

# Jack & D talk DOTS – DOTS RPG project

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(I don't know what to do...I'm just kidding)

Hey this is Jack Berberette and I'm with the DOTS program and I just wanted to introduce a special person to you. The DOTS program is designed to bring gaming materials such as books and character sheets and dice and everything else that you need to the visually impaired. And I wanted to take a second because we don't get to see each other very often...

I never see you, Jack

I know! (laughter)

I love you, brother.

So anyway, I wanted to introduce to you a man who has inspired the entire dots movement. This is D

How you doing guys

D is special in more ways than one and that is that besides just inspiring DOTS he has actually been a major influence in my life. Doing DOTS has been life changing in that when you focus on, and I want to encourage everybody to listen to this and see what you can do not just in this environment but just what you can do for the needs that you see around you. And that is that when you give and you don't want anything back in return and you get in the habit of doing that, it changes your perspective on life. And that's what you did for me d so I just wanted to say that this is my brother and the reason why DOTS exists. And I was going to ask you something – if you were going to tell the gaming industry anything you could tell them from your perspective, what would it be?

You guys really need to calm down, okay? It's really not as drastic as you guys make it out to be. You don't have to handle us with kid gloves. My friend Jack has been doing that to me all day. We're walking. As long as you don't run yourself into a car, I likely won't hit the car. (but I might do that) But that's you. If you do hit the car, its an early warning system. I've known jack for about 8 years. The first time I met you, I met your son. And you guys have become some of my favorite people in the gaming community. And that's because when I do GM, which is often unfortunately, I GM often on trust. Trust is extremely important if you play with any type of blind person, any type of impaired person, audio impaired, deaf, blind, physically handicapped, etc. Trust is extremely important. So yes we do enjoy the same things you guys enjoy, we just cant see it. We live in the world of sound and description.

So D I know I've told you before and you say you can't believe I'm the inspiration, but you are. You can ask my wife, it has been a huge, huge impact in my life (I have). But anyway, I've got a couple things for you I want to share with you. I didn't tell you about this because I want it to be a surprise. I can see and I can't figure how to open this bag. (you need to give it to me – laughter). So here's what I wanted to share with

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you to begin with. So my buddy Jeff, and several of you in here have given to the DOTS program

Which personally guys, I wanted to say thank you for that. The donations to buy the embosser that Jack's talked about is just amazing, it was amazing how quickly that came together. That was crazy

It was awesome, because people wanted to see it happen. They wanted to see things like this happen. That is a copy of ...you can tell what it is, I don't need to tell you what it is. If I did it right.

No, you did. You're fine. ....holy crap! Thanks man! This is awesome!

It even generated the table of contents for it.

Apparently! The reason that a lot of blind people have issues is because this book, as thick as this is, is probably 25-30 pages of text. Yea, this is not 30 pages.

This is why they make big bindings! So this game here, the microsettings for this game I'm doing in separate volumes. I've split it up for you. But that's not enough! Because there's an old school book. That's a 1974 style by Stan Shinn Which uses like an old school adventure, fantasy game. And Stan gave me that to translate.

Oh, ok! 1974, right. Ok, I have to ask you a question. I'll ask you later, off camera.

You can embarrass me, go for it

Ok, when this is written in ink, in print, are the numbers spaced like this on purpose?

They are because they're bolded, they're very big.

Ah! Ok. I'll teach you how to do that later (laughter) I'm serious, I'm not making a joke, I will actually teach you how to do that later because you can't do it that way, you don't have to do what you just did. This is really confusing to read. (How does the rest of it come out though?) The rest of it is fine, it's all good.

And this is why this project is so important from a sighted person's side. I've taught myself grade 1 braille, and D quizzes me on other stuff but I haven't quite learned all that yet.

Just as an aside, I'm stroking his ego more. Jack is an amazing person guys, you've got to understand that. You're married to an amazing guy. Jack is amazing (applause) Just to do what he did, when I was learning braille, I started learning braille when I was 5. I probably got to mastery level when I was 9. That's 4 years of an elementary kids brain. This dude taught himself braille in less than 6 months.

