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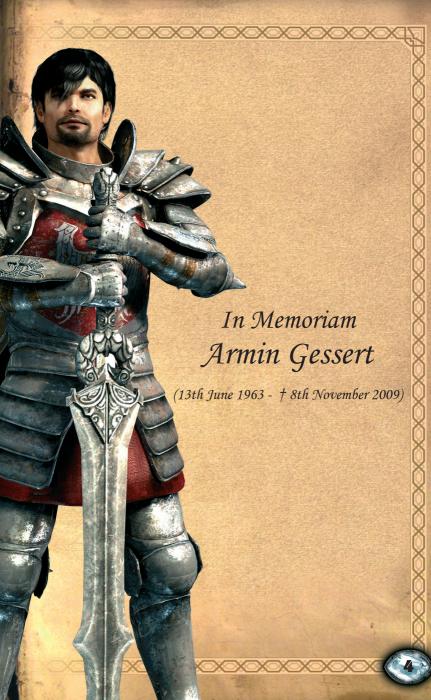
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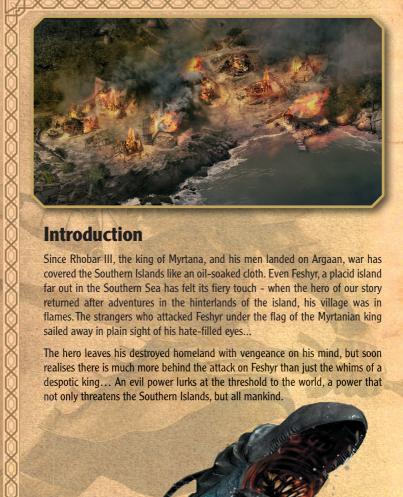


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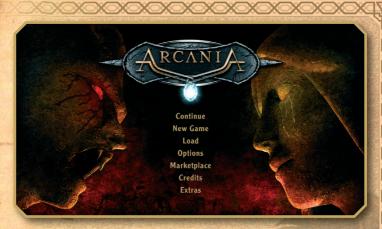


Introduction

Since Rhobar III, the king of Myrtana, and his men landed on Argaan, war has covered the Southern Islands like an oil-soaked cloth. Even Feshyr, a placid island far out in the Southern Sea has felt its fiery touch - when the hero of our story returned after adventures in the hinterlands of the island, his village was in flames. The strangers who attacked Feshyr under the flag of the Myrtanian king sailed away in plain sight of his hate-filled eyes...

The hero leaves his destroyed homeland with vengeance on his mind, but soon realises there is much more behind the attack on Feshyr than just the whims of a despotic king... An evil power lurks at the threshold to the world, a power that not only threatens the Southern Islands, but all mankind.





Main Menu

Continue Game

Continues the game from the point where you last saved. Starts a new game.

New Game

Loads a savegame of your choice and lets you continue playing from there.

Settings

Opens the Options menu, where you can make changes to gameplay, graphics, audio and navigation settings. For further information see page 24.

Marketplace

Opens up the Xbox LIVE Marketplace, where you can buy different ArcaniA items.

Credits

Take a closer look at who took part in the development of ArcaniA.

Extras

Artwork and design sketches for ArcaniA.

Game Controls

Xbox 360 Controller



Α	Interact
A (hold)	Unequip weapon
B	Jump
X	Attack
<u>()</u>	Block and Avoid
LB (Left bumper)	. Toggle further options
RB (Right bumper)	Cast spell
(Left trigger)	Focus opponent
RT (Right trigger)	Ranged Combat
BACK	Options menu
START	Menu selection
1 Left stick	Move
O Directional pad	Quick access menu
Right stick	Move camera



Game Interface

Feedback-Bar (1)

On the left, you'll get feedback on certain events, such as quest updates and level-up announcements.

Interaction Tooltip (2)

The interaction tooltip appears at the bottom of the screen whenever you look at an object or character.

Health/Mana/Stamina (3)

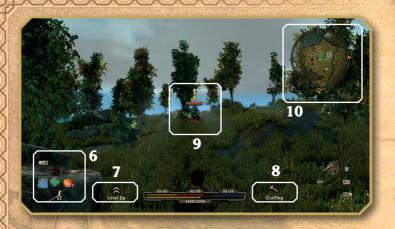
Health, Mana and Stamina are shown in the lower centre of the screen. Mana (blue) is use when casting spells, and Stamina (gold) when using skills, and these refill over time. Your Health (red) shows your health.

