

## **Romance of the Three Kingdoms III Dragon of Destiny**

### **REFERENCE CARD**

#### **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

Romance of the Three Kingdoms III is designed to run on the IBM PC or 100% compatible machines with at least 640 KB RAM. You will need a hard drive with DOS Version 5 or above.

For maximum video quality, use an RGB monitor. The game supports the VGA graphics card.

NOTE: If you have problems starting the game, read the **Problem Solving** section at the end of this card. Be sure to back up your game disks before playing. The game disks are not copy protected.

#### **MUSIC AND SOUND**

Romance of the Three Kingdoms III supports the AdLib and SoundBlaster synthesizer cards, allowing you to play with digitally mastered music and sound effects.

#### **INSTALLING TO HARD DISK**

You should have at least 4 megabytes of free space on your hard drive to install the game.

1. Create a subdirectory called RTK3.  
Type: **MD RTK3 [ENTER]**
2. Access this directory.  
Type: **CD RTK3 [ENTER]**
3. Insert game disk A into drive A.
4. Use the DOS commands COPY or XCOPY to transfer the game files onto your hard disk drive.  
Type: **Copy A:\*. \* [ENTER]** or **XCOPY A: [ENTER]**

Repeat this step for all game disks.

5. Start the game.  
Type: **KOEI [ENTER]**

#### **STARTING A NEW GAME**

The game begins with an opening story. By pressing any key or by clicking the mouse, you can skip to the game set-up menu.

1. Select **Start a New Game**.
2. Choose a scenario and the number of players who will play.
3. Select the ruler you wish to play.
4. Select a game level.
5. Decide whether to view wars between other cities.
6. Choose the game mode: Historical Mode or Fictional Mode.

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#### **Historical Mode**

Personality, relationships, and compatibility of game characters are set based on the story of the Romance of the Three Kingdoms, included in your manual under 'Historical Background.'

#### **Fictional Mode**

Game data is not based on the historical facts. The game will evolve differently every time you play, and game characters' actions will not be predictable. You may choose to have officers you created appear in the game as free officers.

### **LOADING A SAVED GAME**

To load a saved game, select **Resume a Saved Game** from the opening menu or **Interrupt-Load** from the **Options** menu on the main map. A list of saved games will appear on the screen. Highlight the game you wish to play, then click or hit **Enter**.

### **QUITTING A GAME**

Once you have started a game, do not press Reset or turn off the computer's power source. If you do so, you risk damaging the game. Quitting a game must be done from the main display.

In order to quit a game, select the **Options** menu from the main display, and the **Interrupt** command. Then select **Quit** to exit the game. You may select to have the computer continue your game for you. You can end the computer demonstration by pressing the **ESC** key.

### **SAVING A GAME**

In order to save a game, the main display must be on the screen. Games cannot be saved during battle. To save a game, open the **Options** menu and select **Interrupt-Save**. A list of save slots will come up where you may save up to 10 games. Highlight "--- --- **New**

**Ruler Province**", and click or hit **Enter** or click to save to a new slot. If you wish to replace a previously saved game with your current game, highlight the previously saved game and click or hit **Enter**.

## MOUSE AND KEYBOARD OPERATION

MOUSE	KEYBOARD	FUNCTION
Left Button	Enter Key	Select icons and commands Enter numerical values
Right Button	ESC	Exit menus Cancel numerical input
	Arrow Pad	Move cursor through menus, commands, and options
	Y and N Keys	Select Yes/No answers

### • Selecting a Subcommand Under the Main Menu

**MOUSE:** Click and hold the left mouse button on a main command, then slide the cursor down to highlight the subcommand you wish to select. Release the left mouse button to select that command.

**KEYBOARD:** Direct the cursor to a main command with the keys of the arrow pad to highlight the subcommand you wish to execute, then hit **Enter**.

### • Selecting Multiple Officers

Some commands allow you to select multiple officers to execute them.

**MOUSE:** Click left on the name of the first officer you wish to select, and a green asterisk will appear to the left of his name to show that he has been selected. To cancel your selection, click left on the name again and the asterisk will disappear. Repeat this until you have selected all the officers you wish and click right to execute the command.

**KEYBOARD:** Direct the cursor to highlight the name of the first officer you wish to select, then press the **Space Bar**. A green asterisk will appear to the left of his name. To cancel your selection, hit **Space** a second time. Repeat this until you have selected all the officers you wish, and hit **Enter** to execute the command.

### • Entering Numerical Values on the Calculator

**MOUSE:** Click left on a desired place of the red slide bar at the top of the calculator to automatically input a number. Or, click left to type out numbers and click on **OK** with the left button to enter the value. Click **ESC** to cancel the command. To move the calculator, hold down the left button on the box next to **ESC**, move your cursor to a desired place, and release the button.

**KEYBOARD:** Use numerical keys to input a value. Hit **Enter** to enter the value. Press **Delete** or **Backspace** to delete the input value.

