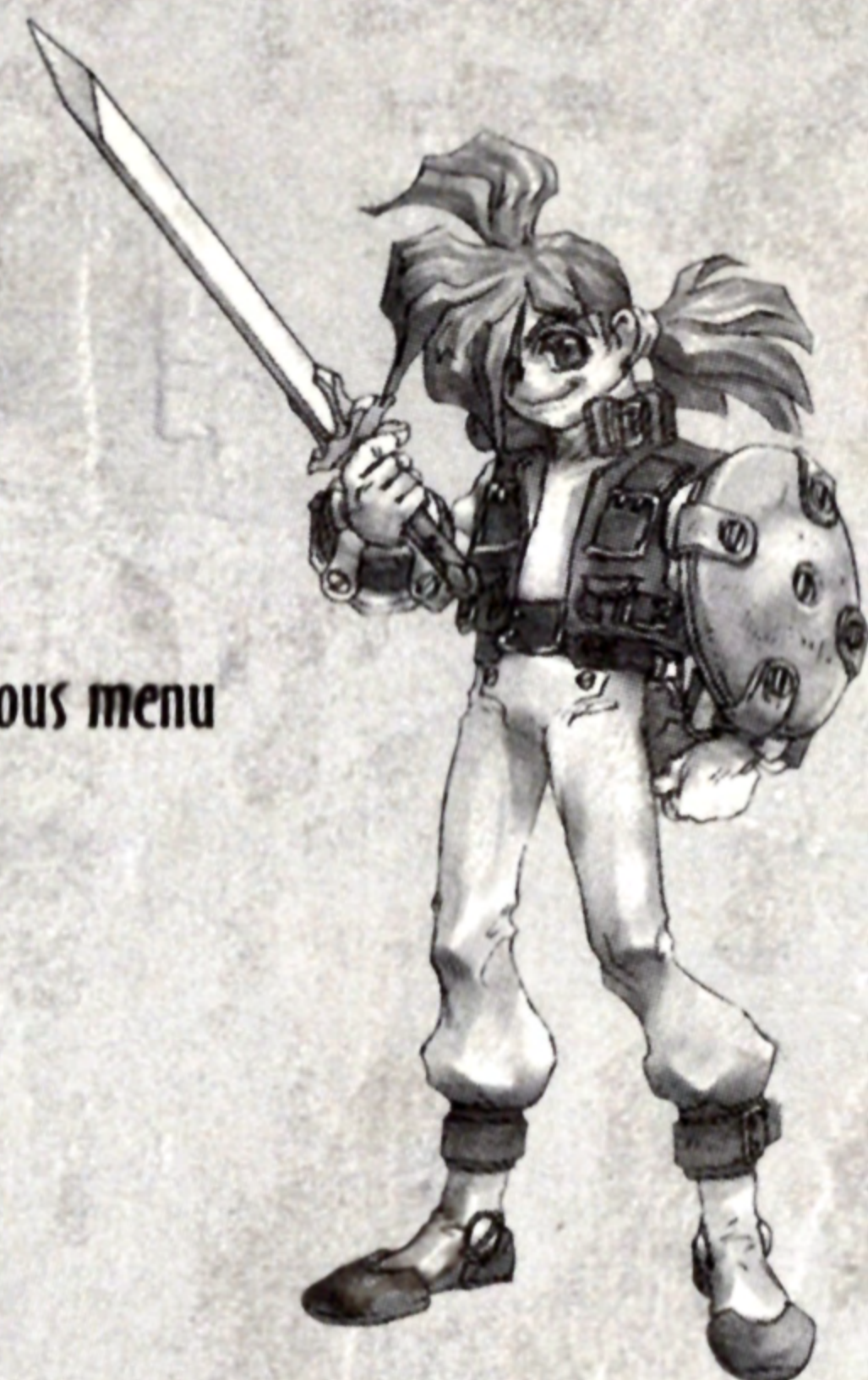
Cancels commands, return to previous menu
Press and hold to run.

× Button

Choose Menu Commands

□ Button

Opens Command Menu



Holding down the Select Button and then pressing and holding down the Start Button for two seconds will return you to the title screen. Note: Any unsaved data will be lost!

THE MONSTER TOWER

L1 Button

Change viewpoint (rotate right)

Directional Buttons

Control the character, select menu commands

Select Button

Displays map

R1 Button

Change viewpoint (rotate left)

○ Button

Cancels commands, return to previous menu

✕ Button

Attack, choose menu commands

◻ Button

Opens Command Menu

CONTROLS USED IN THE MONSTER TOWER

○ Button (Hold) + △ Button

Skip your turn

○ Button (Hold) + ✕ Button

You can grasp an object which is one square away

○ Button (Hold) + ✕ Button (when holding an object)

You can throw the object you are holding

△ Button (Hold) + Directional Buttons

Alter the direction you are facing without advancing

Directional Buttons + ○ Button (Hold)

Run (if a monster is near, you cannot run)

△ Button (Hold) + R1 Button

Adjust map zoom

△ Button (Hold) + R2 Button

Change Status gauge display

△ Button (Hold) + L1 Button

Adjust camera zoom

△ Button (Hold) + L2 Button

Adjust camera tilt

R2 or L2 Button(s) + ✕ Button

Displays the health status

R2 or L2 Button(s) + ◻ Button

Returns the familiar to the bag

R2 or L2 Button(s) + △ Button

Displays the Command screen

CONTROLLING A FAMILIAR

L2 Button

Blue Collar Quick Menu

R2 Button

Red Collar Quick Menu

Quick Menu Commands:

R2 or L2 Button(s) + Directional Buttons

You can change the direction in which the familiar faces

R2 or L2 Button(s) + ○ Button

Displays the Formation Screen





Monsbaiya

MAP OF MONSBAIYA

1. Blacksmith

Buy and sell weapons here to help you in your adventures.