Experience (4)

Your experience points appear beneath your Mana, Stamina and Health. When the yellow bar is completely full, you'll gain one level. The numeric values show how many points you have, and how many you need to level again.

Weapons/Magic (5)

In the bottom-right corner of the screen are the weapons and spells you currently have equipped 3 4 5 2 1.



Quickslotbar (6)

In the bottom-left corner of the screen are the spells and items you can quickly select with the directional pad. Hold the left bumper to select up to four more items.

Level-up (7) and Crafting Order (8) Reminders

These appear to remind you if you still have skill points left to assign, or if you could still craft more items.

Crosshair (9)

When you draw a weapon or prepare to cast a spell, a crosshair will appear in the middle of the screen. Some attacks are charged, and their progress appears right underneath the crosshair.

Mini-Map (10)

In the top right corner is an overview of your immediate surroundings and the points of the compass. Important characters and items can also be set to appear here. The arrows at the edge of the mini-map show which way your next quest objective is for you priority quest.



Game Menu

Continue Game

Exit the Game Menu and return to the current game.

Save Game

Save the current game in a new slot or overwrite an older savegame.

Load Game

Loads a savegame of your choice and lets you continue playing from there.

Options

Opens the Options menu, where you can make changes to gameplay, graphics, audio and navigation settings. For further information see page 24.

Back to Main Menu

Ends your current game and takes you back to the main menu.



Questbook

Your questbook lists all your current tasks. When you have several quests, it can be helpful to prioritise one. Select a quest with the left stick and press . Objectives for this task are then highlighted in red on the map and the mini-map, and the arrows at the edge of the mini-map show which direction they lie in. You can also re-read successfully finished quests in your questbook. Press roce to get to the already completed quests. To get to the bestiary, press roce a second time. Whenever you defeat a specimen from a new species, an entry about it will be added to the bestiary.



Inventory

Equipment your character is currently wearing is displayed on the left side of the screen. Items carried in your inventory appear on the right side of the screen and are divided into six different categories. Use and to to toggle between them and move the right stick up or down to switch between them. Select your melee or ranged combat weapons and equipment items by pressing A . Pressing Will eat food or learn a recipe.

Press the directional pad O to assign a highlighted item to the quick access menu. Note that not all items can be assigned to it.

Your hero's attributes appear in the middle of the screen (see Attributes of the Hero).



Skill Menu

Skill Points

Skill points are awarded with level-ups and are used to acquire new skills.

Acquiring Skills

Toggle through the different skills with the left stick. Invest your points in a selected skill with \(\begin{align*} \text{ then press } \begin{align*} \text{ to confirm your choice or } \begin{align*} \text{ to spend the points on something different. New skills are activated as soon as you confirm your selection, so choose wisely!

Skill Descriptions

Descriptions of each skill appear on the left of the screen.

Active and Passive Skills

Active and unique passive skills and spells are marked with a larger, shield-like icon. As explained in their tooltips, spells can either be triggered manually or assigned to the quick access menu with the directional pad \bigcirc . Some skills permanently enhance the functionality of other skills. Passive skills appear in smaller fields and improve your basic attributes. Investing in passive skills allows you to access higher active or unique passive skills.



Map

Moving the Map

Use the right stick to move around the main map.

Zooming in or out of the Map

Zoom in and out with RT and LT.

Toggle between World Map and Underground Map

Toggle between the outside world and the underground realms with **Y**.



Known Goals / Places

Goals or places you have already visited are marked with clear, bright outlines, whereas unexplored areas are dark and blurry...

Teleportation Stones

Teleportation stones are marked on the map with concentric circles.

Travelling on Argaan

Rich or poor, Argaans usually walk. But there are a few ancient stone circles on the island, allowing certain chosen people to instantly travel from one circle to the other.

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	Level: 1	Gold 61
	Health	50/50
	Mana	50/50
	Stamina	50/50
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	Ranged Power	10
1	Magic Power	10
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	Ranged Damage	0
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Attributes of the Hero

Your Inventory screen also displays the level, fortune (Gold), Health, Mana, and Stamina points, as well as their regeneration rates, fighting power values, armour, experience and fighting damage of your hero.

