



Instruction Booklet



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...for purchasing the Sunsoft The Pirates of Dark Water™ Game Pak. Please read this instruction manual booklet carefully before starting to play the game. In doing so, you will be able to play the game better and enjoy it even more! Remember to keep this manual in a safe place.

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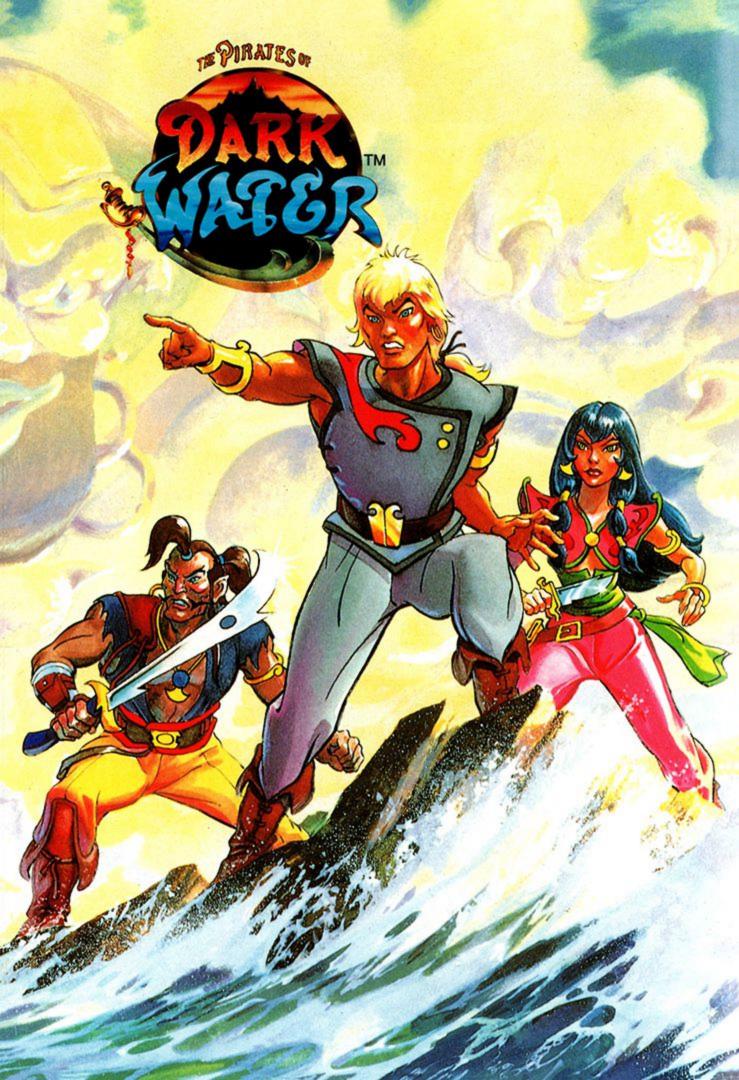


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# What is Oark Water?

The adventures of Dark Water take place on the mysterious, watery world of Mer where strange floating patches of Dark Water consume anything unfortunate enough to make contact with it. Only the Treasures of Rule appear to have an effect on this ominous force. Young Ren, heir to the throne of Octopon, takes to the high seas with his crewloz, the hardened ex-pirate and Tula, the adventure-seeking heroine - to face bloodthirsty beasts and the blackhearted Pirate Lord Bloth on a quest for the fabled lost treasures! Whoever gains the Treasures of Rule first will have the power to control the Dark Water and chart the course of Mer for ages to come.



# How to Start the Game

Insert The Pirates of Dark Water Game Pak then turn the system ON. At the title screen press the Start button. You can select one or two players or go into the Options screen.

In the Options screen you can select the difficulty level (normal or hard); turn two-player collision on or off; test music; turn Stereo option on or off. Select Exit to return to the previous screen.

After you have selected one or two players, select one of three characters - Tula, Ren or loz - by moving the cursor over the character you wish to select and press the Start button.

A map screen will follow your character selection. Press the Start button to begin game play.



## The Quest for the Treasures of Rule

The Pirates of Dark Water is a one or two-player simultaneous action game where you choose one of three heroic characters - Ren, Tula or loz. Each game begins with 4 lives. Your quest is to find the Treasures of Rule. In order to do this, you must fight off Bloth's evil army of pirates as well as wild beasts. At the end of the first level you will find a compass to guide you in your journey. At the end of all the following levels you will find one of the Treasures of Rule. Only after you have collected all the Treasures of Rule can Mer be returned to its former glory and the Dark Water controlled.

Each character has several attack techniques. They can fight with their weapon or fists and can also kick or throw the enemy. Ren, Tula and loz each have a special move and running charge move.