2. Monster Shop

They will pay you for any eggs or familiars you found in the tower.

3. Hospital

4. Fortune House

Obtain hints and guidance.

5. General Store

Many unusual goods from the Western part of the land are stocked in this store.

Fur Gots is also here.

6. Hero's Home

7. Monster Tower

8. Temple

9. House of Nico

10. The Rode Household

11. Carpenter

He will build you a structure on order.

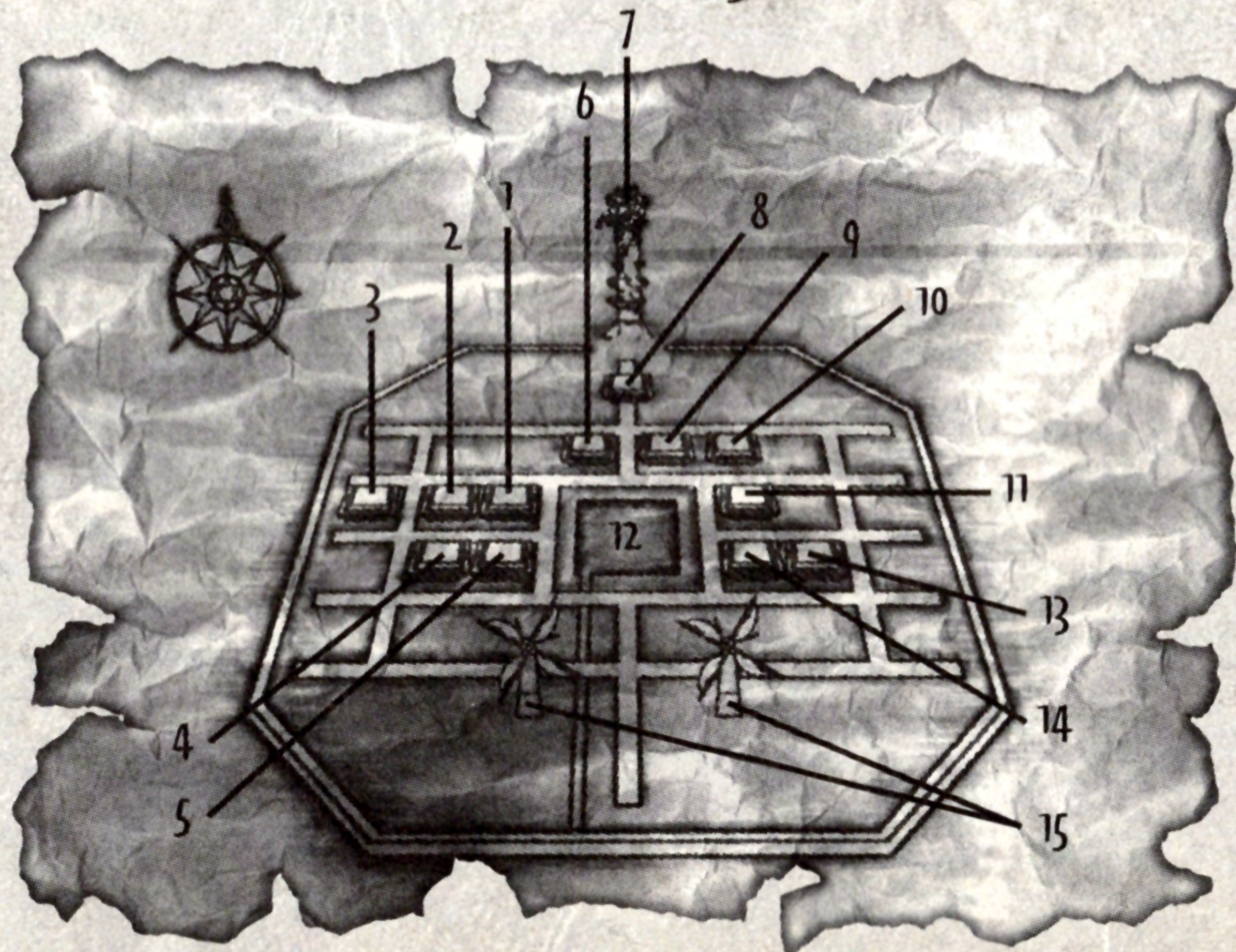
12. Pond

13. Bar

14. Restaurant

The only restaurant in town. Patty Pan is here.

15. Windmill and Windmill Shed



READING THE SCREEN

Main window
Menu
Player Info




Name
Information window
Shopping window
Money in possession



Item Window
All your possessions are displayed here, including items, weapons, eggs, and familiars. You can have or use any of these possessions.

Command Menu
Equip weapons, use items and formation changes can be managed from this menu.



Shopping Window
Select an item you wish to buy by moving the cursor to the item and pressing the  Button.

THE TOWN OF MONSBAIYA

STRATEGY 1

Actions of the townsfolk will change according to the tower invasions and events in the town. Try to help a town person who is in trouble. Between adventures into the tower, you can get to know a girl you meet in town. Continue to have conversations with her.

When your actions create favorable impressions, changes may occur...

STRATEGY 2

You can exchange items, eggs, and familiars you find in the Monster Tower for money. By saving the money from these exchanges and money found in the tower, you can rebuild your home or put up large buildings on vacant lots.

Within your newly built structures, you can play actual games like in a casino or recreation center. And if you build a certain structure, you may have a fresh encounter...

