Preparing for Your Quest

1. Make sure the power switch is OFF.
2. Insert the IronSword™ cartridge as described in your NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM® manual.
3. Turn the power switch ON.

TO START: Push the START button on Player 1's control pad.

The Screens Before You

If you wait a few seconds before pressing the START button, you will see the IronSword Hall of Fame. It is here that the scores of the greatest warriors that have ever entered the Land of Sindarin are recorded. Once you turn your system off, these scores disappear, giving you a whole new chance at getting your name in the IronSword Hall of Fame the next time you turn it on.

You will then be told the story behind the IronSword legend. You will learn what the evil Wizard Malikil has done to discourage you from helping
those in the Land of Sindarin.
And what you must do to finally defeat him. Forever.
If you’re just starting, press the START button twice. If you have
already played before, press the START button once, and you will
be given a chance to enter your secret code and begin the game
at the level you last left off.

To Obtain your Secret Code:
Before your game ends, you have the option of obtaining a
secret code. It can be used when you play again at a later
time to bring you to the begin-
ning of the level that you re-
ceived your secret code in.

Press the SELECT button and the Magic Spell Screen will appear. You will see a series of ten letters on the bottom of the screen.

Copy these down. Then, to begin at that level when you play at a later time, correctly enter your code at the start of the game.

To Enter your Secret Code:
Using the CONTROL PAD ARROWS, move the circular highlighter to the desired code letter, then press the A button. Continue this way until all ten letters of the secret code have been entered. You will then be magically transferred to the beginning of the level you have entered the code for.

The Map Screen
At the start of each game, you’ll see a map of the Land of Sindarin. It will also appear at the beginning of each level. Study it quickly to see where you are and how much of your journey still remains. It will only be upon the screen for a few seconds.
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Finally — at the end of each domain — you must battle the Elemental itself. It won’t be easy. And if you don’t first obtain the magic that each Elemental tears the most, it will be impossible.

But if you do find the right magic for the job, and you defeat the Elemental, you will be given a piece of the shattered IronSword. When all four Elementals have been defeated, you will hold the completely restored IronSword — the only weapon powerful enough to defeat the wicked Malkil.

But, as it is with any battle against the evil Wizard, almost everything you encounter will be under his spell. Which means his minions are bent on carrying out only one task: stopping you.

And as it is in any kingdom controlled by the power of magic, things aren’t always as they appear. The way up may be to go down. The path to the West may lead off to the East. And hidden passages may lead you to places where “direction” has no meaning.

So be off, Kuros. You are the ultimate warrior. And this is the ultimate war...

The Controller

The illustration below shows you your control points. Throughout this instruction book we will refer to these controls by the names indicated here.

TO MOVE RIGHT OR LEFT — Press the CONTROL PAD ARROWS RIGHT or LEFT.

TO Crouch — Press the CONTROL PAD ARROW DOWN.

TO JUMP — Press the A button.

TO JUMP IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION — Press the A button while simultaneously pressing the CONTROL PAD ARROW in the desired direction.

TO USE YOUR SWORD OR USE OTHER WEAPONS — press the B button.
**Quick Start Overview**

If you don’t want to waste precious time before battling Malkili, you may wish to enter the Land of Sindarin immediately. Read this quick overview to understand the basics, then return to the instruction book later for the fine points of the game.

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE:** To reconstruct the shattered remnants of the legendary IronSword and use it to defeat the evil Wizard Malkili in a final confrontation atop the mystical IceFire Mountain.

Malkili has taken on the guise of the four Elementals: Wind, Water, Fire, and Earth. Each time you defeat an Elemental, you’ll be rewarded with a segment of the legendary IronSword. Remember, you must follow the Seven Noble Steps to conquer an Elemental.

**SEVEN NOBLE STEPS TO COMPLETING EACH LEVEL:**

1) Collect or buy several keys.
SECONDARY OBJECTIVES:

Increase your Score — by fighting the Wizard’s evil henchmen.

Increase your Money Supply — by collecting jewels, treasures and coins. Or by winning at Bonus Chance.

Keep your Life Force up — by eating and drinking.

Increase your Magic Powers — by collecting magic bubbles.

MAKE SURE TO COLLECT:
- Food and Drink
- Magic Spells
- Magic Weapons
- Golden Objects
- Keys
- Jewels
- Coins

At the Inn

You’ll know where you are the minute you enter an Inn. There will be armor against the walls, plates and cups on the shelves. And a friendly innkeeper ready to help you — unless you come in empty handed!

