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CONGRATULATIONS!

You won. You now own Chuhou Joutai, the shooter adventure starring Drillimation's newest heroes of The Real Driller and Princess Kagami. We suggest you read the instructions thoroughly before you go out and confront the great and terrible Scarlet Devil of SPASDOT!

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A WORD FROM THE CROWN PRINCESS OF KOZAN

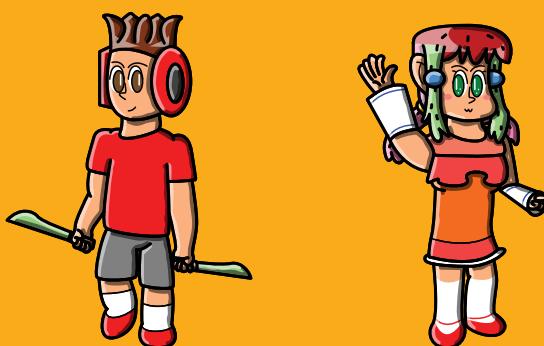
Have you ever heard of the terrorist group SPASDOT? Or even seen its leader? Well, my Driller, if you aren't able to find and slay the Scarlet Devil, he will simply go and overthrow the Monarchy of Kozan and transform it into a one-party socialist republic, which is something we don't want.

Trying to stop SPASDOT's goal will be no easy task. Luckily, I recruited two individuals to the Kozanese Royal Defense Force, the armed military forces of Kozan, to topple SPASDOT and foil their plans. You must take on the role of Susumu Takajima or Kagami Ochiai, both of whom are in their early teens, approximately 14 years old. Takajima (the punky dude with the spiky hair and headphones) is known as The Real Driller, an autistic programmer trying to find an evil SPASDOT mastermind. Ochiai (the girl with the rainbow-colored hair) is a pop idol and Driller's mentor; she comes from a family that descended from the daimyo (feudal lords of Japan). You can either go alone as one of them, or you can team up with a friend to tackle the eight stages together. No matter how you approach this quest, your strength is calling to fight in the most intense video adventure yet!

Before you run off like any glasses-wearing know-it-all, here are a few rules set by my father, the King and sovereign of Kozan.

RULES FROM THE KING OF KOZAN

1. Most stages (remember, there are eight) have two phases – the main part and the boss! The main part has you taking on treacherous enemies whose minds are controlled by SPASDOT to take aim against you. Once you bash their brains in, pick up those gold coins (called ingots) or valuable power newtons they leave behind. Who knows? Those newtons will power up your weapon to something very powerful!
2. With the ingots you collect, they are meant for you to stock up if in case Driller or Kagami faints after taking too much damage. When this happens, you must pay the medical expenses to keep on going. If you can't afford it, your adventure is over.
3. All stages have two opponents to face. If you defeat them early, you'll get a bonus and probably a short break. All bosses have multiple attacks, so study them accordingly.
4. If in case you are in a situation you cannot escape, you can always use a bomb! But remember, they require newtons to use and are limited in supplies, so use them wisely. But never worry! You get an additional bomb every 250,000 points.



HOW TO CONTROL YOUR POWERS

NOTE: These are mapped to an Xbox One controller, which is recommended if you want to use a gamepad. If you don't have one, get one then, but they cost as much as a new game (ouch!)

- Left Stick/Arrow Keys/WASD – push to move.
- A button or Z key – Push and hold to shoot.
- B/LB/LT button or Shift key – Push and hold to focus your shot. It will slow you down but will deal more damage.
- X/RB/RT button or X key – Press to use a bomb.
- Y button – Not used, sorry. You'll have to save it on a rainy day!
- Start button/Esc key – Pauses the game. Also used at the title screen to start the game.



HOW TO START UP THE GAME

If you are running the game for the first time, the install program must be run. If you aren't very good with computers, installing this game shouldn't be a difficult task. Insert the proprietary USB drive that came with the game. Open Windows Explorer or a new Finder window and click setup.exe. Follow the on-screen prompts and you will be asked where you want to install the game. Once the game is finished installing, you are ready to play!