SPENDING YOUR MONEY

As you will see, a player is never without his / her money. Some money you will find in the tower, but if you sell some items you can obtain even greater wealth.

Obtaining Items

Look for items in the tower.

Selling Items

It's possible to sell eggs, weapons, medical herbs, and other items obtained in the tower. You can always get a reasonable rate for your items. You can even sell familiars that you don't use.

Using Items

Items and weapons can be purchased at the General Store and the Blacksmith, and the Carpenter will be happy to enlarge your home or build you a new one. In addition to your own home, you can also have structures built for the townsfolk.

The Monster Tower

Powerful forces of magic in the Tower make unreasonable occurrences commonplace.

MYSTERIES OF THE MONSTER TOWER

Nothing remains the same...

Magic spells are at work in the Tower that will cause the geographical features to change during your adventure.

Each floor is different on each visit. Therefore, you never know how any room is connected to other rooms, and finding an item is a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

What goes up, can't come down...

The elevators only go up and their positions change each time you visit. If you go up, you can't come down. To return to the town, you need a special item.

In the beginning...

A great number of people don't make it to the highest level because all who enter are affected by a magic spell at the entrance that lowers their strength, and you always begin from level 1. If monsters attack you after entering the tower, you may lose all your hard-earned items, so be on your toes.

Eeney, meeny, miney, moe...

You can generally carry any items and familiars that you find. However, you're limited to a maximum of five items when you first enter the tower, including familiars and eggs. So choose your items carefully.

The tower is the monsters' lair

No matter how many familiars you find, if you can't use your collar on them, you can't take them with you. The red collar passed on to you from your father, and the blue collar that can be obtained in the Tower are essential. You can use a single familiar by itself or fuse two familiars together. Fusing familiars can be performed in the Tower. As with items, a key to good strategy is which familiars to take and when to use them.

TECHNIQUES

The geographical formations in the tower change each time you enter, as do the monsters and items that you encounter. Therefore, you don't need to memorize the layout of the tower. Also, you can only go up in the tower, not down, and the further you go up, the stronger the monsters. So be sure you are ready.

You can cause more damage to an opponent by attacking from a high place in the tower. Smaller monsters can sometimes be moved. It can be rewarding to throw them into a pit. Also, items can be thrown while jumping. Adapt your strategies to the situation at hand.

Since you can't come down in the tower after going up, you must acquire either a Wind Crystal or the Fruit of an Oleem to return to the town. Determine for yourself how the two differ. You can return to town, even if a monster attacks you, but you will lose all your items except the familiars that you hatched yourself. We recommended that you do your best to bring an egg back to your Monster Hut. The adventures into the tower will become easier as you gain more familiars.



You can carry a total of five items and familiars at one time. Any additional items you can sell or store in a safe in your home. You can keep additional familiars in your Monster Hut. The key to the game is to determine which items to sell, which to keep, and which to take with you into the tower.

Action in the game operates in turns. For example, when fighting a monster, the monster moves every time you move. Since each side alternates in attacking, you can relax and take your time deciding the best move. Moving one step, using an item, and the like take up one turn. Changing directions, however, isn't counted as a move. During battles, always face your opponent.

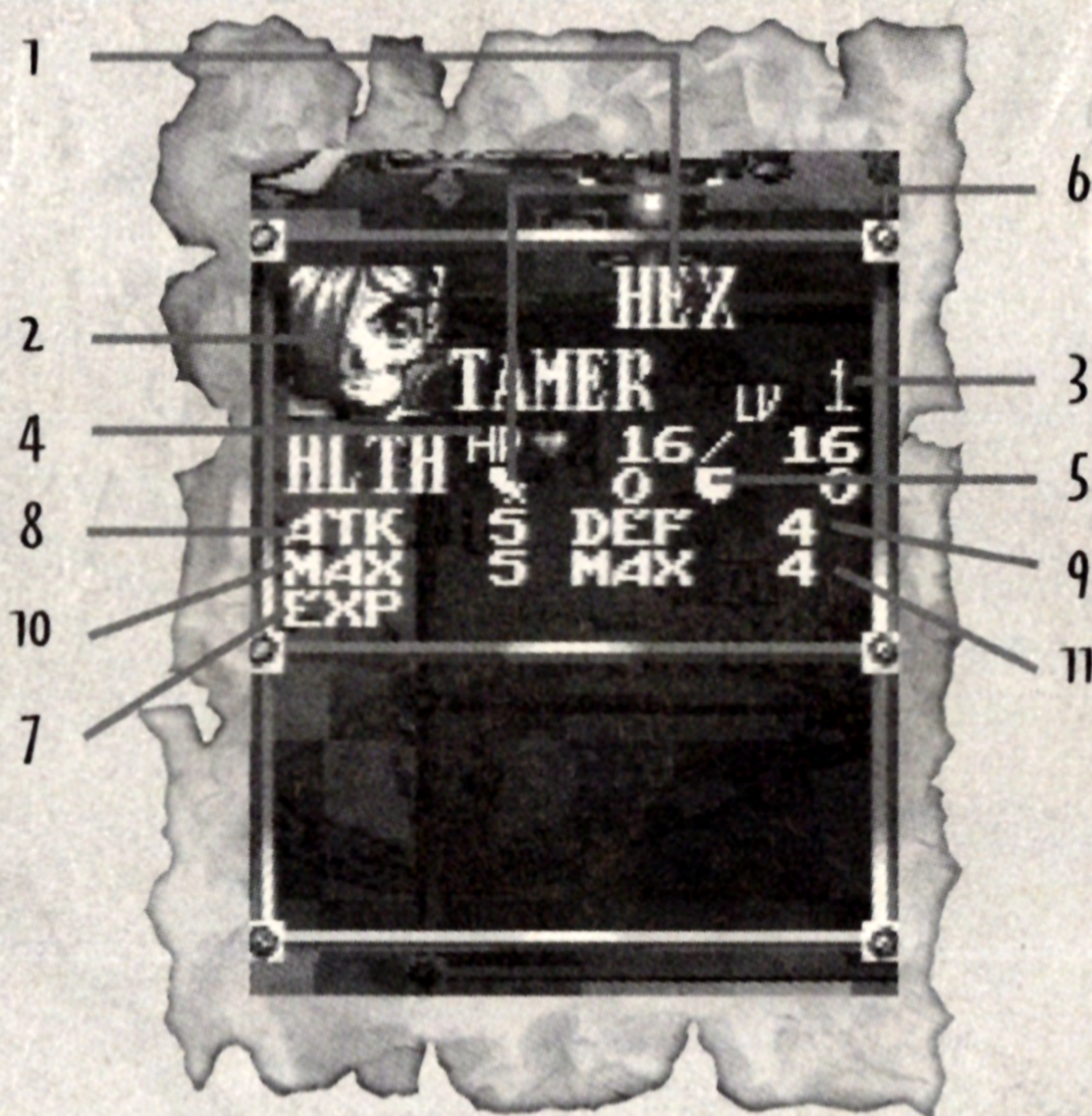
It's possible to move in one of eight directions. You can also attack diagonally. This knowledge is useful both when moving toward a monster and when retreating. However, don't forget that the monsters can move the same way.

