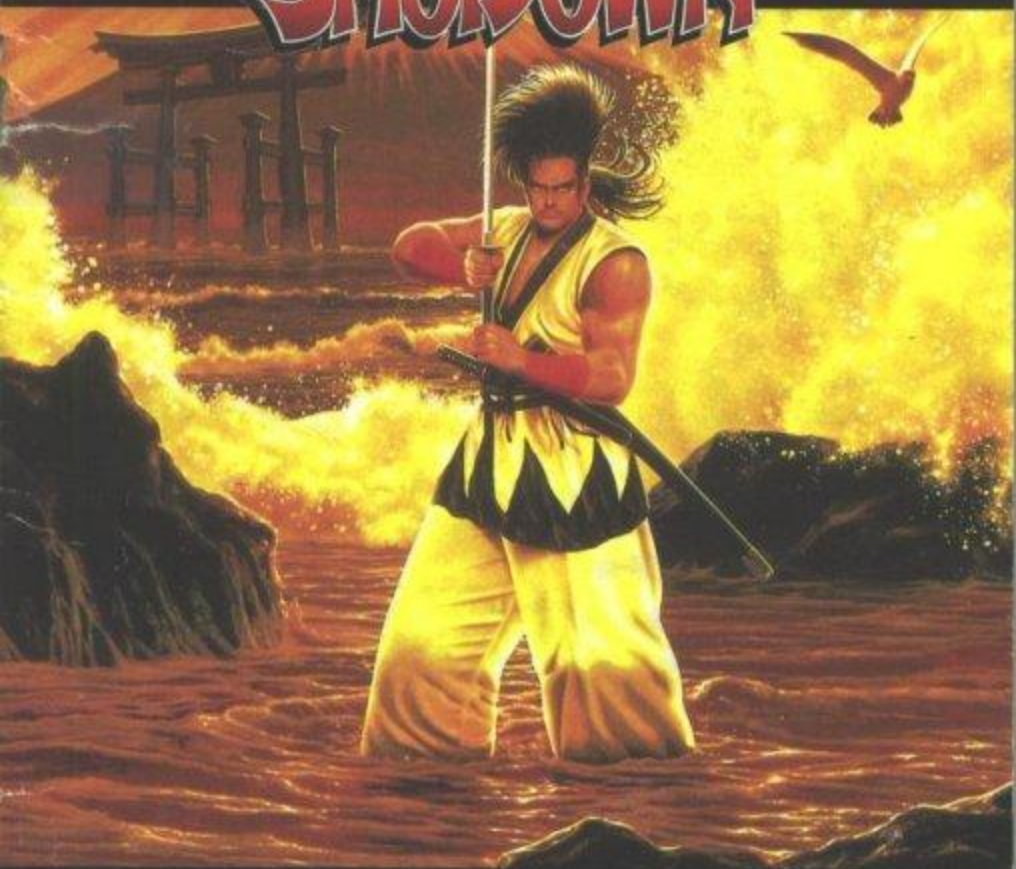


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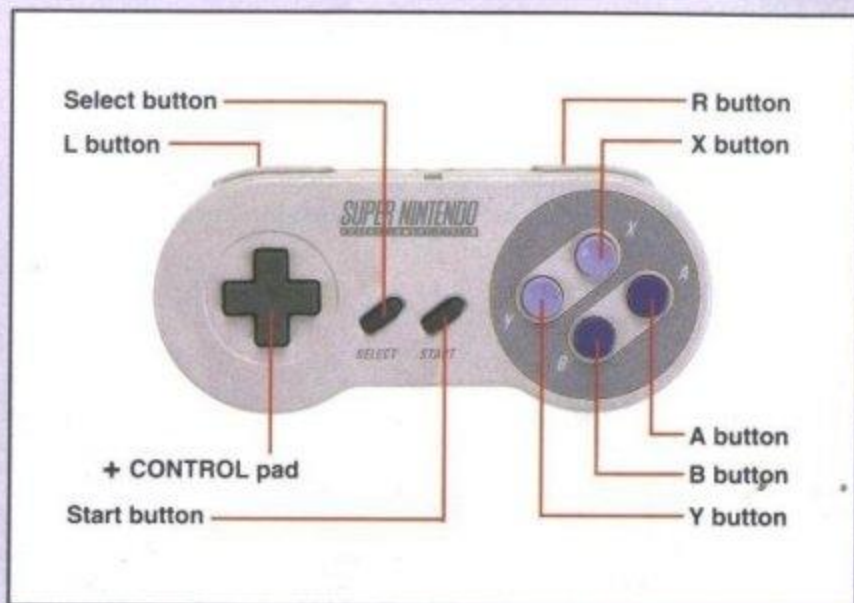
## Story

**A**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.



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!

