***Rolling for Creativity: Exploring the Impact of Tabletop Role-Playing Games on Creative Thinking and Problem-Solving***

You are being asked to participate in a research study being done by Dr. Rudolph Richten at Northeastern University. Your participation is voluntary, and you are free to withdraw at any time.

The purpose of this study is to examine the relationship between playing tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs), such as Dungeons & Dragons, and creativity. This study aims to understand whether participation in TTRPGs influences creative thinking, problem-solving, and storytelling skills.

If you agree to participate, you will complete a short survey about your gaming habits and creative activities. This survey should take no more than 5 minutes. Some participants may also be invited for a brief interview that contains some tests and tasks to explore how creative you are and to discuss your experiences with creativity and TTRPGs. If you are selected, the follow-up interview would take about an hour.

Faculty, students, and staff who may see your information will maintain confidentiality to the extent of federal and state laws and university policies. Personal identifiers will not be published or presented. Your de-identified information could be used for future research without additional informed consent.

If you have any questions about the research study, please contact Dr. Rudolph Richten at richten.ru@northeastern.edu. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a participant, please contact Northeastern University’s Human Research Protection Program at IRBReview@northeastern.edu.

**Section 1: Demographics**

1. What is your age? \_\_\_\_
2. What is your gender? (Optional) \_\_\_\_
3. Are you currently a student at Northeastern University? (Yes/No)

**Section 2: TTRPG Experience**

1. Have you ever played a tabletop role-playing game (TTRPG) such as *Dungeons & Dragons*? (Yes/No)
2. If yes, how often do you play TTRPGs?
   * Never (Skip to Section 3)
   * Rarely (Less than once per month)
   * Occasionally (1-3 times per month)
   * Regularly (4+ times per month)
3. How many years have you been playing TTRPGs?
   * Less than 1 year
   * 1-2 years
   * 2-6 years
   * 7+ years
4. What role(s) do you typically take in TTRPGs? (Check all that apply)
   * Player
   * Game Master / Dungeon Master
   * Both

**Section 3: Creative Activities**

1. Do you regularly engage in any of the following creative activities? (Check all that apply)
   * Writing (fiction, poetry, scripts, etc.)
   * Visual arts (drawing, painting, graphic design, etc.)
   * Performing arts (acting, improv, music, etc.)
   * Game design or world-building
   * Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_
   * None of the above

**Section 4: Contact Information**

1. If you qualify for the study, are you willing to participate in creativity assessments and a short interview? (Yes/No)
2. Please provide your email address if you agree to be contacted for the follow-up interview: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this screening questionnaire! We will review your responses and contact you if you qualify for the study.