READING THE SCREEN

Status Window

Pressing the  Button will display the menu and the player's status. Close the windows using the  Button.

- 1 Player Name
- 2 Player Status
- 3 Level
- 4 Hit points
- 5 Shield strength
- 6 Weapon strength
- 7 Experience
- 8 Attacking strength
- 9 Defending strength
- 10 Maximum attacking strength
- 11 Maximum defending strength

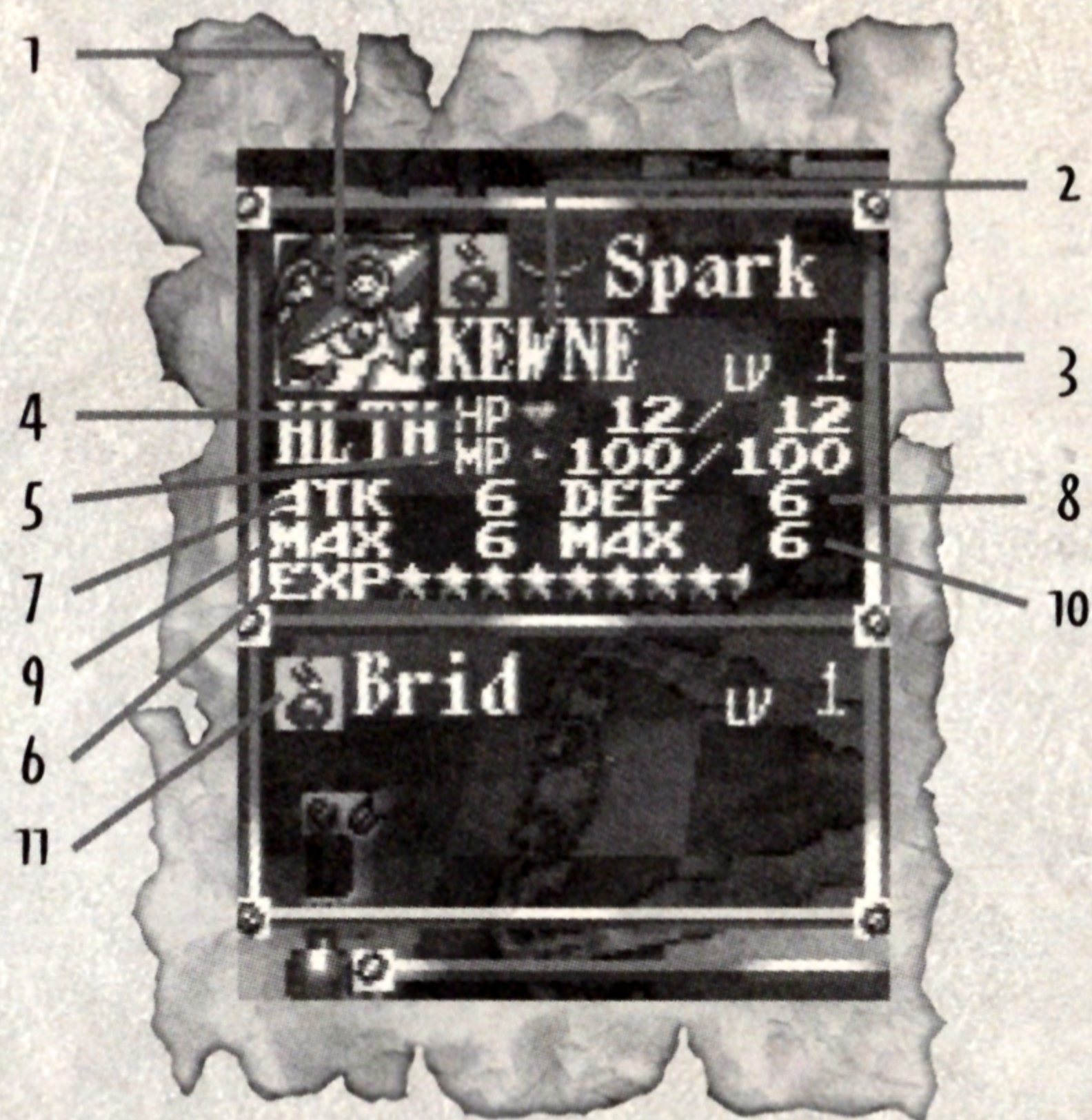


Monster Status Window

Use the Directional Buttons to view the status of your familiars.

