

NES-FX-USA

Faxanadu


INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

1. Game Story

The Elf town, Eolis, was once a town boasting peace and prosperity. Yet, now, it is on the verge of destruction. Meteorites are raining down upon the World Tree and crazed monsters have taken the opportunity to run amuck. Wells are drying up and people are in the grips of fear.

To restore peace again, someone has to penetrate the giant World Tree and overthrow the Evil One that lives in the Evil Place. Now, it is your mission to set out on a journey bearing the hopes of the people of Eolis.

From the World Tree to the Evil Place - Now begins a mystery-packed journey of adventure



Elf Town ★ [Eolis]
The starting point. A journey of fierce battles starts here.

World Tree

Branch Town ★ [Darthak]

The Town of the Evil Place ★ [Darkbor]

Mist Town ★ [Vistim]

Mist Town ★ [Wacon]

Link Town ★ [Forepart]

Trunk Town ★ [Apollune]

Fortress ★ [Zenis]
The fortress where the Evil One lives.
To find your way here, you have to solve a number of mysteries.

Evil Place

2. Before Starting the Game

Faxanadu is a mystery-packed game.

Faxanadu is a game packed full of mystery, action and adventure.

Read this instruction booklet thoroughly and master the rules and how to play it before actually playing the game.



3. Bringing the Hero Back to Life

The Hero will come back to life again if you have listened to the Guru's Mantra. A Mantra is a Password which will allow you to continue play. If the Hero has lost his life you can continue by pressing the "A" Button. You will start from the last Guru's House you visited. If you wish to continue a previous game, choose the continue mode when you start the game and input the last Mantra you received.



Listen to the Mantra at the Guru's House.

You can listen to a Mantra at a Guru's House. You will find Guru's at various places and stages of the game. Be sure to take note of their locations and write the Mantra down on a piece of paper, you might forget later on!

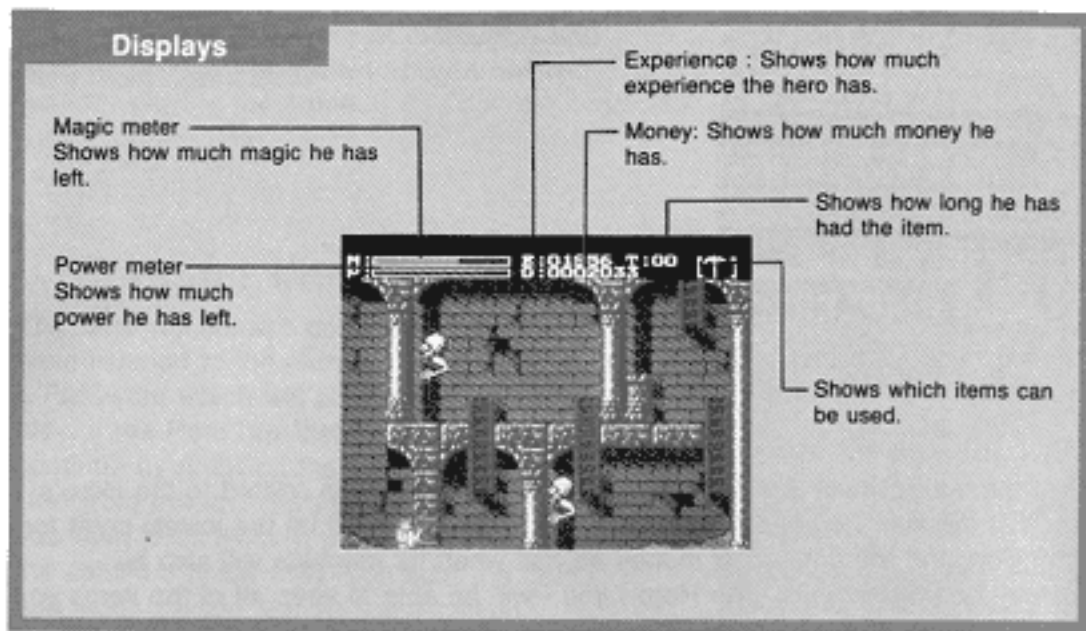


How Strong is the Hero After Coming Back to Life?