## Using the Controller



### **A/X BUTTON :** .....

Slash attack (punch attack when character has no sword)

### **B/Y BUTTON :** .....

Kick attack

### **L/R BUTTON :** .....

Press at the same time as the Slash and Kick buttons to do strong attacks.

### **START BUTTON :** .....

At the Title screen : Starts game, sets game mode

At the Option screen : Returns you to the Title screen from Option mode.

When fighting (1) : Pauses game. Press again to resume play.

When fighting (2) : Lets a second player join in mid-way through the game in 1P Game mode (press the Start button on the 2P controller to join in).

### **SELECT BUTTON :** .....

Not used.

### **+ CONTROL PAD :** .....

At the Title screen : Selects game mode.

At the Option screen / Character Select screen : Changes option settings, selects character.

When fighting : Moves character

\* These button assignments can be changed in Option mode.

## Starting the Game

Insert the Game Pak into your Super Nintendo Entertainment System, and turn the power ON. The Title screen will then appear. Press the Start button at the Title screen or Demo screen to skip to the Game Mode Selection screen. Select a fighting mode with the + Control Pad, and press the Start button to set.



## Game Modes

### 1P GAME MODE

You're a lone samurai, taking on the toughest warriors in the world, one after another! Select your samurai character with the + Control Pad, and press the Start button to set. The game will then begin.



### VS GAME MODE

Cross swords with a friend! Each player selects a samurai warrior and fights it out in a battle to prove who's number one. You can both select the same warrior.



## COUNT DOWN GAME MODE

A no-holds barred fight to the bitter end! In this mode, you choose a samurai and fight it out for a fixed time against opponents who appear one after the other, trying to score as many points as you can. The game ends if you defeat all the enemy characters, or when time runs out. Your score is then calculated. You don't have a life gauge in this mode, but if you are injured by your opponent your score will decrease.



- ① Time remaining
- ② Score
- ③ Enemy life gauge

## SPECIAL BONUSES

Two types of bonus points may be added to your score.

- 1) If you defeat an enemy in less than 60 seconds, a time bonus will be added to your score. The shorter the time, the higher the bonus.
- 2) Every time you defeat an opponent, 2000 points will be added to your score.





## Game Rules

Samurai follow a strict code of behaviour...and the following Shodown rules! The first warrior to win two out of three duels wins the match. A referee indicates the start of each duel and the winner.

- A duel ends when a warrior's strength reaches zero, or when he or she can no longer stand up. The warrior still standing is declared the winner.
- If there is a fixed time limit, and both warriors have won the same number of duels at the end of a match, the warrior with the most strength remaining is declared the winner.
- In the event of a double knockout, or when both warriors have the same remaining strength level, the duel ends in a draw.
- If neither warrior wins two out of 3 duels, there is a final duel to decide the winner. The winner of this duel is declared the winner of the match.



## What You See On Screen



- 1 1P score : Shows the player 1 score.
- 2 2P score : Shows the player 2 score.
- 3 1P life gauge : The life gauge for player 1. Every time your character is injured the life gauge decreases. A duel ends if it reaches zero.
- 4 2P life gauge : The life gauge for player two.
- 5 Match timer : Shows the amount of time left remaining in the duel.
- 6 1P victory indicator : Lights up when player 1 wins a duel. You need two wins out of three to be victorious.
- 7 2P victory indicator : Lights up when player 2 wins a duel.
- 8 1P rage gauge : Shows the amount of "rage power" for player 1. Check out page 18 for details.
- 9 2P rage gauge : Shows the amount of "rage power" for player 2.



## Player Join-In

### TWO SAMURAI ARE BETTER THAN ONE!



When playing in 1P Game mode, a second samurai can join in at any time. Press the Start button on the 2P controller and player 2 can begin playing the game.

### CONTINUE



After losing a match in 1P Game mode, the Continue screen appears. If you press the Start button before the countdown reaches zero, you can start playing again from where you were defeated. If you've achieved a high score, you can input your name, and then continue the game. Use the + Control Pad to select letters, and press the A button to set.



