



Act 1 Manual

Foreword

Thank you for downloading the trial version of Katawa Shoujo from Four Leaf Studios.

The road to this point has been nothing short of epic for all involved, and even though this is a significant milestone for us, there are still many more to go before we reach the final goal of a full release for Katawa Shoujo.

The original concept for Katawa Shoujo was nothing more than a "bonus" page at the end of Raita's doujin Schuppen Harnische; a lonely page with five lonely girls hastily sketched with their personalities jotted down next to them. In the centre of the page was a little note: "If there was a game like this, Raita would be all over it..."

Somehow, a translated version of this page ended up being posted on 4chan, with the community exploding with interest in creating this game. It took some months for the initial interest to solidify into real ideas, but by then a lot of the momentum had been lost and people's attentions begun to wander.

But out of the maelstrom came Four Leaf Studios, and we have been working on the project ever since. Now, two long years later, we're happy to present the first official public release of our efforts.

We hope you enjoy this first taste of the tales within Yamaku Academy.

-Cpl Crud
Co-Producer
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Heroines



Emi Ibarazaki

Despite being left with legs amputated below the knee, Emi is perhaps one of the most cheery, happy-go-lucky girls on the entire globe, let alone the school. Not one to be left in despair even after the accident that claimed her legs, Emi views her disability more as a blessing, her prosthetic legs having brought her to the heights of her ability on the track team rather than becoming a permanent obstacle.



Hanako Ikezawa

At a young age, Hanako had a traumatic experience that left her life in shambles. Her father died when their home burned down in an accident, which also disfigured Hanako herself permanently. She is reclusive to the extreme, shunning from all other people to the point of actually panicking from any social contact. Her only trusted friend is Lilly, who has taken Hanako under her wing ever since the two were introduced to each other.

Heroines



Lilly Satou

Blind since birth, Lilly is caring, responsible and friendly - the perfect foil to Hanako, her best friend, whom she shares an almost mother-daughter relationship with, in addition to her free time often being spent drinking tea alongside her companion. In class she is a diligent student, with her sense of confidence serving her well in her role as class representative of class 3-2.



Rin Tezuka

Since Rin's arms are tiny stumps due to a severe birth defect and subsequent surgery, she uses her feet and occasionally her mouth to do everything, which includes painting. Because of her disability, using skirts is tough, so Rin is wearing a boy's uniform at school. Her creativity is matched by her philosophical streak: Rin is fond of occasionally getting lost in thought and giving voice to abstract ideas about man, the universe, and other things that thoroughly confuse people.

Heroines



Shizune Hakamichi

Strong willed and forceful, Shizune is definitely the leader type. She's been the class rep, despite being deaf and mute, for as long as her class has had one, and generally takes charge in just about any situation she's placed in. Shizune is known around the school as a fearsome taskmaster, and skilled manipulator, but also as a fair and just leader.



Shiina "Misha" Mikado

Misha is the interpreter for Shizune and a fellow member of the student council. Cheery, playful, and never one to pull a punch, she happily joins in Shizune's attempts to get Hisao onto the student council.

Game Menus



Show image

Removes the textbox in order to show visual elements across the entire screen.

Text history

Shows a log of recent textbox entries.

Skip mode

Automatically skips through text until the user interrupts or a choice is shown.

