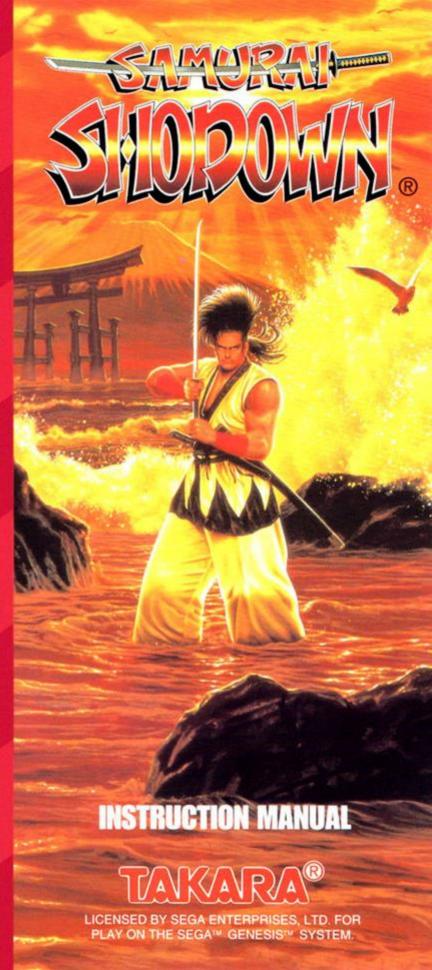


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t the end of the 18th century, Japan suddenly became engulfed in a wave of natural disasters and cruel and vicious wars. Life became a constant and brutal battle for survival. The maelstrom of evil began spreading across the seas to other countries, and it seemed as if the whole world would soon be enveloped in an age of darkness.

A man with mysterious powers, preaching a heretical religion, had appeared at the same time the troubles began. It seemed that the violence and evil was connected to this religion, for war and disaster followed wherever it spread. The man's name was Shiro Tokisada Amakusa, and his power grew stronger and stronger by the day, until it seemed that nothing could stand in his way...

Little did the world know that Amakusa was actually the servant of the evil Ambrosia, and had been sent to draw the world into a vortex of chaos and destruction. Now, as Amakusa's influence spreads to country after country, it's time for the final battle...it's time for a SAMURAI SHODOWN!

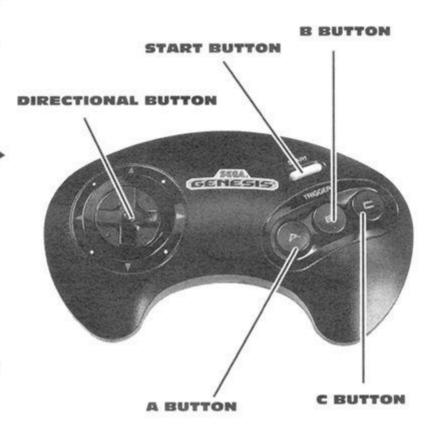


- Set up your Genesis system as described in its instruction manual. Plug in Control Pad 1.
- Make sure the power switch is OFF.
   Insert the SAMURAI SHODOWN Sega
   Genesis cartridge into the console and press it down firmly.
- Turn the power switch ON. In a few seconds, the SEGA screen and then the Game Title screen will appear.
- 4. Press the Start button to continue.

Important: If the SEGA screen doesn't appear, turn the power switch OFF. Check to make sure that your system is set up correctly and that the cartridge is properly inserted, with its label facing towards you. Then turn the power switch ON again. Always make sure that the power switch is turned OFF before inserting or removing the SEGA cartridge.

