

Warning

Police officers, psychiatrists, religious figures, teachers, and concerned parents have claimed that role-playing games are harmful to the mind and are the cause of aberrant behavior, occult involvement, mental illness, and even suicide.

The author can not substantiate any of these claims, but can confirm after a quarter of a century's involvement with role-playing games that many believe he is out of his mind.

Therefore, only those who possess a keen intellect and a powerful imagination should risk the purported dangers found within these pages. All others should stay away, for they are not prepared to handle this powerful and intense hobby.

Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing the LotFP Weird Fantasy Role-Playing Game!

This is a traditional tabletop (also sometimes called ‘pen-and-paper’) role-playing game of horror and mystery and dread, wrapped in a façade of exploration and adventure and magic and treasure. Everything needed to play is in this box. All that is needed from you is some time and imagination.

If you are a veteran of traditional pen-and-paper role-playing games, skip the Tutorial book and go straight to the Rules book and the rest, as the Tutorial book is intended as a primer for new players.

If you are familiar with only newer tabletop role-playing games, a lot of the Tutorial book won’t be necessary to read, but the basic assumptions of the game are probably a bit different than you’re used to. Start with Your First Adventure in that book, forgive the language explaining concepts to complete neophytes, and then really dig in to The Second Adventure to get the atmosphere and general expectations of this game. You should be ready to move on to the Rules book after that.

Are you only familiar with computer role-playing games and not tabletop role-playing games? You’ll find that this is a completely different hobby. A lot of the terms will be familiar to you, but it’s hard to generalize what exactly might or might not be the same between computer game and pen-and-paper terminology, so read through the Tutorial book and play through the adventures and you’ll pick everything up just fine.

Familiar with none of those? Are you, indeed, a Role-Playing Virgin? You are in the right place! Start with the Tutorial book and read on through, and don’t worry. The pain you will feel is just your brain exploding after discovering the greatest hobby ever invented by man.

A Note on the Text

The masculine pronoun has been used throughout the text in this game. Whether this is because the publisher is sexist, or because no girls play RPGs anyway, or simply for the sake of space and the author’s sanity during the preparation of this game is for you to decide.