Breath of Fire III Masters FAQ

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Masters 101
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-Version 1.0 (and hopefully the last) Wednesday, June 26, 2002
-Version 1.1 (I guess I lied)
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-Version 1.2 (Damn, I'm getting sloppy) Tuesday, April 1, 2003
-Version 1.3 (Seems I've been lazy lately) Friday, March 5, 2004
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- V Fahl

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- VI Durandal
- VIII Hondara
- X Deis
- XVII Meryleep
* A new note for the following Masters:
- VII Giotto
* An overall cleanup of the FAQ
Version 1.2 - Something I forgot...
* Added a list of sites this FAQ can be found on
Version 1.3 - Some changes
* Added another site to list of places this FAQ can be found
* Removed shameless plug. I'm a new person
* Removed so called special treat for fans of BoF III (didn't work out)
* Added small bit to the Introduction
* Added small spoiler warning
* Added a note to:
- 4-Things You Should Know/Tips
* Misc. other changes
* Corrected errors for the following Masters:
- VII Giotto
- XVI Ladon
Version 1.4 - Maintenance
* Fixed some typos
4----Things You Should Know/Tips
-In order to learn skills from a Master, bring their apprentice(s) back
to them every so often after leveling up. If they have met the level
requirements, the Master will teach them a skill.
-Check the Master List in the tent. If the Master has a star by his/her
name, your character has learned all the skills that they have to teach.
-You can only learn a skill once. For example, let's say Nina and Ryu
are apprenticed to Mygas. Mygas won't teach both of them Magic Ball.
-If you run out of room on any character's Skill list, just use a Skill
Ink to unload some useless skills. You can get a Skill Ink from any of
the Fishing Spot Manillos.
-If you are using a Master just to learn the skills, DO NOT stop
training as this will cancel any levels you have built up under them
and you'll have to start over. Not pretty.
-You can't combine levels. For example, let's say that Ryu and Rei are
apprenticed to Ladon. You can't build Ryu up three levels and Rei up
six and expect Ladon to teach you Aura.
-If a character knows skills and leaves your party due to storyline, the
skills will go to the Skill List.
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TIP-- When you want to level up quickly to learn a skill, or otherwise, use Monopolize (more info later).

TIP-- If you have any really low level characters, use them to learn the skills. Then all you have to do is Skill Ink them to the character you want to have the skill. You'll find it's much quicker than leveling up a level 50 Ryu. ---Regarding Stat Boosts/Penalties Due to Master's Influence---Many thanks to *Benjamin Lee* for this Stat Boost/Penalty Section! Credit belongs to him! -Boosts *A character levels up and due to level gain, that character will add a +2 to his/her Power Stat. But since this character is apprenticed to a Master that gives a +3 Power boost, this character gains +5 in his/her Power Stat. -Penalties * A character levels up and due to level gain, that character will earn a +4 to his/her Power Stat. But since this character is apprenticed to a Master that deals a -2 stat penalty, this character will only add +2to his/her Power. *If a character was apprenticed to a Master that dealt a -2 penalty to Power, but gained +0 Power at a level up what would happen? Can tutelage under a Master actually decrease your stats? In my honest opinion, I really don't think so. But this is waiting to be clarified as you read this. 5----Masters 101 This is the meat of my FAQ. I will give you all information on each Master in the game, in the order that the Master List lists them. I will give you: -Basic Master Info -Their location -Any tasks they may want you to complete and some tips to help -The benefits of being taught -Any skills, other rewards that they'll give you -My personal thoughts on the Master Let's get on with it, then. !!!READ THIS SPOILER WARNING!!! This FAQ contains some minor (and some possibly major) spoilers. C'Mon people, if this is your first playthrough, explore the game and have fun before you dig into the FAQS. The storyline is the best part. I----Bunyan - Woodsman Where is he? - He's chopping wood at his cabin in the Cedar Woods, in the Yraall Region. Any tasks? - Nope. After Rei, Teepo, and Ryu are separated after the battle with Balio and Sunder, Bunyan finds you. Bunyan can, from that point on, be a master. Just go back to him and he'll be your Master.

