



# *FACETS of the SHINING JEWEL*

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## ***NEW STAFF ANNOUNCED FOR THE FACETS OF THE SHINING JEWEL*** **BY GRENTHUM HORNBLOWER**

The Facets of the Shining Jewel is pleased to announce three new staff members to help keep you informed about events in our fair city. Eleyse Bernward and Yarrick Woodstein will be bringing you all the news that's fit to print, while Wysteria Whitestone will be sharing advice, helpful tips and sharing the secrets of Amthydor's 'In Crowd' as our new Society Editor. Lady Kiandra Gallastan-Gaines will still be generously donating her time to cover the most elite events among Amthydor's nobles.

## ***BLADES OF SONG REUNITED*** **BY YARRICK WOODSTEIN**

Nineteen years after their actions were instrumental in defeating an attempt by Vanyr to take the city, the adventuring company known as the Blades of Song are together again, if only over a few drinks. First Lady Alissa Wyndsong Torestyn, Lady Consul Ellyn Reilly, Staern Bladebreak, Calton Fieldman and the recently restored Lord Consul Zinzann Allison and Magardi Slimhands recently spent an evening reminiscing and renewing their friendships over a meal catered by local chef Julius Emerol Wulfgar Childer. The group rejected speculations that they were considering taking up the adventuring life once again, citing the passage of time and higher obligations to the city and temples. Though they won't be taking to the road in search of excitement and treasure, they haven't ruled out sharing their experiences with a new generation of up-and-coming adventurers making a name for themselves in the Shining Jewel.

## ***UNICORNS ON THE LOOSE*** **BY ELEYSE BERNWARD**

The Marketplace has been abuzz lately as unicorns have been spotted wandering the marketplace. The druids and clerics of Brianna have no idea why these majestic beasts have been spotted throughout the merchants' district. Harild Grimstook, a local vegetable merchant, spotted the unicorns, "I was coming in to open my stall very early this morning. There was no one else around. I felt something watching me and I was sure it was hoodlums. I was looking for my bat to chase them away when I saw her. A beautiful, white horse with a golden horn on its head. I always thought they were a myth, but I'm a believer now."

The Diamond Legion was not available for comment on this matter prior to press time.

## ***PORT DISTRICT MURDER REMAINS UNSOLVED***

**BY YARRICK WOODSTEIN**

The Diamond Legion continues to investigate the death of a man last month near the Dauntless Dolphin. Puri Osgood (Fred Daniel), who spoke to the victim earlier in the evening, indicated that the man had identified himself as Roderick Kamas, Leader of the Jacinth Jaguars. Jordan, Bard Laureate of Amthydor, was among those on the scene. Bard Laureate Jordan expressed doubts as to the victim's identity. "Doubtless the poor man was desperate and hoping to impress the Lady (Reilly). Everyone knows that the Jacinth Jaguars are just a myth." Death has been determined to have been caused by stabbing, poisoning and a broken neck. The victim is reported to have been attempting to arrange a romantic meeting with Lady Kylene Reilly (*Catie Straiton*). In a statement to the Legion, Lady Reilly acknowledged that several esteemed persons of

her acquaintance had been approached by the victim requesting that they speak to her on his behalf, but that Mr Kamas was slain before any meeting could take place. Anyone in possession of information relevant to this investigation is encouraged to come forward.

### **DIAMOND LEGION BLOTTER**

The following crimes were reported and arrests were made in the preceding week:

#### **Port District—**

- ✂ Brawling, fined for damages
- ✂ Brawling & Public Drunkenness, 1 night in jail & fined for damages
- ✂ Vagrancy, 30 days in jail

#### **Temple District—**

- ✂ Providing an unlicensed service, 1000gp fine

#### **Nobles District—**

- ✂ Unauthorized entrance into city drains, 2500 gp fine

### **RULES FORUM**

Did you know that while most mithral armors are counted as one category lighter than normal for the purpose of movement, armor check penalties and arcane caster failure, this does not apply to the level of proficiency required to wear the armor? Even though a mithral breastplate is treated as *light armor* for most effects, a character must still be proficient with *medium armor* in order to wear it without penalty.

