

# Taylor Johnson

Award-Winning Writer/Narrative Designer

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## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Narrative Designer

East Side Games — *Multiple Projects*

March 2022 - August 2023

- Ran narrative for the publishing arm of the company (IdleKit).
- Contributed to 10+ games. Including Doctor Who: Lost in Time and Star Trek Lower Decks: TBD.
- Built and managed multiple narrative teams on multiple projects simultaneously.
- Successfully pitched original game concepts to world-renowned IP holders.
- Created best-practice documentation/presentations to strengthen the knowledge-base of our narrative team.
- Helped the studio secure its first Mobile Games Award for Best Storytelling.

### Lead Writer/Narrative Designer

Kano Apps — *Idle Distiller*

November 2020 - March 2022

- Led the narrative team.
- Developed, supervised, outlined, and scripted 70+ episodes.
- Developed a compelling original IP leading to over one million installs.

### Lead Writer

Lumen Games — *Rob the Rich, Idle Tycoon*

June 2021 - March 2022

- Led the writing team.
- Developed, supervised, outlined, and scripted 20+ episodes.
- Developed a compelling satirical IP.

### Writer

Night Garden Studio — *Dragon Up*

June 2020 - September 2020

- Developed/plotted the game's second season.
- Developed world building elements for the new IP including lore and character bios.

## PROJECTS

### Almost Home ('21) — *Short Film*

Writer/Producer – Nominated for Best Screenplay, Vancouver Independent Film Festival.

## SKILLS

### Versatile Voice

Has written for successful Drama, Comedy, Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Action and Children's projects for both original and established IP.

### Multidisciplinary Collaborator

Has worked extensively with art/design/UI-UX/and IP holders to ensure that narrative provides a cohesive experience that champions the mechanical elements of the game.

### People Leader

Have run narrative teams, acted as vision-holder, and developed junior talent through 1:1 mentoring and group presentations.

## AWARDS

**Best Storytelling WINNER** – 2023 Mobile Games Awards (Star Trek Lower Decks).

**Best Short Screenplay NOMINEE** – Vancouver Independent Film Festival (Almost Home).

## EDUCATION

**University of Victoria** – BFA, Writing/Film Studies.

Multiple references available upon request.