- 1 Image of the familiar
- 2 Name and attribute
- 3 Race and level
- 4 Hit points
- 5 Magic points
- 6 Experience
- 7 Attacking strength
- 8 Defending strength
- 9 Maximum attacking strength
- 10 Maximum defending strength
- 11 Spells

Note: Magic points are expended even from movement.

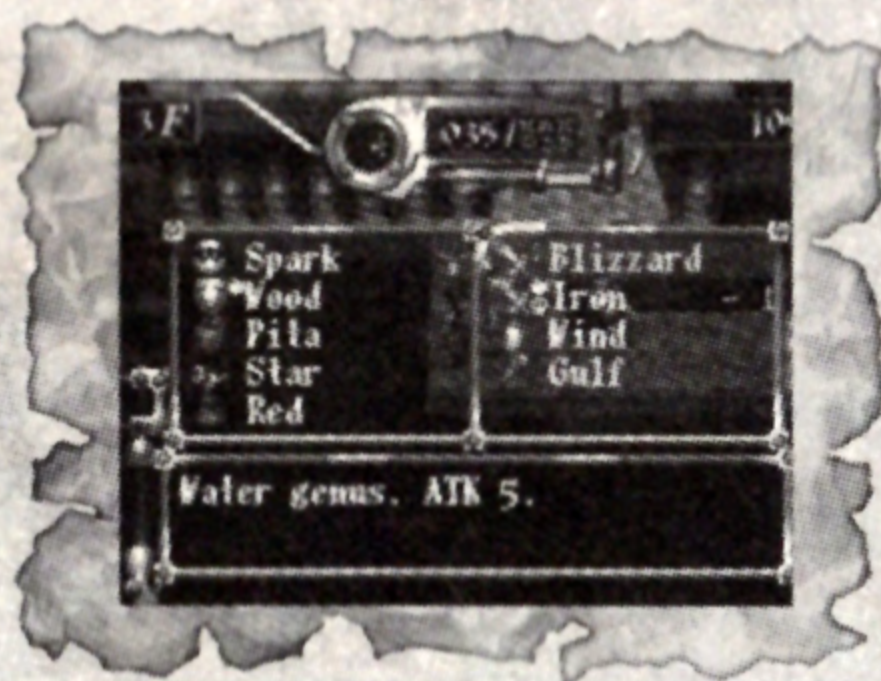


Command Window

Move the cursor using the up and down Directional Buttons and select a command with the **X** Button.

Possessions

Items, eggs, and familiars in your possession can be displayed and used. Highlight an item you wish to use using the Directional Buttons and select it with the **X** Button. This will open a menu from which you can select what action to take with the item. Highlight the action you wish to take and select it with the **X** Button. Press the **O** Button to cancel. You can also sort your items by pressing the **△** Button while the Item Window is open.



After selecting an item, you can choose an action from the various commands displayed.

Commands Used for Both Possessions and Monsters

Use	Eat fruit, cast a spell, or use an item.		
Have	Hold an item in your hand.		
Name	Name an unidentified egg or familiar.		
Collar	Attach a familiar to or remove it from your collar.	Equip	Arm yourself with or remove a sword, shield, etc.
Free	Send a familiar home or turn loose a familiar born in the Tower.	Heat up	Warm an egg.
Give	Give food to or use an item on a familiar.	Select	Change to the Monster Select Screen.
		Put in	Put an item you're holding into the bag.
		Pick up	Pick an item off the ground and put it into the bag.

Monster Selection

Take a familiar out of the bag or put one in the bag.





Collar Select Menu

There are only two collars: a red collar and a blue collar. The red collar has been passed down from your father, but the blue collar is lying somewhere in the Tower. Select the red collar with the R2 Button or the blue collar with the L2 Button. After pressing the L2 or R2 Button, you select an item from the Quick Menu.

