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# The SACRED RINGS



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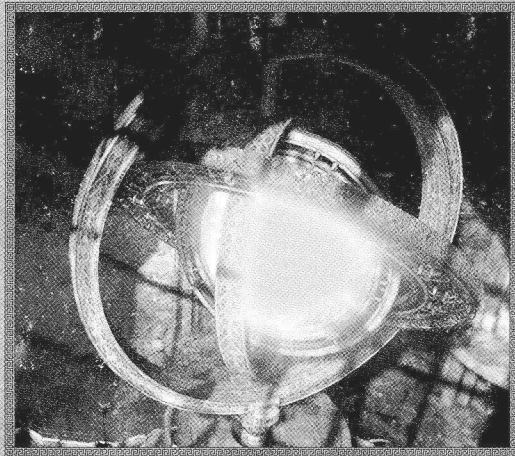
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## INTRODUCTION

After a long and arduous search for The Sacred Rings, the young apprentice Umang wakes up and finds himself alone in a strange, dark, and unwelcoming world. In his possession is a series of rings - The Sacred Rings that grant the holder unlimited power and immortality. Umang quickly realizes that a rival clan has tracked him down and that they desire the Sacred Rings' power for their own evil purposes. Umang must now protect the Sacred Rings and return them to the Keepers - the only ones who will be able to watch over them.

The fate of the Sacred Rings and mankind lies in your hands...



## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Before installing the game, verify that your computer meets the game's system requirements:

<b>Operating System:</b>	Windows® 2000/XP/Vista™
<b>Processor:</b>	1.2 GHz Pentium® 3 / Athlon™
<b>Memory:</b>	256 MB RAM
<b>Video:</b>	64 MB DirectX® 8.1 Compatible Video Card
<b>Sound:</b>	DirectX® 8.1 Compatible Sound Card
<b>DirectX®:</b>	9.0c (Included)
<b>Hard Disk Space:</b>	3.5 GB Available
<b>Input:</b>	Keyboard, Mouse and Speakers

## INSTALLING AND UNINSTALLING YOUR GAME

### *Installing Your Game*

It is strongly recommended that you close all non-essential programs before beginning the installation of any software on your computer. This includes anti-virus and anti-spyware software which may interfere with the installation process.

To install The Sacred Rings, follow these steps:

1. Insert The Sacred Rings CD into your CD-ROM drive.
2. If the autorun mode on your computer is active, the installation will start automatically when you insert the CD into the drive. Follow the on-screen instructions.
3. If the auto-run mode on your computer is disabled, follow these steps:
  - a) From your Windows® desktop, click on the Start button and then click Run...



- b) Type the letter of your CD-ROM drive followed by Setup.exe (e.g.: D:\Setup.exe) and then click the OK button.

OR

- a) Double-click on the My Computer icon (either on your Desktop or in your Start menu).
  - b) Right-click on the CD-ROM drive with The Sacred Rings CD and select Open to access the contents of the CD.
  - c) Double-click on the Setup (application) file to launch the installation.
4. Read and click-to-accept the End User License Agreement, and then follow the on-screen instructions.
  5. The installation will automatically create a program icon group and a shortcut in your Windows® Start menu.

### **Uninstalling Your Game**

To uninstall The Sacred Rings, follow these steps:

Option 1: From your Windows® Desktop, click Start ➤ All Programs ➤ The Adventure Company ➤ The Sacred Rings ➤ Uninstall The Sacred Rings

Option 2: From your Windows® Desktop, click Start ➤ Control Panel, and then select Add or Remove Programs. From the list of currently installed programs, select The Sacred Rings and click the Remove button.

## **PLAYING THE GAME**

### **Starting the game**

When the game has been installed, you may launch the game by double-clicking the game's shortcut icon on your Desktop screen.

Alternately, you may launch the game from your Windows® Desktop by clicking Start ➤ All Programs ➤ The Adventure Company ➤ The Sacred Rings ➤ Play The Sacred Rings.