The strength of the Hero after he has come back to life is related to the Hero's rank at the time he heard the Mantra. His experience will be the lowest point for that rank and the amount of money he has when he recovers will also be determined by his rank. The Hero - you - will be able to keep all of the items you have acquired from the previous game.

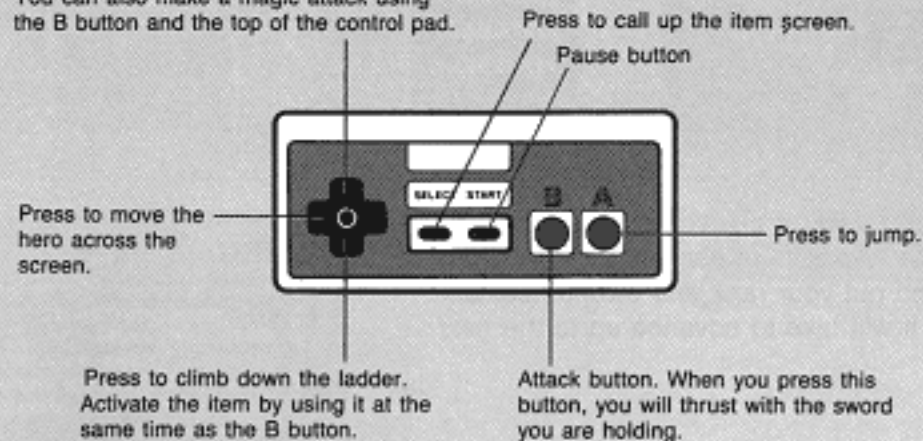
4. Displays and How to Play the Game

The meanings of the displays in the NORMAL screen are as follows. Remember them so that you do not make any mistakes.



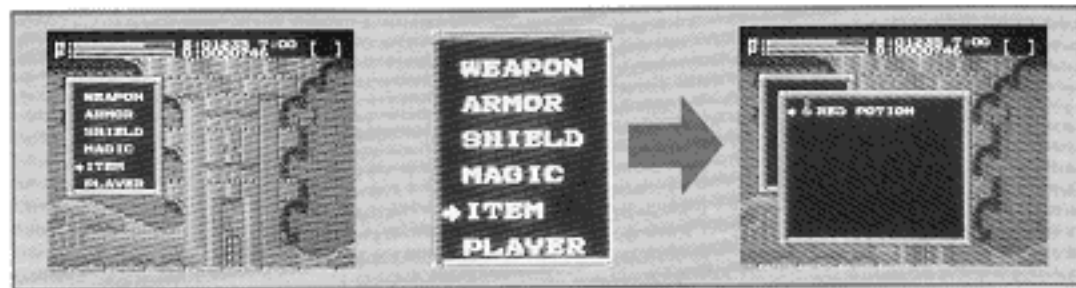
The Controller

Press to climb ladders and enter doors.
You can also make a magic attack using the B button and the top of the control pad.



Sub-Screen

When you press the Select Button, a Sub-Screen, such as shown below will appear. Align the arrow with the item you wish to investigate. When you press the "A" Button, a more detailed Sub-Screen will appear.



You can check or select your possessions from the weapons or items list and you can also find out your rank and the number of points it will take to advance up to the next level.