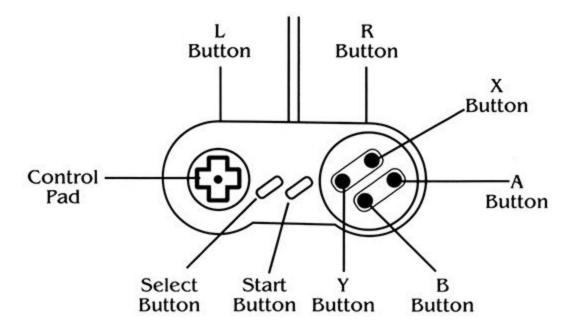
You must finish each level within the time limit. You will lose a life if you do not finish within the time limit, fall into a pit or if your health runs out. You can refill your health bar by picking up items like Minga melons which can be found

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inside things like crates, barrels and statues that you bust open. Other items like a character icon and bags of coins can also be found inside objects. Points are scored by defeating enemies and picking up bags of coins. The continue option at the end of the game lets you return to the quest once your lives are used up.



## How to Use the Controller



Control Pad: Left - Move character left

Double Tap Left - Character

runs left

Right - Move character right

Double Tap Right - Character

runs right

Up - Move character up screen

Down - Move character down

screen

Top Right or Left:

**Block** 

A Button:

Special Attack (uses up health

if you make contact with an

enemy)

**B Button:** Jump

To jump further, double tap Right or Left on the control

pad then B.

X Button: Weapon Attack

To throw an enemy, walk into

them to grab them, then

press X.

Y Button: Attack or Pick up object when

directly above object.

To charge, double tap Right or Left on the control pad then Y.

To attack while jumping,

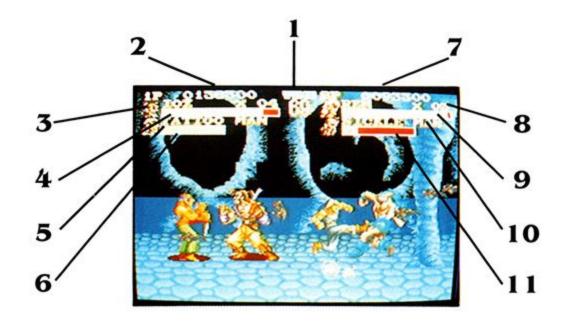
press B then Y.

For a flying attack, press the buttons to jump further, then

press Y.

**Start:** Begin/pause game

## Game Play Screen



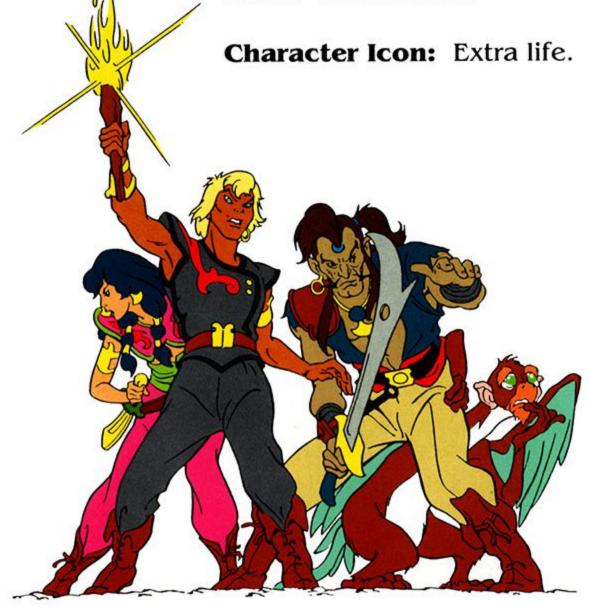
- 1 Time Limit
- 2 Player 1 Score
- Player 1 Character NameNumber of Lives
- 4 Player 1 Health Bar
- 5 Enemy Name
- 6 Enemy Health Bar
- 7 Player 2 Score
- 8 Player 2 Character Name& Number of Lives
- 9 Player 2 Health Bar
- 10 Enemy Name
- 11 Enemy Health Bar

### Items

Gain items by busting open crates, barrels, statues, etc. Pick up the items by standing directly over them and pressing the Y Button.

Bag of Coins: Gain points.

Food: Extra health.



## The Heroes



### Ren

Ren is the young heir to the throne of Octopon and leader of the quest. His integrity, loyalty and sense of honor are a source of strength to those around him.

Special move: Spinning Kick.

### Tula

Tula is a spirited warrior who can hold her own against any man. As an excellent strategist, Tula can be relied on in a tight spot.

**Special move:** Shooting Electrical Field.





### Toz

loz is a fortune hunter and expirate who will do anything for a handful of gold. He has a quick temper and is a force to be reckoned with.

**Special move:** Spinning Punch.

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