Meet Us at Gamehole Con!

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Meet us Friday at Gamehole Con 2023 in Madison, WI!

Gaining Advantage 032: The Secret to Unlocking Boundless Creativity: Tabletop RPGs for Kids with Steph from TTRPGKids

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In this episode, we speak with Steph from @ttrpgkids about using #TTRPG to nurture creativity and connection with kids.

Reddit Alternative: A Response to Reddit's Accessibility Hostility

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Discover our move to Lemmy, a federated Reddit alternative, as a response to Reddit's accessibility concerns. Join at https://ttrpg.network/c/disabled_dungeons.

Top 10 Reasons to Click the Button: Limitless Champions Adventures: DnD 5e + Disability Representation

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Here are the top 10 reasons why you should click the "Notify Me" button right away. #DnD #TTRPG #DisabilityJustice

Gaining Advantage 031: Improving Racial Representation in TTRPGs with Aaron Trammell

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This month, we open discussing the new canon autistic character being introduced in D&D, and how meaningful representation is for traditionally marginalized groups.

https://www.polygon.com/23850698/dnd-dungeons-dragons-autistic-character-asteria

Then Dale talks with Aaron Trammell, Associate Professor of

Informatics at UC Irvine, about improving representation for people of color in tabletop RPGs like Dungeons & Dragons.

Key topics covered:

- How fantasy RPGs have historically lacked racial diversity and inclusion
- Racial stereotypes associated with classic fantasy races like orcs
- Colonialist attitudes reflected in fantasy language use
- Steps publishers and designers can take to improve racial representation in RPG products
- Making your gaming table welcoming for new and diverse players
- Aaron provides insight into issues around race in RPGs, and offers suggestions for how the hobby can become more inclusive. This is an important discussion about seeing diversity reflected in the games we play.

0:00 Introduction: Asteria, the first canon autistic D&D character

6:10 Interview: Aaron Trammell, Associate Professor of Informatics at UC Irvine

54:21 Patreon Showcase & closing

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Aaron Trammell Links

- Aaron Trammell's work: http://aarontrammell.com/
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/aarontram

Wyrmworks Publishing

• The Lair: https://cutt.ly/LairYT

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Gaining Advantage 030: Interview with the Blind Paladin: Portraying Disabled Characters in DnD

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Dale welcomes George McDermith, a talented gamer and the creative mind behind the character <u>Orrelius</u> from the Limitless Champions campaign. George's perspective as a blind gamer offers valuable insights into inclusive gaming and the portrayal of disabled characters in Dungeons and Dragons. Discover the importance of authenticity, representation, and accessible gameplay in this enlightening conversation.

0:00 Introduction: Wyrm's Workshop & Limitless Champions

06:27 Interview: George McDermith

29:10 Patreon Showcase & Closing

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George McDermith Links

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Wyrmworks Publishing

Wyrm's
Workshop:

http://wyrmworkspublishing.com/product/wyrms-workshop/

• Limitless Champions Miniatures: http://wyrmworkspublishing.com/product-tag/limitless-champions/

- The Lair: https://cutt.ly/LairYT (Free 7-Day Trial!)
- Wyrmworks Publishing: http://wyrmworkspublishing.com

Small Miniatures, Big Impact: Disabled Dungeons and Dragons Miniatures Now Available

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Breaking barriers in TTRPGs! Our new line of disabled fantasy minis brings authentic representation to your games. Download STLs or get printed minis now! #DiversityInGaming #InclusiveTTRPG

Gaining Advantage 029: Finding Healing and Fun through TTRPGs: A Journey of Transformation with Bill Lemmond

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Dale interviews Bill Lemmond, a passionate gamer and comic artist. Bill shares his personal story of how tabletop roleplaying games (TTRPGs) have played a pivotal role in

transforming his life, from finding joy and relaxation to overcoming depression and pursuing education. Discover the power of gaming to create a supportive community, foster creativity, and provide a much-needed escape. Join us as we explore the impact of TTRPGs on mental well-being and the importance of inclusivity and fun in gaming.

