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By Blue Jade and a River Ox

The Aerish sailor sat back and shook his head. "No good, boss. It was a piece of junk before we strapped it to the back of this tub. It's done."

Shen crossed his arms. Beneath them the slow bob of Lake Xinhe seemed to shrug. After fighting with the sputtering, flatulent jade engine for a week, Shen finally had to agree with the sailor. It was done and they were stranded.

More's the pity, since the Miznu River poured away to Kausao City only another thirty miles across the lake. Another fifty after that and the Miznu would go from a dull, lazy, brown to a jade-streaked miasma of refinery run-off. It would remind the sailor of a warm bed, strong drinks, and that girl with a rose tattoo. To Alistair it would smell like familiar places and old friends. For Shen, it meant unfinished business and the source of mysterious black jade.

They had found the tiny engine half buried in a muddy river bank forty miles behind them, likely abandoned by its exasperated owner. Hauling it into the lee of a nearby cliff face, Shen had worked his mechanical magic cleaning out the valves and channels while Alistair and the sailor foraged for supplies. Upon their return, they lashed it to the back of a small dingy Alistair had "borrowed." Their progress across the lake had been swift since then, but without proper mounting the vibration had misaligned the blue jade channeling for the very last time. Short of a refinery forge and precision tools, it would never run again.

In the bow, Alistair cleared his throat, his blue eyes flicking from Shen to the shore. "So, what now?"

It was a good question. Their run-in with the bandits two weeks ago was only the beginning of their troubles in the Túyang frontier. The three of them survived four sleepless days racing along vine-tangled paths, hounded by a relentless troop of carnivorous tiger-monkeys. They were saved only by the intervention of an enormous serpent the length of a ship and the height of a house. The vivid green monster seemed to prefer stringy tiger-monkey to sweat-soaked human. The ensuing tree-leveling chaos gave them the head start they needed to make it to the shore of Lake Xinhe.

Now they drifted in the gathering dusk, taking turns rowing toward the northern bank. Finally they beached on a sandy inlet for the night. Alistair and the sailor started a fire, and soon the smoky smell of roasting fish filled the night air. Shen paced next to the dingy. If nothing presented itself by morning, they would be forced to walk the two hundred mile verge of Lake Xinhe on foot. Of course, they could row that distance. This would allow them to avoid lakeside settlements and bandits, but with a boat hardly big enough to hold the three of them let alone supplies, they could never stray far from shore, and the distance would be just as tedious. Worn as they were, Shen was unconvinced they would survive such a journey. He paused mid-step. Or perhaps...

The next morning, Alistair awoke to the sailor's boot against his ribs. "You're gonna want to see this."

At the lake's edge, bent low over the surface of the water, Shen was blowing into a thin blue jade pipe, with the opposite end beneath the surface. A muted, melodic humming filled the air. In front of him, the water's surface was boiling with fish of all sizes leaping and flashing in the morning sun. In their midst, a great grey animal dipped and bobbed in

time with the music. Covered in loose skin and roughly the shape of an Aerish dirigible, it slapped the water with a rounded, meaty-looking tail. Alistair blinked. “What’s happening?”

The sailor grinned and clapped a hand on the boy’s shoulder. “He’s called us a ride back to the city as sure as you call a rickshaw in Uptown.”

“But how?”

“You’ve heard of a water caller, yeah? They use them some places to send messages across bodies of water. Used to talk ship to ship when the seas were calm using ‘em. Shen built one out of the old jade engine, except his speaks to the fishes.”

Alistair rubbed his eyes. “Shen can talk to fish?”

Shen paused for breath and sat up. “On the rice patties, we used something like this to call the fish into traps. Something about the vibration. I wasn’t looking for all these fish to come, though. I only need the river ox.”

“Well you’ve got one. Now what?”

“Now I speak his language. Get us some of those vines. This might take a while.”