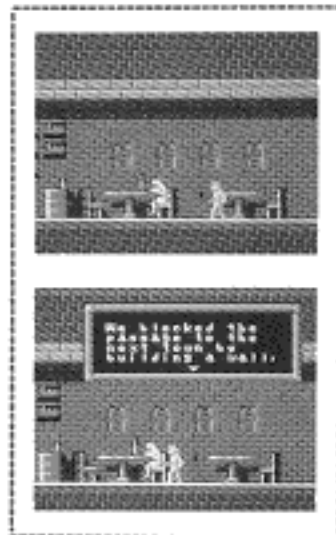
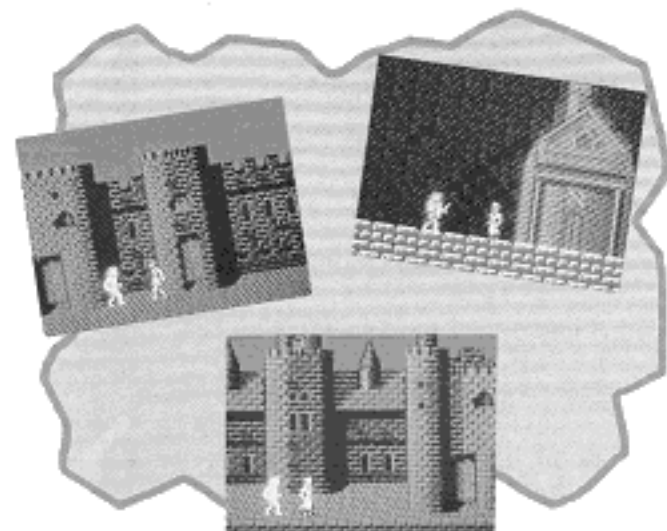
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How to Talk to Characters

When you get close enough to a person and press up on the Control Pad, you can carry on a conversation with that person.









The conversation progresses by using the "A" Button and can be cancelled by pressing the "B" Button.



5. The Hero's Weapons









I. Weapons

You won't be able to do much if you are unarmed, so you need to either buy or find a weapon. Once you have a weapon, you will not be able to use it until you equip the Hero with that weapon. You do this by calling up the Sub-Screen, choosing the weapon screen and then making your selection by pressing the "A" Button.

| | | |
|--|---|---|
|  | Hand Dagger Has the least power of all the Hero's weapons. |  |
|  | Long Sword Has twice the power of the hand dagger. |  |
|  | Giant Blade A three-pronged sword has 50% more power than the long sword. |  |
|  | Dragon Slayer The most powerful weapon. The last enemy you come up against cannot be defeated without it. |  |









I. Armor

As with weapons, you won't be able to get far without armor. To use the armor you need to follow the same steps as you did to equip the Hero with the weapon.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
|  | Leather Jerkin You have this on from the beginning of the game. |  |
|  | Studded mail Reduces damage inflicted by enemies by 5%. |  |
|  | Full suit of armor Armor covering the whole body. Reduces damage inflicted by the enemy by 10%. |  |
|  | Battle suit Designed for fighting, it is the strongest armor available and will greatly reduce damage inflicted by enemies. |  |











II. Shields, etc.

These protect you from the enemy's magic attacks.

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|  | Small shield Resists 50% of the enemy's magic. |  |
|  | Large shield Resists 75% of the enemy's magic. |  |
|  | Magic shield Resists 90% of the enemy's magic. |  |
|  | Battle helmet Intercepts almost all of the magic. |  |

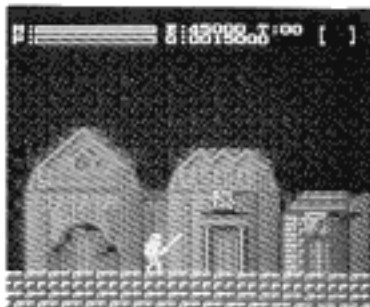
IV. Magic

There are five types of magic. Use them by calling up the Sub-Screen as you did with the weapons and armor.

| | | |
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|  | Deluge Magic with the least power. It is sold at some Hardware shops. |  |
|  | Fire This magic has 1.5 times the power of Deluge. |  |
|  | Thunder Has four times the power of Deluge. It will propel your enemies away from you. |  |
|  | Death Deadly magic. It has six times the power of fire. |  |
|  | Tilt The magic of curses. It is superior to all other forms of magic. |  |

6. Shops

Shops are scattered in the town
Ten types of shops are scattered all over the towns. The table below lists their various characteristics.



Palace

The castle where the king lives. The hero gets gold here, and sets out on his journey.



Guru's House

A place that grants rank to the Hero or offers a Mantra.