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(that's because I wanted to get it done) and the fact that he called me one day and said what would make life easier for you, when we first started talking about the whole DOTS thing, what would make things better for you as a gamer? And we had some conversations. I live 3 hours away from here. This dude drove to my house so we could have a face to face. One of the dudes I think is here, Dave was at said meeting, and we were just hammering stuff out. You're an amazing guy, thank you very much (applause)

We're going to make life a little easier. Slide that aside! I'm not going to tell you what it is. So I told you fate's a really cool system and David's going to be running it, and I also had did this for Cory's fantasy age game, so when people pick out the pregens, I did all the pregens for you. So if you feel the top of the page, that's the high concept. And each character is separated by plastic and high concept so you can pick a character too. And I did that for the Star Wars game as well, and the fantasy age game as well. So you can pick next time, you don't need somebody else to tell you what they are.

Man....see I've got nothing.

(off camera – but if you order now, there's more! Laughter)

But wait, there's more! This is something I've been working on for you, and its ok to tell me if it sucks ass. This is actually part of a game system you can feel the bottom of it is textured, but if you run your finger up, that's the point of reference. I did the numbers one through ten, three sets. So if you wanted to keep track of hit points you could just set those two together. And in this box, they're numbered one through ten going across.

I will tell you if it sucks after I'm done playing with it. But actually, that's neat

I kept the same numbers on the back, that way you can keep track of hit points if it's a wound system. Then I made a whole stack of these for you for your hero game

Ok this dude is obsessed with braille dice (laughter) Did you ever get the 3d printer?

Well I didn't, but I do have some other things for you. You wanted to play fate, right? Why not try some tactile fate dice?

These would've come in handy in the boardgame I was just playing. It uses the same fate system which is crazy because I got killed. These have plus and minus on them, right? Yea they do. (I have some extra of these for you, I found them in my bag). These are great, I love these. These are light

Yea, they're 3d printed. But that's a pain in the ass, D. Here let me fix that up for you. Because this is what I've been dying to show you, there was no way I was keeping you back, because I made it. This is something that....you changed my life. And I want you to feel what this says here. Read across. It's spread out. Here's the capital

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sign here. I hope it says weapons (laughter) D's weapons! So you have to lift this straight off. So you've got felt on both sides.

Ok, got it. Hold on, that's a d12! I've got to see this. Jeez, that's a big ass d20.

I've used that idea, remember we bounced the idea of using K-T so that's 11-20. And there is a line there, I'm hoping you can feel that it may be tough.

We may have to make some adjustments. I knew the d20 would be the most difficult to work with, it's a large die but it's so compact to work with. There's my great axe dice. Gotta be a nerd to figure that one out guys!

And I did the same thing, 11 is K and 12 is M

The great axe die works perfectly. Thank you man

The whole set is there

I know, I saw

So we figured you could set your dice in one side, roll in this side so you don't have to worry about your dice falling off the table.

That is awesome. I think my roommate might use it more than I will, but thank you (laughter)

So that's what this interview is all about, brother. So that's D's weapon crate, and it's oak. So it's nice, and doesn't have a key (laughter) I gave D a box a while back and it had a key. And he puts the key away, and now he can't find it.

I did, I put the key away and kept it safe from myself. It happens. I don't feel bad, because I hear you sighted people do it too.

No, my thing is ketchup. I can't find ketchup in the fridge. I think it's invisible

I heard about this, and I don't understand what that is, but that's fine.

Lisa sends me to get ketchup out of the fridge and I can not find it (off camera female – even if he's holding it) even if it's behind a grape. It's terrible (off camera male – Jack, I have some braille ketchup for you) (laughter)

So anyway, that's really the whole thing I wanted to share this with the DOTS community and just to show you first off who inspired the entire movement and also to say thanks to a close brother, a great friend, and I'm just happy to be with you man.  
(applause)