Stat Benefits?

- HP+2 - Power+2 - Defense+1 - AP-2 - Intelligence-3 What can you learn? - Risky Blow....at 2 levels Ap cost....0 Description...Critical damage if enemy is hit - Focus.....at 5 levels AP cost....0 Description...Raise Pwr when used; max. X2 - Super Combo...at 8 levels AP cost.....12 Description...Attack (one target); press button - Disembowel....at 10 levels AP cost.....0 Description...Fatal blow; MAX HP down My personal thoughts? - Early on in the game Bunyan is worth it. With his stat boosts and Disembowel, he's a good Master for the fighter of your party. In the beginning I use him for Rei. II---Mygas - Journeyman wizard Where is he? - Mygas can be found at the stump of the Yggdrasil Tree in the Yraall Region. Any tasks? - After Rei, Teepo, and Ryu defeat the Nue, Spring comes to the Yraall Region. Mygas then appears. Mygas will be your Master on the condition that you give him all of your zenny. *TIP*-- Use most of the zenny you have to buy equipment. After you've got all the equipment and items you need, agree to Mygas' terms and you get his skills while paying him the lowest amount of zenny possible... Heh, heh. Sucker. Stat Benefits? - AP+1 - Intelligence+2 - Power-1 - Defense-1 What can you learn? - Frost.....at 1 level Ap cost.....2 Description...Frost attack vs one target - Meditation....at 4 levels AP cost....0 Description...Raises Int when used; max. x2 - Magic Ball....at 6 levels

AP cost....2

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Description...Attack using solid ball of magic
- Typhoon.....at 8 levels
 AP cost.....7
  Description...Wind attack vs all targets
My personal thoughts?
- When Mygas first becomes available, I apprentice Teepo, but later on I
apprentice Nina until she has learned all of his skills.
III--Yggdrasil - Sacred tree of wisdom
Where is it?
- It is the Yggdrasil located in Eastern Wyndia. Near the Plant.
Any tasks?
- Use Peco to talk to it and then give it a Wisdom Fruit.
*NOTE*-- Only Peco can talk to Yggdrasil.
Stat Benefits?
- AP+1
- Defense+1
- Intelligence+2
- HP-1
- Power-2
- weak vs flame
What can you learn?
- Sanctuary....at 2 levels
 AP cost.....5
  Description...Dispels all support magic
- Recall.....at 5 levels
 AP cost.....2
 Description...Cast random magic spell
- Shield.....at 8 levels
 AP cost.....4
  Description...Raise all targets' Def
My personal thoughts?
- I put Peco with Yggdrasil... They're both plants, right? Actually I don't use
Yggdrasil much.
IV---D'lonzo - Female cat burglar
Where is she?
- She is in the Coffee House area, at the highest point on the hill.
Any tasks?
- You must be holding 15 different kinds of weapons. Only weapons in your
inventory count.
*TIP*-- Once she agrees to be a Master, sell the weapons. I'm sure you need the
extra cash, plus she doesn't hold it against you if you sell them after she
becomes your Master.
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Stat Benefits? - Power+1 - Agility+1 - HP-1 - AP-2 - Accuracy What can you learn? - Monopolize....at 2 levels Ap cost....0 Description...Steals all EXP - Intimidate....at 3 levels AP cost....0 Description...Cancels one target's movement - Steal.....at 4 levels AP cost....0 Description...Steals item from enemy My personal thoughts? - I use Rei for D'lonzo but I give up the Steal skill since Pilfer is the same exact thing. V----Fahl - Bartender of Genmel Where is he? - He's in the bar in Genmel (Balio and Sunder charged him with the task of keeping Ryu and Nina prisoner). Any tasks? - After the Contest of Champions he will be a Master on the condition that you win thirty battles in a row, without resting. *TIP*-- Just go back to the Cedar Woods, or any "!" mark on the world map, in the Yraall Region to easily meet his objective. Stat Benefits? - HP+4 - Power+1 - Defense+3 - Agility-3 - Intelligence-3 What can you learn? - Charge.....at 2 levels Ap cost.....0 Description...Damage altered based on Def - Counter.....at 4 levels AP cost....0 Description...Auto counter-attack when in use - Resist.....at 6 levels AP cost.....2 Description... Invulnerability for 1 turn My personal thoughts? - Fahl is a defender. Apprentice anyone to him that you feel needs to raise