## Bonus Stages

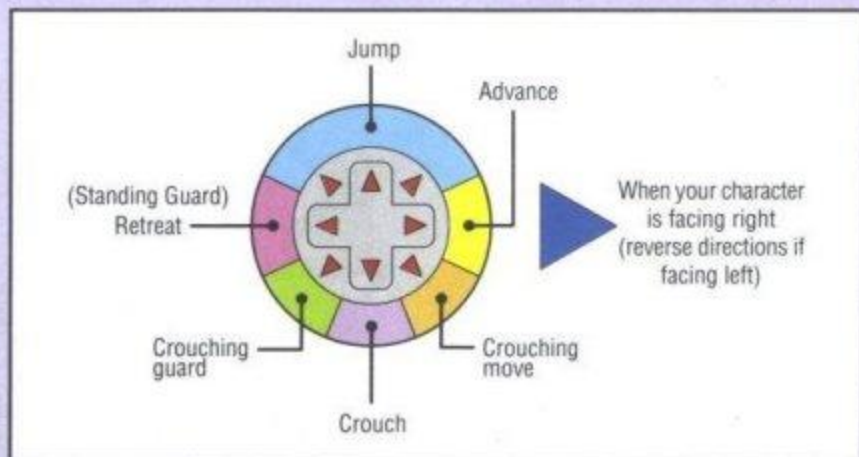
Bonus stages appear during the game. In these stages, straw dummies appear from the top and bottom of the screen - cut down as many as you can!



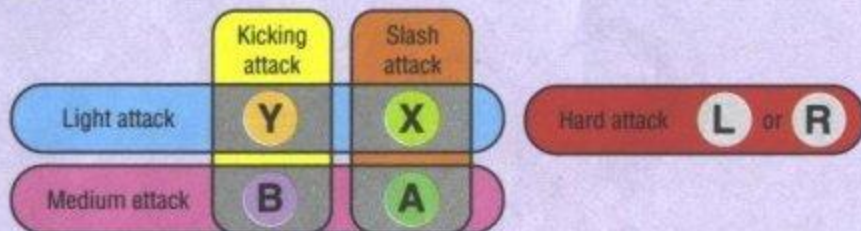
If you manage to cut down the minimum number of dummies within the time limit, a special bonus will be added to your score. Be prepared - the bonus stages get harder and harder as the game goes on!



# Basic Controls



Genan Shiranui, Kyoshiro Senryo, and Wan Fu can do a forward crouching move (+ Control Pad to bottom right) and a crouching retreat (+ Control Pad to bottom left).



For hard attacks, press the hard attack button and either the Kick or Slash button simultaneously. If you press both the light and medium Kick or Slash attack buttons at the same time, you'll unleash a Power attack for maximum damage! If you try to do a Slash attack when you don't have a sword, you'll only be able to do a low-power punch attack.

\* Button arrangements can be changed in Option mode (please refer to page 10 for details).

## DASHING AND JUMPING BACK



Rapidly press the + Control Pad 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 skilfully, you'll find they come in very handy!

## SPECIAL ATTACKS

Each samurai warrior has his or her own special attacks. Check out page 34 for details of each character's special attack commands. The moves marked "(Sword)" can only be used when you have a sword, so make sure you've got one before you try to use them!



## The Rage Gauge

### USE THE POWER OF YOUR ANGER!



Keep 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!



## Items



Watch out for the special "Courier Man" when you're dueling - he'll run past, lobbing parcels at you and your opponent. 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!

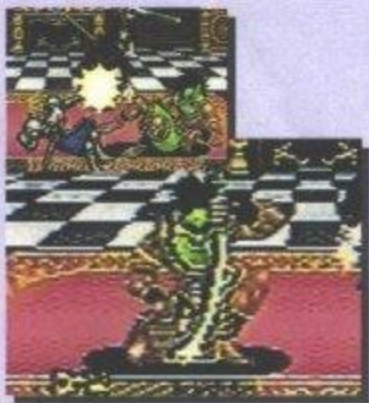
## Sword Know-How

Superior swordsmanship is the secret to Samurai success!  
Hang on to your sword at all costs - your attack power is much weaker without it.



### LOCKING SWORDS ■■■■■■

As soon as you lock swords with your opponent in close combat, start pressing the Slash button repeatedly - if you slip up here, your sword will be flipped away!



### LOSING YOUR SWORD ■■■■■■

If you lose your sword, you're gonna have to duel empty-handed - 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 ■■■■■■

Even without your sword, there's a way you can prevent your opponent from slashing you. A hint on how to do it - rush into your enemy's chest!



## Character Profiles

The Samurai with Nerves of Steel

### Ha-Oh Maru

Dedicated to the fighting life, Ha-Oh Maru spends his time training with his most treasured possession, his Fugu Blade, and travelling 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.

