

John Dunn Thank you to one and all for joining in the Catalyst Games Lab May Shadowrun Chat.  
Today we'll be hosting an in-character chat held on the ShadowSEA forum with several of the JackPoint posters joining in to discuss the Vice release.  
Before we get to that, I just wanted to make a few announcements.  
Late last night, SRM3-02 Block War went for sale on both of our PDF partner sites.  
Dusk (the first adventure in the artifact series) has gone to press.  
Vice is currently in layout.  
Any questions on those announcements?

Max Combo **Any word on Running Wild and the Corp book?**

John Dunn We'll make announcements on those when they're a little further in the pipeline. But, I can say that early sketches for RW have started to come in. And, they make me giddy.

Ryu **A few details on vice?**

John Dunn We'll cover that in the chat.

Diligent Archivist **Release Dates?::tongue**

John Dunn Only when they're in the warehouse do we announce Street Dates.

Taylor **What's the ETA on the Core Book Errata?**

John Dunn The SR4A Changes document covers Errata and was posted in April.

Paris **Yes. Will these products be incorporating the SR 20th Anniversary rules, and from now on, will all products have that book in mind over the original core rule book published in 200^?**

John Dunn Yes, absolutely.

Taylor **I meant the rest of the core books. ;)**

John Dunn We'll be publishing additional errata on those as they go to reprint.

Paris **Excellent. Another. May we have a brief synopsis on Dusk. Or have a sneak preview of what the story entails during the chat or this OOC Q&A answer form?**

John Dunn Lots of questions about Dusk, actually.

Tarot **Any teasers about Dusk? Like a general plot synopsis?**

John Dunn Let's just say that it, uh, introduces a new story arc to Shadowrun and that Frosty plays a rather pivotal role. We'll discuss it more in a future chat.

Diligent Archivist **Why only publish errata when they go to reprint?**

John Dunn Because, that's when we need to compile it. :)

BTL Bailey **Will the items in the GM/Runner's Tool Kit be available ala carte, or will they just be made available as a single package?**

John Dunn We don't have any plans to offer the individual items for sale at this time.

Paris **How many pages in length is Dusk? Will it be longer than On the Run, which I believe is 56 pages in length?**

John Dunn I don't have the file open at the moment, but it's either 48 or 56. (Editor's Note: It's 56!)

John Dunn Looks like that's all we've got at the moment, so we'll be going into the In character ShadowSEA discussion now.

ShadowSEA Admin >>>>>Welcome to ShadowSEA

ShadowSEA Admin >>>>>Today is March 5th, 2072.

ShadowSEA Admin Let's start off with a welcome to our guest Shadowrunners for today's discussion on the criminal underworld.

ShadowSEA Admin If our guests would be so kind as to introduce themselves.

DangerSensei DangerSensei-Professional Security Consultant, not that crap you kids are calling security consulting to help get a carry permit.

Tarot Hoi, Sensei

Stone Stone, Professional criminal - but aren't we all?

RedAnya Red Anya, Weapons dealer, expert on Eastern European relations, and the woman who will punch Frosty's card if she makes me do this again

Hannibelle I'm Hannibelle, your friendly neighborhood hacker with an eye on Tamanous and all things MVV.

Netcat Netcat, technomancer. I know Virtual gangs, Matrix law, and how to annoy Clockwork.

Clockwork Clockwork. I know more about tech than you do.

Nephrine Nephrine. Anarchist chemist and drug artist.

Pistons Pistons, combat hacker. Once upon a time I worked for Knight Errant, 'till I saw the error of my ways and joined the dark side.

DangerSensei Welcome home

Tarot Welcome to the darkside, we have pie.

Max Combo Not all in the shadows is dark, omae

Tarot P.S. the pie is evil.

Netcat Clockwork, I don't need to know more about tech. All I need to know is that it does what I want.

RedAnya That may be because you wouldn't know tech if it bit you in the ass

ShadowSEA Admin So, today's topic is crime, in all it's sundry forms, and the criminals who love to perpetrate it. Questions, comments, discussion? (Ways to make money to pay my hosting bills?)

zendead as long as we can make it help to B & E

Stone Y'know, they used to burn people like you where I come from, 'cat.