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their defense.
VI---Durandal - Wanderer
Where is he?
- On the world map near Wyndia, you notice a path running around Wyndia, just
to the right of the entrance to the city. Follow the path to a "?" area and
enter. There is a cabin and inside that cabin is Durandal.
Any tasks?
- Nope. If you talk to him he'll teach you.
Stat Benefits?
- ????
- ???? (Ooooh... Mysterious!)
What can you learn?
- Unmotivate....at 1 level
  Ap cost....0
  Description...Target loses will to fight
- Feign Swing...at 2 levels
  AP cost....0
  Description...Take a practice swing
- Backhand.....at 3 levels
  AP cost....0
  Description...Attack vs one target; non-lethal
My personal thoughts?
- Just as Durandal says, he really is no good. I learn the skills because it
opens up Hondara, but that's it. I kind of feel sorry for him, the poor
bastard.
VII--Giotto - Strange fishman
Where is he?
- There is a beach south of Rhapala. You can find Giotto there.
Any tasks?
- Answer that you think fishing is a true sport (in his words) and then pull
out your rod and tacklebox because you're gonna need 2000 fishing points.
*NOTE*-- The 2000 fishing point requirement has been verified by *Tsukai
Mikado*! Thanks!
*TIP*-- It's best to start fishing as soon as you can, so as to get a head
start.
Stat Benefits?
- HP+4
- AP+3
- Power-1
- Defense-1
- Agility-1
- Intelligence-2
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What can you learn?

- Trump.....at 2 levels Ap cost....0 Description... Usable at OAP; casts random spell - Berserk.....at 5 levels AP cost.....2 Description...Raises Pwr for 3 turns; then death - SuddenDeath...at 8 levels AP cost.....1 Description...Casts Death on random target My personal thoughts? - With that HP+4 and AP+3, it's Ryu all the way. At least until I learn the skills. VIII-Hondara - Priest Where is he? - In the Urkan Tapa area of worship (the preachy fella behind the podium). Any tasks? - He says some crap about how you are too eager for the destruction of your enemies and says that there is a fighting style in the world that allows you to fight without killing your enemies. Durandal teaches that method. Learn all of Durandal's skills and Hondara will train you. *TIP*-- Learn from Durandal before you meet Hondara. Saves time. Stat Benefits? - AP+1 - Intelligence+1 - Power-2 - Holy prop UP What can you learn? - Purify.....at 2 levels Ap cost.....4 Description...Cures poison - Kyrie.....at 5 levels AP cost.....5 Description...Destroy undead - Benediction...at 8 levels AP cost.....20 Description...Restores all dead members...? My personal thoughts? - I learn the skills with Peco. IX---Emitai - Wizard adept Where is he? - Emitai can be found in his house in the Dauna Hills. Any tasks? - You've gotta cough up 10,000 zenny.

Stat Benefits? - AP+4 - Intelligence+4 - Power-2 - Defense-2 What can you learn? - Barrier....at 2 levels Ap cost.....4 Description...Raise one target's magic Def - Mind Sword....at 4 levels AP cost.....2 Description...Attack with magic sword - Enlighten....at 6 levels AP cost.....2 Description...Raises user's Intelligence My personal thoughts? - After Nina learns what she can from Mygas, I apprentice her to Emitai and leave her there because of the AP+4 until Deis becomes available. X----Deis - Ancient sorceress Where is she? - Remember that temple on Mt. Zublo? The Cave of Ages? That's where you find her, but you'll have to wait until after you finally get the boat. Any tasks? - Be a smooth ladies man and tell her that you like the way she looks... as a snake. *NOTE *-- Only Ryu can examine the wall that leads to Deis' lair. *NOTE*-- Her "Yes" answer when she asks if you want to be her apprentice is "Yes, ma'am." Stat Benefits? - AP+3 - Power+1 - Agility+1 - Intelligence+3 - HP-3 - Defense-3 What can you learn? - Inferno.....at 2 levels Ap cost.....10 Description...Flame attack vs all targets - Blizzard.....at 5 levels AP cost.....10 Description...Frost attack vs all targets - Myollnir....at 8 levels AP cost.....10 Description...Electric attack vs one target