### **GENESIS CARTRIDGE**





Directional button : Move character

Start button : Start, pause and

restart game

A button : Weak slash

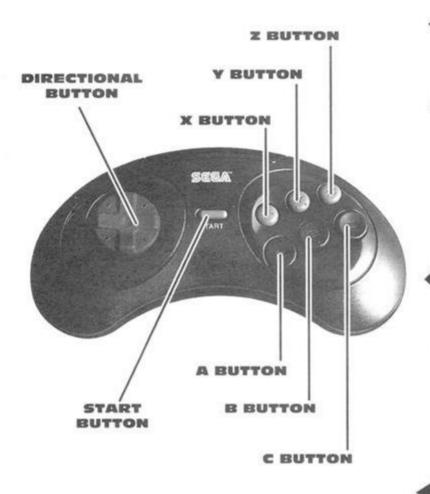
B button : Normal slash

C button : Hard slash

A + B buttons : Weak kick

B + C buttons : Normal kick

A+ C buttons : Hard kick



Directional button : Move character

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restart game

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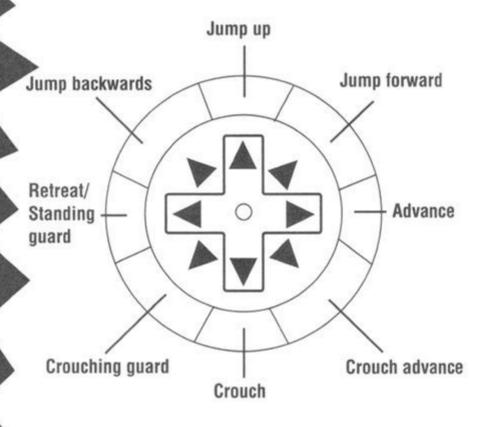
C button : Hard kick

X button : Weak slash

Y button : Normal slash

Z button : Hard slash

ou're a lone samurai lost in an unknown world, with no-one to rely on but yourself. The first step to conquering your enemies is learning to move like a master!



Directions are for when character is facing right; reverse directions if character is facing left.

Also, some characters cannot do crouch advance moves.

### **Master the basics first!**

### Guarding -

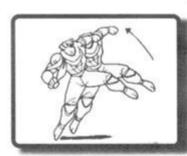
ress the Directional button to the left to guard yourself against enemy attack. Use the Standing Guard to block enemy jumps and high-level attacks, and the Crouching Guard to block high and low-level attacks. Make sure you choose the defensive position that matches your opponent's attack!

### Dashing and Jumping Back -

apidly press the Directional button twice forwards to dash, and twice backwards to jump back. Don't underestimate these kind of moves - they may seem kind of boring, but if you use them skillfully, you'll find they come in very handy!



DASHING



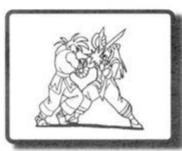
**JUMPING BACK** 

### **Locking Swords**

hen you lock swords with your opponent, start pressing the Slash button repeatedly for the following results:

- 1) Slash opponent (weak slash) 2) Push each other away
- 3) Flip opponent's sword away

Press that button as if your life depended on it - if you slip up here your sword will be flipped away!





**LOCKING SWORDS** 

### Losing Your Sword =

f you lose your sword, you're gonna have to fight emptyhanded - and this is going to really put you at a disadvantage! Get over to your weapon as fast as you can and press the Slash button to pick it up!

### Sword-stopping =

hen your opponent is about to attack you and you have no sword, quickly press the Slash button! If you get your timing right, you'll be able to catch your opponent's sword with your bare hands and thrust him/her away.





SWORD-STOPPING

\* Your sword has limited durability. If you push it past its limits, it will break (at the end of the duel it will be returned to normal).

ress the Start button at the Game Title screen and the Main Menu screen will appear. Choose



MAIN MENU SCREEN

STORY MODE to fight as a lone samurai. with your objective to defeat all opponents and come face-to-face with Amakusa for the ultimate battle. Select V.S. MODE for two kinds of versus play - V.S. BATTLE for normal versus combat, or SHOWDOWN for a two-team versus battle of five matches. Choose OPTIONS to go into Options mode and reset the game parameters. Select a game mode with the Directional button, and press the Start button to set.



### Story Mode

enture out into a hostile world and take on all comers as a lone samurai, with your aim to conquer all opponents and finally defeat the evil Amakus

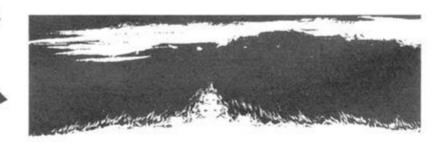


STORY MODE CHARACTER SELECT SCREEN

defeat the evil Amakusa! First choose STORY MODE from the Main Menu, then make your character selection from eleven different warriors from the Character Select screen. Select a character with the Directional button and press the Start button to set. The game will then begin.