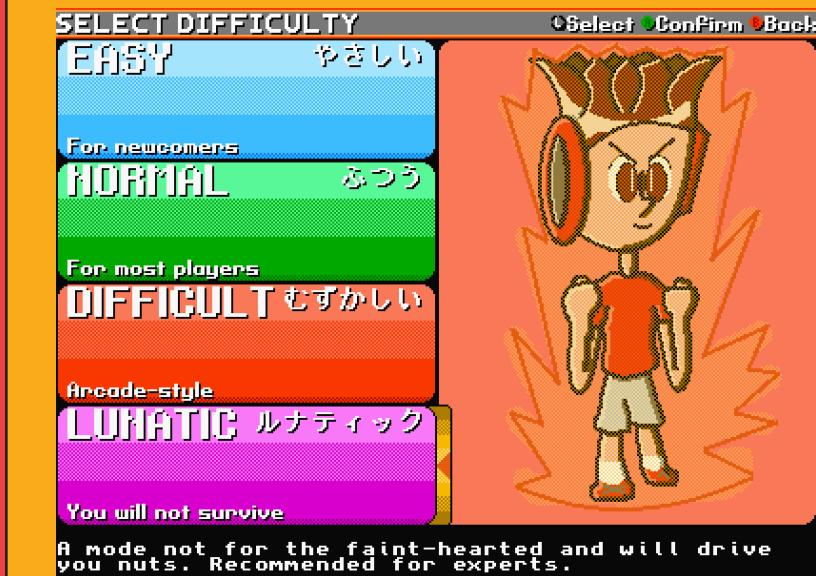
A shortcut will be created on your desktop. Double-click the icon to start the game. When the title screen appears, push the Enter Key or start button to begin. There are two modes of play - Arcade Mode and Free Play mode, but here are the others:

- Arcade Mode - Plays the main mode of the game.
- Free Play Mode - Lets you freely play on any stage.
- High Scores - View all your high scores
- Extras - Listen to the game's soundtrack or view achievements.
- Options - Edit the game settings such as starting bombs and Health
- Exit - Shuts down the game.

SETTING UP THE GAME

When you select Arcade or Free Play Mode. The game will ask you some questions on how you want the game to be set up.

- Resume?** - Only you'll see this when resuming a previously saved game. Of course if you pick New Game, the data will be lost forever and you can't undo it, so be careful.
- How many players?** - This is crucial! Chuhou Joutai is meant to be a co-op game, but you can do it all by yourself.
- Who are you going to be?** - As mentioned earlier, we have two characters you can play as. This question is skipped if you are playing in two-player mode.
- Pick a weapon!** - There are two shot types to pick from, and they are all different.



WHAT TO DO WHEN THE GAME ENDS

If you are KO'd and are unable to afford a revive, you'll have the option to continue the game like normal or end it.

Choosing "Get up" will restart the stage you perished on from the beginning, and the game will continue like normal. However, your score will also be cut in half.

Choosing "Screw it" will end the game.

You can only continue up to three times. If you get KO'd and you are unable to afford a revive, the game will truly end.

You can end the game early if you need to get to school or work, take a break in the afternoon, or when you're tired and need to sleep for the night. Remember to take frequent breaks. You can continue where you left off from the beginning of the stage.



JOINING IN DURING GAMEPLAY

A second player can jump into the middle of the conflict even during one-player mode. All they need to do is pick up the second controller and push the Start button.

Another warning from the king is if you're playing in two-player mode and either Driller or Kagami faints and if you don't have enough ingots to revive, it's game over for both players! Bummer!

WELCOME TO KOZANKYO

As you travel through the neighborhoods and downtown Kozankyo, the map screen before each stage tells you where you are and where you're headed to.