The sailor jogged off toward the jungle as Shen bent low over the river again. His fingers worked up and down the blue pipe as the tone changed. Low and slow, the melody rippled across the lake, almost below hearing. As if by magic, the fish seemed to lose interest, and the churning stopped. In front of Shen, a broad, soft grey face appeared beneath the surface. Alistair drew closer and made out a pair of pale blue eyes the size of his fist. They regarded Shen intelligently.

“Great Ehal...how?”

Shen held up a hand. His face was red with the effort of blowing on the pipe. A moment later the creature did a barrel roll and surfaced with a wuffling noise. Shen sat up and gasped. “I think he’ll do it. I think he’ll take us to the mouth of the Miznu.”

Alistair shook his head. “How did you know how to do that?”

Shen pulled the pipe out of the water. Below the surface, a complicated looking array of smaller pipes spread out in a fan. “River oxen are known to follow blue jade jet boats on the northern rivers. Some of them will stay with a specific boat for years as long as the engine is never serviced. Master Wiyin Pei proposed that it was something in the sound the engine makes beneath the surface. Sailors learned to give simple commands using water callers tuned to the river oxen. It took me most of the night, but I found it.”

The sailor came up, burly arms filled with a trailing bundle of vines. “On to Kausao City then?”

Shen nodded. “On to Kausao. By blue jade and a river ox.”



Welcome to the Jadetech Series

Jadetech defines the world of *Jadepunk*. It shapes everyday life and allows for a level of technology and understanding far beyond what would otherwise be possible. At its core, jade defies the laws that are considered the normal laws of nature. Any attempt to codify these exceptions to the natural order in any but the loosest of ways has failed. Many philosophers hold that jade—and by extension, Jadetech—is proof that the universe is unknowable in any way beyond the superficial. Others maintain the hope that some underlying principle or series of principles will emerge and explain the jade phenomena with some sort of grand, unified law.

What is Blue Jade?

Blue jade is change; it is flexibility of mind and body. Blue jade is the easiest jade to refine and manipulate, though it is difficult to stabilize. It is not the most common jade, but neither is it the least. It accumulates in and around the waters of the world, such as the coastal waters of the Kaiyumi Islands and along the beaches of the thousands of lakes in Cahuac, where the Nahuatl build their great houses on stilts and sing the world into being. Blue jade in raw form is usually found in small deposits, scattered, worn, and washed by the waters around it. It has the most variance of hue, varying from greenish blue to a dark purple. Blue jade has had a massive impact on the world, yet remains a mystery to most. It improves health and heals injury, increases the speed and safety of transportation, and allows for reflexes and insight far beyond what is common in nature. It is a tricky medium, but so infinitely useful that many have said Kausao City could not exist without it. Its ability to inexpensively freeze and transport food allows for many necessities and delicacies from around the world, feeding the ever growing and ever hungry population of Kausao. This is blue jade, through which the world is traveled, understood, and controlled.

History of Blue Jade

After the discovery of the properties of red jade, the nations of the world began a mad scramble for the secrets of this new technology. Many dangerous and deadly techniques were invented and tried. Blue jade was the second color to reveal its secrets.

It was first discovered by the Kaiyumi in a deliberate attempt to find its mystical properties. Simply heating the jade was insufficient for the task, and dangerous. Many died or were maimed by overheating or poorly treating the raw jade. The breakthrough came when it was cooled in a bath of salt water, and the jade began to exhibit wondrous properties; the material gained buoyancy and could be easily moulded and shaped with minimal tools.

Initially this jade was used as a treatment on the hulls of Kaiyumi ships. This treatment allowed the Kaiyumi to gain the edge in controlling the sea trade. Soon Kaiyumi ships were a common sight in nearly every port world-wide. Able to go farther and faster, the Kaiyumi used their ships to explore, map, and exploit many previously unknown lands, including the continents of Ahao and Quechus.

Kaiyumi Boats

Among the Kaiyumi islands, boats are more than just a convenience. They are of immense personal and religious importance. Often the carvings and paintings of a family's spirits and gods adorn their boat. The control and worship of the sea is so important that when the clan leader of a poor clan or a hero who cannot afford a mausoleum dies, he or she is often buried at sea in the family's finest boat.