Age: 25  
Birthplace: Musashinokuni, Japan  
Weapon: The Fugu Blade  
Martial Arts School: Self-taught

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



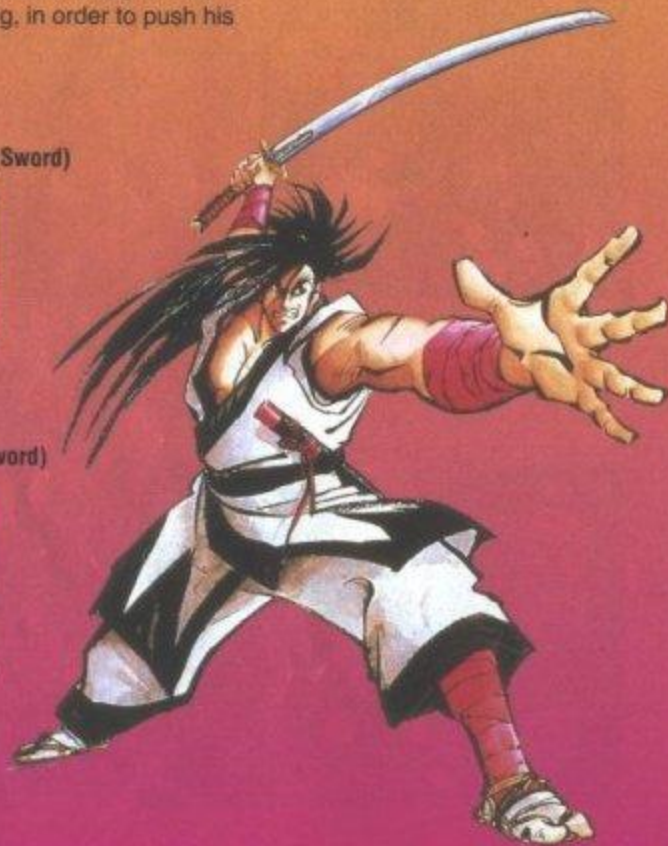
↻ + Slash button

#### Crescent Moon Slash (Ogi-Kogestsu-zan) (Sword)



↻ + Slash button

(When character is facing right)



The Samurai Heart-throb

### Ukyo Tachibana

A 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.

Age: 24  
Birthplace: Kogagunmasugimura, Omi, Japan  
Weapon: Unnamed (made by Tachibana himself)  
Martial Arts School: Jimmusei-Itto

#### Snowfall Slash (Hiken-Sasameyuki) (Sword)



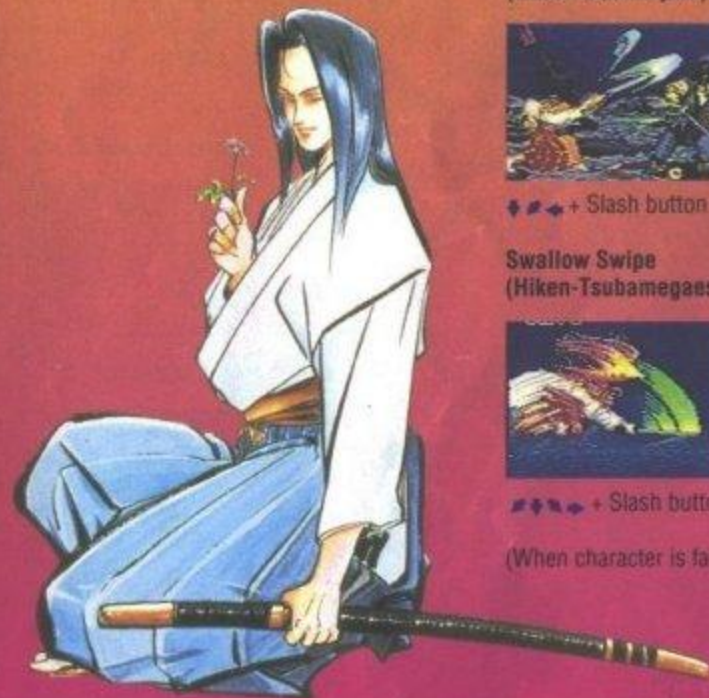
↻ + Slash button

#### Swallow Swipe (Hiken-Tsubamegaeshi) (Sword)



↻ + Slash button while jumping

(When character is facing right)



The Defender of the Natural World

# Nakoruru

Age: 17

Birthplace: Ainumoshiri Kamukotan, Hokkaido, Japan  
Weapon: Nature's Wrath  
Martial Arts School: Shikana Kamu

A 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.