There are lots of friendly-looking people and creatures, but don't get fooled by their smile or appearance. Many of these folks you'll encounter are charmed by SPASDOT to stop you dead in your tracks. They'll do anything in everything to break your legs and knock you on your head! Between battles, Driller and Kagami, as well as other townsfolk, carry valuable clues and other surprises to keep you going. In addition, here are what the different icons mean to the right:

- HP: You need this to stay alive. You will faint if this number falls to zero.
- Bombs: Shows how many escape bombs you have left.
- Graze: Shows how many bullets you have come dangerously close to.
- Newtons: You need these to power up your weapon.
- Ingots: Keep them if in case you have an emergency.



PROCEEDING THROUGH BOSS PHASES

When you reach the second half of a stage, you'll confront that stage's boss. If you have good eyes and quick reflexes, you'll be wise and strong enough to overcome the different attack patterns they'll throw at you, and taking down the boss using your own attacks. There's another attack that's at your hand, but read ahead to learn how to take advantage of it.

Before you enter the boss phase, there's another boss that you must also defeat during that stage's main segment. You'll either go solo or together as a double-up depending on who is playing. There's no question on who's going.

Before each fight, the cinematic will give you clues on who the boss is and how to defeat them. Your weapons better be strong and powerful, as trying to power it up fully is a tricky task. To do so, collecting newtons is the way to go. You can use a bomb if you are in a difficult situation, but a warning from the king: every time you use a bomb, you'll be throwing away 10% of your newtons. Defeat the stage boss and you will proceed onto the next stage.

Boss HP Remaining Time limit



THE WEAPONS THAT WILL HELP YOU STRIKE THE HEART OF SPASDOT

Driller and Kagami have two different weapon types, but you can only use one of them. Your power starts at zero at the beginning of the game, and you must power it up by collecting newtons which enemies drop after being defeated. Only its special effects activate when your power reaches 12%. Mastering the weapons takes a matter of time and practice. You should be able to reach it in less than one stage, but only one in ten drillers should be able to accomplish that. You should've learned the phrase "learn through play" from your parents.

Some weapon types are stronger than others, but that also means the firerate is also slower.

TYPE A - Suspect Seekie



タイプA：容疑者チェイサー

TYPE B - Dragon's Beam



タイプB：龍のビーム

DRILLER'S MAIN WEAPONS

- Type A - Suspect Seekie: Locks on incoming enemies within a 256-pixel range. Fires at the same speed but deals less damage than his main bullets.
- Type B - Dragon's Beam: Fires a powerful blaze that deals the same amount of damage as his main bullets, but has a slower firerate.

Type A - Cherry Bob-Omb



タイプA：さくらんぼボム兵

Type B - Atmospheric Laser



タイプB：大気のレーザー

KAGAMI'S MAIN WEAPONS

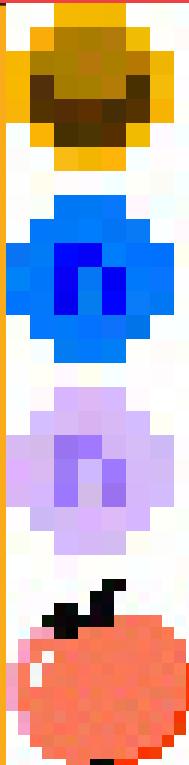
- Type A - Cherry Bob-Omb: Throws bullets that explode into eight smaller fragments upon impact. Has the a slower firerate than her main bullets but deals the same amount of damage.
- Type B - Atmospheric Laser: Fires lasers that deal the most damage, but have a very slow firerate.

THE ITEMS FOR YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

You'll find the items to your right from the enemies you defeat along the way. Originally, we imported many of Driller and Kagami's belongings from their Japanese lineage before developing western influence. Whatever you collect will be important on your journey, as they might increase the amount of damage you inflict on the enemy.

There aren't any protective fashions that Kagami and her family import from the west, but we ask you not to underestimate them. Collecting ingots won't let you purchase the things you want, but they can help you avoid headaches and minor migraines after being thumped by an enemy. They'll still give you middle-class protection, or even protection if you're an ultimate ninja warrior!