Originally, the Kaiyumi typically used blue jade to augment their boats and ships. Use of blue jade sealant and caulk allowed for a shallow draft while remaining stable in even the roughest of seas. This method of boat building has been practiced and perfected by the Kaiyumi for centuries, and to this day they remain the masters of the sea.

Blue jade technology advanced rapidly and in nearly every field—it seemed there was no limit to its versatility. Many new methods of refinement and use were discovered, leading to new innovations. Chief among them was the advent of refrigeration, allowing ships long-term storage of perishable items. While they have been around for a while, it is only in the last twenty years that blue jade coolers have become mainstream.

While jade has long been used in medicinal concoctions, it is only in the last hundred years that blue jade medicines have begun to have a major effect on patients. Medicinal usefulness tends to quickly dissipate without proper treatment of the blue jade, and the necessary technique for sustaining its healing properties has only been developed in recent years. Blue jade's adaptability and malleability allows for it to produce miracle cures. Rarely do the rich die young anymore, and even the worst injury can be healed, for a price.

In modern day Kausao City blue jade is nearly ubiquitous, only seen slightly less on a daily basis than green jade. Often fearful people will have a blue jade tattoo or carry blue jade body paint in order to stave off sickness. Blue jade water purifiers are all that stand between Kausao and massive plagues and open sewage.

Blue jade coolers keep food fresh longer, helping the workforce to stay healthy and strong—physically, at least. It is safe to say that Kausao, and indeed the world, could not operate without the varied but significant uses of blue jade.

Refinement

Blue jade is naturally buoyant and can be found in or along the edges of any large body of water. It is most often collected in the shallows and on beaches of the oceans and lakes and along the banks of rivers. There is also an abundance of blue jade running parallel to and through many of the world's great aquifers. Some also surmise that there are vast stores of blue jade held in the ocean depths. None of the mining companies has yet found a means to inspect the ocean floor for the deposits, but they are in a desperate race to find a method to extract the ocean's bounty.

Blue jade is refined in one of several ways. The most common method is to first powder the jade, heat it, and then quench it in salt water. This process has the benefit of both refining the jade and purifying the water. This cleansed water interacts in strange and useful ways with jade and is often part of concoctions when one wishes to enhance or alter formulae, infusing them with the mystical energies of the blue jade. Another method of refining blue jade includes holding it in boiling water and then quenching it in snow and steam treating it, slowly heating it to extreme temperatures over a week, and then slowly bringing the temperature down over another week. The most recently discovered approach is to pound the jade to powder while adding in water slowly, with the pressure raising the temperature while the water binds it together. When it becomes fully refined, the blue jade solidifies and the pounding ceases to have an effect. However, this is a new and still relatively untried method.

Quality of Life Uses

Blue jade directly affects the lives of every person in Kausao City. As mentioned before, it is used to aid in the health and welfare of the people, especially the rich. Its use in refrigeration allows for food to travel further and remain fresh longer. It also enhances medicines and potions, giving them the ability to combat severe injury, poison, and sickness. Additionally, it is used in several nootropic drugs to increase awareness and focus. It purifies and creates water, allowing for much larger populations to exist in very small areas. Finally it is still used as a method of travel; ships with blue jade can manipulate the water beneath them and achieve speed and surety unheard of with traditional craft.

The earliest way blue jade was used for cooling was massively inefficient, as it required great, unwieldy blocks of jade. There was no control of the temperature and often the item being cooled was damaged by the freezing process. Later on the addition of ether and other volatile fluids allowed for smaller refrigeration units to be created, though the temperature control problem was still extant. These ice machines were finally a success when they were made in the form of a separate tank and fan system that moved the cold air throughout the area to be cooled.

Somehow this movement of air allowed for precise temperature control, though nothing else in the mechanism was changed or altered. To this day alchemists study this effect to try and deduce the truth of it. They dubbed it the Tsui-Hark effect, after the two alchemists that first recorded it. Currently, refrigeration units are used primarily by shipping companies to store large quantities of perishables. Individual sized units are still in the realm of luxuries for the rich.

