

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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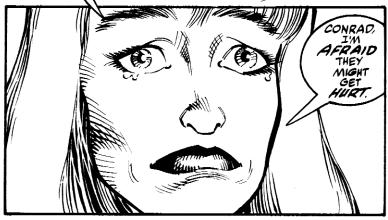












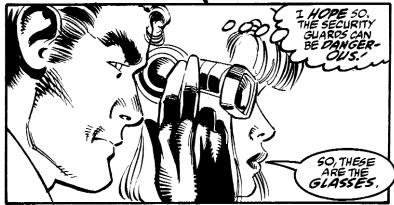


















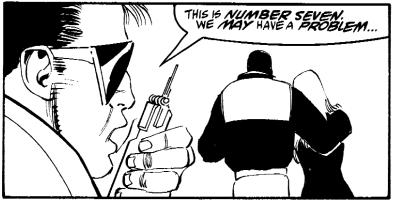














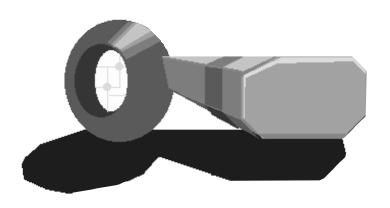
THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

You are Conrad Hart, graduate student, agent of the G.B.I. (Galaxial Bureau of Investigation) and overall cool dude. You must fight your way through 7 hazard-packed levels to retrieve your memory and probe hostile alien worlds to unlock the secrets of the invasion plot.



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You can play Flashback directly off the CD-ROM -- just double-click the "Flashback" icon to begin.

To speed up load times, you should probably install the game to your hard disk. To do so, just drag the "Flashback" icon to your hard disk. You can then eject the Flashback CD-ROM and play the copy on your hard disk.

CETTING STARTED

After the Title screen appears, an animation sequence starts playing. Press the mouse button or any key to jump to the Main Menu.

MAIN MENU

Use the arrow keys to highlight an option and hit return to select it.

START

select to start a new game.

SKILL

Choose easy, normal or expert.

PASSWORD



Enter a password to start the game from the beginning of the level that the Password corresponds to. When you have entered all the letters, press the Start button. If the password is incorrect, you will return to the Main Menu. At the start of each level, a new password will appear at the top of the screen. Write it down for easy reference.

CONTROLS

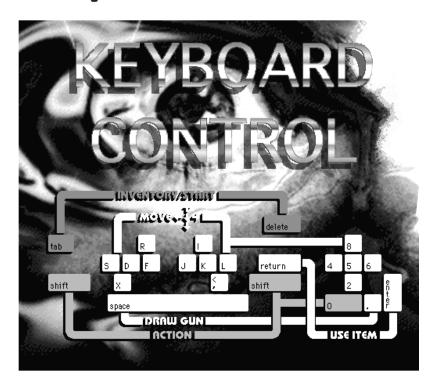
Displays the keyboard controls.

Runs a demo of the game. Pressing the mouse button or any key will return you to the Main Menu.

Quits out of the game.



Flashback™ Mac game controls



MENU BAR

To access the menu bar press the ESC key.

FILE MENU

Open game $\Re O$ - Open a saved game

Quit game #Q - Quit Flashback

GAME MENU

Sound - Toggles sound ON or OFF

Full Speed - Turns off the Speed Governor

Show Password - Shows your current password

End Game - Aborts game in progress

FLASHBACK 5-MINUTE WALK-THROUGH

Walk to the right edge of the cliff and hold down the shift key and press the down arrow. This will allow Conrad to climb down and then drop to the bottom of the screen.

Turn and walk to the left edge of the cliff and climb down into the next room.

Walk to the left and you will notice that you are standing over a Holocube, press the shift key to pick it up.

To use the holocube, press Tab to bring up your inventory, use the arrow keys to select the holocube, press Tab to close the inventory, then press Return to use the holocube.

Walk a few paces to the right so you are standing at the beginning of the wooden platform, press and hold the up arrow to climb out of this room. Climb up to the upper right side of the screen.

Walk into the room to your right.

If you are playing on Normal or Expert mode, you will now see a Robot

Watchdog; to shoot the Robot Watchdog, arm yourself by pressing the spacebar. When you do this, a detector will come out of the watchdog, crouch down by hitting the down arrow and fire your gun by hitting the shift key.



To jump the large gap, hold down the shift key and hit the up arrow.

Now walk to middle of the platform, arm yourself, kneel down and then perform a combat roll by hitting the right arrow. You will then roll into the next room. Be careful; if there is a guard there-shoot fast.

