**BROWN UNIVERSITY**

**CHILD ASSENT FOR RESEARCH**

Research Study Title: A Look into the Treatment of Young Firebenders

Person in Charge of the Study: Uncle Iroh

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**What is a research study?**

Research studies help researchers learn new things about people. They discover new things by asking questions and trying to find the answers. Sometimes they need help from other people to answer these questions. This form talks about a study researchers are doing at Brown University. You can ask the researchers any questions you want about the study. Then you can choose if you want to be in the study.

**What is this research study about?**

With this study, researchers hope to learn more about children who are firebenders. Researchers want to know if children who can firebend are treated better than other children. Researchers also want to know if children who can firebend are treated worse.

**Why are you asking me to be in this study?**

You are being asked to be in this study because you are between the ages of 7 and 12, and you are a firebender who lives in the Fire Nation.

If you are in this study and your parents give their permission, you will:

* Be asked to create a flame of fire to show us that you are a firebender.
* Talk to a person on the research study team about your firebending.
* Talk to a person on the research study team about how adults and children in your life talk about your firebending.
* Talk to a person on the research study team about how strangers treat you when they learn you can firebend.
* The person who talks to you will audio record what you say. The recording is needed so we can listen to it and remember what you said while talking with a researcher. You can still be in the study if you choose not to be audio recorded.
* You will only talk to a researcher once, and it will take about 45 minutes. This is a little less than an hour, or how long it takes to eat your lunch at school.

**Are there things I might not like about being in the study?**

Some of the things you talk about might not make you feel good or might be hard to talk about. You can skip anything you don’t want talk about or stop doing the study at any time. Researchers will do their best to make sure you don’t feel bad. They will not share what you say or do with anyone that is not part of the study team. When they are finished doing this study, they will write a report about what they learned. The report will not list your name. No one will know you were in the study unless you tell them.

We will try to keep all information confidential. This means that we won’t tell your parents or anyone else any information that you have given us. The only exception is if you tell us that you intend to hurt yourself or anybody else, then we have to report this information to the proper authorities to keep you safe.

**Could this research help me?**

This research may not help you. Researchers hope that the things they learn from this research study might someday help other children who live in the Fire Nation, or other child benders who live in other nations.

**Do I get anything for being in this study?**

If you are in the study, you will get two silver pieces when you are done talking to the researchers.

**Do I have to be in this research study?**

You don’t have to be in this study if you don’t want to be. It is okay to say you want to be in the study now, but change your mind later. If you want to stop, you can just tell someone on the study team. The researchers and your parents will not be mad at you and you won’t get in trouble if you say no or want to stop being in the study.

**What do I do if I have a question?**

You can ask questions at any time. The researchers want you to understand what you’ll be doing and they want to answer all of your questions. If you think of a question later, you or your parents can call the study team and they can answer your questions then.

**Who can I call with my questions?**

If you have any questions about this research study, you can call Uncle Iroh at [401-863-XXXX].

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you can contact Brown University’s Human Research Protection Program at 401-863-3050.

**How do I join the study?**

1. Can you tell me what this study is about?
2. Can you tell me something that you will be asked to do in the study?
3. Can you tell me something that you might not like about being in this study?
4. Will this study help you?
5. Will the researchers ever tell someone you were in this study?
6. Do you have to be in this study?

By writing your name below, you agree to volunteer to be in this research study. If there is anything you don’t understand, you can ask questions at any time. Even after writing your name below, you can change your mind at any time and stop being in the study.

You will be given a copy of this form.

Printed Name of Participant (to be written by the child)

Printed Name of Researcher

Signature of Researcher

Date and Time