## Annu Mutsube (Sword)



↖ + Slash button

## Amube Yatoro



↖ + Slash button

## Kamui Mutsube



Hold onto eagle + Slash  
or Kick

(When character is  
facing right)

The Revolutionary Leader

# Charlotte

Age: 27

Birthplace: France  
Weapon: Laroche  
Martial Arts School: Self-taught

A 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.

## Splash Fount (Sword)



Press Slash button repeatedly

## Power Gradation (Sword)



↖ + Slash button

When character is facing right)



The Ninja Golden Boy

# Galford

Age: 20

Birthplace: San Francisco, U.S.A.

Weapon: Blade of Justice

Marital Arts School: Original Koga

Accompanied by 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.

## Plasma Blade

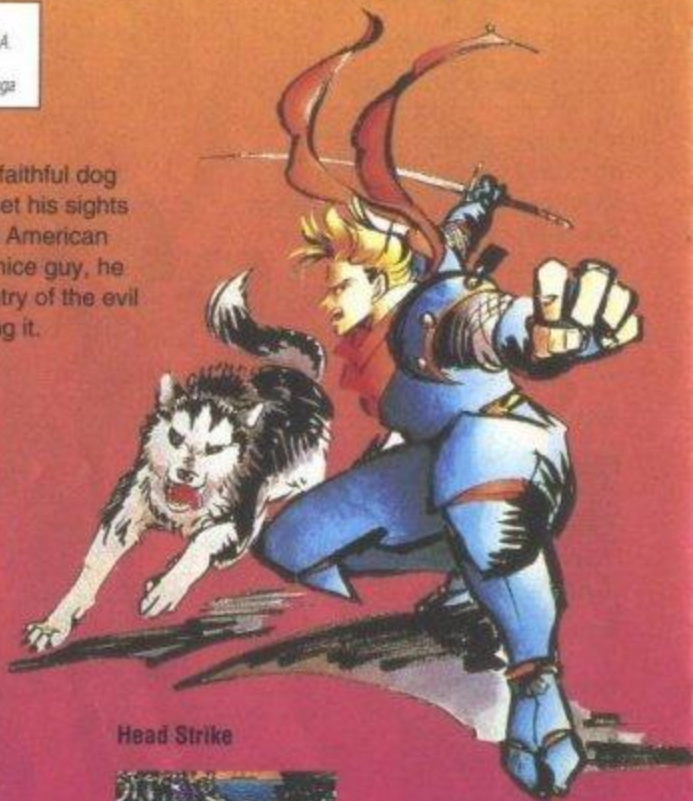


↵ + Slash button

## Rush Dog



↵ + Slash button



## Head Strike



Move near opponent, then ↵ + Kick button

(When character is facing right)

The Master of the Shadows

# Hanzo Hattori

Age: 34

Birthplace: Dowaanchu, Japan

Weapon: Unnamed (Ninja-style sword)

Marital Arts School: Iga Ninja

The 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.

## Ninja Exploding Dragon (Ninpo-Bakuenryuu)



↵ Hold ↵ + Slash button

## Ninja Teleportation Jig (Ninpo-Ussemitenbu)



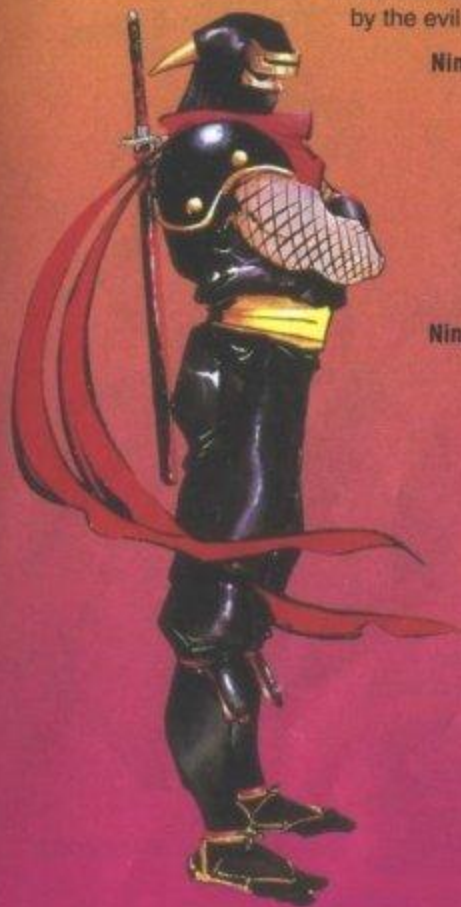
↵ ↵ ↵ ↵ + A + B buttons

## Flying Spikeball (Reppu-Shuriken)



↵ ↵ ↵ + Slash button

(When character is facing right)



The Secret Agent of the Japanese Empire

# Jubei Yagyu

Age: 39

Birthplace: Tosa, Japan

Weapons: The Tokugawa Defender and the Iron Tiger Saber  
Martial Arts School: Modified Yagyu Shinkage

Yagyu 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.

