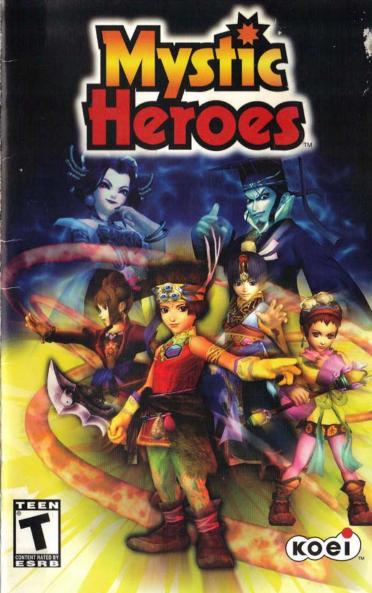


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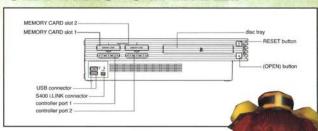


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GETTING STARTED

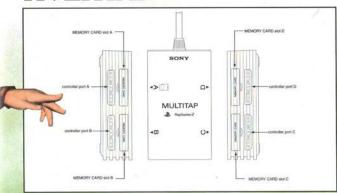


Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned on. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the open button and the disc tray will open. Place the *Mystic Heroes™* disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the open button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

CONTROLS

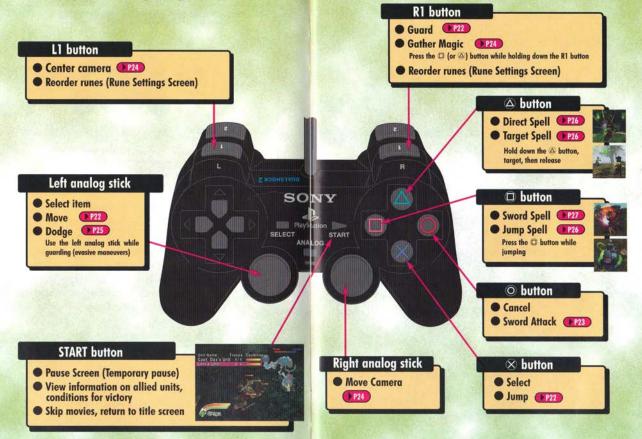


MULTITAP



For a 3-4-player game, use a Multitap (for PlayStation®2) (sold separately). You cannot use a Multitap for PlayStation® game console. Each player will need a controller. Connect a controller to Controller Port 2 of the PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system. Then, connect each controller to Controller Port 1-A, 1-B and 1C of the multitap in order. You cannot use Controller Port 1-D.

GAME CONTROLS



CHARACTER





Don't let my looks deceive you!

ce

Character Data Especially gifted in movement and magic.

Not very adept at close combat.

Recommended Attack

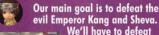
POWER

MAGIC

SPEED

Long-range is her favored method of attack. Let the enemy have it with the Target Spell (Hold down the A button).







all the troops and monsters they throw at us along the way, but we're up to it!



Recommended Attack

Lure the enemy into gathering around you, then use a Jump Spell (Press the 🗆 button during a jump) to take them all out at once.

Character Data

A little slow, but this is more than compensated for in his strength and power.

Attribute POWER MAGIC
SPEED
SPEED

TAI

A powerful mystic with plenty of battle experience. He was training alone when his studies were cut short by mysterious events...

Bring it on!



Attribute Fire

With strength and speed, close combat MAGIC MAGIC Street Street MAGIC MA

Recommended Attack

Cut deep into enemy territory and then unleash your Sword Spell (button).

More Playable Characters!

Each level of Survival Mode cleared unlocks a new playable character. These characters may then be used in Survival, Multi Play and

Mission Modes.











BEGINNING A GAME

Place a Memory Card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2)

Place a memory card in MEMORY CARD slot 1. You will need at least 57 KB to save data for one game. Refer to your PlayStation 2 user's manual for details on using memory cards.

Place the Disc on the Disc Tray

Set up your PlayStation 2 and place the Mystic Heroes[™] disc in the disc tray following the instruction in "Getting Started" on page 2. The opening movie will start. Pressing the START button will take you directly to the Title Screen.

Select a Mode

In the Title Screen, press the START button to select the Mode you want to play.



New Game	Play the Story Mode.	
Continue	Play the Story Mode from a previously saved point.	
Survival	How far can you go in this challenge mode?	
Game Info	View High Scores, the Rune Dictionary, and Character Profiles.	
Settings	Change game settings.	
Multi Play	Play the Multi Play Mode.	
Mission Mode	Complete various missions!	