### **The Main Menu**

When you first launch the game, click the New Game button to begin a new game. Once in the game, press the Esc key on your keyboard to access the Main Menu.

At the Main Menu you may access the following:

**New Game:** Begin a new game

**Save Game:** Save your game

**Load Game:** Load a previously saved game

**Options:** Adjust the in-game audio settings

**Video:** View unlocked videos from parts of the game you have played

**Credits:** A list of people who created The Sacred Rings

**Exit:** End your playing session

### **Saving Your Game**

Select Save and you will access the Save Menu. Select a save slot and click Save. Click Continue to go back to the game.





Note: As The Sacred Rings is a challenging game, we recommend that you save your game often!

### Loading a Saved Game

Select Load and you will access the Load Menu. Click on the arrow buttons on either side of the image to locate the save game that you wish to load. Click on the Load button to be taken back to that saved game.

Note: Save games contain an image of the game location at the time it was saved, along with the date and time.

### Options

**Subtitles (on/off):** Click to toggle in-game subtitles on or off.

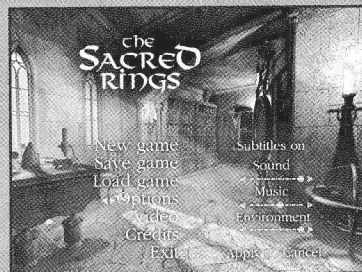
**Sound:** Click on the arrows to adjust the audio level of actions and events.

**Music:** Click on the arrows to adjust the audio level of the ambient music in the game.

**Environment:** Click on the arrows to adjust the environmental options in the game.

### Video

Select Video to view any of the videos that you have unlocked throughout the game. Press the spacebar during any video to return to the Main Menu before its completion.



### Exiting the Game

Press the Esc key to access the Main Menu. From the Main Menu, select Exit to leave the game.

### CURSOR EXPLANATIONS



**Directional Cursor:** Indicates that you may move in that direction



**Neutral Cursor:** Indicates that no action is possible



**Action Cursor: (Bright Green)** Indicates that an action is possible in this location; either that you may interact with an item in a puzzle, collect an item into inventory, or that you need an inventory item to use in this area of gameplay



**Return Cursor:** Indicates that you may back out of a close-up view

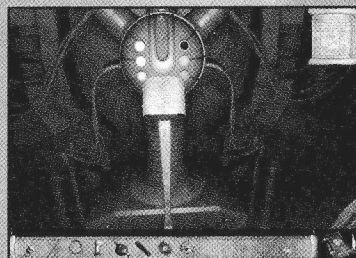


**Turn Page Cursor:** Indicates that you may turn the pages in a book or journal

## The Game Screen

### *The Inventory Screen*

During the game, you will collect numerous items. These items will be stored in your Inventory Menu. You may access your Inventory by clicking the right mouse button. From the Inventory Menu, you will be able to select the item you wish to use during the game. Click the right mouse button to access the Inventory Menu and then select the item that you wish to use by left-clicking that item.



When you move the cursor over an inventory item, its image is enlarged and its name is displayed in the upper right corner of the screen. Once selected, the Inventory item will become part of your cursor and you will be returned to the game screen. To place a selected item back into your Inventory, right-click anywhere on the screen. The Inventory Menu will appear on the screen complete with the item that you had selected.

### *The Journal*

As you progress through the game, certain actions and items will unlock helpful information in the form of drawings of hints and clues for the many puzzles in the game. This information is stored in your Journal. When new information is added to your Journal, the Journal image will glow temporarily in the bottom right of the gameplay screen.

To access the Journal, right-click to access the Inventory Menu. The Journal icon resides on the far right of the Inventory Menu. Click on it to access it and turn the pages by positioning your cursor to the left or right of the pages in the Journal.

During the game, if you wish to skip a particular cut-scene, simply press the space bar.

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