



Fire Magic

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Savvy solvers will recognize that these are all descriptions of the best weapons of and a special skill of heroes from Fire Emblem Heroes (ref: flame badge). Furthermore, only red heroes are clued. Solvers unfamiliar with the game may arrive at that information by use of internet sleuthing using keywords such as “intelligent systems” who are the developers of the mobile game or unique terms such as “sol katti” and “galeforce”.

The “prequel memes” template was used to deliver the clue text (by now solvers may have recognized that every single pre-event puzzle referenced an internet meme).

Did you ever hear the tragedy of _____? I thought not. It’s not a story the other heroes would tell you. It’s a legend of intelligent systems. _____ was a red hero of the flame badge, so powerful and so wise **he could use his falchion in defiant defense of his domain**... He had such a knowledge of the red side that he could even keep the ones he cared about from dying. The red side of the Triangle is a pathway to many abilities some consider to be unnatural. He became so powerful... the only thing he was afraid of was losing his power, which eventually, of course, he did. Unfortunately, he taught his apprentice everything he knew, then his apprentice, upon inheriting all this knowledge, sent him home. Ironic. He could save others from death, but not himself.

Weapon and skill description	Only red hero in FEH that matches	First letter of name
his falchion in defiant defense of his domain	CHROM	C
his brave sword to defeat enemies at noontime	OGMA	O
his killing edge in desperation and come out victorious	NAVARRE	N
his cymbeline to placate any harsh command	SANAKI	S
his silver sword and dance at the same time	OLIVIA	O
his sol katti with a galeforce that cannot be measured	LYN	L
his sieglinde with such agility he can pivot while striking	EIRIKA	E

Additional references that a fan of the game may catch are nods to skill inheritance and sending home.

Reading the first letters of the names spells CONSOLE – when you’re going through a tragedy it is wise to go to a trusted advisor to be CONSOLED. Or you could just drown your tears hammering away at a CONSOLE game.

ANSWER:

CONSOLE