- Sirocco.....at 11 levels AP cost.....12 Description...Flame&Wind attack vs all targets - Celerity.....at 15 levels AP cost.....0 Description...Abilities up; usable at fixed time My personal thoughts? - I apprentice Nina until I learn the skills. I have Nina keep Inferno and Celerity. I move Nina back to Emitai when I'm done. XI---Hachio - World's best cook Where is he? - He's in the Wyndia Castle kitchen. Any tasks? - After you enter the castle as adult Ryu, Hachio becomes available. He wants the ingredients for some recipe and you've got to bring them to him. He wants a Swallow Eye, a Beef Jerky, an Angler, and a Martian Squid. *TIP*-- If you happen by any of these things on your journey, just save them until you get to Hachio. The Martian Squid and the Angler both need to be fished for. I think you can find (at least) two Swallow Eyes on your journey (up to this point) and you get a Beef Jerky from your raid on Bunyan's house. Just save them until you need them. *TIP*-- An Angler can be fished for at the Fishing Spot on the path that leads to the Tidal Caves in the Urkan Region. It will bite a Float. A Float can be bought from the Manillo in the Fishing Spot by McNeil Farm. *TIP*-- A Martian Squid can be fished for at the Fishing Spot to the right of Mt. Myrneg. It will bite a Worm. A Worm can be bought in the McNeil Village Item Shop. Stat Benefits? - HP+2 - Power+2 - Defense+1 - AP-2 - Agility-1 - Intelligence-1 What can you learn? - Mighty Chop...at 2 levels Ap cost....0 Description...Attack vs one target; ignores Def - Demonbane....at 4 levels AP cost....1 Description...Attack; extra damage to devils My personal thoughts? - I apprentice Ryu for the skills. I keep Demonbane with Ryu, but I give Mighty

Chop to Garr.

XII--Bais - Oldest quadruplet brother Where is he? - Near the fountain in Wyndia. Any tasks? - Challenge him and the other three to a game of hide and seek. *TIP*-- Bais will be in the Dauna Mines, near the giant dragon chrysm. Stat Benefits? - Power+1 What can you learn? - Chain Form....at 3 levels *NOTE*-- This is a battle formation. My personal thoughts? - Bais is the only useful one of the Hide 'n' Seek gang. Chain form is a useful formation, as it sets all of your characters' speeds to that of the character in point. XIII-Lang - Youngest quadruplet brother Where is he? - Near the fountain in Wyndia. Any tasks? - Challenge him and the other three to a game of hide and seek. *TIP*-- Lang will be in the Wyndian Royal Family graveyard behind a tombstone. Stat Benefits? - Defense+1 What can you learn? - Cupid's Lyre..at 3 levels *NOTE*-- This is an item. My personal thoughts? - I wouldn't bother with him if I were you. You can find the Cupid's Lyre a few times in the game. Oh well. It's kind of useful. XIV--Lee - Oldest quadruplet sister Where is she? - Near the fountain in Wyndia. Any tasks? - Challenge her and the other three to a game of hide and seek. *TIP*-- Lee will be at the Eastern Checkpoint. She is behind the wall, all the way to the left. Stat Benefits?