Saloon

You can get a lot of valuable information here. A treasure house of hints.



Hospital

The doctor will offer a treatment that will completely restore the Hero's magic and energy, if pay him some money.



Houses

Similar to the Saloon. A good place to get information.



Hardware store

Buys and sells weapons, magic, items, armor, shields, etc.



Food shop

When you eat meat bought here, your magic and power are partially restored.



Key shop

Buys and sells unbelievable keys that have secret powers.



Gym (1)

A martial arts gymnasium. It will teach the hero about to set out on his journey how to use weapons.



Gym (2)







A magic gymnasium. It will teach the hero about to set out on his journey how to use magic.



7. Magic Items

Items are valuable tools that can help the Hero. Study the list below to learn how to use the items and how they can work for you.

I. Items that are effective merely through owning them

| | | |
|---|--|---|
|  | Sapphire Ring (Elf) An identification ring. You get it from a Guru. |  |
|  | Ring of Ruby You will be able to move rocks. |  |
|  | Sapphire Ring (Dwarf) You can enter the Evil Place if you have this. |  |



Demon's Ring

You need this to enter the fortress. A Guru has it for you in the Castle of Fraternal.



Elixir

Medicine that will restore your magic and power.



Magical Rod

It will increase the power of your magic.



Pendant

It will increase your sword attacking power.



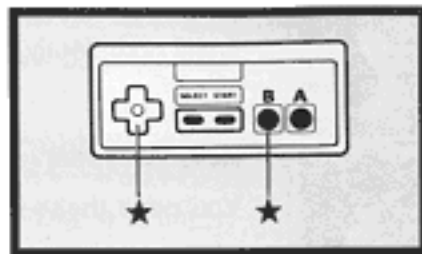
Black Onyx

It will reduce damage inflicted upon you when attacked.



I. Things the Hero Can be Armed with and Use

These are called up on the Sub-Screen for your selection. Once selected they are activated by pressing the "B" Button and the bottom of the Control Pad.



Mattock

It can destroy certain special walls.



Wing Boots

You will be able to fly through the air.



Hour Glass

It can stop the movement of the enemy for a fixed period of time.





Red Potion

It will completely restore the hero's power.



Keys (5 types)

You need these to open doors. There are five types.



Ointment

For a fixed period of time the Hero will be protected from any enemy attack.



Poison

The hero's power will decrease by a fixed amount. It is poison.



II. Things That Can be Used as Soon as They are Picked up
These are effective as soon as they are picked up.



Glove

For a fixed period of time the hero's attacking power will increase.



8. Title

You can change your title depending on your Experience score!!

If you beat the monster and get a sufficiently high Experience score, you should enter the Guru's House to change your title.

You can get 16 kinds of titles depending on your Experience score.



| | | | |
|----|-----------|----|-----------|
| 1 | NOVICE | 2 | ASPIRANT |
| 3 | BATTLER | 4 | FIGHTER |
| 5 | ADEPT | 6 | CHEVALIER |
| 7 | VETERAN | 8 | WARRIOR |
| 9 | SWORDSMAN | 10 | HERO |
| 11 | SOLDIER | 12 | MYRMIDON |
| 13 | CHAMPION | 14 | SUPERHERO |
| 15 | PALADIN | 16 | LORD |

9. Strategy Advice

Let's learn a little basic strategy to overthrow the Evil One. Always remember this advice and have a good fight. Go get 'em.

I. Be sure to visit the Guru's House.

Be sure to visit the Guru's House wherever you go. If you don't listen to the Mantra you will be in big trouble if the Hero loses his life.

I. Whenever you meet another character in the game, be sure to listen to what they have to say.

Conversations are valuable hints for solving mysteries. You should write down what you hear in these conversations so as not to forget them later on.

II. Build up your power by buying weapons.

Buy more powerful weapons and armor (items, etc.) with the money you've saved up. Battles will go much easier for you.

N. Know the characteristics of the enemies.

Some enemies have food and money. Food will partially restore the hero's energy.

Food



Money