Walk up to the innkeeper and choose between the following:
- BUY
- BONUS CHANCE
- QUIT

If you choose to buy something, you’ll be given a choice of items. To make a selection use the CONTROL PAD ARROWS to highlight your choice. Then press the A button.

You will be able to buy keys, food, special armor or magic spells — if you have the right amount of money.
If you choose Bonus Chance, you’ll be admitted to a special room. See Bonus Chance below.

Bonus Chance

There’s more than one way to collect coins — some more honorable than others.

You’ll need at least 100 gold coins to play. If you win, you’ll add 290 coins to your wealth. If you lose, you’ll lose 100 coins. Use the CONTROL PAD ARROWS to pick a cup. Any cup. Then press the A button to see where fate lets the skull fall. When you’ve had enough, select QUIT and press the A Button. You’ll end up back in the Inn.

The Magic Spells

Throughout your travels in the Land of Sindarirn, various magic spells will become available to you. Some you must buy. Others can be found inside locked chests. Still others are yours for the taking. Remember, these spells don’t last forever.

Here is a listing of the spells you may find. Along with some hints as to how you might use them:

- Dragon Tooth Spell — Turns bad guys into tasty food.
- Asp Tongue Spell — If you’re hungry, cast this spell at an Inn. Surprise!
- The Familiar Spell — Turns bad guys into golden coins. And is helpful in obtaining a certain golden object.
- Veil of Slumber — Makes enemies slow and groggy.
Fleet Foot Spell — Makes you move faster and jump farther. Right? Right! Maybe this will help.

Silver Fleece Spell — Coats you with an invisible shield making you invincible.

Water Spout Spell — Going up? Jump on.

SPELLS TO USE AGAINST THE ELEMENTALS

Each Elemental has one weakness. Your only hope in overcoming an Elemental is to take advantage of that weakness. To do this, you must locate a specific spell within each domain, then use it against the Elemental.

These special spells will help protect you from the Elemental when engaged in battle with him. And, at the same time, they will bring a fiery, powerful magic to whatever weapon you’re using.

If you obtain one of these spells, your weapon automatically undergoes a magical transformation, giving you the power to take on the Elemental. These spells do not appear in your spells list, and are only used in the level they are obtained in.

Remember, each time you use a spell, your magic is depleted. To increase your magic level, look for MAGIC BUBBLES. They are little gold bubbles that randomly appear and then float away. Touch as many of them as you can.

Below are the spells and the Elements they work against:

Windbane — Charges your weapon with just the right magic to blow away the Wind Elemental.

Blightwater — Use it to dry up the Water Elemental.

Firesmite — This is what it takes to really burn the Fire Elemental.

Earthscorch — It’s the only magic that will let you bury the Earth Elemental.
Items of Power and Value

In addition to the Magic Spells, you’ll find other items to assist you along the way. You may find them in chests, or you may purchase them at inns and taverns. Some are magic. Some powerful. Others worth their weight in gold. Here is what you’ll find:

**WEAPONS**

Shields and Diamond Shields — These help fend off enemy attack — especially the Diamond Shields.

Helmets and Diamond Helmets — To protect your head, of course. And you’re right: the Diamond Helmets are the best.

Swords and Diamond Swords — The Swords are powerful enough. But the Diamond Swords are awesome!

**The Axe** — When you want something heavier than a sword. But haven’t yet rebuilt the IronSword.

**The Cross of Sindarin**
20,000 points

**The Gauntlet of Sindarin**
50,000 points

**The Ring of Sindarin**
100,000 points

**RELICS OF SINDARIN**

There are several items, relics from the Land of Sindarin, that are worth valuable points when found. They are:

**The Book of Sindarin**
10,000 points
MONETARY ITEMS
Chests Full of Treasure — One of your richest sources of money.
Coins — worth 50 gold coins

OTHER ITEMS
Seven League Boots — It’s impossible to reach Icefire Mountain’s summit without them.

Big Gems — worth 200 gold coins
Little Gems — worth 100 gold coins

Keys — Collect as many as you can. You’ll need them to open the locked chests you encounter in your travels.

Chickens and Brew — Eat and drink to keep your belly full and your Life Force up.

The Wizard’s Black Magic
Malkil has assembled a villainous army of vile creatures to scare you off. Some of this world. Others from somewhere much darker, much more evil.

Most of the enemies can be handled with your mighty Brightsword. But many will require special weaponry or magic. You must remember which ones can be defeated by which weapons.