What is Free Mode?

When you clear Story Mode, Free Mode becomes available, and you can begin play at any of the stages.

Note: You can only select the character(s) you used to

Note: To continue the development of your character, match the difficulty of Free Mode with that of the cleared Story Mode. i.e. If you cleared Story Mode on Normal, set Free Mode to Normal.







Save/Load

Save

Story Mode data can be saved at the Pre-Battle Menu. You can save a maximum of 5 games on one memory card. You have the choice to return to the Title Screen following the save.



Load

Selecting [Continue] from the Title Screen allows you to load data.



Game Info

In the Game Info screen, you can view the following items.

High Scores	View High Scores based on Time, Total Points, Enemies Defeated, and Best Combo.
Character Profiles	View the profiles of the various characters.
Rune Dictionary	View the runes you have gathered during play.



Settings

You can change various game settings in Settings.

Brightness	Adjust the brightness of the game on your TV.	
Sound	Switch between Stereo and Mono.	
BGM/SE Volume	Adjust the volume of the in-game music and sound effects.	
Vibration	Turn vibration ON or OFF.	
Camera	Switch between Normal and Reverse targeting. Reverse - Up and Down are reversed for movement of the camera.	
Targeting	Switch between Normal and Reverse targeting. Reverse - Up and Down are reversed for movement of the sight.	

STORY MODE

Defeat the enemies scattered throughout the map and clear the stage! There are a total of 8 stages, with a maximum of 5 maps per stage.



Playing the Game

Select a Character

Select New Game from the main menu, then choose a difficulty level from Easy, Normal and Hard. After the opening movie finishes, select your character in the Select Hero screen. The story will begin after you have made your choice. (After clearing the game, if you begin a new game at the same difficulty level, you can Inherit Stats that you accumulated in the previous game.)

Pre-Battle Screen

A number of things can be done at this screen: save data, review player information, and change runes. Once you're ready, select [Start Battle] and press the \otimes button.



Begin Battle!

The objective of the stage will be displayed and you will be asked to whether you want to start the battle or not. Select [Yes] and press the \boxtimes button to begin the battle. Be careful - you lose if your health falls to 0.



Aim for the Final Map!

A main boss character is located on the final map of each stage. Defeating the boss clears the stage.

Stage Cleared!

Your points are shown on this screen. Points are awarded based on such factors as time, number of enemies defeated, and the number of allies you lose.





Battle Screen

Leader

A little different from your normal peon.

Health Gauge

Magic Gauge

This decreases when you use spells.

Affinities

Shows the character's affinity and that of his equipped spells.



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Light

Fire

Rattle Status

Red is your force. Blue is the enemy. The more of your color that shows, the better you're doing overall.

Mor

- Allied UnitsEnemy Units
- You You
- Boss Enemy
 Warp Entrance
 Warp Exit
- O Warp Exit

Enemies Defeated



Pre-Battle Screen



Map Display
(Press the & Button)

View a map of the terrain for

Hints for the Story Mode



Nurturing your character

eak all of the vases you can find. Idden in some of them are runes or ams that strengthen your character.



Magic

igic is necessary for using the power of the nes. Below are some ways to gather magic.

- Find on item
- 2. Sword Attack
- . Use the R1 button + □ (or △



Hero Info Screen



Hero Stats

[RA] is Rune Attack (magic offensive [RD] is Rune Defense (defense against other magic)

Experience

This increases when you do damage to an enemy by using magic.

Spell Level (1-4)

Filling the experience bar will increase your Spell Level by 1. The experience bar will then reset - fill it again to gain another



Equipping Runes

In the Pre-Battle screen, select [Rune Settings] to equip runes.

Choosing a Rune

Use the left analog stick or directional buttons to highlight the rune you want to change and then press the So button.





The rune you are currently using will be shown. Select the rune you want and press the S button to exchange the runes

Choosing Spells

When you have 2 runes equipped, you have to choose which rune's spells you want to use. Once you've decided, press the START button.





After you've chosen a spell. pressing the \(\Delta \) button will et you see a demo of how to









What is a Rune?

A rune is a strange character sometimes carved on a weapon, or on a magical item. Regardless, they have strange powers to create some very powerful spells. There are some that will raise your Health or Magic just by equipping them.



Guidelines for Runes

Getting New Runes

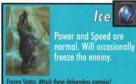
You get new runes after clearing a stage with a lot of points, or by finding them in vases in the game. If you find a rune during battle, make sure you save the game as soon as you can.