- Intelligence+1

What can you learn? - Magic Form....at 3 levels *NOTE*-- This is a battle formation. My personal thoughts? - Do what you will. XV---Wynn - Youngest quadruplet sister Where is she? - Near the fountain in Wyndia. Any tasks? - Challenge her and the other three to a game of hide and seek. *TIP*-- Wynn will be in Junk Town, on the lowest level, behind a building. Just look for her. Stat Benefits? - HP+1 What can you learn? - Refuge Form...at 3 levels *NOTE*-- This is a battle formation. My personal thoughts? - Despite the fact that the Hide 'n' Seek gang doesn't have any negative stats, they really aren't that useful. At least not to me. I use the Normal Form, mostly. XVI--Ladon - Divine king of dragons Where is he? - In Dragnier. Do you see the blank panel above the entrance to the Relay Point? Use Ryu to examine it. Any tasks? - You must have all Dragon Genes and have beaten Jono, the town elder. *TIP*-- Dragon Gene locations: ----YOUNG RYU -Flame.....Auto -Defender.....Auto -Reverse....."?" spot under Mt. Boumore -Thorn.....In the clearing after the escape from Momo's tower -Frost.....At the house by the Maekess Gorge -Thunder....."?" house north of Rhapala -Eldritch.....Roof of Lighthouse -Miracle.....Vocano, Mt. Zublo ----ADULT RYU -Shadow.....Auto -Fusion.....Auto -Force......Hidden on the vents inside the Plant -Gross.....Towards the exit of the Tidal Caves -???.....Inside Bow's house, to the left of Steel Beach

-Mutant....On Steel Beach -Trance.....Lost Shore Yggdrasil -Failure......Way, way over to the left side of the Colony Container Yard -Radiance......The easiest way to get it is through Relay Point A -Infinity.....Defeat Jono and grab the gene *NOTE*-- Only Ryu can examine the blank panel. Stat Benefits? - Power+2- Defense+2 - Agility+1 - Intelligence+2 - HP-6 - AP-6 What can you learn? - Mind's Eye....at 3 levels Ap cost....0 Description...Raises to-hit % temporarily - Holy Strike...at 5 levels AP cost.....2 Description ... Holy attack vs one target - WardOfLight...at 7 levels AP cost.....5 Description...Raises Def & counterattack % - Aura.....at 9 levels AP cost.....20 Description...Holy attack vs one target; PwrX2 My personal thoughts? - It makes sense to apprentice Ryu to Ladon, him being a dragon and all, but that HP-6, AP-6 really doesn't fare too well. Aura is worth it, though. Ladon's good for the skills, but not much else. XVII-Meryleep - Wandering faerie Where is she? - She is in the pond in the Faerie Woods in Eastern Wyndia. Any tasks? - After adult Ryu re-recruits Peco, bring Peco to the Faerie Woods. Have Ryu clear the bushes in front of the pond. Give Peco a running start and have him headbutt the conveniently placed rock into the water. Meryleep will come out and lay the "I could have died!" spiel on you. For her fogiveness, she wants you to find her Flower Jewel. In Central Wyndia there is a Fishing Spot that has a description that says "Hangout of the River Gang." Just north of that Fishing Spot, and around a small mountain is a "?" spot. Enter that spot and near the tent, which I'm guessing belongs to the River Gang, is a tree with a crow in it. Use Peco to headbutt it and the Flower Jewel will fall out. Bring it back to Meryleep and she'll teach your characters.

NOTE-- Be prepared to bring Peco with you every time you visit, as he is the only way to get Meryleep to come out.

- Agility+2 - HP-1 - Power-1 - Defense-1 What can you learn? - Charm.....at 2 levels AP cost....0 Description...Increases chance of finding item - Shadowwalk....at 5 levels AP cost.....8 Description...Warp attack; critical blow - War Shout....at 8 levels AP cost.....6 Description...Raise all targets' Pwr My personal thoughts? - Meryleep is a good Master for Rei because of the Agility+2. 5----Credits/Thanks Well, there you have it, my little contribution to the Breath of Fire III players of the world. I'd like to thank the following people/organizations: -First of all, I'd like to thank me, for writing this FAQ and going through BoF III for the 7th time just to get the information. -Next I would like to thank the contributors to this FAQ! *Benjamin Lee *Tsukai Mikado Let's give them a round of applause! -The people of the GameFAQs Breath of Fire III message board for any info they might have given me. -Capcom, for making my all-time favorite videogame. -Squaresoft for making the Final Fantasy titles so I could figure out those infernal damn Roman Numerals. -And a big "screw you" goes out to the people of the ESRB for taking scenes out of BoF IV. What the hell is wrong with you people? -Close Curtains-

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