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*Who's unconditional love and support gives me wings*

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# Beyond the Magic Circle

## **A Network Perspective on Role-Play in Online Games**

### **Voorbij de magische cirkel**

Een netwerk perspectief op role-play in online games (met een samenvatting in het Nederlands)

### **Proefschrift**

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That which we find through imagination is not imaginary in the sense that it is non-existent. Rather, imagination is a way of knowing that we can use to gain access to, and explore, numerous realities. The experience of these realities is not available to us through reason or logic and cannot be verified by the latter means, because such realities are of a different order or kind. What we learn through them is not inconsistent with reason and logic, just different.

*Margaret Somerville, The Ethical Imagination*