Runes and Affinities

Runes have 4 different affinities.











Any Affinity is Equippoble!

You can equip a Rune with a different affinity other than your character's. Shiga, whose affinity is Wind, can still equip a Rune with Lightning affinity. Don't wait when you get a good Rune. Equip it right away and return to the battle to take advantage of its power.

When a Rune and Character's Affinities Match...

You can use a spell one level higher than your character's spell level if the character's affinity matches that of the spell.



Even though Shiga is Lv 1, he can use Lv 2 Wind spells because his affinity is wind.

Equip 2 Runes!

When you have 2 Runes equipped, you can choose the best spell from each Rune. Check what each spell can do and select the best from each Rune you've equipped. See page 14 on how to equip Runes.

When No Runes Are Equipped...

You can use spells even without equipping runes. The spells you can use are decided by your character's affinity. When no runes are equipped, you can use only Lv1 spells no matter what spell level the spells are.



Although she can still use them, the default spells are pretty weak.



How to Equip the Powerful Runes

Attack enemies using spells and increase your experience to fill the experience bar. In order to use the spells of a Rune, the character's spell level has to be equal to the spell level of the spell.

Rare Runes

Get special Runes!

You can get special Runes when you play enough Multi Play VS. Mode or Co-op Mode.

■ Lv5 spells?

There are Runes with powerful Lv5 spells! Make sure to increase your character's Spell Level so you can equip when you get them.

Rune Dictionary

All of the runes you find along the way will be recorded in the Rune Dictionary. Try to get them all!



You will have these as you go along!







Items You Can Pick Up

An item appears when you either destroy a container or defeat an enemy leader.

	Magic Peach	Restores Health.
	Tao Fruit	Restores Magic.
X	Swords	Raises Attack level.
4	Helmet	Raises Defense level.
1	Armlet	Raises Rune Attack (RA) level.
	Pendant	Raises Rune Defense (RD) level.
体体	Health Orbs	Increases Health max.
in in	Magic Orbs	Increases Magic max.
2	Speed Potion	Increases Speed for 15 seconds.
	Power Potion	Become invincible for 20 seconds.
1	Magic Potion	Have unlimited magic for 15 seconds.
19	Great Axe	Attack strength doubles for 15 seconds.
4	Armor	Defensive strength doubles for 20 seconds.

SURVIVAL

Think you can handle the heat? You're on your own in this mode. Prove your skills and then register on the internet to see how you rank!

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Playing the Game

Playing the Game

Select from among three course levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced. Press the \otimes button to enter your selection.



2 Select the Character

Select from among the 4 main characters and press the \otimes button.

Move to the Pre-Battle Screen

Adjust your runes. When you're ready, select [Start Battle] and press the \otimes button.

Start the Clock!

Health and Magic levels begin at initial levels. You can power up your character by picking up items along the way.



Clearing the Course

You must clear 4 maps to complete the entire course. Your time, total points, and other statistics will then be shown. If you get a really good score, you might even get a new rune in addition to unlocking a new character!



MULTI PLAY

Defeat the enemies with your friends in Co-op Mode or battle against friends in VS. Mode!



Playing the Game

Select the Mode

Select [Mode/Settings] and press the \otimes button to choose the mode you wish to play with the left analog stick or directional buttons. Press the \cong button to see the rules. You can change the game rules in some modes with the L1 and R1 buttons. After you select the mode and rules press the \cong button to enter your selection.



Select the Player

Next, select the player for 1P-4P. You can choose from [Player], [Disable], and [COM](Co-op Mode only). Press the \boxtimes button to enter your selection and then press the START button.

Select the Character and Rune

Select your character, the character's strength and runes for each player and press the \otimes button.



Select the Stage

Select a stage to play and press the \otimes button. You will be asked whether you want to start the game or not. Select [Yes] and press the \otimes button to play.

Results

Once the battle is over, the Results Screen is displayed. Check your points or advance to the next level from this screen.

Hints for the Co-op Mode



Revive Mystic Combos You can revive a play Decimets the anamy with this

Decimate the enemy with this powerful co-op attack when players' Magic Gauge is full. G dose to each other and press to button at the same time.



MISSION MODE

Complete various missions! It's not as easy as you think...



Modes

Each rank has a total of 5 missions. When you clear 4 missions out of the 5, a new rank becomes available.

Mission 1: Finish Them!



Poisonous gasses slow you down. Look first to eliminate their source.