### Player Join-in · · ·

second samurai can join in midway through a game at any time. Simply press the Start button on the 2P controller to get into the action!



### V.S. Mode

xperience the thrills of versus combat! First select V.S. MODE from the Main Menu, then select from V.S. BATTLE or SHOWDOWN.



**GAME SETTINGS SCREEN** 

In V.S. BATTLE, each player chooses one character and then fights it out. After you've chosen your characters, the Game

Settings screen will come up. You can change the following items: Strength, Time, Item (the number of items that fall into the screen), and Battle Field. Select a new setting with the Directional button and press the Start button to set. The battle then begins. At the end of the battle, the battle stats will be displayed.

In SHOWDOWN, the players select five characters each and fight it out against each other in five consecutive matches. The same



SHOWDOWN CHARACTER SELECT SCREEN

character can only be selected once (you can't select the same character twice and you can't select a character your opponent has already chosen). After you've chosen

your characters, the Game Settings screen will come up. You can change the following items: Strength, Time, Item (the number of items that fall into the screen), and Battle Field. Select a new setting with the Directional button and press the Start button to set. The battle then begins. At the end of the battle, the battle stats will be displayed.

et up the game the way you like it!
Press the Directional button up/down
to move through the menu, and
left/right to reset an item. Press the Start
button to return to the Main Menu.



**OPTION MODE SCREEN** 

GAME LEVEL: Changes the level of difficulty of the game, from 1 to 8. The game is normally set at level 4.

**TIME**: Changes how long a duel lasts. Choose from 30, 60,

99 or  $\infty$  (for no time limit). The game is normally set at 99.

items that fall into the screen. Choose from None, MIN., MED., or MAX. The game is normally set at MED.

KEY CONFIG: Changes the button arrangement of your controller. Choose Yes to move to the Key Config screen. Move the Directional button up/down to move through the list of attacks, and left/right to reset the button used for that attack. Press that button to set.

B.G.M. : Listen to the music used in the game.

**S.E.**: Listen to the sound effects used in the game.



### **Bonus Stages**

onus stages appear during the game.
In these stages, straw dummies
appear from the top and bottom of the
screen - cut down as many as you can!

If you manage to cut down the minimum number of dummies within the time limit, a special bonus will be added to your score. Be prepared - the bonus stages get harder and harder as the game goes on!





### Continue

hen you lose a match when playing against the computer, the Continue screen will appear and the Continue countdown will begin. If you press the Start button to select Continue before the countdown reaches zero, you can start playing again from the stage in which you were defeated.

- Each match consists of 3 duels.
   The first warrior to win 2 duels wins the match.
- A duel ends when a warrior's strength reaches zero, or when time runs out. The warrior still standing is the winner.
- 3) If there is a fixed time limit, and both warriors have strength left when time runs out at the end of a duel, the warrior with the most strength remaining is the winner.
- 4) In the event of a double knockout, or when warriors' remaining strength levels are exactly the same, the duel will end in a draw.
- 5) If neither warrior has won two duels at the end of the 3 duels, there will be a final duel to decide the winner. The winner of this duel wins the match.
- 6) At the beginning of each duel, both warriors' strength levels are completely restored, and they enter the duel with full power.

by the courier man. Some of these deliveries will help you to victory, but some are lethal...watch out!

### **Meat (Life Restoration)** —



Try to grab all of these items!
The larger the portion of meat,
the more your life gauge will
increase.

### Money (Points) -

Money, money, money - everything from cash boxes to small change. The greater the amount, the more points you score.

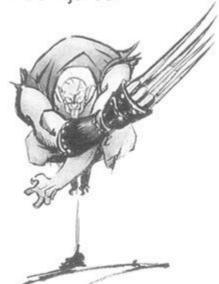


### Bombs (Run!!!)



Watch it - these items explode! You've got a few seconds to escape before they blow up, and if you're still nearby when

they do you'll be injured!