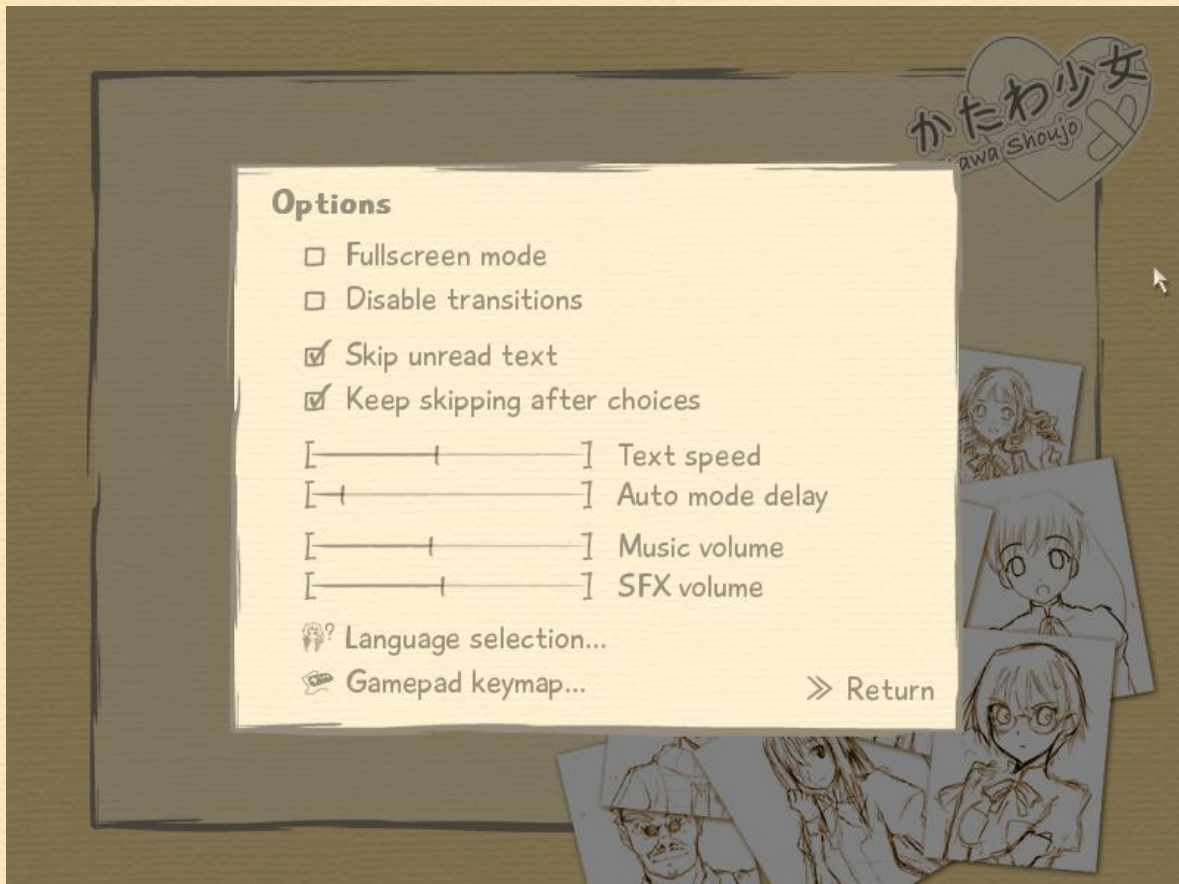
Auto mode

Skips through text at a slower pace, definable in the Options menu.

Options

Brings up a configuration menu for various game settings.

Game Menus



Fullscreen mode

Switches the game to make full use of the available screen area.

Disable transitions

Removes sprite and background manipulations.

Skip unread text

Holding the ctrl key will skip past previously unseen text, in addition to read text.

Keep skipping after choices

Skip Mode will immediately continue skipping after a choice has been made.

Gamepad Keymap

Maps functions to an available gamepad. Only appears when connected to the computer.

Keymappings

Advance text	Left Mouse
	Space
	Enter

Skip text	Ctrl
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Show menu	Right Mouse
	Esc

Read back	Scroll wheel
	Page up/down

Fullscreen	F
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Hide textbox	Middle mouse
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Skip mode	Tab
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Auto mode	A
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Links

Website: <http://www.katawa-shoujo.com>

Development Blog: <http://katawashoujo.blogspot.com>

Fanart Shimmie: <http://shimmie.katawa-shoujo.com>

IRC Channel: #katawa-shoujo at irc.irchighway.net

Ren'Py Visual Novel Engine: http://www.renpy.org/wiki/renpy/Home_Page

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