Tsunami Saber  
(Nikkaku-Rato) (Sword)



↔ + Slash button

Geyser Thrust  
(Katto-Suigetto) (Sword)



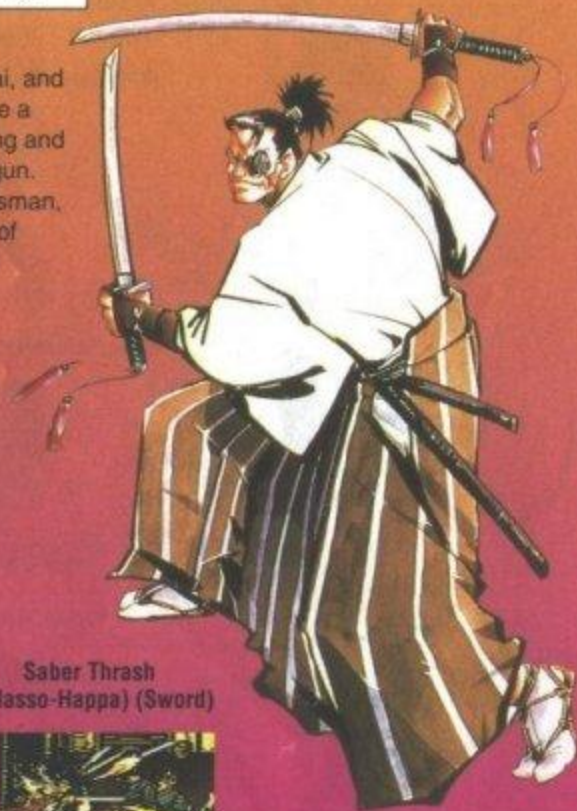
↔ + Slash button

Saber Thrash  
(Hasso-Happa) (Sword)



Press Slash button repeatedly

(When character is facing right)



The Showbiz Samurai

# Kyoshiro Senryo

A flashy type who loves the limelight, 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.

Jumping Lion (Chobijishi) (Sword)



↔ + Kick button

Kabuki Crunch Dance  
(Kaiten-Kyokubu) (Sword)



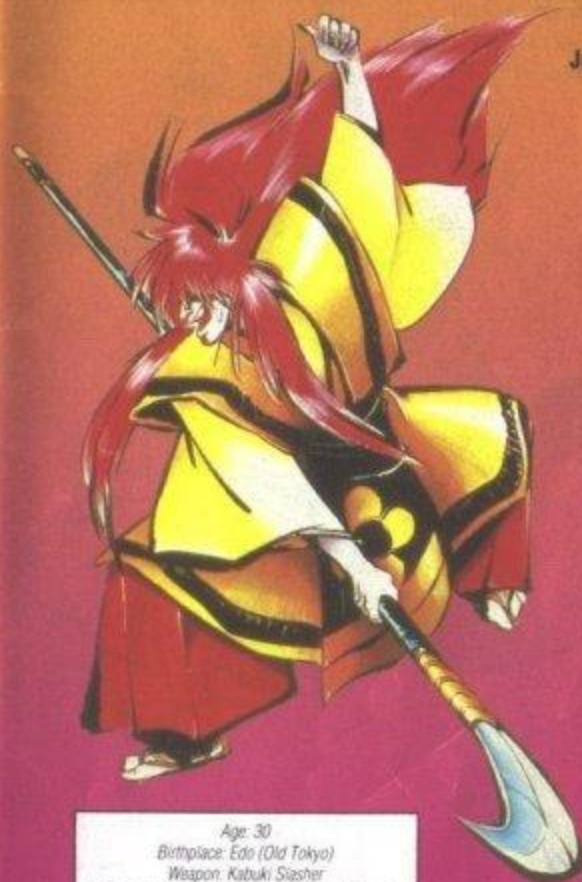
↔ + Slash button

Whirlwind Fan (Fu-Ressen)



↔ + Slash button

(When character is facing right)



Age: 30

Birthplace: Edo (Old Tokyo)

Weapon: Kabuki Slasher

Martial Arts School: Kabuki-style swordsmanship



### The Gargantuan Military Hero

# Wan Fu

Despite 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.