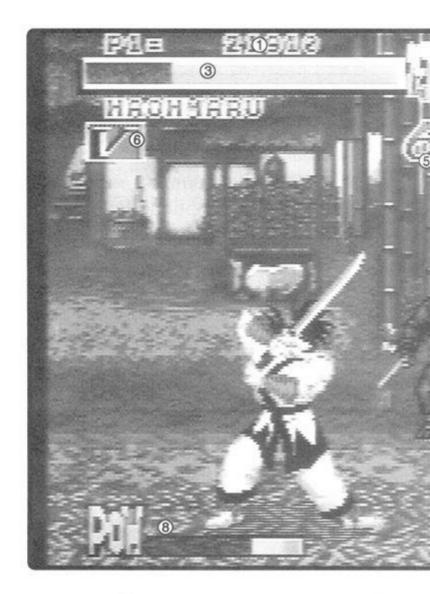


### **Use the Power of Your Anger!**

eep your eyes on the "Rage Gauge" at the bottom of the screen! The gauge increases every time you are injured. When it reaches maximum, you'll be ready to use the power of your anger! Your face will change color, and for a limited period of time all your attacks will be much more powerful! The rate at which the gauge increases, and how long the rage power lasts, differ for each character - make sure you learn how your character reacts. The rage gauge stays at the same level when you move from one duel into the next, so even if you lose the first duel you can use your rage power to help you win the next!

Check out the difference a bit of "rage power" can make when you attack!





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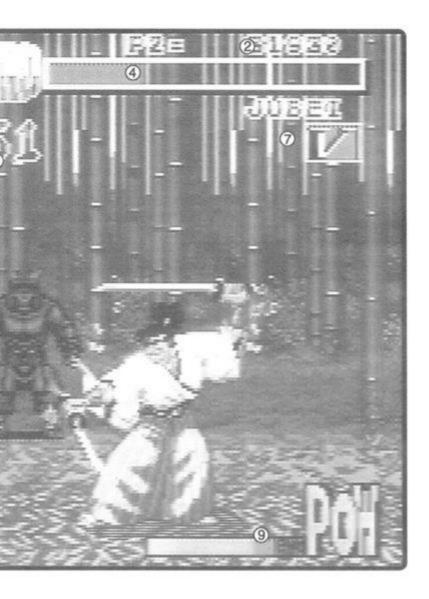
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8 1P rage gauge Shows

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2P rage gauge Shows



the player 1 score. the player 2 score.

gauge for player 1. Every time your character d the life gauge decreases. A duel ends if it

zero. gauge for player two.

the amount of time left remaining in the duel.

ed two wins out of three to be victorious.

p when player 1 wins a duel.

p when player 2 wins a duel.

the amount of "rage power" for player 1.

out page 18 for details.

the amount of "rage power" for player 2.



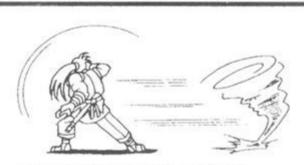


### THE SAMURAI WITH NERVES OF STEEL

Age: 25 Birthplace: Musashinokuni, Japan Weapon: The Fugu Blade



edicated to the fighting life, Ha-Oh Maru spends his time training with his most treasured possession, his Fugu Blade, and traveling in search of worthy opponents. A famous warrior, he focuses solely on the moment when fighting, in order to push his limits to the utmost.



Cyclone Slash (Ogi-Senpuretsu-zan) (Sword)

↓ → + Slash

Crescent Moon Slash (Ogi-Kogestsu-zan) (Sword) → k ↓ > + Slash



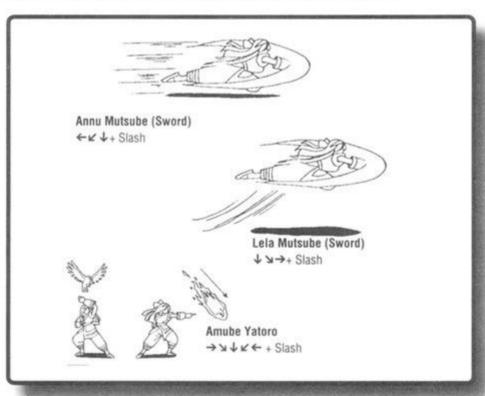
# THE DEFENDER OF THE NATURAL WORLD

AGE: 17 BIRTHPLACE: AINUMOSHIRI KAMUIKOTAN, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN WEAPON: NATURE'S WRATH MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: SHIKANNA KAMUI



kind-hearted young woman dedicated to protecting the planet. Accompanied by her beloved companion, Mamahaha the eagle, she has ventured out on a quest to end environmental destruction. Her sword once belonged to her father, now deceased.