Formation

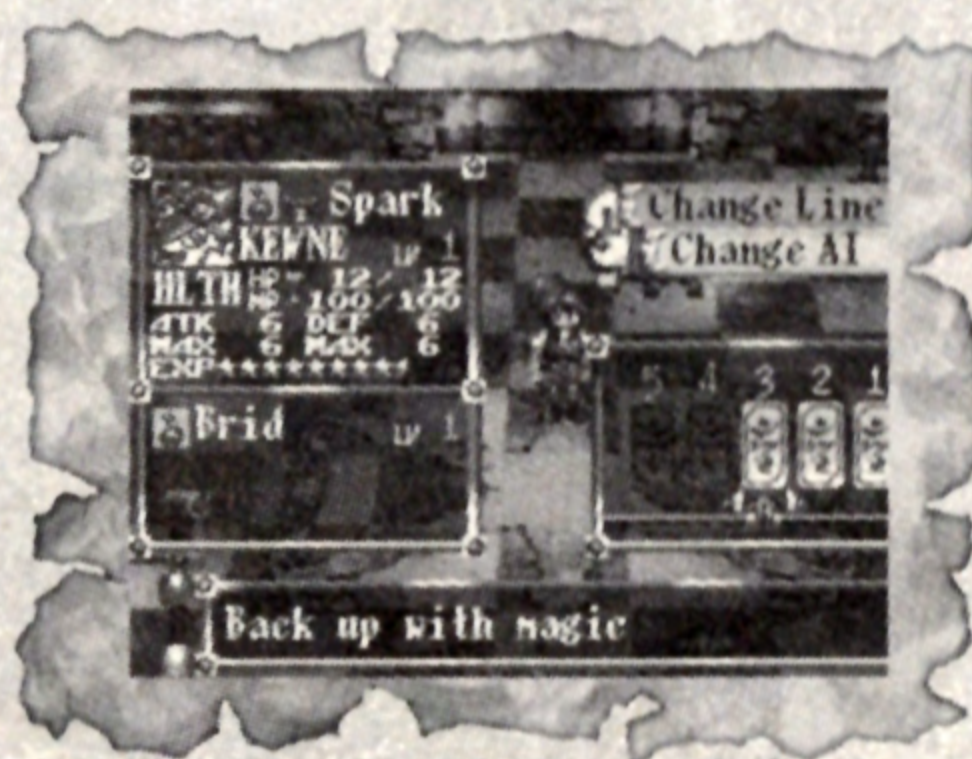
Changing the formation

You can change the order of your familiars in the formation. Select one of the familiars with either the L2 or R2 Button, change the order with the  Button, and exit the menu with the  Button.

Formation view

Effort

Change the amount of effort the familiars exert.



Fuse

Use this command to fuse two familiars attached to collars. You must have two collars and at least two familiars.

Command

Sends a command to a familiar. The type of command depends upon the familiar, but can include combined magic, direct magic, direct attacks, special abilities, and the like.



STATUS ABNORMALITIES



Poison

Incur damage when moving
Antidote herb, cure spell,
recover after several turns



Confusion

Can't move the way you want
Stimulating herb, cure spell,
recover after several turns



Tied up

Can't move
Cure spell, recover after several turns



Sleep

Can't move
Cure spell, recover after several turns



Blind

Can't see anything
Roam herb, recover after several turns

* A familiar that loses consciousness during a battle will automatically be returned to the town.

TRAPS

There are a variety of traps hidden throughout the tower. If you step on a trap, you'll incur damage or be put to sleep, so watch your step. Monsters can get caught in traps, too. By pushing them into a trap, you can turn the battle to your advantage. If you have a Trap Loupe, you can reveal all the traps on the current floor.



Bomb Trap

Player receives damage.



Chaos Trap

Player becomes confused.



Sleep Trap

Player can't move for several turns.



Reversal Trap

Turns your surroundings upside down.

Eggs



Familiars and Their Eggs



Unlike the monsters you meet in the tower, familiars that are raised from the moment they are hatched become attached to their human masters. These pet-like creatures can be very useful allies. When you enter the tower, they may rescue you from various dangers.

Eggs

Eggs are lying in various places around the tower. The only way to identify the contents of the eggs in the tower is by warming the eggs to hatch the inhabitants or by using the item Truth Glasses. You will automatically learn the contents of an egg that you carry back to town.

Warming

The basic method for treating eggs is to warm them to hatch the familiars. Eggs can be warmed in the tower or back in town, in the Monster Hut at your house. Note: Warming an egg in the tower will cost you one turn.

Selling

You can exchange your eggs for money. The rarer the egg, the higher the price it will fetch. But don't neglect your own repertory.

Using Single-Use Familiars

In the tower, it's possible to use an egg as a monster, even without warming the egg. To do this, hold the egg in your hand and throw it. The familiar within will break out and issue a powerful magic spell. However, this familiar can't be used again. Note: If you haven't appraised the egg's contents, you won't know what type of monster will hatch.

* Note: If you miss an opponent when throwing an egg, the egg will have no effect.

SPELL ATTRIBUTES

The attributes of spells include fire, water, and wind. The magic spells learned by monsters vary according to the type of monster. Combining familiars will give rise to new spells, but you must experiment to learn their effects.



Fire Spells

Effective for attacking



Water Spells

Effective for defense



Wind Spells

Effective for special situations

MONSTER ATTRIBUTES

All of the monsters also have one of the three attributes described for spells. When the monster and the spell have the same attribute, both increase a level.