Health, Mana and Stamina points are shown as Current/Maximum values, with regeneration rates as points per 30 seconds.

The value in brackets next to the armour value shows how much damage from an equally strong opponent is mitigated by the armour. Note that armour does not protect against magic damage.

As with the xp bar on the main screen, your experience points are shown as Current/To Next Level values (see Level-up on page 19).

The first value of fighting damage shows the average damage of your melee or ranged attacks; the second one shows the damage of a charged attack. Fighting damage depends on your fighting power as well as your armour and skills. Keep in mind though that these damage values can change, as they are also subject to factors like your opponent's armour etc.

Level-up

Whenever you gain enough experience points, your hero will gain one level. His basic attribute values will then automatically rise, and you will also receive additional skill points to further improve your hero (see the Skill Menu section for instructions on how to do so). As long as there are skill points left to spend, you will see a reminder icon at the bottom of the screen.

Fighting

To attack an enemy with your active melee combat weapon, face your enemy and press \mathbf{X} .

Melee weapons can be single- or two-handed weapons. Single-handed weapons allow for faster attacks while heavier, slower two-handed weapons do considerably more damage.

Press **Y** to block enemy attacks. You don't always need a shield as you can also block attacks with your weapon or your magic. Keep in mind though that some attacks are capable of penetrating your blocks.

If you have a ranged combat weapon active, press (1) to shoot with it. Remember that bows must first be drawn by holding (2). Releasing (3) then looses off the arrow. Crossbows are always ready to fire with (3), as they don't need to be drawn first.

To execute a magic attack, you need an active spell (see Skill Menu). Once ready, cast the spell with RB.

Armour reduces physical damage, but not damage caused by magic. Check your hero's attributes to see how damage your armour can mitigate.

During a battle you can heal your hero with food and healing potions, if the situation is about to become critical. Outside of battle there are also highly effective bandages at your disposal.

Documents

In the ,Documents' section you will find three different kinds of items: Recipes, scrolls and runes.

Scrolls can only be used once, and then they disappear.

Runes can be used any number of times. However, after being used they need time to recharge.

Recipes must first be learned, before they become available in the crafting menu. Press **A** whilst in your inventory to learn a recipe or activate a rune.

To use runes and scrolls outside of the inventory, they must first be assigned to the quick access menu. For more details, see Game Interface on page 9.

Consumables

Apart from food you can also find potions and bandages in this category, i.e. anything that can be consumed. Most of these items have a healing effect. Powerful magic potions can also have different effects. Whether they are positive or negative will always be shown in the tooltip.

Bandages cannot be used during battle, but on the other hand, they are much cheaper than healing potions.

Crafting

From the crafting menu you can create many items yourself. Available categories include "Equipment" (weapons, shields etc), "Alchemy" and "Consumables" (food and potions). Switch between categories with RT and LT.

To create an item you first need the instructions, or recipe. You can either find these in the world or buy them from traders. If you buy a recipe you also need to learn it: To do that, select it in your inventory and press **A**.

After learning a recipe it will appear in the list of craftable items under the appropriate category. Use the right stick to browse your recipes and read their details. These will list the resources you need to actually craft the item.

Once you have all the resources necessary, select the item from the list and press (A). If you have enough resources, they will disappear from your inventory and the finished article will appear. The number in the square brackets next to each recipe shows how many of that item you can create with your current resources.



Dialogue Menu

Dialogue Options

To talk to people, face them and press **A**. Sometimes they'll address you first, and the conversation then starts automatically.

During a conversation you might have a choice every now and then. Use the right stick to toggle between them, then press A to carry on with that choice.

You can turn subtitles on and off for your conversations from the Options menu.

Additional Topics

Some of the people you meet on your adventures know interesting things not directly relevant to your quests. Try talking to people more than once to see if they have anything else to say.

Trading

Buy/ Sell

Some characters on Argaan are traders. Press instead of to begin trading with them. Move the selection marker to the object of your choice to buy or sell an item and press .

Toggle between different item categories with 1 and RT.

Rebuy

The last item category contains all the items you just sold to him. You can rebuy them without a loss, but as soon as you quit the trading menu they become unavailable.

