

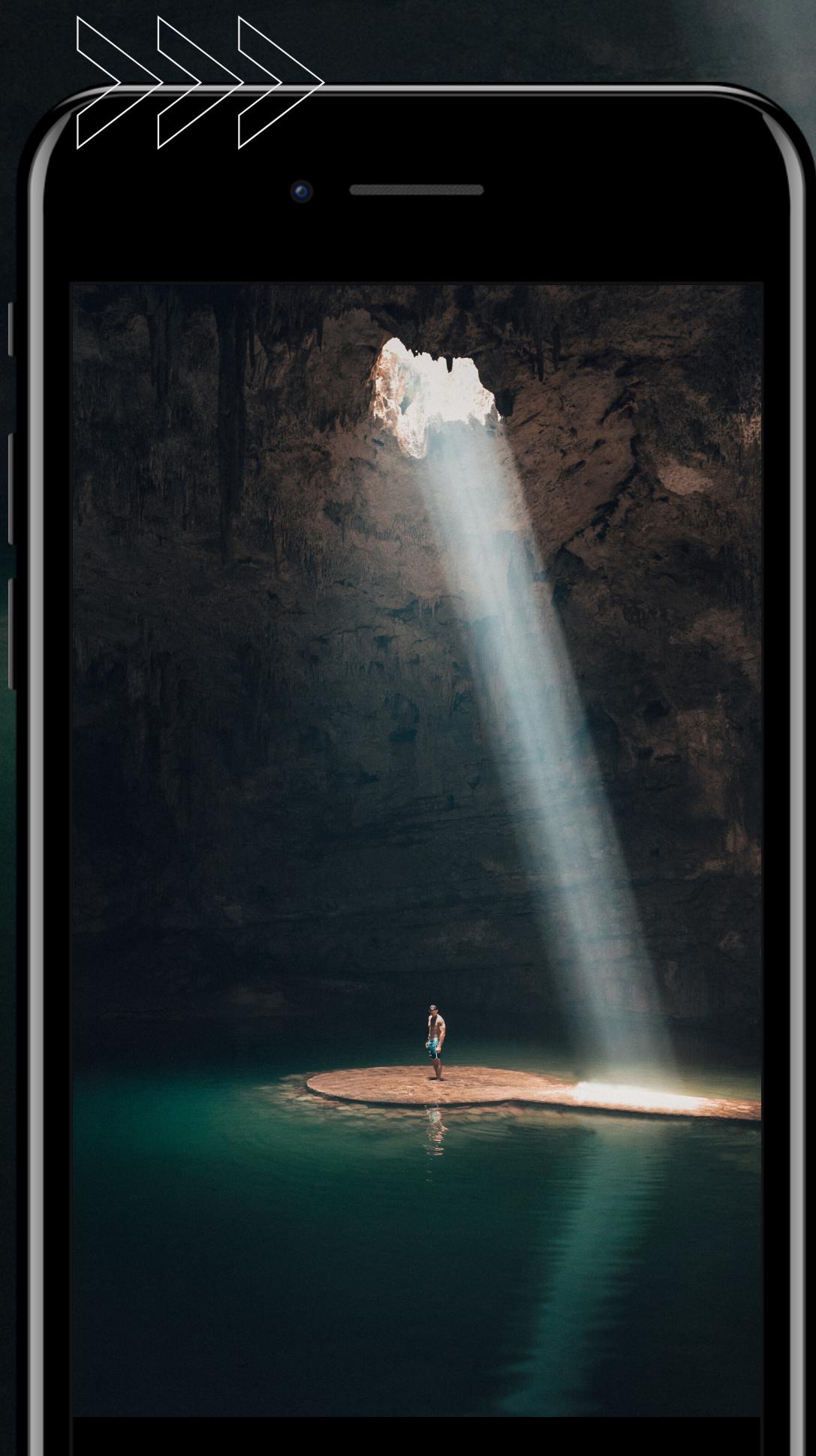
HOW TO WRITE A ROLEPLAYING GAME

A comprehensive guide by
Riverhouse Games

ADVANCE PRAISE

"In addition to always encouraging people to write their games no matter how self indulgent they feel, Taylor has helped me understand the arcane secrets of layout software which has really opened up the possibilities of my game design." - Alice Kyra
<https://magical-girl-kyra.itch.io/>

"Good grief I want to be this liberated in expression and design." - Credit me as Tomas Herbertson or @mossy_toes or something w/e idk





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It's Simple.

Here is what to do:

STEP 1

01

Write some profound shit like
"You are trapped in a cave with
no light but your heart".

STEP 2

02

Add a mechanic like
"Do not roll dice"

STEP 3

03

Include something that doesn't
make sense like "When the
waves crash over your dreams,
roll +hope."

Still with me?

Fine.

STEP 4

04

If possible, shitpost like
"also you're a gay wizard."

STEP 5

05

Make it gay like
"also you're a gay wizard."

STEP 6

06

Throw it into a template on
Canva dot com and upload it to
Itch dot io.

This Is Killing My Ink Levels

Why was this the choice I made???

STEP 7

07

This advice is meant entirely seriously, and with love. If you use these rules to mock weird games or to make light of the stuff I or my friends write that are weird or small or you don't get then you are doing game design wrong.

STEP 8

08

This is ultimately a failed exercise. There is no way to design roleplaying games other than the light you hold in your own heart. Do not roll dice. Instead, when the waves crash over your dreams, roll +Hope. Also, be a gay wizard.



R. Mutt