### • Moving Units During Battle

MOUSE: Click left on adjacent highlighted spaces and advance each unit toward your target until you exhausted mobility for each unit in turn.

KEYBOARD: Use the number pad to enter the direction to move or attack units as indicated in the chart to the right.

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### GAME DATA

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Character Data			Gold	-	xx
			Food	-	xx
<b>Data</b>	<b>Abbv.</b>	<b>Page</b>	Soldiers	Sold	xx
Age	Ag	xx	Officer	Off	xx
Loyalty	Loy	xx	Economy	Econ	xx
Years in Service	YS	xx	Land Development	Lnd	xx
Soldier	Sold	xx	Cultivation	Clt	xx
Intelligence	Int	xx	Flood Control	FIC	xx
Political Ability	Pol	xx	Irrigation	Irr	xx
War Ability	War	xx	Tax Rate	Tax	xx
Charm	Cha	xx	Popular Support	PS	xx
Army Command	ArC	xx	Crossbow	Crsb	xx
Navy Command	NaC	xx	Strong Crossbow	Crs+	xx
Training	Tra	xx	Horse	Hors	xx
Morale	Mor	xx	Armored Galley	ArG	xx
Stamina	-	xx	Heavy Galley	HvG	xx
Status	St	xx	Light Galley	LtG	xx
			Market Rate	Market	xx
			Food Sales Rate	-Fd	xx
			Food Purchase Rate	+Fd	xx
City Data					
Population	Popu	xx			

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### COMMANDS

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Main Commands			War	xx
			Draft	xx
REST		xx	Hire	xx
MILITARY (Milt)		xx	Train	xx
Move		xx	Assign	xx
Send		xx	Ship	xx
Rally		xx	PERSONNEL (Pers)	xx

Search	xx	EMERGENCY (Emer)	
Recruit	xx	Exile	xx
Reward	xx	Heal	xx
Give	xx	Special Tax	xx
Delegate	xx	Tax Rate	xx
Appoint	xx	OPTIONS (Opts)	
Fire	xx	Interrupt	xx
Seize	xx	Wait Time	xx
DIPLOMACY (Dipl)		BGM	xx
Ally	xx	Sound	xx
Joint	xx	View War	xx
Truce	xx		
Exchange	xx	<b>Battle Commands</b>	
Help	xx		
Threat	xx	MOVE	xx
Revoke	xx	ATTACK	
INFORMATION (Info)		Normal	xx
Spy	xx	Simultaneous	xx
Own City	xx	Surprise Attack	xx
Other City	xx	Bow	
List of Territories	xx	Fire	xx
Sort	xx	Charge	xx
Domains	xx	Personal Combat	xx
List of Battlefield	xx	TACTICS	
DEVELOPMENT (Devl)		Fire	xx
Land Development	xx	Ambush	xx
Cultivation	xx	Bribe	xx
Flood Control	xx	Incite	xx
Economy	xx	Confuse	xx
PLOT		(Extinguish)	xx
Hide Infiltrator	xx	INFO	
Bribe	xx	Ally	xx
Forged Letter	xx	Enemy	xx
Rival	xx	FLEE	
Rebel	xx	All Officers	xx
MARKET (Mkt)		Standby Officers	xx
Sell Food	xx	JOIN	
Buy Food	xx	DELEGATE	xx
Buy Arms	xx	WAIT TIME	xx
Buy Horses	xx		

## PROBLEM SOLVING

If you are having problems starting Romance of the Three Kingdoms III, you may not have enough memory free to play the game.

Romance of the Three Kingdoms III is a complex simulation and requires a great deal of free memory. You must have almost 600K total free memory to run the game. If your computer does not have EMS memory, you will need 611,000 bytes of free conventional memory. If you have 200K of free EMS memory, you can play the game with as little as 415,000 bytes of free conventional memory.

- **Free Memory Requirements**

611,000 bytes without EMS  
or  
415,000 bytes with 200,000 bytes EMS

- **Finding Free Memory**

Here are three methods you can follow to free more conventional memory:

- Check that your CONFIG.SYS file contains the line: DOS=HIGH.
- Load your TSR programs into high memory instead of conventional memory (Check your DOS manual or Memory Manager manual for more details).
- Or, create a Boot Disk to bypass loading any TSR programs. See details below.

- **Creating a Boot Disk**

If you are finding that you cannot free up enough memory, you may want to create a bootable floppy (Boot Disk) that you will use to start your computer before playing the game. The Boot Disk will temporarily bypass any memory hungry programs that are in your CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT files.

1. Insert a blank, unformatted 1.2 MB 5.25" or 1.44 MB 3.5" disk into drive A.
2. Type the following command from the DOS prompt:  
FORMAT A: /S

This will format the disk in drive A and copy any system files needed by DOS to start the computer.

- **Using the Boot Disk**

After you have made the Boot Disk, insert it into drive A and restart the computer. Change to the directory where you installed Romance of the Three Kingdoms III and begin the game.

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