The powerful and the rich also have delved into the more esoteric and strange aspects of blue jade, creating medicines and drugs that allow for excellent health—both physical and mental—long into their later years. If one has enough money or influence, he or she can receive the cure for almost any wound or sickness. Also amazing are the blue jade infused drugs that cause significant cognitive enhancement. Typical results are increased situational awareness, increased reflexes and reaction time, and a superior ability to focus. At times, even more significant effects have been achieved using these methods.

Most folks don't think about sanitation and water purification, but without it Kausao would be a plague-ridden stinking pit of a town rather than the metropolis that it is. The sewers beneath the city all feed into the Great Sieves—blue jade purifiers that cleanse the water used by the city. Run by the Department of Renewal, these sieves are defended night and day by the city guard to ensure that no criminals or terrorists seize them and threaten the city and its commerce. Across the world the city of Kinardbal has a more extreme use for blue jade. The flying city has built cutting-edge blue jade water factories, where it actually creates water to meet the needs of its population and hydroponics.

The Túyangan fortress cities have had to get inventive over the centuries to feed their growing populace. Their earliest method of farming was to use terraces cut into cliff and mountain walls, as they protected the food and workers from ravenous beasts. This was less than ideal, though, as every day farmers had to be carted out to their farms. Banditry began to rise, and farmers were constantly at risk of being attacked by beasts in transit. In recent years a new method has been developed; blue jade hydroponics. The great city arcologies are now covered in massive glass structures that gleam like jewels across the wilds, each containing vast hydroponic farms filled with chaemic crops. While terrace farming has not been replaced, these new forms of farming show promise of safer days for farmers. A great many Naramel agricultural combine operators would love to steal or sabotage these hydroponic farms, as they are seen as a potential threat to Naramel interests.

While the first use of blue jade was simply a coating on the bottoms of Kaiyumi boats to increase stability and speed in the Storm Sea, it was leading to much more. This was the beginning of the water engine. Blue jade moves the water beneath the craft and shapes the seas around the boat. Initially these boats used sails to propel them while the blue jade merely made the hull nearly frictionless. In the centuries since, though, sails have come to be a thing of the past, suitable only for boats of the poor and pleasure crafts of the idle rich. Today, the water engine is seen anywhere where water travel is common.

On the peak of the great mountain of Mungau Tapua on the eastern Kaiyumi island of Tawhati lies the great temple mausoleum of the Atu Kapi monks. The temple is carved into the mountain, and the tombs and catacombs are so deep they are said to intersect with the underworld itself. At the entrance of each tunnel are hung thirteen blue jade flutes, called Sola ne Furu. These flutes play on their own, even in the depths where there is no wind. Their eerie melodies ring through the air of all the catacombs, serenading the honored dead until the end of time when it is believed they must wake and fight the Yuunowarie—the final battle.

Natural Jade Infusion

Naturally blue jade infused chaemeral animals and plants are quite common. By ingesting or dwelling in an area saturated with blue jade, these creatures and plants take on the properties of the jade. They become swifter, more cunning, focused, and flexible. Because of this, blue jade animals are some of the most dangerous in the world. A creature infused with blue jade becomes tenacious, and its senses increase to supernatural levels. These animals learn and adapt, and at times destroy. Many is the tale of a small town in Túyang being wiped out by a band of frost wolves that somehow slipped through walls and locked doors.

Frost Wolves

In northern Túyang and among the Saapi and Khangiiir peoples of the far north, frost wolves are a constant danger. Infused with blue jade, these small wolves roam in packs of up to fifty. During the summer months they stay above the arctic circle, eating seals and raiding the karabau herds of the Saapi and Khangiiir. During the winter, when food is scarce, the wolves are often driven south to dine on whatever meat they can find. Usually they are nothing but a persistent nuisance, roaming as small packs of hungry beasts. However, every decade or so the frost wolves will gather into a massive pack and move across the countryside. They destroy every-



thing in their path, and their hunger is limitless. None yet know how or why this happens. The only defense is to hole up in a walled city and hope the fortress can hold out the pack.