Netcat And they used hang thieves, too... don't see that stopping anyone here. ;)

Tarot **How are the Finnigan's holding up after the flipside war?**

Stone War's over, Tarot. Flipside's dried up for the most part. Only thing to do now is clean up what you can.

Diligent Archivist **The Tempo wars from last year really threw the underworld into chaos. I was wondering who came out of top of the Corp Enclaves and Runner Havens?**

RedAnya The havens will always have a home, and the enclaves are hiding how badly they were hit. I'd say the cartel lost and the small fish won. Not a matter of cities, but people.

Max Combo **yeah, and which gangs got wiped off the Metroplex map?**

DangerSensei That depends on the metroplex, a lot of 2 bit hacks were swallowed by rising stars. Otherwise, groups that sided with the cartels got hit the hardest.

Nephrine The tempo binge may be over and the tempo pipeline running dry, but things are not as clean cut as the authorities would have you believe. Tempo detox and withdrawal are pretty complicated and time-consuming, as often as not the user comes out a husk of his former self, generally unempathic and apathic towards others. flipheads are turning to other drugs in despair and drug-related crime is still soaring.

GeLrIrToCrH **So I'm in Denver right now. How's the criminal underworld in Seattle?**

Clockwork Pretty much like you'd expect. The government and the Star keep trying to nail it down, but the anvil fears no hammer blow. Flipside went through the city like everywhere else, but the Sprawl will always be the Sprawl.

RedAnya Bunny's not around today, huh...wonder if she fell off the wagon again

Taylor Or sell fake flipside (read: anything) to the desperate. Happens quite a lot these days.

Pistons More than one gang and syndicate has rushed into the void, too, peddling other BADS to pick up the tempo addicts.

Stone Of course, for some of us, gangs and syndicates are a hassle. Do-It-Yourself crime is the way to go.

zendead **anyone know anything new about the Triads in Seattle?**

Hannibelle There's some activity in the magical parts of the Triads. There's been a rumor about an outside magical group putting out feelers in the metroplex, but nothing ferrocete.

Netcat Anya, Bunny had a date with Taylor last night. I'm betting she's sleeping off something other than a hangover. ;)

Tarot I "heard" Red Mescaline can take the edge off.

Max Combo **The Tacoma docklands were hot before the tempo fiasco, but who's got a hold of them now?**

DangerSensei The Vory picked up a big chunk of them.

RedAnya Da, the Povryejhda

Paris **Yes. I conducted a sojourn to Seattle when the gang violence was at its peak over the narcotic known as Tempo. There was a particular Yakuza assassin, who's name was Chicko Inauo I believe. I am curious. What ended up being his fate?**

RedAnya Last I heard, he's at the bottom of the Sound.

Nephrine Krasnyanya, darken your mouth. TurboBunny is neither using again or dealing with another boy-toy, and you should know better than to speak so lightly of your friend.

Galahad **And the neighbourhood watcher strikes again eh ?Cat?**

Netcat Eh, Bunny and I were comparing date notes. That's all.

Taylor Tarot: Or way up. Don't try.

Paris I see. A pity. I enjoyed watching his flamboyent style. He would have made an excellent follwer of the Cat. Then I assume the Yakuza lost a lot during the Seattle criminal skirmishes. As they always have the most to lose. Being at the top of the food chain means everyone will be seeking to behead you.

Netcat So, Anya, I was thinking of doing some traveling to your side of the world. How are things going in Eastern Europe. Or GeMiTu?

Stone "Her side of the world" - please! Red Anya couldn't be kept in one place unless you nailed her feet to the floor - and maybe not even then, I think.

RedAnya Apart from the rally a day, things are kickin. Of course, that could just be heads that being kicked in... And Stone you're just jealous that I don't have to get permission to stay out

zendead big nail heads help to hold people down :)

GeLrIrToCrH **Any gangs growing (faster than expcted)?**

Pistons Well, I have heard that the Burning Angels in LA are really gaining ground. Frosty was telling me that the Ancients in La-la land are getting pissed off... but no one seems to know who's funding the Angels. Could be some interesting times in LA.

zendead **So if the Vory are making a big jump for the scene how long till the street run with blood I hear they kill not just you but your whole family as wel**

Stone You watch too much trid, friends. The Vory, like all syndicates, have a reputation to maintain to keep the lesser gangs and criminals like myself in line. Few have the will to enact the proper atrocities to instill the correct amount of fear. No, the Vory will go at you in other, more personal ways.