And how many attacks it takes to destroy them. Here is a partial listing of the enemies and hazards you’ll encounter and the points you’ll earn for catching and defeating them. And yet, there are so many, it would take ages to list them all.
**WIND LEVEL**

- Slimy Spitter: 43 pts.
- Eagle: 112 pts.
- Cave Demon: 245 pts.
- Tornadoes: 30 pts.
- Cloud Man: 200 pts.
- Giant Hailstone: 100 pts.
- Deadly Skull & Crossbones: It's invincible

**WATER LEVEL**

- Tree Snake: 23 pts.
- Wave: 56 pts.
- Baby Frog: 8 pts.
- Flying Piranha: 56 pts.
- Iceberg: 56 pts.
- Snapping Skulls: 546 pts.
- Zombies: 30 pts.
- Steam Cloud: It's invincible
- Jellyfish: 200 pts.
FIRE LEVEL

Volcano Mouth
It's invincible

Lava Spitting Crater
It's invincible

Toothy Creeper
23 pts.

Floor Flames
They're invincible

Salamander
400 pts.

Salamander's Bullet
400 pts.

Flame Spitting Walls
87 pts.

EARTH LEVEL

Earth Demon
546 pts.

Earth Demon's Spells
400 pts.

Vampire Bat
30 pts.

Rock Pillar Beast
546 pts.

Stalagmite
400 pts.

Scary Ghost
245 pts.

Skull Spider
1000 pts.

Rock of Ages:
Large or Small
56 pts.
ICE FIRE MOUNTAIN

Flaming Craters
They’re invincible

Water Elemental
20,500 pts.

Fire Elemental
20,500 pts.

Earth Elemental
20,500 pts.

Snowman
246 pts.

Snowball
8 pts.

Wind Elemental
20,500 pts.

The Life Force of Kuros

You begin the game with a full amount of life — as indicated by your Life Force Level (See The Playing Screen, page 6). But your Life Force decreases every time you’re hit by an enemy or by an enemy’s magic object. Also, falling great distances decreases your Life Force, as does fighting.

TO INCREASE YOUR LIFE FORCE — Look for — and pick up — chickens and brew, which are scattered throughout the land.

TO OBTAIN AN EXTRA LIFE — Look for — and touch — the miniature Kuros.
Words to the Wise

- Remember to leave no corner unexplored, no stone unturned and nothing behind. You’re going to need all the weapons, magic and special items you can get your hands on.

- When fighting the Elementals, pay attention to the blue lines next to the Elemental’s picture in the lower right-hand corner of the screen. This tells you the number of successful hits it will take to conquer that force. With each successful hit, a line will disappear.

- Keep an eye on your MAGIC POWER LEVEL. If you don’t have enough magic, you won’t be able to defeat an Elemental.

- Collect as many gems and coins as you can. Because a full purse is always an advantage. You can never have too much money. Or, for that matter, too many keys or too much magic.

- Remember to have an ample supply of money when you reach the Earth level. You’ll need it to buy extra lives.

The IronSword™ Hall of Fame

If you prove successful in battling Malkil and his evil minions, you’ll earn a place in the IronSword Hall of Fame.

If you’re one of the Valiant, the wheel of letters will appear on the screen. To inscribe your initials, press the LEFT/RIGHT CONTROL PAD ARROWS to move the highlighter around the letters. When you reach the desired letter press the A button to select it. Continue this way until you’ve selected all your letters. If you make a mistake or want to change your letters, move the highlighter to the word RUB and press the A button. When you have selected all your letters, move the box to the word END and press the A button.

A spell has been cast which makes your name and score disappear once you turn off your game. But fear not, Kuros, you’ll have a new chance of entering your name each time you return to battle.
The Ultimate Challenge

This mission, brave Kuros, is beyond anything you have yet undertaken.

The forces of the Elementals are the very forces of Nature herself. Steadfast. All-powerful. Pervasive.

But you know how to survive. And you learn fast. You'll quickly discover which magic to use against which forces. And it is then that you must rely on your might, wisdom and strength.

With each piece of the shattered IronSword you collect, you're a step closer to defeating the wicked Malik. And if you make it as far as the top of IceFire Mountain, sheer pride will help you battle it out to the end.

As always, the fate of an innocent land lies in your hands. And you are their only hope...

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- Reorient the receiving antenna.
- Relocate the NES with respect to the receiver.
- Move the NES away from the receiver.
- Plug the NES into a different outlet so that the computer and receiver are on different circuits.

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