

# Guardians of the Dafeng - User Guide

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## 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
- **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
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## 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 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

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## 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

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## Character Systems

### 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
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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:** 2.4.0

**Total Content:** 17 Quests, 10+ Hours of Gameplay