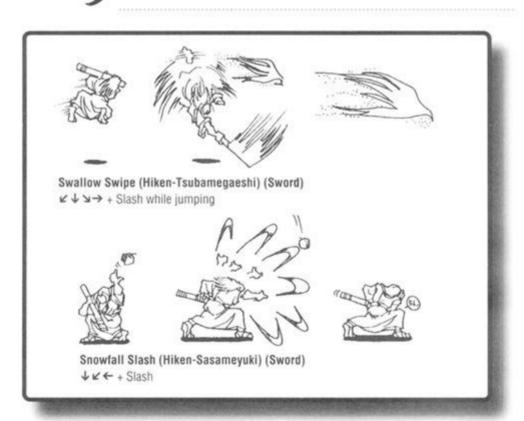
# S UKYO TACHIRANA

### THE SAMURAI HEART-THROB

AGE: 24 BIRTHPLACE: KOGAGUNMASUGIMURA, OMI, JAPAN WEAPON: UNNAMED (MADE BY TACHIBANA HIMSELF) MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: JINMUSO-ITTO



show-off ladies' man with a rather world-weary outlook on life. He loves the feeling of being alone in a crowd but hates actual solitude. He travels in search of the perfect bouquet of flowers to send to his sweetheart, Kei Odagiri.



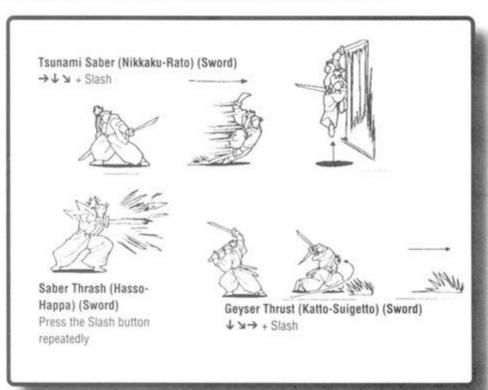
### THE SECRET AGENT OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE

AGE: 39 BIRTHPLACE: TOSA, JAPAN WEAPONS: THE TOKUGAWA DEFENDER AND THE IRON TIGER SABER MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: MODIFIED YAGYU SHINKAGE



agyu is a strict follower of Bushi, the way of the Samurai, and believes it is his destiny to live a Spartan life of rigorous training and loyalty to his Tokugawa Shogun. An expert two-handed swordsman, his aim is to spread his style of fighting throughout the world.





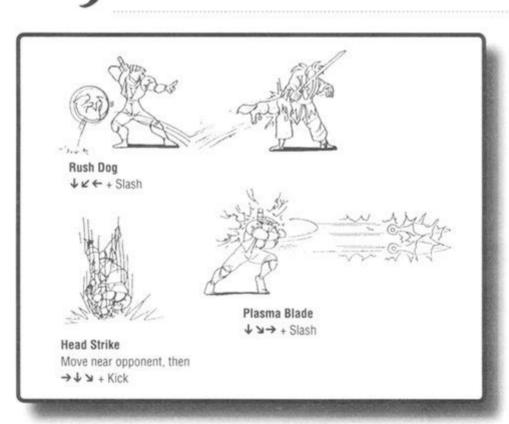
# SCAL FORD

### THE NINJA GOLDEN BOY

AGE: 20 BIRTHPLACE: SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.A. WEAPON: BLADE OF JUSTICE MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: ORIGINAL KOGA



his faithful dog Poppy, Galford has set his sights on becoming the first American Ninja master. A real nice guy, he strives to rid his country of the evil and disasters plaguing it.



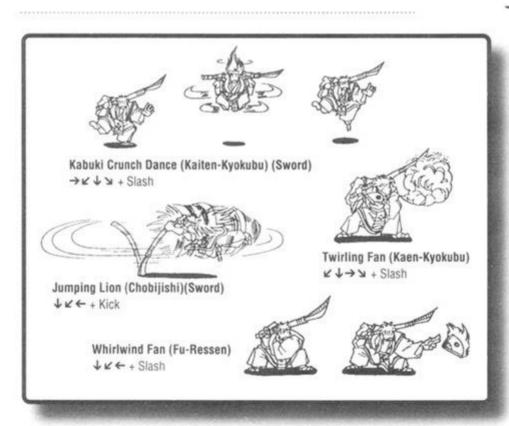
### THE SHOWBIZ SAMURAI

AGE: 30 BIRTHPLACE: EDO (OLD TOKYO) WEAPON: KABUKI SLASHER MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: KABUKI-STYLE SWORDSMANSHIP



flashy type who loves the lime-light, Senryo has left the confines of Edo to surpass his father, a former Kabuki actor, and make a splash on the world stage. He aims to introduce the wonders of Kabuki throughout the world.