Age: 35  
Birthplace: China (descendant of a royal line)  
Weapon: Sword of the Emperor  
Martial Arts School: Shorinji sword fighting

#### Confucius Thunder Bomb (Kiko-Bakutenho) (Sword)



↔ + Slash button

#### Confucius Whirlwind (Kiko-Senpuzan) (Sword)



↔ + Slash button

(When character is facing right)

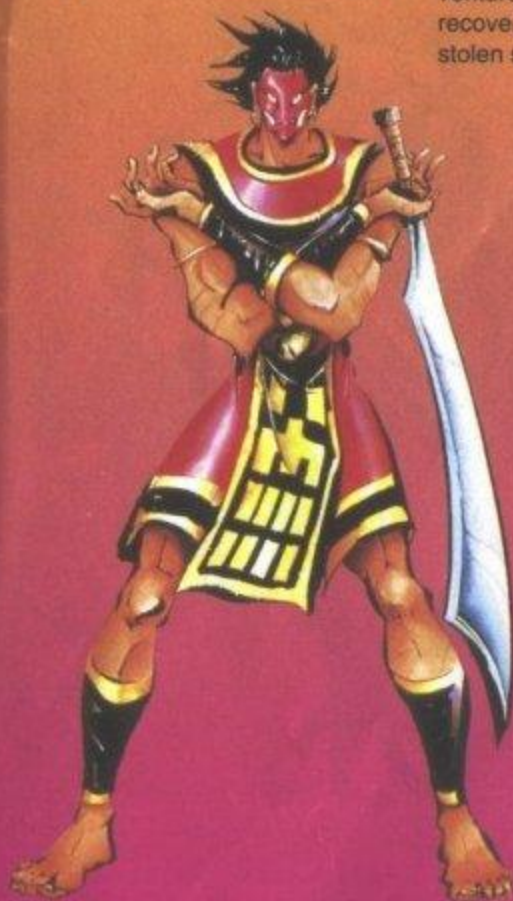


### The Mayan Avenger

# Tam Tam

Age: 19  
Birthplace: Greenvale, Ixpalotl  
Weapon: Hengei-Hangei-Zangei  
Martial Arts School: Maya-style fighting

The strongest 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.



#### Paguna Paguna (Sword)



↔ briefly, then ↔

#### Ahow Gaboori



↔ + Slash button

#### Moora Gaboora



↔ + Slash button  
(When character is facing right)

The Scissor-Handed Slasher

# Genan Shiranui

Age: 70

Birthplace: Oninakiyima, Japan

Weapon: Azami (named after his wife)

Martial Arts School: Magical fighting techniques

Strongest warrior of the magical 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.

## Poison Cloud Puff (Doku-Fubuki)



◆◆◆ + Slash button

## Slasher Spin (Nikutenzuki)



◆◆◆ + Slash button

(When character is facing right)



A Ton of Trouble from Texas

# Earthquake

Over ten ugly feet of pure and nasty American Ninja. His hobby is collecting treasure, and he's taking advantage of the current worldwide troubles to try to pinch as much gold, jewels, and other good stuff as he can cram into his beefy paws.

## Fat Chainsaw (Sword)



Press the Slash button repeatedly

## Fat Bound



While jumping,  
◆ and press Kick button repeatedly

## Triangle Jump



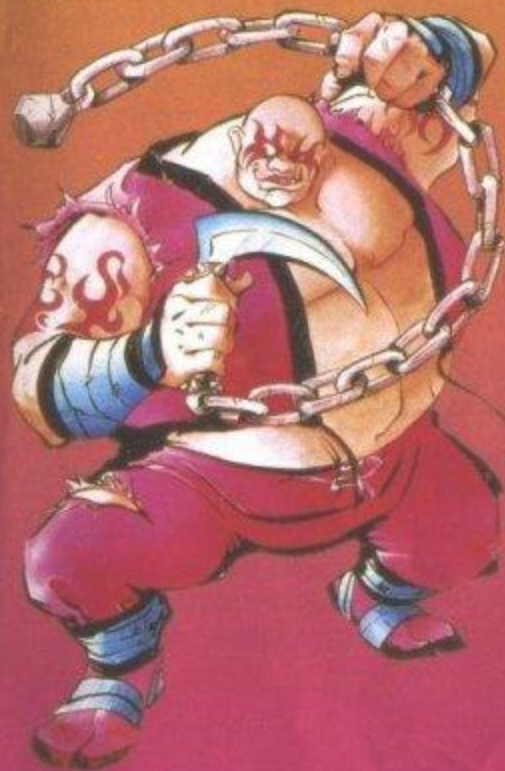
Jump to side of screen,  
and press + Control Pad in opposite  
direction to jump  
(When character is facing right)

