

Gaming Structure & Community Operations

Building a supportive learning environment through storytelling

Our Gaming Approach

We offer multiple ways to explore storytelling for personal growth, designed to meet learners where they are and support their journey at their own pace.

Community Games (Free)

Weekly Storytelling Sessions

- **Open to all community members** - no experience required
- **Rotating format:** Sometimes ongoing campaigns, sometimes standalone adventures
- **All skill levels welcome** - from complete beginners to veteran players
- **Built-in dice roller** integrated into our Discord server
- **Community-supported learning** - we learn storytelling techniques together

What to Expect:

- Character creation support for new players
- Exploration of personal growth themes through storytelling
- Safe space to try new roleplay techniques
- Peer support and witnessing during gameplay
- Post-session integration discussions (optional)

How It Works:

- Sessions announced in advance with general themes
- Sign-up in designated channels
- Character sheets and dice tools provided
- Community guidelines apply during all sessions

Advanced Technique Workshops (\$5/seat)

Intensive Storytelling Exploration

- **Limited seats** to ensure quality attention and safety
- **Advanced methods** for deeper character-to-self exploration

- **Challenging content** that requires extra facilitator attention
- **Commitment-based** - the fee ensures participants show up and engage fully

Why the Fee Structure:

- **Ensures commitment** - prevents no-shows that disrupt learning for others
- **Covers materials** - specialized character sheets, handouts, resources
- **Small group dynamics** - intensive work requires smaller, committed groups
- **Legal clarity** - educational workshop fee, not therapy payment

What Makes These Different:

- Exploration of more challenging personal themes
- Advanced roleplay techniques for deeper insight
- More facilitator guidance and safety monitoring
- Smaller groups for more intimate learning
- Extended integration time built into sessions

Community Moderation & Safety

Current Structure

Primary Facilitator Responsibilities:

- Workshop facilitation and technique instruction
- Community guideline maintenance
- Crisis resource referral when needed
- Educational content development

Community Self-Regulation:

- Peer support and accountability
- Shared responsibility for maintaining learning environment
- Collective commitment to safety and respect

Planned Expansion

Additional Moderators/Administrators:

- **Text chat monitoring** - watching for judgmental or inflammatory language

- **Voice chat awareness** - monitoring for signs of distress during sessions
- **Community support** - helping new members integrate into learning space
- **Resource assistance** - helping connect people with appropriate support

What Moderators Watch For:

In Text Channels:

- Discriminatory or judgmental language
- Boundary violations or pressure on participants
- Crisis indicators requiring resource referral
- Disruption of learning environment
- Breach of confidentiality agreements

In Voice Channels During Sessions:

- Extended silences that might indicate overwhelm
- Sudden emotional outbursts or distress
- Signs someone might be triggered or unsafe
- Difficulty using safety tools (pause words, etc.)
- Need for session breaks or participant check-ins

Moderator Training Focus:

- Recognizing signs of emotional distress
- De-escalation techniques for learning environments
- Appropriate crisis resource referral
- Maintaining educational (not therapeutic) boundaries
- Supporting community guidelines enforcement

Technology Integration

Discord Server Features

Built-in Gaming Tools:

- Integrated dice roller for all sessions
- Character sheet storage and sharing
- Voice channels for gameplay

- Text channels for out-of-character discussion
- Private channels for individual check-ins

Learning Support Tools:

- Resource libraries and technique guides
- Integration discussion forums
- Peer support channels
- Crisis resource information
- Community calendar and event scheduling

Safety Technology

Monitoring Capabilities:

- Chat logs for accountability (moderator access only)
- Voice channel activity monitoring
- Automated content warnings for heavy topics
- Crisis keyword detection for rapid response
- Session recording capability (with consent) for learning review

Operational Procedures

Session Management

Before Sessions:

- Participant check-ins and safety planning
- Content boundaries confirmation
- Technical setup and tool orientation
- Community guideline review

During Sessions:

- Active monitoring by moderators
- Safety tool availability (pause words, breaks)
- Real-time support for participants
- Session flow management

After Sessions:

- Optional integration discussion
- Individual check-ins as needed
- Community support activation
- Resource sharing for continued exploration

Crisis Response Protocol

If Someone Appears Triggered:

1. **Immediate pause** of session activities
2. **Private check-in** with affected participant
3. **Professional resource offer** if appropriate
4. **Community support** activation
5. **Session continuation** decision based on group safety

Moderator Response Training:

- "What do you need right now?"
- "Would you like to step away or continue?"
- "We have resources available if you'd like them"
- "Your safety is our priority"
- Clear boundaries between peer support and professional intervention

Community Growth Plan

Moderator Recruitment

Ideal Candidates:

- Experience with TTRPGs and community management
- Understanding of trauma-informed approaches
- Commitment to educational (not therapeutic) boundaries
- Strong communication and de-escalation skills
- Reliability for consistent community presence

Training Components:

- Community philosophy and educational approach
- Crisis recognition and resource referral

- Conflict resolution in learning environments
- Technology platform management
- Legal and ethical boundaries maintenance

Scaling Considerations

As Community Grows:

- Additional workshop facilitators with similar experience
- Specialized interest groups (specific game systems, themes)
- Advanced practitioner tracks for experienced participants
- Community mentorship programs
- Educational resource development

Quality Maintenance:

- Regular moderator training and support
- Community feedback integration
- Safety protocol updates
- Educational effectiveness assessment
- Continued legal and ethical compliance

This structure ensures we can maintain the intimate, safe learning environment while growing to serve more people seeking storytelling tools for personal growth.