GeLrIrToCrH **So if Yakuza is at the top of the food chain, where do the others lie?**

DangerSensei In which city, they haven't been seen in Hamburg, but are making a tough climb elsewhere

Taylor zendead: So does everyone else in that kind of biz.

RedAnya Only the young and stupid ones come at you straight on, the avtoritet sidle up along side and stab you in the heart with a smile on their faces

Nephrine It's a pity Winterhawk or Butch couldn't be here today, Stone. I know they had a few choice comments to you on the "Tingling" file you posted.

Clockwork So I know what we're doing visiting ShadowSEA. Why are all you fuckers logged in?

Stone They know it is true.

RedAnya What was Frosty holding over the rest of you?

Tarot **Hey 'cat how, is Slamm-0 by the way.**

Netcat Ah, fine. Well, maybe a bit more than fine. \*waggle eyebrows\*

Diligent Archivist **I heard a rumor that the Ghost Cartels were devastated by Aztlan Forces during that boarder Skirmish with Amazona last year. Is there any truth to that?**

Stone There was a massive police action in Caracas, if that's what you mean, and I haven't heard nearly anything from my contacts in the Olaya Cartel since then, but details are sketchy at this point.

Paris **Sir Pistons. Speaking of Lady Frost. What endeavors is she currently pursuing. There have been rumors in the Shadows that something awry and we are on the verge of something big occurring.**

Pistons \*Sir\* Pistons? WTF? You blind or just didn't bother looking at my icon?!? As for Frosty, she's off doing whatever it is she does... with that no-good loser boyfriend of hers, of course (someday she'll see the light...)

Nephrine Be fair, Pistons. You can't always judge a gender by its icon.

Stone Your profile is a little out of date there, P.

RedAnya Pistons, what's wrong Kay been gone too long?

Paris I simply didn't bother :). And alas, tis the fate of Lady Frost perhaps and her smiling mentor.

Max Combo **Where's the best sprawl for some gray market bodyguard and protection biz?**

DangerSensei If you know the language, St Petersburg always needs more bodyguards, same with Metropole. For the more straightlaced work, stick to LA and Seattle. San Bernadino will do its best to kill you but shoot straight and you'll be fine.

Clockwork Cant' judge her in real life, either.

Tarot I heard the cartels are down but not out. They are harder to kill than South American roaches. ;)

DangerSensei Tarot-Quite true

GeLrIrToCrH **Are there any new law enforcement agencies to look out for? New competition for Lone Star or Knight Errant?**

Pistons Well, those are the two big players in the field. Of course, KE lost half their contracts to Lone Star (and visa-versa) after this tempo thing. Eagle Security, Hard Corps Security - they've picked up a lot of business too. And don't forget the GovPol - government police. Like the NAN, they rely almost entirely on GovPol.

Max Combo Don't need to shoot straight when you don't carry a gun...

Galahad You know what they say. In the ?trix the men are men, the women are men and the children are Templars

DangerSensei Yes they do. Eagle is probably the more trustworthy of the bunch.

Nephrine There's been some noise coming out of Hawai'i lately. Looks like the Naheka-rengo is set to expand.

Pistons Sensei, you'll learn eventually. Play with the snakes, and you get bitten. Working for a cop-corp is just a one-way ticket to hell.

Paris Second to the Paladins and Ghosts of Tir Tairngire, I assume.

RedAnya Pistons, he sold out of the man long ago...all that remains is to see if he was holding the knife.

Stone Please. The Paladins are gone. Dead. Dust.

