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**MAJOR BOARD GAME DESIGNERS STEP UP TO SUPPORT
TABLETOP GAME PLAYTESTING CHARITY**
***Luminaries like Elizabeth Hargrave (Wingspan) and Jason Matthews
(Twilight Struggle) donate opportunity to face off against them***

COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND – Game Kastle College Park has partnered with gaming industry luminaries to raise money for Break My Game (BMG), a tabletop game testing non-profit. Game Kastle College Park will host a fundraiser for Break My Game on November 19 as part of its regularly hosted BMG playtesting sessions that day. Game Kastle reached out to local game designers and publishers to help support up and coming creators, and they stepped up!

Wingspan designer Elizabeth Hargrave has donated an opportunity to face off against her in The Fox Experiment, her highly-anticipated new game releasing on November 22 and in Undergrove, an unreleased game that will be crowdfunding at the time of the event. Hargrave's most popular game, Wingspan, debuted in 2019 and remains in the Boardgamegeek.com Top 25 over four years later. According to Hargrave, "Playtesting at Break My Game improved Wingspan and my other games. I'm thrilled to be able to give back to the community that's done so much for me."

Game Kastle College Park Franchisee Boyd Stephenson says, "Break My Game is a natural partner for us. Their events introduce new players to the hobby while developing tomorrow's offerings at the same time. Anyone can show up and see if this hobby is for them without spending a dime."

Playtesting takes place monthly at Game Kastle College Park on the third Sunday of the month. For the November session, Game Kastle is adding a fundraiser to regularly-scheduled playtesting programming. BMG hosts seven playtesting sessions each month across the United States and in the United Kingdom. Break My Game Founder Daniel Palmer said, "We're launching a major drive to expand to 20 monthly events in 2024. Proceeds from this event will help us reach out to new volunteers and to develop materials to help interested volunteers found new BMG chapters."

Several local game publishers, including Evil Hat Productions, the producer of Blades in the Dark and Thirsty Sword Lesbians, the 2022 Gold ENnie award winner for Best Game and Product of the Year, have also donated product for auction or raffle giveaway at the event on November 19.

Game Kastle will be hosting the fundraiser on November 19. Interested players can visit the store in College Park, Maryland that day to playtest upcoming games. Interested game designers should reach out to Break My Game for a spot. Auctioned games will take place that afternoon from noon to 8:00 PM. Bidding to face off against marquee designers is online at <https://app.galabid.com/playtestapalooza/items> with new auction items being added as they become available.

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Game Kastle College Park is a hobby supply and game store that dedicated to preserving the in-person community aspects of the gaming hobby. Game Kastle College Park features seating space for up to 96 people playing all types of board games, miniatures games, roleplaying games, and more. Game Kastle College Park is a franchised location of Game Kastle that opened in November 2021. For more information about Game Kastle stores, visit <https://www.gamekastle.com>.

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Break My Game is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charity dedicated to helping aspiring game designers to perfect their games through playtesting and to take them into publication. BMG hosts seven monthly playtesting events in six U.S. states and in the United Kingdom every month with another quarterly event that takes place in Washington, DC. BMG also operates a playtesting-focused Discord server with more than 2,600 members who participate in up to seven weekly online playtesting sessions. For more information about Break My Game, visit <https://www.breakmygame.com>.