## Breaking Barriers: Accessible Braille 5e SRD!

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The 1st-ever #braille 5e SRD is now available, making the core #DnD rules more accessible to all. Download for free! #TTRPG #Accessibility

#### Braille 5.1 SRD Press Kit

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#### **Braille 5.1 SRD & Tutorials**

We're committed to creating a more inclusive gaming experience for everyone. We're proud to announce the release of the firstever braille conversion of the 5th Edition System Reference **Document (SRD)**, making the rules of 5th edition accessible to a wider audience of players and creators.

#### Features:

- Free and downloadable: Available in BRF and BBZ formats for various braille needs.
- Comprehensive: Includes Player's Guide, Game Master Guide,
   Monster Manual, and Spellcasting Guide content.
- Open access: Released under a CC-BY license for anyone to freely use and adapt.
- Tutorial included: Equips publishers and homebrew creators with the tools to convert their own content into braille using free software.

This initiative marks a significant step towards a more inclusive TTRPG space. We're actively working on further accessibility resources and tools, including upcoming tutorials and future plans for truly inclusive core rulebooks.

#### **Braille 5.1 SRD Illustrations & Assets**

Braille 5.1 SRD Press Release: pdf / docx / brf

Braille 5.1 SRD Announcement page on our website

DriveThruRPG Download Page

Tutorial Video on YouTube



Project Promotional Image



Assassin poison stat block in BrailleBlaster





Tutorial video thumbnail

# 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

Manually captioned. Transcript available at our website.

#### George McDermith Links

Facebook: www.facebook.com/blindpaladin

• Twitter: <a href="https://www.twitter.com/blindpaladin">www.twitter.com/blindpaladin</a>

#### Wyrmworks Publishing

Wyrm's
Workshop:

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

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

- The Lair: <a href="https://cutt.ly/LairYT">https://cutt.ly/LairYT</a> (Free 7-Day Trial!)
- Wyrmworks Publishing: <a href="http://wyrmworkspublishing.com">http://wyrmworkspublishing.com</a>

## 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 <a href="Advantage">Advantage</a> 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 <a href="r/Save3rdPartyApps">r/Save3rdPartyApps</a> to learn more, or, if you moderate a subreddit, its sister sub <a href="r/ModCoord">r/ModCoord</a>. <a href="Read about the upcoming Blackout">Read about the upcoming Blackout</a> on June 12–14, and plan to participate. (And <a href="find">find more suggestions</a>)
- 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.