

Game Guide

Enjoy An Epic, Animal-Filled Ninja Adventure

(NAPSA)—It's believed that an ancient Japanese proverb states, "Great oaks from little acorns grow." Or in today's vernacular, good things come in small packages. This saying is put to the test in a new video game for kids, as diminutive warriors set out on a comical adventure with a noble goal at stake: restore the balance of nature. Combining action and adventure with exploration and collecting, it delivers an environment suited to any kind of gamer, in a world where grand adventure and adorable animals coexist.

The Story

It seems that the woodland animals are vanishing and the world is being gripped by ravaging storms, floods and blizzards. The Mini Ninjas' tale starts with the youngest and smallest ninja-in-training, Hiro, and his bumbling best friend, Futo, as they embark on a mission to set the world right. As their journey begins, they soon discover that an evil warlord is using an ancient form of "Kuji" magic to turn all animals into a magical army of twisted samurai. Following the main principle of the Mini Ninjas' code—"Protect the Balance of Nature"—Hiro and Futo set out to thwart this diabolical plot.

The Adventure

As Hiro, the only ninja with an aptitude for "Kuji" magic, players can use their skills in a variety of ways, including inhabiting the bodies of other animals to take enemies by surprise. Whether it's bowing over enemies as a wild boar, frightening soldiers with the roar of a bear or sneaking up on the samurai as a harmless bunny, kids not only save the animals but also get the chance to be an animal, too. In addition, players can explore the villages and forests



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around them, collecting flowers, herbs and other ingredients to brew a variety of potions that will help them complete their journey.

Along the way, they meet other ninja boys and girls who, like the forest animals, have been taken captive. Once freed, players can choose to continue the game as these new ninja characters. Each of the six Mini Ninjas has his or her own unique attributes and ways of fighting the enemy and, once unlocked, can be played whenever chosen. Whether they prefer the strong, bighearted Futo, the enchanting and musically inclined Suzume, or one of the other boy and girl ninjas, players will find a character that suits their own styles of game play. When an enemy is defeated, it is transformed into its original innocent animal form.

The Game

Called "Mini Ninjas," this action adventure game comes from Eidos Interactive and Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment with an ESRB rating of E 10+. Platforms are on PS3, Xbox 360, PC, Wii and DS.

Learn More

You can learn more and see a demo of the game online at minininjas.com.