To get to the ledge in the upper right corner of the screen, climb down one level and do a running jump by holding down the shift key and



pressing the right arrow once. From the middle platform, arm yourself and slowly walk off the right side of the platform, and as soon as you land, shoot the guard to your right.

Once you climb down to the next room, you will find a guard, he is holding an energy cartridge that you will need. To open the door he is behind, you can use the pressure pad on the right side of the screen (Hint: go to the bottom and come up from behind him, it's easier) Don't forget the cartridge, it's empty so the next step is to recharge it.



Once you have the cartridge, climb down to the next level, you will need to work your way to the bottom of the screen by jumping and climbing the platforms on the screen. In the next room to the right you

will notice a disintegrator field; don't get too close or you will get fried. Continue to the next room, watch out for the electrified floor, you can run or jump over these spots, but standing on one is a really bad idea. When you walk over the pressure pad, the elevator will drop down, climb up onto it. To your right is an energy generator, use the tab key again to bring up your inventory, select the cartridge,



and close the inventory, when you are in front of the energy generator, press the Return key to charge the cartridge. You can also recharge your shields in these same generators.

This should give you all the basic skills to continue the game on your own. Good luck!

INTERACTING WITH YOUR SURROUNDINGS

The instructions below are for the default control settings:

As you move through each level, you will come across many people and objects. Each time you come across one, its name and an icon will be displayed at the top left of the screen. The icon will explain which way you can interact with the object. Pressing the "Action" button performs the action indicated by the icon. The various icons are as follows:



TAKE - Pick up an object (stone, key, etc). and place in your inventory.



TALK - Talk to a person.



RECHARGE - Recharges your shield or cartridge



USE - Insert an object into a device meant for that purpose (example: insert a key into a card lock, a cartridge into a recharger). It will also give an object to someone.



LOOK - Examine an object or a notice.



ACTIVATE - Press a button to open a door, call an elevator, etc.





To Open\Close the Inventory, press the Tab key. At the start of the game, there are already several objects listed. As you 'Take' items while progressing through each level, they will be added to your inventory. At the end of each level, any unnecessary objects will be discarded and you may be given extra objects to help you complete the next level.

After opening up the inventory, use the left, right, up and down arrow keys to highlight an object. Select the object and exit the inventory by pushing the Tab key. The last selected object will now be moved to the beginning of the inventory. If you give away the object, the previously selected object becomes current again.

The current object is displayed at the top right hand corner of the play screen.

Pressing the Shift Key while in the inventory menu will display the current score and difficulty level.

OBJECT LIST

Here are some of the objects which you may find in the course of the adventure.



HOLOCUBE - Contains important information.



FORCE FIELD - Creates an energy barrier that stops enemy shots.



CREDITS - Money.



MECHANICAL MOUSE - Advances along the ground setting off pressure pads and cameras.



STONE - Can be thrown or placed.



EXPLODING MOUSE - Like the mechanical mouse, but explodes at the slightest touch. May be picked up when not moving.



MAGNETIC CARTRIDGE - Creates an energy source when recharged and placed in the generator.



ID CARD - Identity card. Some may be used as keys.



TELEPORT REMOTE CONTROL - Only works with the Teleport Receiver by teleporting you to the receiver's position. You can get the receiver back automatically by placing the Teleport Remote Control on the ground.



TELEPORT RECEIVER - Only works with the Teleport Remote. It teleports you to where the receiver is thrown or placed.

Used with certain objects to activate them.



TELEPORT - Teleports you towards a mission or to a place which is inaccessible on foot.



ENERGY GENERATOR - Recharges the shield or magnetic cartridge.



CAMERA - Opens or closes a door, calls an elevator, etc. It also triggers the laser cannon's fire.



PRESSURE PAD - Opens or closes a door, calls an elevator and may also set off an alarm.



CARD LOCK - Used with a card, opens doors.



KEY LOCK - Used with a key, opens a door or trap-door.



SAVE - Saves the game where the station is.



SHIELD - The shield is an item in your inventory. You start with 4 shields, and each time you are hit, you will lose 1 shield. If you have no shields left and you take a hit, you lose your life. You can recharge your shield using the energy generator. However, look out for the following death hazards:



DISINTEGRATOR - Loss of life if you cross this.



ELECTRIFIED FLOOR - Run or jump over it.

To call a taxi - Stand facing the taxi station and press shift key. To take the subway - Stand in the entry zone, wait for the train to arrive and press the shift key. To get off at a station, press the shift key.



HAZARDS

There are various enemy and killer objects in the game. Destroy enemies with your gun. However, some killer objects can not be destroyed.

