

# Donghua Chinese Animation to Watch First on Funimation

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If you've been watching anime on Funimation, chances are you've come across the term "donghua." But wait, isn't that just anime? Not quite. Donghua are works animated and produced in China, and typically dubbed in Mandarin. Like anime, donghua offers impactful storytelling, high-octane action and plenty to love, though with stories and worlds rooted in Chinese culture!

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Funimation has recently launched a number of donghua series on its platform, including dubbing one for the first time, *Heaven Official's Blessing*. If you're a newcomer to the world of donghua, we've got some fantastic first watches for you. Take a look!

## Heaven Official's Blessing



Based on a novel of the same name written by Mu Xiang Tong Xiu (MXTX), *Heaven Official's Blessing (Tian Guan Ci Fu)* is a donghua adaptation that was produced by bilibili and animated by Haoliners Animation League. The genre is *xianxia*, which is Chinese fantasy rooted in Chinese mythology, Taoism, Buddhism and other elements (think gods, immortals, ghosts and monsters, with ancient China as the backdrop).

The story follows Xie Lian, a former Crown Prince of the Xian Le kingdom, who has become a Heavenly Official on his third ascension to the Heavenly Realm. Despite his status, Xie Lian has faced ridicule and is known as a god who only brings misfortune. Tasked with solving mysteries, Xie Lian encounters Hua Cheng, a Supreme ghost known as the Crimson Rain Sought Flower who's part of the Four Great Calamities. The latter disguises himself as a human boy named San Lang who helps and protects Xie Lian on his journey.

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*Heaven Official's Blessing* is a beautifully animated show that depicts the flaws of humans, gods and monsters alike, supplemented by an engaging and epic storyline, smooth action sequences and complex characters. If you're curious about the novel, Seven Seas has officially licensed the English version of *Heaven Official's Blessing*, as well as other MXTX works! And get excited, because a second season is officially in production!

Watch *Heaven Official's Blessing* on Funimation!

## LINK CLICK



For fans of mystery and time travel, *LINK CLICK (Shi Guang Da Li Ben)* is a must-watch donghua. *LINK CLICK* takes place in modern day at a store called "Time Photo Studio." The main characters, Lu Guang and Cheng Xiaoshi, possess supernatural abilities that allow them to go back in time and fulfill their clients' requests.

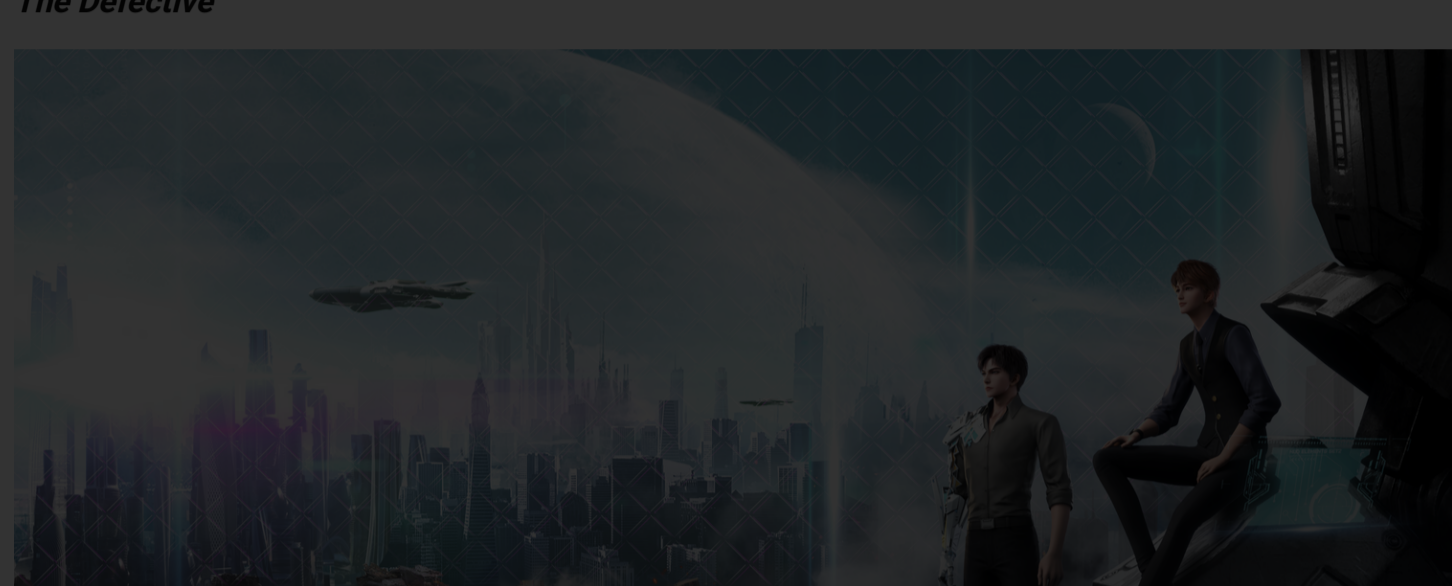
Lu Guang's ability is similar to a surveillance camera; he can retrace events that happened in a photo. Cheng Xiaoshi can enter the photo world and possess the body of a designated person, be it the client or someone related to them. Lu Guang directs Cheng Xiaoshi in his actions while ensuring the latter doesn't try to change the past and mess up the current timeline. The two fulfill their clients' requests, some easier than others, but they eventually find out that some of the events are connected and that a greater foe awaits them.