Lockpicking



Options and Settings

In the Options menu, toggle between submenus with 11 and RT. Choose from:

Video

To adjust graphics settings.

Audio

To adjust different sound volumes and switch subtitles on or off.

Controls

To adjust the controller and camera navigation.

Gameplay

To adjust the following options:

- Difficulty level
- Hint display
- Storage target
- Storage medium.



A Story from the Cleaved Maiden

If only they'd be strangled, the lot of 'em!

Mead jars in hand, Murdra forced her way through the rough laughter. Standing in my way with bare hands whilst I'm running around! She heaved the jars over Elgan's head and then banged them on the table so hard the mead inside sloshed out onto the dark oak wood. Elgan leaned back in his chair, drew deeply on his pipe and grinned at Murdra through rotten teeth. 'You're in a bad mood, eh Murdra?' he said, pipe smoke streaming out of his mouth and nose.

'There'll be no more mead for you, soon enough,' she hissed. 'Then you can go smoke your pipe outside in the rain.' She spat on the straw covering the taproom's planks and stomped back towards her kitchen. Elgan shouted something after her, but his voice was muffled by the tavern noise. The laughter climbed Murdra's back again. 'They should be kicked out, the whole lot!,' she grumbled to herself. That was when she felt the hand on her skirt...

Now really, this is too much! Eyes flashing, Murdra spun round. Feren, the young trader from Stewark who used to visit the Cleaved Maiden every few weeks, stood smiling at her. 'Sit down, Murdra!,' he said, pointing at the empty chair at his table.

'My foot!,'she scowled, turning to go. But Feren's hand clasped her naked forearm. He had a tender hand with slim fingers and clean nails without soil sticking underneath. Murdra felt the fine hair on her forearm rise.

'Come now, Murdra,' Feren said, gently gripping her arm.

He sure is a handsome fellow, she thought, gazing at his hand. And he had rings too!

'Just for a minute then,' she said, settling down next to Feren at the table.

'My uncle is back on the island,' Feren said, his fingers stroking the back of her hand. In the candlelight his golden rings shone seductively. 'He came with the ship from Vengard.'

'I see,' Murdra murmured, imagining what his rings would look like on her own fingers.

'The Orcs are defeated,' Feren continued, 'And he's brought back a lot of stories about a nameless hero and Xardas, the mage.'

'Wardas,' Murdra said, her reverie broken. Feren stopped and frowned uncomprehendingly. 'The mage is called Wardas,' she said, wrinkling her nose. 'Everybody knows that!'

'My uncle said that ...'

Murdra shook her head. Handsome but stupid, she decided and withdrew her hand. The rings wouldn't make up for that! Believes everything his uncle says and doesn't even know the mage's name!

'Well, my uncle says that Xardas - '

'I haven't got time for this,' she said simply, rising from her chair. 'Your uncle doesn't know the mage's name, his stories are just that — stories.'

Feren started to reply, but Murdra had turned her back on him and now stood surveying the taproom. From several corners there came shouts for more mead. 'I'm coming,' she shouted back. 'Be right there!' Then she stomped back into the kitchen.

Belgor stood at the chopping board, a meat-cleaver in his callous hand. He glanced up at Murdra and gave her a fierce look. He doesn't have any rings, that's for sure, she thought grumpily.

'What?,' she said defiantly, meeting his eyes directly.

'Have you been loitering with those fancy men again?,' Belgor asked gruffly.

Murdra rolled the spittle in her mouth around, but resisted the urge to fire it out. I shouldn't have married him, she thought. What good is a tavern keeper if her husband doesn't have rings?

Belgor was waiting for his answer, and she could feel his angry jealousy simmering. But there was also a faint glimmer of hope in his eyes, hope that he was wrong this time.

'None of your business!' Murdra snarled and spat at the oven. The hope in Belgor's eyes vanished and his face hardened. The meat cleaver came down heavily on the pork back on the chopping board, and he turned and went out the back door, his pipe in hand.

Out in the taproom the calls for mead grew louder. 'Smoking, that's all he's good for,' she thought bitterly. 'And all the work is left for me! Well Beliar take him!,' she thought angrily, gathering up another round of full mead jars from the table. She stomped back into the taproom. 'Who's next!' she shouted, sloshing more mead around.



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