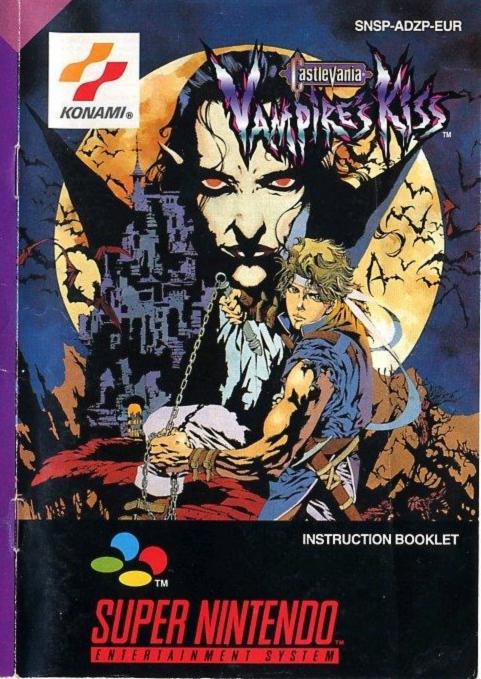
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* PROLOGUE

he setting: medieval Transylvania. Several hundred years have passed since legendary hero Simon Belmont defeated the evil Count Dracula and sealed him away for what was supposed to be eternity. The people have long since forgotten about the horror of the undead, allowing a few depraved individuals to restore the Prince of Darkness to his former state, sleeping in his coffin by day and preying upon hapless victims by night.

Dracula now plans to get revenge on his old enemy through his descendants by locking Annette, the girlfriend of Belmont's great grandson, Richter, and her sister, Maria, in his dark and gloomy castle.

Once aware of this, Richter takes his ancestor's sacred whip, passed down through the years from father to son, and sets out for Dracula's castle to rescue Annette and Maria, and to seal away the evil Count for good.

How to Play

- tle, and entomb the evil Count so the undead walks among men no more!
- Defeat attacking ghouls with attack items such as the whip and sub-weapons to proceed through the game.
- Items appear when you destroy a candle or defeat an opponent. Receiving an item increases your power and enables use of sub-weapons, etc. (See item list, pages 10 and 11.)
- Stages are divided into several areas. The enemy boss waits in the last area. When the boss is defeated, a mystic sphere appears. You clear the stage when you get the mystic sphere.
- Life decreases each time a player is damaged. If a player's life runs out, or if he falls into a place with no floor, etc., the player goes out of the game.
- As long as you still have at least one player left, you can continue playing from the beginning of the area where the last player went out. The game ends when you run out of players. Even if the game ends, you can select Continue to continue playing from the beginning of the stage in which you were defeated.

Starting the Game

your SNES and turn the power switch on. The Demo screen and then the Title screen will appear.



To select menu items, press the &
Control Pad up/down, or use the Select button. Push the
Start button to advance to the next screen.

NEW GAME: Starts the game.

PASSWORD: Moves you to the Password Entry screen.

OPTION: Moves you to the Option screen.

* OPTION

ou can change the button arrangement of your controller and the game sound settings at the Option screen.



Press the * Control Pad up/down to select an item, and left/right to change the setting.

CONTROL: Select from three different types of

controller button settings.

SOUND : Select stereo or monaural sound.

Push the Start button to return to the Title screen.

PASSWORD



he Password screen appears if you select PASS-WORD when you clear a stage or when the game ends. The game starts from the next stage if you enter a password when you clear a stage, or from the beginning of the stage in which you were defeated if you enter the password when the game ends.

Entering a Password

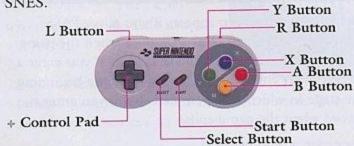


Select the password entry location with the + Control Pad. Choose an item with the L or R buttons, and enter with either the A, B, X, or Y buttons. After entering the password, press the Start button to start the game.

If you want to quit the Password screen, press the Select button and the Title screen will reappear.

