

Guardians of the Dafeng - User Guide

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World Map



Figure 1: World Map

Getting Started

System Requirements

- **RPG Maker MZ Runtime:** Version 1.8.0 or later
- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11, macOS 10.15+, or Linux Ubuntu 18.04+
- **Memory:** 4 GB RAM minimum, 8 GB recommended
- **Storage:** 500 MB available space



Figure 2: Game Title

- **Graphics:** DirectX 11 compatible graphics card

Installation

1. Download the game files from the repository
2. Extract all files to your desired game directory
3. Run the executable file or open index.html in a web browser
4. Ensure all asset files are in the correct subdirectories

Game Mechanics

Investigation System

The Investigation system is core to solving mysteries and uncovering secrets.

How to Use: - Press **SPACE** near interactive objects to investigate - Look for visual cues like sparkles or highlighted areas - Some investigations require specific skill levels - Combine clues in your journal to solve puzzles

Cultivation System

Develop your character's spiritual and martial abilities through cultivation.

Cultivation Types: - **Physical Cultivation:** Enhances strength, speed, and endurance - **Spiritual Cultivation:** Improves magical abilities and energy capacity - **Mental Cultivation:** Increases wisdom, memory, and learning speed

Faction Magic Systems



Confucian Arts

Master Chen, a wise Confucian master **Philosophy:** Knowledge and righteousness as sources of power **Abilities:** - **Scholar's Insight:** Reveal hidden knowledge and secrets - **Righteous Fury:** Damage increases when fighting evil enemies - **Protective Wisdom:** Create barriers using accumulated knowledge

Taoist Practices **Philosophy:** Harmony with natural forces and balance **Abilities:** - **Elemental Mastery:** Control over fire, water, earth, air, and wood - **Yin-Yang Balance:** Switch between offensive and defensive stances - **Natural Healing:** Restore health using natural energy

Buddhist Powers **Philosophy:** Compassion and enlightenment through suffering **Abilities:** - **Compassionate Healing:** Powerful healing abilities for self and others - **Karmic Justice:** Reflect damage back to attackers - **Enlightened Defense:** Immunity to mental attacks and illusions

Sorcery **Philosophy:** Raw power through forbidden knowledge **Abilities:** - **Dark Magic:** Powerful offensive spells with health costs - **Soul Manipulation:** Control over spirits and undead creatures - **Forbidden Rituals:** High-risk, high-reward magical effects

Controls

Keyboard Controls

- **Arrow Keys / WASD:** Move character
- **ENTER / SPACE:** Interact / Confirm
- **ESC / X:** Cancel / Open menu
- **SHIFT:** Run (hold while moving)
- **CTRL:** Skip text / Fast forward
- **ALT:** Hide message window
- **F1:** Open help screen
- **F4:** Toggle fullscreen
- **F5:** Reload game
- **F12:** Open debug menu (if enabled)

Gamepad Support

The game supports most standard gamepads: - **Left Stick / D-Pad:** Move character - **A Button (Xbox) / X Button (PlayStation):** Interact / Confirm - **B Button (Xbox) / Circle Button (PlayStation):** Cancel / Menu - **Y Button (Xbox) / Triangle Button (PlayStation):** Open main menu

Character Systems



Xu Qi'an, the protagonist

Character Stats

- **Level:** Overall character progression (1-50)
- **Health Points (HP):** Character's life force
- **Magic Points (MP):** Energy for using special abilities
- **Cultivation Points (CP):** Progress in spiritual development

Primary Attributes

- **Strength:** Physical power and melee damage
- **Agility:** Speed, evasion, and critical hit chance
- **Intelligence:** Magical power and problem-solving ability
- **Wisdom:** Spiritual insight and cultivation speed
- **Charisma:** Social interactions and leadership

Audio

Background Music (BGM)

- **Theme01:** Main theme
- **Academy01:** Dafeng Academy
- **Lake01:** Sangbo Lake
- **Capital01:** Imperial Capital
- **Battle01:** Combat
- **Temple01:** Ancient Temple
- **Forest01:** Enchanted Forest
- **Cave01:** Crystal Caves
- **Victory01:** Victory Theme
- **Ending01:** Ending Credits

Sound Effects (SE)

- **Cursor01:** Menu navigation
 - **Decision01:** Menu confirmation
 - **Cancel01:** Menu cancellation
 - **Buzzer01:** Error
 - **Coin01:** Gaining money
 - **Item01:** Finding an item
 - **Equip01:** Equipping gear
 - **Save01:** Saving the game
 - **Load01:** Loading a save
 - **Bell01:** Temple bell
 - **Sword01:** Sword attack
 - **Magic01:** Casting a spell
 - **Heal01:** Healing spell
 - **Door01:** Opening a door
 - **Chest01:** Opening a chest
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Tips for Beginners

Character Development

1. **Choose Your Path Early:** Decide on Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist, or Sorcery focus
2. **Balance Your Stats:** Don't neglect any attribute completely
3. **Practice Cultivation:** Regular meditation sessions improve all abilities
4. **Learn from Masters:** Seek out teachers for advanced techniques

Quest Management

1. **Read Quest Descriptions:** They often contain important hints
 2. **Check Your Journal:** Review objectives and collected clues regularly
 3. **Don't Rush:** Take time to explore and understand the story
 4. **Save Often:** Create multiple save files for different story branches
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Quest Information

Main Quest Overview

The game features **5 major storylines**:

1. **The Missing Scholar:** Academic mystery investigation
2. **The Sangbo Lake Mystery:** Supernatural phenomenon
3. **The Shadow in the Capital:** Political intrigue
4. **The Lost Heirloom:** Ancient artifact recovery
5. **The Celestial Tournament:** Martial arts competition

Side Quest Categories

12 additional quests provide extra content:

- **Temple Cleansing:** Spiritual purification missions
 - **Rescue Operations:** Saving people in danger
 - **Curse Breaking:** Removing magical afflictions
 - **Resource Gathering:** Collecting rare materials
 - **Combat Challenges:** Testing martial prowess
 - **Investigation Cases:** Solving local mysteries
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Game Version: 2.5.0

Total Content: 17 Quests, 10+ Hours of Gameplay