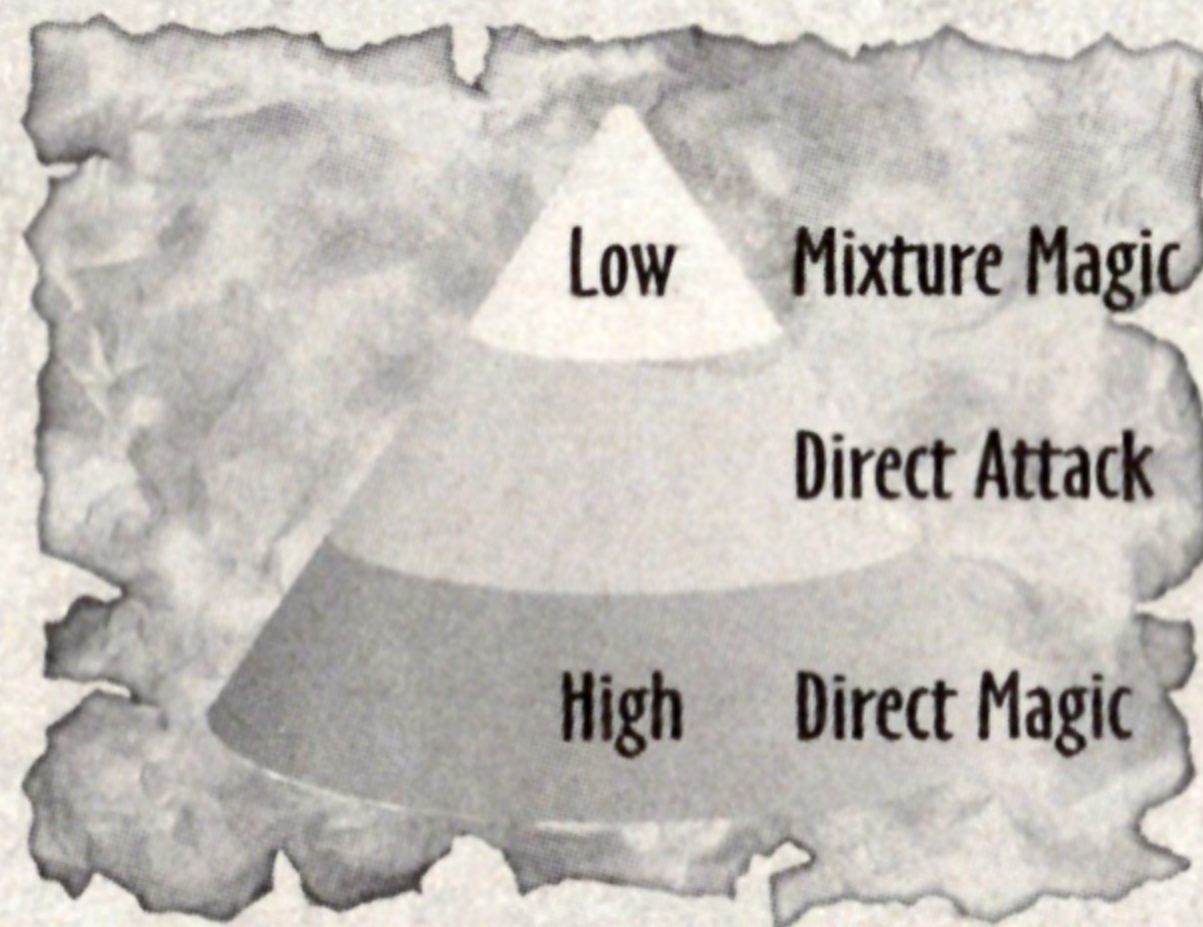
USING SPELLS

When fighting in the tower, the spells of familiars are essential. There are a variety of spells to choose from within the three classes: fire, water and wind spells. Be sure to verify what you have available when fighting. In addition, there are two fighting methods: direct magic and mixture magic. With direct magic, the familiar directly causes damage to the opponent, while with mixture magic the player gains some magical strength from the familiar. Learn to use each according to the situation.

MAGIC POWER

Familiars expend magic power for each turn they move, the amount expended depends on the type of familiar and the type of magic used. If the familiar uses all of its magic power, it becomes inactive. Should this happen, give your familiar the Pita Fruit.

Magic Power Expended



Mixture magic uses up the least magic power.

FUSING FAMILIARS

While in the tower, it's possible to fuse two familiars that are wearing collars. By fusing familiars into one, the resulting familiar will have two spell types and will inherit all the special abilities of the combined familiars, creating a much stronger familiar. The race, attribute and spells of a familiar after being combined can be determined according to the following laws.

When familiars that have different attributes are fused, the familiar will adopt the stronger of the two attributes. If their attributes are the same, there will be no change. The resulting familiar will also adopt the race of the highest level familiar.

* There is an item that can prevent a familiar's race from changing.

After fusing, the resulting familiar will retain the same spells with the newly acquired spell attribute. In addition to the fire, water, and wind attribute spells, there are two additional types of spells.

Magic Standard, which retains the original attribute; and

Magic Isotope, which changes the nature without regard for changes in the attribute.

Magic Standard type spells can increase in level, but Magic Isotope type spells cannot.

* The two types of spells are listed separately in the Status Window.

Even familiars that do not possess spells or special abilities can develop new strengths when combined, depending on the conditions. Experiment for yourself!

STORING FAMILIARS AND EGGS



You can store the eggs and familiars you obtain in the Monster Hut. The Monster Hut is also used for warming the eggs when you are in town. A star marks the areas that you can place the eggs and familiars. Also, the star location used for hatching an egg is also used as a bed by the hatched familiar. For a more detailed description of the familiar beds, refer to the following page.



Place an egg or familiar on this mark.



Monster Hut Window

Display the Status and Option Windows for an egg or familiar on a star mark by facing toward the egg or familiar using the Directional Buttons. Make a selection from the Option Window using the  Button and cancel it using the  Button. Options are different for eggs and familiars.

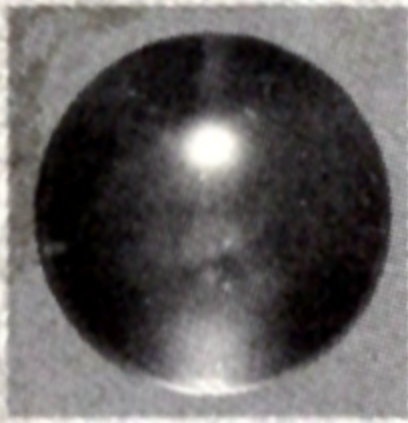
Egg Options

Familiar Options



Familiar Beds

When you warm an egg on a star mark, the hatched familiar uses that location as a bed. Other eggs or familiars can't use a star mark used as a bed. Even if you place the familiar in your bag, the familiar's bed is reserved. However, if you sell a familiar to the Monster Shop, that familiar's bed will become available for use by another egg or familiar.

MAGIC ATTACK BALLS

- Blaze Contains a Sled spell.
Ice Rock Contains a DeRock spell.
Blinder Contains a LoBlind spell.

* Always face the target when using a Magic Ball.