These objects are as follows:



LAND MINE - Explodes when you pass over or near it.

An explosion destroys one shield. Avoid them by jumping over them.



FALLING MINE - Explodes on contact with the ground, an object, or a character, etc. and destroys one shield. If any object passes beneath one of these mines it will cause it to fall.



LASER CANNON - Try to avoid its deadly rays. It is activated by a camera or pressure pad.

If Conrad falls more than two floors, he loses his life. However, it is possible to stop him from falling if he is lucky enough to catch a side wall.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before starting your quest, pick up the holocube and read the information. Get information from people you talk to.

Search the screen for objects which may not be obvious at first glance. Keep an eye on your shields; you may be closer to death than you think. Save the game regularly.

LEVEL 1: PLANET TITAN

Conrad awakens on the artificial jungle of the planet Titan. He has no memory of past events nor the circumstances which brought him to this place. However, he finds a holocube which contains information to help him piece together his memory. Conrad must fight hostile mutants, watchdog robots, and avoid deadly traps to find his way out of the jungle.

Hint: Pressure pads are activated by running or walking across them, or by the weight of an object.

LEVEL 2: NEW WASHINGTON

Conrad manages to find his friend lan and recover his memory. He knows he must return to earth to stop the Alien conspiracy. Unfortunately the voyage to earth is expensive. Conrad must earn credits by completing some jobs.

HINT: Don't leave out any of your options during a last minute decision.

LEVEL 3: DEATH TOWER

Conrad is a contestant on "The Death Tower" television game show to try to win a free ticket back to Earth. The Death Tower is a dangerous labyrinth guarded by formidable replicants having the power to move at breathtaking speed.

HINT: The path that is most obvious is not always the quickest.

LEVEL 4: EARTH

Once on Earth, the aliens discover his true identity and try to liquidate him. After escaping he finds his way to the aliens' headquarters. Conrad must face watchdogs, replicants, laser cameras and rockets.

HINT: There are lots of secret passages in this club.

LEVEL 5: THE SECRET BASE OF "PARADISE"

In the Paradise Club Conrad uncovers the aliens' plan to dominate the human race. Unfortunately he is discovered by the aliens and captured.

HINT: Practice using the teleporter.

LEVELS 6 5 7: THE PLANET OF MORPHS

Conrad finds himself on the planet Morph, the home of the aliens. He sets out to find crucial information which will destroy the planet.

HINT:

- 1. Sometimes the best thing to do is the most obvious.
- 2. Try to attack the aliens from all sides.

RESETTING THE GAME

When playing the game, you may reset it by pressing ESC and selecting "End Game" from the "Game" menu.

END OF GAME

If Conrad loses his life, the game is over, and the Continue screen will be displayed. If you decide to continue, press the space bar or mouse button to start the game from the last saved point or the beginning of the last level. If you do not wish to continue, press any other key to speed up the counter.



CHARACTER MOVES

Timing is essential to good play control. Keep in mind that tap means to quickly press down then release a key. Hold down means to continue pressing down a key, even when pressing other keys.

To make elevator go up/down:

Hold down the shift key and up or down arrow key.

To run:

Hold down the shift key, then the left or right arrow key.

To Somersault while running:

Hold down the shift key then tap the left or right arrow key; then tap the down arrow key to somersault.

Small jump:

Hold down the shift key and tap the up arrow key.

Going down one floor:

Stand at the edge. Hold down the shift key and then press the down arrow key.

Going up one floor:

Method 1-Stand under the ledge. Hold down the up arrow key. Method 2-Tap the up arrow key then hold down the shift key. Tap the up arrow key to pull yourself up.

Running long jump:

Hold down the shift key then tap the left or right arrow key, then tap the up arrow key to jump.

Run and hang onto a higher floor automatically:

Hold down the shift key then tap the left or right arrow key.



Hang to the left or right towards a lower floor:

Hold down the shift key then tap the down arrow, then tap the arrow in the opposite direction to turn around.

Walk with the gun:

Tap the space bar to pull out the gun. Press the left or right arrow to move with the gun out. Press the shift key to take aim.

Somersault with gun:

Tap the space bar to pull out the gun. Tap the down arrow to kneel, then tap the left or right arrow twice to roll.

Drop down a floor with the gun drawn on landing:

Tap the space bar to pull out the gun. Advance to the edge by pressing the left or right arrow. When at the edge, tap the left or right arrow once more to drop down.

Climb up a floor with the gun drawn:

Hold down the up arrow. When pulling yourself up, tap the space bar.

Somersault:

Hold down the down arrow. While crouching, press and hold the left or right arrow key, then you must let go of the down arrow.

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