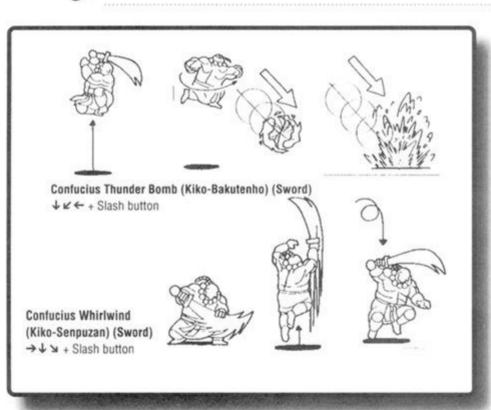


## THE GARGANTUAN MILITARY HERO

AGE: 35 BIRTHPLACE: CHINA (DESCENDANT OF A ROYAL LINE) WEAPON: SWORD OF THE EMPEROR MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: SHORINJI SWORD FIGHTING



espite his somewhat barbaric appearance, Wan Fu is one of China's top heroes and a loving husband, with a profound understanding of politics and military strategy. He has come to Japan to search for warriors to help him in his quest to unify China.



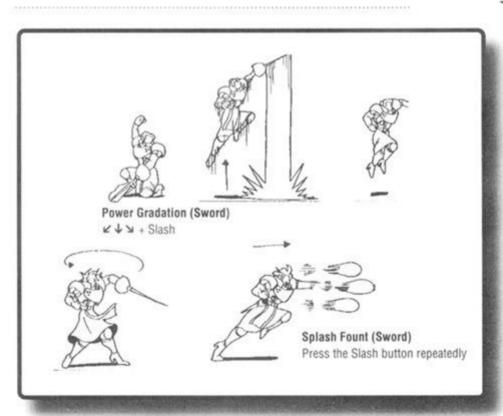
### THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADER

AGE: 27 BIRTHPLACE: FRANCE WEAPON: LAROCHE MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: SELF-TAUGHT



revolutionary warrior with absolute
faith in her fighting
ability. Charlotte,
beloved by the common
folk of France, has come
forth to deliver her country from the disasters
and strife that continue
to plague it - and also to
test her strength in battle.





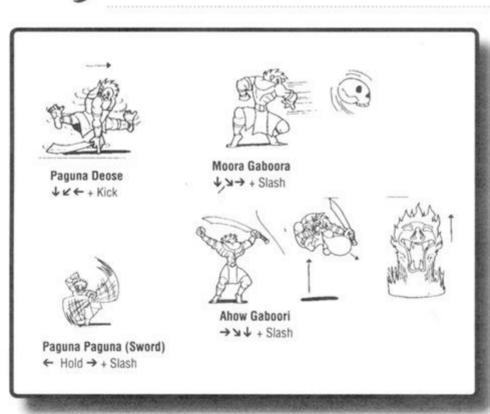


### THE MAYAN AVENGER

AGE: 19 BIRTHPLACE: GREENVALE, IXLPALOTAL WEAPON: HENGEI-HANGEI-ZANGEI
MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: MAYA-STYLE FIGHTING



fighter in South
America, Tam
Tam's kind personality is hidden behind
his fearsome mask.
He has ventured
across the seas in a
quest to recover his
village's lost Parenkei
Stone, stolen some
time previously.