Age: 29

Birthplace: Texas


Weapon: Fujiyama Blade


Martial Arts School: His own brand of Ninja fighting




## Special Attacks

### HA-OH MARU


Cyclone Slash (Ogi-Senpuretsu-zan) (Sword) :  + Slash button

Crescent Moon Slash (Ogi-Kogestsu-zan) (Sword) :  + Slash button


### UKYO TACHIBANA

Snowfall Slash (Hiken-Sasameyuki) (Sword) :  + Slash button

Swallow Swipe (Hiken-Tsubamegaeshi) (Sword) :


 + Slash button while jumping

### NAKORURU

Annu Mutsube (Sword) :  + Slash button


Amube Yatoro :  + Slash button

Kamui Mutsube : Hold onto eagle + Slash or Kick button

Lela Mutsube (Sword) :  + Slash button

Yatoro Poku : Hold onto eagle +  or  or  + Slash or Kick button

Mamahaha Flight :  + Kick button


Mamahaha Call : When disarmed,  + Y button

Triangle Jump (Sankaku-Tobi) :

Jump to side of screen, and press + Control Pad in opposite direction to your jump

### CHARLOTTE


Splash Fount (Sword) : Press Slash button repeatedly

Power Gradation (Sword) :  + Slash button

### GALFORD

Plasma Blade :  + Slash button

Rush Dog :  + Slash button

Head Strike : Move near opponent, then  + Kick button

Ninja Shadow Replicates :  + A, B, X, or Y button

Triangle Jump (Sankaku-Tobi) :

Jump to side of screen, and press + Control Pad in opposite direction to your jump

Head Replica Attack :



Hold down A + B buttons when attacked (ineffective against special attacks)


Rear Replica Attack :  + A + B buttons

Machine Gun Dog :  + Weak Kick button

Diving Dog :  + Medium Kick button

### HANZO HATTORI

Ninja Exploding Dragon (Ninpo-Bakuenryuu) :  Hold  + Slash button


Ninja Teleportation Jig (Ninpo-Ussemitenbu) :  + A + B buttons

Flying Spikeball (Reppu-Shuriken) :  + Slash button

Ninja Shadow Replicates (Kage-Bunshin) :  + A, B, X, or Y button

Ninpo Ussemi Chizan :


Hold down A + B buttons when attacked (ineffective against special attacks)


Shrike Dash (Moza-Otoshi) : Move near opponent, then  + Kick

Triangle Jump (Sankaku-Tobi) :

Jump to side of screen, and press + Control Pad in opposite direction to your jump

### JUBEI YAGYU

Tsunami Saber (Nikkaku-Rato) (Sword) :  + Slash button

Geyser Thrust (Katto-Suigetto) (Sword) :  + Slash button

Saber Thrash (Hasso-Happa) (Sword) : Press Slash button repeatedly

### KYOSHIRO SENRYO

- Jumping Lion (Chobijishi) (Sword):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Kick button  
Kabuki Crunch Dance (Kaiten-Kyokubu) (Sword):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$  + Slash button  
Whirlwind Fan (Fu-Ressen):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Slash button  
Wheel of Smoke (Chikemuri-kuruwa): At the peak of a jump,  $\blacktriangleleft$  + Hard attack button  
Twirling Fan (Kaen-Kyokubu):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$  + Slash button

### WAN FU

- Confucius Thunder Bomb (Kiko-Bakutenho) (Sword):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Slash button  
Confucius Whirlwind (Kiko-Senpuzan) (Sword):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Slash button

### TAM TAM

- Paguna Paguna (Sword):  $\blacktriangleleft$  briefly, then  $\blacktriangleright$   
Ahow Gaboori:  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$  + Slash button  
Moora Gaboora:  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Slash button  
Paguna Dios:  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Kick button

### GENAN SHIRANUI

- Poison Cloud Puff (Doku-Fubuki):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Slash  
Slasher Spin (Nikutenzuki):  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleleft$  + Slash button

### EARTHQUAKE

- Fat Chainsaw (Sword): Press Slash button repeatedly  
Fat Bound: While jumping,  $\blacktriangleleft$  and press Kick button repeatedly  
Triangle Jump (Sankaku-Tobi):  
Jump to side of screen, and press + Control Pad in opposite direction to your jump

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