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Addiction behind the controller

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From the peaceful villages of "Animal Crossing" to the ferocious battles fought in "Dark Souls," video games offer a convenient escape from one's daily routine. In most video games, players strive to be the richest, most powerful or skillful entity — though at the cost of time. In this digital age, where leveling up in video games leads to a sense of success and physical activity is traded for virtual simulations, a new type of phenomenon is on the rise: video game addiction.

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