Nevertheless, we've got other items to give you extra zip and zing (not that annoying zing whistle from the cartoons). For every 12 - 25 (or lower if you pick up the other one) newtons you collect, your power will increase. Theoretically, newtons and ingots are the only items the enemies drop after dropping to the ground like a squashed ant. There's more (look right)!



Ingot

The basic monetary unit in Kozan. But once you have a lot, what are you going to spend it on!? Just don't have a medical accident. Stay safe, pal.

Newton

When you collect these, they will give you the power to charge up your weapon, but once you collect 100 of these, what happens?

Power Newton

It's just a different-colored newton, but is five times more powerful.

Heal Berry

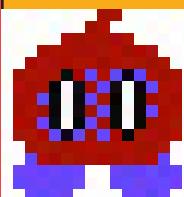
Only the bosses drop these. Collecting these restores 10 HP. And yes, your HP can go over the starting amount of 30.

KNOW THY ENEMY!!

Before you accept the order given by the Kozanese Royal Defense Force, you'll have to know the enemies that will face you. They're a mix of human and non-human species and you won't probably know what the heck will be up their sleeves. One thing for sure - they are no stranger to just express their laughter if you crash and burn.

One thing to note: bosses aren't listed here, as their traits and attack patterns are way too detailed to list here. Have fun trying to master all their colorful attacks and seeing what they can do to you. Remember to carry plenty of ingots if in case you have an accident!

Bosses will drop newtons and ingots every time you deplete one of their segments. If you don't deplete their segment in time, you won't get any. In some situations, you will need to be fast. Just keep the fire button held down tight!



Pacoomba

Normal enemy that will simply shoot danmaku (the term used for bullets) from the violet spot on their faces. Red ones must take a brief pause before shooting.

Gomi Gunner

Looks like a regular trash can, but on the flipside it will surprise you by throwing danmaku in endless circles.



Catamine

Comes in multiple colors - turns around after shooting. The item it spews depends on the color. But come on, that's the colors your monitor puts out!

**Sparnet**

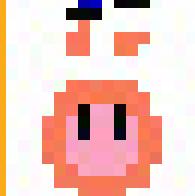
A hornet that hails from Eastern Asia to attack whoever they disturb – the sharks of the insect world. But they only do it once!

**Caterblaster**

This little caterpillar just minds its own business – until you disturb it. They go into a fast pupation where their cocoon is hard as steel and then endlessly shoot after.

**Boss Crimsonite Grunt**

Goes straight then stops to shoot at you. Repeats this until his life is taken out by you.

**Ember**

Just a wisp that wanders around aimlessly and spews danmaku at you. Like catamines, they come in multiple colors and its green and blue counterparts shoot faster.

**Lemonie**

This thing only appears in water and charges at you to electrocute you. They kill their victims by laying their exponentially-multiplying bacteria on them.

**Male Crimsonite Grunt**

The standard depiction of grunts who work for SPASDOT. Their commands from Hearthcliffe are to take you out. Attacks while standing still.

**Female Crimsonite Grunt**

Same thing as males, but they run in an angle upon spotting you.

GAMEPLAY OPTIONS

No game would be complete without any options to customize and/or enhance your experience in Kozankyo. Before we get into the main details, we have extra stuff to look at if you want to take a break from adventuring. You can sit back and listen to the game's soundtrack if you want. Or, you can look at all the challenges to take on if you get bored. Should you complete them all, something great will happen.*

*Once you unlock an achievement, you can't see it directly in the Achievement Center. You actually have to restart the game so that the changes can take effect.

Anyway, here are the options you can adjust:

- Audio settings:** Lets you adjust the volume of the music and/or sound effects, as well as the sound format you want to hear the soundtrack in.
- Gameplay settings:** Allows you to set the starting number of HP and bombs for the game.
- Display settings:** Lets you enable low-res or high-res mode (requires 1200x900 monitor), or toggle fullscreen (enabled by default).
- Language:** Lets you change the language to either English or Japanese.
- Reset all data:** Factory resets the game. Remember, deleted data cannot be recovered, so be careful.

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