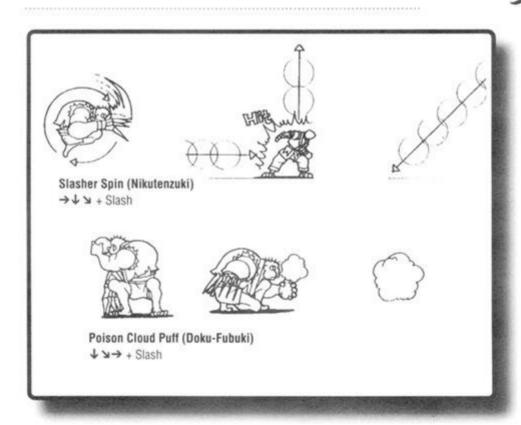
### THE SCISSOR-HANDED SLASHER

AGE: 26 BIRTHPLACE: ONINAKIJIMA, JAPAN WEAPON: AZAMI (NAMED AFTER HIS WIFE MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: MAGICAL FIGHTING TECHNIQUES



shiranui tribe,
Genan can use either
of his vicious slasher
hands to mince his
enemies. He aims to
become the King of
the realm of magic.





# MANZO HATTORI

## THE MASTER OF THE SHADOWS

AGE: 34 BIRTHPLACE: DEWASANCHU, JAPAN WEAPON: UNNAMED (NINJA-STYLE SWORD)
MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: IGA NINJA



he most formidable of all the Iga Ninja warriors,
Hattori is both admired and feared for the cool and ruthless way in which he fights. He has gone forth into the world to free the soul of his son, captured by the evil Shiro Tokisada Amakusa.





Shrike Dash (Mozu-Otoshi)
Move near opponent, then → ↓ >> + Kick



Ninja Teleportation Jig

→ > ↓ ↓ ∠ ← + Weak Kick



Flying Spikeball (Reppu-Shuriken)

↓ >> + Slash

AGE: UNKNOWN BIRTHPLACE: UNKNOWN WEAPON: THE GADAMA JEWEL MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL: UNKNOWN



he mysterious warrior with mystical powers, who seems to be the cause of the wars and disasters ravaging the world. Nothing is known for certain about him except the name of his weapon - the "Gadama Jewel". It is believed, however, that he was slain in the Tokugawa Era and has risen from the netherworlds to effect his final end - the destruction of the world.



Forward Warp (Mae-warp) J >> + Slash



Spectre Sphere

(Nanji-Anten-Nyumetsu-seyo) (Sword) Press Slash when doing a Triangle Jump



Underworld Apparition Attack (Ongoku-Shiryoto) (Sword)

JK++ Slash



### Ha-Oh Maru

Cyclone Slash (Ogi-Senpuretsu-zan) -

J→+ Slash

Crescent Moon Slash (Ogi-Kogestsu-zan)

→ × ↓ × + Slash

### Nakoruru -

Annu Mutsube →

←K + Slash

Triangle Jump

Jump to side of screen and press Directional button in opposite direction to jump.

Lela Mutsube --

**↓** ¥→+ Slash

**Amube Yatoro** 

→ ¥ V K ← + Slash

Yatoro Poku

Hold on to eagle + ↓ or ∠ or > + Kick or Slash

Mamahaha Flight

**↓** ∠ ← + Weak Kick

Mamahaha Call

↓ × + Weak Kick, or → × ↓ × + Slash (when

disarmed)

Kamui Mutsube

Hold onto eagle + Kick or Slash

### Ukyo Tachibana =

Swallow Swipe (Hiken-Tsubamegaeshi) -

∠ ↓ ↘→ + Slash while jumping

Snowfall Slash (Hiken-Sasameyuki) -

**↓** K← + Slash

### Jubei Yagyu =

Geyser Thrust (Katto-Suigetto) -

**↓** ¥→ + Slash

Tsunami Saber (Nikkaku-Rato)

→ ↓ ¥ + Slash

Saber Thrash (Hasso-Happa) -

Press the Slash button repeatedly

### Galford -

Ninja Shadow Replicates

→ ← k ↓ ¥ + Weak Slash or Normal Slash or Weak

Kick or Normal Kick

Triangle Jump

Jump to side of screen and press Directional button in opposite direction to jump.