Do you have a Rules question? Contact the LSJ Rules Team at

[lsj-questions@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:lsj-questions@theshiningjewel.com).

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Have a question for the LSJ Staff? Curious what we do or what is planned? Please email any questions to [lsj-questions@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:lsj-questions@theshiningjewel.com).

### **CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL FOR AUTHORS**

Have you ever played a module and thought you could write one? Well, the time has come to take up the challenge and help us make this the best campaign it can be. For more information and details on the process, check out the [www.theshiningjewel.com](http://www.theshiningjewel.com) new and improved Campaign Author and Editor Guide.

### **CALL FOR EDITORS**

So, you want to help out with the campaign, but don't have the time to write a module. Do you understand the Pathfinder rules system? Are you willing to assist in the conversion of the 70+ modules from Dungeons and Dragons 3.0 and 3.5 to Pathfinder? If so, please contact [LSJ-editor@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:LSJ-editor@theshiningjewel.com). Please include a list of the modules you have already played.

### **PLAYER OR GAMING GROUP SPOTLIGHT**

Do you have a group of players or a convention that you would like to sing the praises of? Did you meet the most amazing role player at a recent convention? Please send us the information about your group, along with a picture if available. We want the world to know who plays our campaign.

### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

#### **David Samuels – LSJ Plot Coordinator**

David makes his home in Brooklyn, NY. He began gaming in 1982, and attended his first convention in 1986. Before the birth of the LSJ Campaign, David authored more than 20 rounds of scenarios for other campaigns and gaming systems. David has been the LSJ Diamond Legion Coordinator since 2004, and LSJ Plots Coordinator since 2007. He is the author of 13 LSJ scenarios, and 3 LSJ interactives.

### **UPCOMING SCENARIOS**

#### **Modules Available For Download**

The LSJ Staff Gnomes have been busy converting and updating our existing scenario library to the Pathfinder format. Look for the updated versions of these events on our website [www.theshiningjewel.com](http://www.theshiningjewel.com) –

**LSJ01** Merchants

**LSJ04** Bedroom Eyes

**LSJ05** Help Wanted

**LSJ71** Fight or Flight?

**LSJ72** In the Eyes of a Child

Running LSJ events at a game day? Certs for these and other LSJ scenarios can be requested through [lsj-certs@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:lsj-certs@theshiningjewel.com)

### ***UPCOMING CONVENTIONS***

Weekend in the Shining Jewel (WiSJ) is a special event run at various locations throughout the gaming world. This year, WiSJ will feature 6 premiere modules. Current WiSJ sites include PentaCon (Indiana), MEPACon (Pennsylvania) and, of course, WiSJ Online. If you would like to have these events at a convention in November, please contact Eric V. Clark at [lsj-projectmanager@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:lsj-projectmanager@theshiningjewel.com).

Also, if you have a convention you would like to promote, please send the information to [LSJ-edit@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:LSJ-edit@theshiningjewel.com).

### ***CONVENTION RECAP***

Have you run a successful convention and want to thank those who helped? Do you have pictures of the events? Please send these to [LSJ-editor@theshiningjewel.com](mailto:LSJ-editor@theshiningjewel.com) for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

### ***CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR JAY FISHER ON HIATUS***

Campaign Coordinator Jay Fisher has taken an indefinite hiatus to address real-life demands. In accordance with the Campaign's Contingency Operations plan, Catie Straiton has taken up the post of Campaign Director and, combined with the rest of the LSJ Campaign Staff team, will continue to bring you a wide selection of scenarios, metagaming activities and rules supplements. Please join us in wishing Jay well, as we look forward to his eventual return to LSJ.

#### ***LSJ CAMPAIGN STAFF***

Campaign Director	Catie Straiton
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