SAND

- Red Sand Tempers the sword with which the player is armed.
Blue Sand Tempers the shield with which the player is armed.

CURES

- Medicinal herb Restores hit points
Antidote herb Negates poison
Anti-chaos herb Cures confusion
Wake-up herb Wakes up a sleeping familiar
Cure-all herb Cures any condition

* Herbs are "used" on the player, "given" to a familiar, or can be effectively thrown at a monster.

SEEDS

- Hazak Seeds Increases maximum attacking strength.
Shomuro seeds Increases maximum defending strength.
Mazarr seeds Raises the user's level.
Mahell seeds Increases the user's speed.
Light seeds Changes the attribute of a familiar to fire.
Sea seeds Changes the attribute of a familiar to water.
Wind seeds Changes the attribute of a familiar to wind.

FOOD

- Pita fruit The staple of familiars.

INFORMATION

Star Glasses Reveal a map of the current floor.

Truth Glasses Allow you to appraise an item.

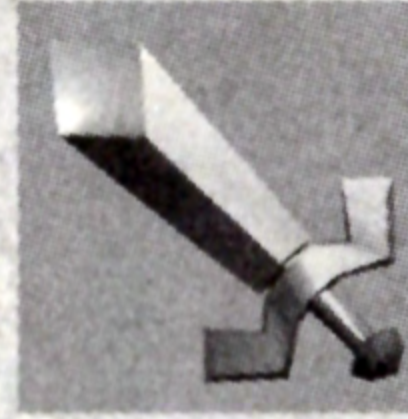


Trap Loupe Reveals all traps on the floor.

Treasure Loupe Reveals the positions of items.

RETURNING

Wind Crystal Draws a magic square through which you can escape the tower and return to the town.

WEAPONS AND SHIELDS

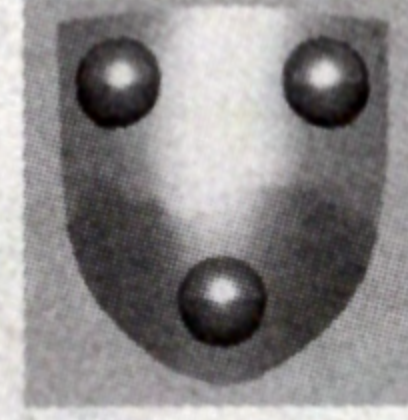
Gold Sword A sword of high value, but with no destructive power.

Steel Sword Has great attacking power.



Wooden Wands Slightly raises the power of Cooperating Magic.

Money Wands Slightly raises the power of Cooperating Magic. Opponents slain with this staff will sometimes yield money.



Wooden Shield Not very strong but better than nothing.

Mirror Shield Sometimes reflects magic back to the caster.

Copper Shield An ordinary shield with normal defending power.

The Monsters



PULUNPA

The weakest monster in the Tower.
Attribute: Water Spells: None



GRIFFON

This monster has the upper body of a hawk and the lower body of a lion.
Attribute: Fire Spells: Rise



SOUVENIR

This monster snatches peoples' belongings. A thief monster!
Attribute: Wind Spells: None



NYUEL

This monster likes people. It's used for pulling carts and for monster races.
Attribute: Water Spells: DeHeal



FLAME

A kind of fire spirit. Weak against water based spells.
Attribute: Fire Spells: Sled



VIPER

This monster is half human, half snake. Its favorite food is eggs.
Attribute: Water Spells: None



GOLEM

A wizard made this demonic creature. Since ancient times it has protected the Tower against invaders.
Attribute: Wind Spells: None



DRAGON

This is the king of the monsters. It only eats metal.
Attribute: Fire Spells: Breath



KILLER

From the warrior tribe, this monster has two axe-like lumps for hands.
Attribute: Fire Spells: None



BLUME

A kind of gigantic insectivorous plant, however, it lays eggs. It manipulates other creatures to transport its pollen.
Attribute: Water Spells: None

The Characters



THE PLAYER (HERO)

Male: 15 years old

This energetic youth has the blood of a Monster Tamer in his veins. Though his father is dead, the boy wants to be an adventurer like him. Now he's searching with all his might for Monster's Eggs in the Monster Tower. If he's successful, he believes his family will be able to live a better life.



NICO SOUTHEY

Female: 15 years old

A long-time friend and neighbor of the hero. Every morning Nico comes to the hero's home to wake him.



SELFI RODE

Female: 16 years old

The younger sister of Ghosh Rode. She wants to be a sorceress



FUR GOTS

Female: 15 years old

The main attraction at the General Store, Fur moved to Monsbaiya from the Western part of the land.



PATTY PAN

Female: 14 years old

Daughter of the restaurant owner. She waits tables at the restaurant.



VIVIAN MERCA

Female: 18 years old



MIA MYRIA

Female: 13 years old



CHERRL CHILD

Female: 16 years old

The Characters

KEWNE

Male; age unknown

This demon waits for the player at the entrance to the tower. Being the only monster that talks, he will become the player's good friend. But where did he come from? In combining with another, this demon will not change in shape or color.



WREATH

Female; 33 years old

The hero's mother. After her husband Guy passed away, Wreath single-handedly raised the hero and Weedy



GUY

Male; 27 years old

The hero's father. A renowned monster hunter, Guy hasn't been heard of since he entered the Monster Tower seven years ago.



GHOSH RODE

Male; 16 years old

Son of the Rode family, the wealthiest family in town. For some reason, Ghosh is always picking a fight with the hero. Ghosh aspires to be a skilled swordsman and frequently ventures into the Tower.



WEEDY

Female; 7 years old

Weedy, the hero's sister, wasn't yet born when her father disappeared.

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