Mysfie Haroa



Mission 2: Hit Count

Mission 3: Go for Goal!



Master Ariel's controls.

Try freezing the enemies with an Ice Spell Combo.



Mission 4: Protect the Gate

Finish those wolves first.



Mission 5: Spirit's Escort



Try hitting switches as you stay in front of Spirit of the Dragon Star.

There are more Missions!



Finish Them! (Trap Version)

eat the enemies by throwing spel n exploding barrels. Normal attact on't do much to these enemies.



Finish Them! (No Spell Version)

o spells are allowed ousing Najo, who ha etty high power.

ACTION





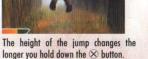


Jump

any direction to move that way.









Press the left analog stick at the same time as you press the \otimes button to jump low and far.



Guard

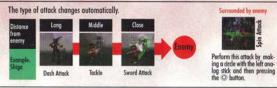
R1

While holding down the R1 button, you will be on guard against enemy attacks. However, you cannot attack while guarding.















Combination Attack



repeatedly

The height of the jump changes the longer you hold down the O button.









Center Camera

Always keep the enemy in front of you!





Move Camera

RIGHT ANALOG STICK

Very useful for seeing what's at the bottom of a cliff or pit.





Gather Magic







Refill your spent magic quickly. Be careful though. You're defenseless while doing this.





Dodge

Hold down





Use evasive maneuvers to dodge the enemy's attack to the front, back, or sides.





Dodging Fire!

You can dodge the fire attacks of the bosses!



Approaching the enemy.

Good for trying to get close to those pesky enemies!

You're surrounded!

Get away without taking any damage!





Direct Spell



Release a burst of magic directly ahead of you. You're open to attack when you do this so keep some distance.

















Select the enemy and target them by holding down the A button.

Release the magic by releasing the A button.



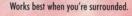
Jump Spell













Try not to take out your allies!



Sword Spell



A powerful sword attack that cuts through the surrounding enemies.





Sword Spell 2

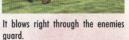














You can attack while moving ground.

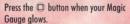


Sword Spell Combo











Do big damage to the enemy!



Spell Combo





Release a burst of magic ahead of you. You're open to attack when you do this so keep some distance.



Attack normally first.



After the 2nd or 3rd hit, press the (A)



The spell will move straight at the enemy.



With this attack, you leave less of an opening for being attacked.

POINT TO REMEMBER WHEN USING MAGIC

Magic cannot tell friend from foe. Be sure to check that no allies are in the way when you release any big magic.

Don't go knocking your friends around!





Magic Sword (x2 or 3 →





repeatedly

A powerful combination, where after 2 or 3 normal strikes with your weapon, you wrap your weapon in magic and strike some more. Great for racking up the hits.



Attack normally first.



After the 2nd or 3rd hit, press the D button.



A magic weapon hits the enemy! Keep pressing the D button.



The attack goes on and on! Looks great, too!

HOW ABOUT THIS COMBO!



Magic Sword Combos change automatically the powerful jump magic is released at the end of

Start with a Dash Attack!



The second attack is a leg sweep!



Now you strike once, more! Then the X button!



Jump magic! A powerful super attack!



BATTLE HINTS



Go for the leader

Leave the peons for later. Take out the leader first. Some of them even have items.



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Using Spells effectively

If close range fighting is your specialty, stick to sword magic. For long distance fighting, target magic and jump magic is probably the best. This is the most efficient way to raise your Spell levels. After you get used to the game, you'll be able to tell when to use each most effectively.



Specialize in one type of magic. This will give you an advantage with the boss.



Always keep an ally's escape route open!

You should always make a path when your allies need to retreat. If they safely retreat, they will return to the battlefield after healing to help out. If they get caught while retreating, they could be surrounded and wiped out totally.



If an ally's retreat message appears, take a minute to check the map. If the ally's icon isn't moving, you should head over and help!



Be careful of traps on the map

As you advance in the game, you will discover a number of traps and tricks.





Try jumping onto those glowing platforms.



Boss Secrets

Here's some advice on what to do with two of the initial bosses.





Hit his fast. No much definise there

Appears at the end of Stage 1 of the Shiga/Lani Quest. If you have to attack him up close, concentrate on his legs. If you try to take him out from a distance, just be careful of the fire he spits out.



If you try from a distance, waith out to the flame. Dodge it quickly!





You can't guard against the beam dodge it.

Appears at the end of Stage 1 of the Tai/Naja Quest. Direct or targeted magic is best for him. Use dodging to escape his beam or his rush.







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