Game Operations

his game is for one player only. Properly connect the controller to controller connector 1 of your SNES.



* BASIC OPERATIONS

: Crouch

: Climb and descend stairs

B button Y button

: Jump : Whip attack

Y button + ↑ : Item attack X button : Item crush

Start button : Pause (press again to cancel)

***** TECHNIQUES

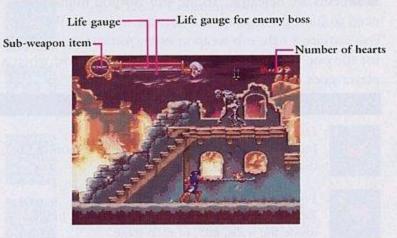
Jump back : Push the B button twice in quick succession.

Race up stairs : B button + ↑
Race down stairs : B button + ↓

All button commands in this manual are written to correspond to the default button arrangement of your controller (A type). The button arrangement can be changed at the Option screen. (See page 6.)

Game Screen

DURING GAME PLAY



When the heart number display starts flashing on and off, you can use item crush.

* WHEN GAME IS PAUSED



Liem fist

tems appear when candles are destroyed or opponents are defeated. To use sub-weapon items, you need to have the appropriate number of hearts. When you acquire a new sub-weapon item, you can substitute it for the one you are presently using. Items are lost when a player goes out of the game.

❖ NORMAL ITEMS





Heart (Small/Large)

Increases the number of times a sub-weapon can be used.



Food

Restores some of the player's life. Food is hidden inside the walls, etc., of each stage.



Pendant

Annihilates all minor opponents on screen as soon as you get it.



Transparency Elixir

Makes you invincible for a certain amount of time when taken.



1 Up

Increases the number of players remaining by one.

SUB-WEAPON ITEMS • Y BUTTON + ↑◆



Dagger (Heart Consumption: 1)

Extremely quick, but doesn't have a great deal of destructive power.



Axe (Heart Consumption: 1)

Hard to handle, but has devastating power.



Crucifix (Heart Consumption: 1)

Easy to handle and highly effective as well.



Holy Water (Heart Consumption: 3)

Has a wide scope of application, but is not deadly.



Watch (Heart Consumption: 5)

Slows the movement of opponents on screen for a certain amount of time. Is however ineffective for some opponents.



Key (Heart Consumption: 0)

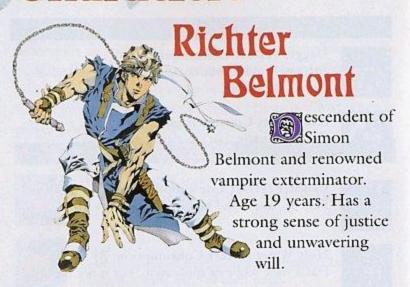
Used to open locked doors, but can only be used once.

* ITEM CRUSH • X BUTTON



hen you accumulate a certain number of hearts (the heart number display in the upper-right of the screen will start flashing on and off), you can use your sub-weapon items to put your opponents to eternal rest.

Characters



Annette

17 years. Was kidnapped by Dracula and is imprisoned somewhere within his evil castle.





Maria

ounger sister of Annette. Was kidnapped along with Annette, and is imprisoned somewhere within Dracula's castle.

Dracula

roprietor of the evil castle and origin of all wickedness in the world.

Believed to be about 800 years old. Cruel and heartless, he at the same time possesses refinement and grace that would be expected only of nobility.



Stages

here are seven stages in all. There are also some hidden stages which you can reach by secret branch routes.

* STAGE 1

Burning Town

Boss: Keruberosu



* STAGE 2

Gate and Entrance to Evil Castle

Boss: Giant Bat



♦ STAGE 3

Great Hall

Boss: Dyurahan



* STAGE 4

Dungeon

Boss: Minotaurusu



STAGE 5

Courtyard

Boss: Werewolf



* STAGE 6

Clock Tower

* STAGE 7

Count Dracula

Annette and Maria are held captive somewhere within the evil castle, and are waiting to be rescued. The game ending varies according to which routes you use to clear the stages.