Netcat	Hey, Sensei, what's up with the rumors of Eagle using a paranormals in their security? Is it true they employ shapeshifters and naga?
DangerSensei	They have some of the best handlers and trainers in the biz...
Clockwork	I know the JackPointers aren't supposed to be asking the ShadowSEA people anything, but I don't care. Which of you little people has any word on a cyborg with red markings in the Puyallup area? Nuyen if you have something that pans out, charred grey matter if you fuck with me.
DangerSensei	They are all people though, and I don't care how smart the wolf thinks he is, he's still a dog.
zendead	<b>Clockwork what kind of markings?</b>
Paris	They maybe down Stone. But never out. The strength, virtue, and honor of our elite shall live on. Even if our country is in the process of a Meji Restoration type renewal.
Tarot	<b>Who has the Boston contract now? I'm supposed to be there in the near future.</b>
Pistons	Knight Errant, for now. Frankly, it's a big clusterfuck. Lone Star and NYPD are both trying to grab the contract, and things aren't pretty. Unless, of course, you're smart enough to work all sides, and then there's lots of opportunity for work.
Stone	Dude, I have the trideo footage of them being dragged out into the street and their pointy little ears sawed off. Paladins: toast.
Paris	Hark. Assumptions and footage from a thief. How amusing.
RedAnya	Stone, it's the first time we've dragged a people into the street and had them come back...you can't kill them fast enough without viral weapons, and we're not allowed to use those
Taylor	If that trideo doesn't involve Dunkelzahn and Jet black, we aren't interested
GeLrIrToCrH	<b>So where are the best "opportunities" in the underworld of Seattle right now?</b>
Hannibelle	Thanks for asking GeLrIrToCrH! There's a lot of work in Seattle right now from the underworld, along with related work from corps and government. With the end of the Tempo incident, there are a lot of pockets of power vacuum that need filling, and a lot of short-handed gangs and syndicates that want them. In fact, don't be surprised if the majority of your jobs over the next few months involve the underworld on one way or another.
Nephrine	Ah, viral weapons! Now there's a subject I can sink my teeth into. You wouldn't believe what ringu is selling for in Africa these days.
Tarot	<b>Pistons- Thnx, we may need matrix backup. If you're interested</b>
Pistons	I'd love to, but I've promised someone that I'd keep an eye on the kitten over there as she goes to the freaking middle of nowhere. Idiot technomancers.
RedAnya	I'll be uploading a file later to clean up the travesty that Mihoshi called a fair report about the Vory.
Clockwork	Gee, zenny, the kind that look red when a man-sized drone is plowing through an area at eighty clicks and smacks you with something that can only be described as ordinance. Maybe a red skullcap, too.
GeLrIrToCrH	<b>Well hell, if we're callin people out, Nuyen to whomever can point me in the direction of Jackpointer Glitch. Take my trix handle will ya</b>
Stone	You're one to talk, Krasnyanya. You were so deep in the thief's world I had to write your examples for you!

RedAnya Everyone's young and stupid once, the ones who grow up get smart quick or they don't make it

Paris **A Clockwork. Puylaupt you say? Your inquiry has me interested. Perhaps it is where I shall send a few of my contacts to inspect.**

Clockwork Yeah, you should do that. And when you're done poncing around your little grove hugging trees, your leaf-eating friends can cut out the middleman and get back to me with actual data.

zendead I will keep the feelers out for you any extra cred my way would help that

Nephrine Sometimes, I wish people would look past the Hollywood veneer on the criminal life and see the naked streets as they are: full of the desperate and the greedy.

Paris **Red Anya, the Vory. Are they metahuman friendly?**

RedAnya As long as you aren't Georgian, sure

Galahad **Do the Vory not take badly to fair reports on their activities?**

RedAnya Truth can hurt

DangerSensei As you should well know.

Paris **Ah. Enlightening. The Vory are cultured and do not suffer from the disease of bigotry. Unlike certain people...**

Clockwork Yeah, dead zen, why don't I just toss you my credit accounts and let you "find stuff" for me. Payment on delivery, prunc.

Stone Fool. The Vory will crack the skull open of anyone, ork, elf, man, trog, or dwarf, that screws with those under their roof.

Netcat Dude, Paris. The Vory don't mind killing you no matter if you're ears are pointed or rounded. Is that what you call cultured? (I swear, only posers talk like that!)

RedAnya Cat, only if there's profit in it. or self-gratification...

Netcat Or revenge, or to prove a point, or if bored...

Tarot **Clockwork- Sarcasm is the last refuge of a weak mind.**

Clockwork Spelling is the first refuge of a strong mind. Lemme see that access ID of yours.

Nephrine Isn't that the purpose of all crime, though?

ShadowSEA Admin And, that's all the time we've got today.

ShadowSEA Admin Thanks to all for attending, we'll be archiving this for future reference.