0:00 Introduction: Limitless Champions Update

01:35 Interview: Bill Lemmond

51:30 Patreon Showcase & Closing

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• Wyrmworks Publishing: http://wyrmworkspublishing.com

Gaining Advantage 028: Vulnerability and Chronic

Illness in Tabletop Roleplaying Games

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Dale interviews Drew Wale about the <u>Dretelia campaign setting</u>, which is based on his chronic illness, and the importance of vulnerability and authenticity in creating meaningful and resonant tabletop roleplaying games. We discuss how drawing on personal experiences and emotions can help to create more engaging and immersive worlds, and how being open and honest about our own struggles can help to create a more welcoming and inclusive gaming community.

0:00 Introduction: Help caption the D&D cartoon

03:51 Interview: Drew Wale and Dretelia Campaign Setting

50:07 Patreon Showcase & closing

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Drew Wale Links

■ Dretelia Kickstarter:

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/dretelia/dretelia-cam
paign-setting-for-dandd-5e

• Twitter: https://twitter.com/strongestbunny3

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- The Dragon's Hoard Email Subscription: http://wyrmworkspublishing.com/hoard
- Help caption the D&D Cartoon: http://wyrmworkspublishing.com/help-caption-the-dungeons-d ragons-cartoon/
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Reddit IPO: Reddit banishes the disabled community

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Impact on the TTRPG Community

The TTRPG community thrives on collaboration, creativity, and diverse perspectives. Reddit has been a vital platform for building real-world adventuring parties of every kind. With the API pricing changes, the TTRPG community faces significant challenges:

- Limited Customization: Third-party apps, like Apollo and Dystopia, have allowed TTRPG fans to personalize their Reddit experience like a homebrew fantasy world. These tools have facilitated streamlined access to TTRPGspecific subreddits, making it easier to find relevant discussions, game advice, and homebrew content.
- Community Engagement: Third-party apps offer advanced features for interacting with Reddit, including real-time notifications, improved search functions, and intuitive interfaces. This gives TTRPG fans Advantage to engage in discussions, seek advice, and collaborate on projects.
- Accessibility Barriers: Many TTRPG players with disabilities rely on third-party apps to overcome the accessibility Wall of Force in the official Reddit apps and interfaces. The loss of these apps will limit their ability to participate fully in TTRPG communities and access valuable resources.

Broader Impact on Disabled Individuals

While the TTRPG community is directly affected, it is essential to recognize that the API changes have an even greater impact on various disabled individuals:

- Visually Impaired Community: Blind and visually impaired individuals heavily rely on third-party apps to access Reddit content through assistive technologies. These apps provide the necessary features for screen readers, alternative text, and other accessibility enhancements that enable equal participation.
- Transcribers and Describers: Reddit is home to numerous volunteer groups dedicated to transcribing and describing images for alt text, making visual content accessible to individuals with visual impairments. The loss of third-party apps may hinder the crucial work of these groups, resulting in a significant loss of accessibility for the broader Reddit community.
- Other Disability Communities: The API changes resonate beyond the visually impaired community. Individuals with motor disabilities, cognitive impairments, or other disabilities may also rely on third-party apps (or hope for new ones that give them better access) to navigate Reddit more efficiently and effectively. The loss of these apps would create additional barriers to access and participation for these individuals.

Unifying for Accessibility and Inclusion

To ensure that the TTRPG community and disabled individuals continue to thrive on Reddit, collective action is vital. By joining forces and advocating for accessibility, we can make a difference:

- Amplify Voices: Share the stories and experiences of TTRPG players and disabled individuals affected by these API changes. Spread the word through your social circles like

chain lightning.

- Join the Blackout: Join and follow r/Save3rdPartyApps to learn more, or, if you moderate a subreddit, its sister sub r/ModCoord. Read about the upcoming Blackout on June 12–14, and plan to participate. (And find-more-suggestions)
- Message Your Mods: Encourage the mods of your favorite subreddits to join the Blackout.
- Seek Media Attention: This change comes on the heels of Reddit's IPO announcement like a sycophantic imp chasing an arch-devil. Will potential stockholders want to support a company that has received media attention for knowingly making recent discriminatory choices?

It's time to stand together to ensure that Reddit remains an inclusive platform for all, fostering creativity, collaboration, and accessibility within the TTRPG community and beyond.