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*LINK CLICK* is not your typical buddy cop show, as it involves supernatural powers and time travel. While the show is episodic, an underlying conflict is at play. The end of Season 1 reveals the consequences of Lu Guang and Cheng Xiaoshi's interference with the bigger picture (pun intended). And get ready, a second season for this series has also been announced!

Watch *LINK CLICK* on Funimation!

## The Defective



*The Defective (Can Ci Pin: Fangshu Xingkong)* is the first 3D donghua added to the Funimation library. The show is based on a novel of the same name and written by Priest.

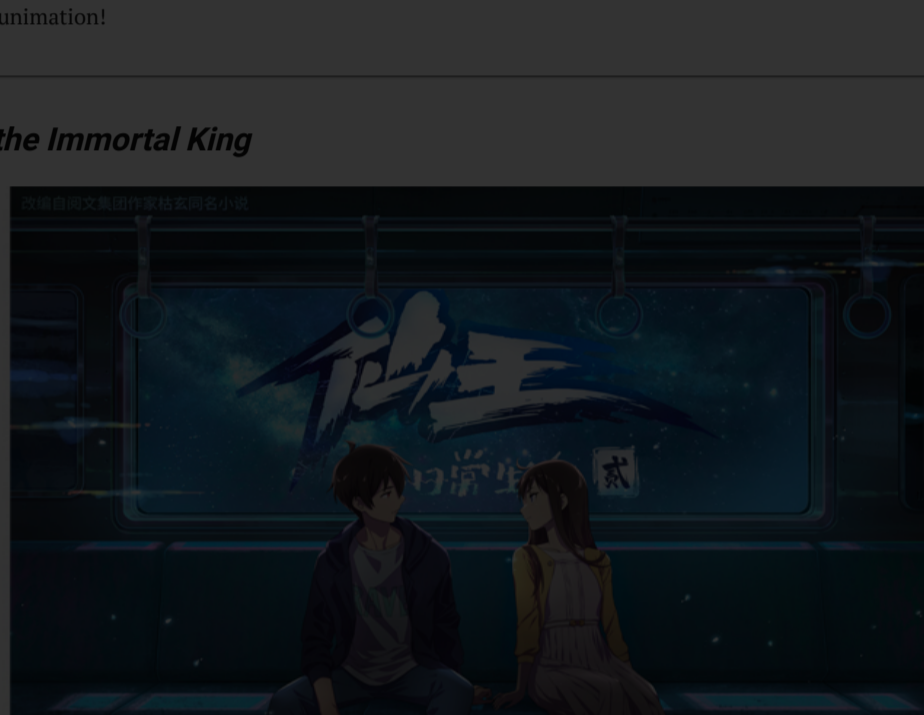
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Rather than ancient China or modern day, *The Defective* takes place in a dystopic future where Eden, which is mind-link technology, controls society. Lu Bixing and Lin Jingheng are two different people who share the same goal of fighting against a society that names people who can't connect with Eden as "defectives" and outcasts.

Produced by bilibili and animated by LX Animation Studio, *The Defective* is for anyone who loves action and sci-fi and is looking for CGI animation rather than the traditional 2D.

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## The Daily Life of the Immortal King



As the latest donghua series to come to Funimation, *The Daily Life of the Immortal King (Xian Wang De Ri Chang Sheng Hua)* follows cultivation prodigy Wang Ling who has to face the challenges of high school and saving the world. Rather than showing off his powers, Wang Ling hides them in an effort to live a normal life.

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The show is based on a Chinese novel by Kuxuan with a web novel series translated into English. With two seasons, *The Daily Life of the Immortal King* is full of action, fantasy, humor and school life. If you enjoy OP main characters, this show is for you. It was also animated by Haoliners Animation League, so you're in for an animation treat!

Watch *The Daily Life of the Immortal King* on Funimation!

Whether it's anime or donghua, we love a good show that gets creative with storytelling, animation, world-building and characters.

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