Rear Replica Attack

→ > ↓ L ← + Weak Kick

Head Replica Attack

Hold down Weak Kick when attacked

Plasma Blade

↓ y→ + Slash

**Head Strike** 

Move near opponent, then → ↓ ¥ + Kick

**Diving Dog** 

↓ K ← + Weak Kick

Machine-gun Dog

**↓** ∠ ← + Normal Kick

**Rush Dog** 

**↓** ⊭ ← + Slash

### Kyoshiro Senryo =

Twirling Fan (Kaen-Kyokubu)

¥ → > x + Slash

Jumping Lion (Chobijishi) -

VK← + Kick

Whirlwind Fan (Fu-Ressen)

VK← + Slash

Kabuki Crunch Dance (Kaiten-Kyokubu)

Wheel of Smoke (Chikemuri-kuruwa) -

→ + Hard Slash at peak of jump

### Wan Fu

Confucius Whirlwind (Kiko-Senpuzan) -

**Confucius Thunder Bomb** 

(Kiko-Bakutenho) ---

**↓** ⊭ ← + Slash button

### Charlotte -

Splash Fount -

Press the Slash button repeatedly

Power Gradation ---

¥ ↓ ¥ + Slash

### Tam Tam ----

Paguna Deose

**↓** ∠ ← + Kick

Paguna Paguna ---

← Hold → + Slash

Ahow Gaboori

→ ¥ V K ← + Slash

Moora Gaboora

**↓** ¥→ + Slash

### **Genan Shiranui**

Slasher Spin (Nikutenzuki)

→ ↓ ¥ + Slash

Poison Cloud Puff (Doku-Fubuki)

**↓** ¥→ + Slash

### **Hanzo Hattori**

Ninja Shadow Replicates

→ ← k ↓ y + Weak Slash or Normal Slash or Weak

Kick or Normal Kick

Triangle Jump

Jump to side of screen and press Directional button in opposite direction to jump.

Ninpo Ussemi Chizan

Hold down Weak Kick when attacked

Ninja Exploding Dragon (Ninpo-Bakuenryuu)

← Hold → + Slash

Flying Spikeball (Reppu-Shuriken)

↓ y→ + Slash

Shrike Dash (Mozu-Otoshi)

Move near opponent, then → ↓ ¥ + Kick

Ninja Teleportation Jig (Ninpo-Ussemitenbu)

→ > ↓ L ← + Weak Kick

### Shiro Tokisada Amakusa •

Triangle Jump

Jump to side of screen and press Directional button in opposite direction to jump.

Spectre Sphere (Nanji, Anten-Nyumetsu-seyo)

Press Slash when doing Triangle Jump

Forward Warp (Mae-warp)

↓ y→ + Slash

Backward Warp (Ushiro-warp)

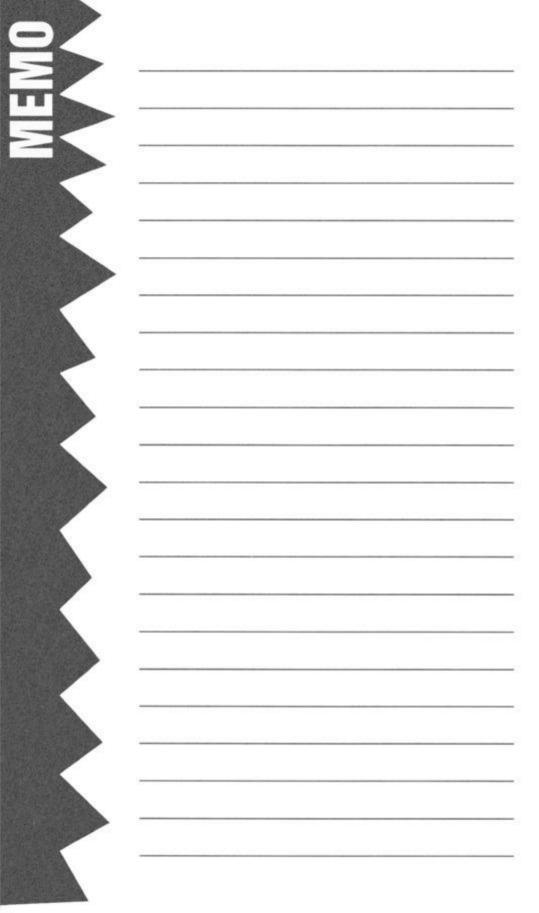
↓ ¥→ + Kick

Dark Thunder -

Hold down Weak Kick for a few seconds and release it

Underworld Apparition Attack (Ongoku-Shiryoto)

↓ K ← + Slash



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