Sample Challenge: On the Run from the Frost Wolves

If your characters are caught out on the tundra, forest, or plain with a pack of frost wolves pursuing them, treat it like a challenge. The characters cannot hold back hundreds of the beasts; the only hope is to run, hide, or do some combination of the two. First you must detect the pack, which is not challenging due to the number of wolves (difficulty +1).

Running from them will work, but your characters will need to have a place to run to, as the wolves will just keep coming (difficulty of +2 to +4 depending on terrain and environmental factors). It is immensely difficult to hide from them as the blue jade has so greatly enhanced their senses (difficulty +7 to +9, depending on the situation). Creating advantages against their senses would have the same level of difficulty. Trying to barricade or hold them off with fire or some other natural deterrent can work, should the wolves find your characters (difficulty +2 to +6 depending on the situation). Also, the characters can take consequences to secure a victory should they roll a failure. Feel free to play with success at a cost as well. Make the players' lives more interesting.

Possible complications include but are not limited to the following: bandits are on the run from the same pack and they decide to slow down the pack with the PCs by any means; a family is trapped in a house and needs help to hide from the beasts; massive obstacle (like a canyon, a glacial crevasse, or a river) stands in the PCs' path; more wolves from the same pack are between the PCs and their goal.

Stats for Frost Wolves

Portrayal: **Jade Tainted Northern Wolves**

Need: **The Pack and the Chase**

Instinct: **Hunt, Kill, Eat, Repeat**

The rivers of northern Ahaio often hold deposits of blue jade. The plants that grow along the rivers can absorb some small amount of the jade. One interesting specimen is the blue rose, a carnivorous plant that drains the heat energy from small animals and insects that land upon its brilliantly blue petals. Should a human touch one it merely gives a slight touch of frost, but a poison can be distilled from the plant. This poison will cause its victim to slip into a coma so deep as to make the victim appear dead. All metabolic function ceases for a short period of time. Currently this is only known to the Nehuat peoples, but should the alchemists of the east discover this property, it is fearful to think what they could do with it.

Complications

If blue jade is not properly refined it can lead to inferior devices that work inconsistently, if at all. While blue jade weapons are easy to sharpen, they tend to need routine maintenance more often than other types of jade weaponry. This is because blue jade tends to wear out a little faster than other forms; however, it is also the easiest to break down and reforge.

Those who ingest blue jade become focused and flexible, but overuse can start to eat away at memories and a sense of self. These junkies live so much in the moment that their understanding of the past and future begins to break down. There are many on the streets who are nearly omniscient in the moment and in their immediate area, but are unable to understand consequences or learn from mistakes. Criminal gangs and jade cults often use this as a method for building “perfect soldiers.” They are loyal, because they cannot contemplate the future, they are impossible to trick or sneak up on due to their senses, and they never question orders. Many is the orphan in Kausao, purchased from an orphanage and trained in martial arts while given a strict diet of blue jade. Know the blue jade addict by his blue-glazed eyes and twitching muscles.

Blue Jadetech Assets

Dwr-anadl: Recently developed by an independent Jadetech engineer, this technology has the potential to change the political landscape in the favor of the nation that gains control of it. The device allows for its wearer to breathe water like a fish; it is the key to mining in the ocean depths for precious jade. Currently there is only one working prototype, and it is in the hands of Afanan Sayer, who is on the run from three separate mining companies.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Rebreather**

Features: Exceptional (ignore any obstacles related to breathing underwater)

Flaws: Demanding (must roll greater than +4 to successfully use the device or to remove it when done)

Cost: 1 Refresh

Afanan Sayer has a problem. She is a genius beyond compare and has developed a technology that would revolutionize the world. When three major mining companies discovered her Dwr-anadl worked they tried to buy it for a fraction of what it was worth. When she balked, they sent hit squads after her. For the last year she has been on the run, barely surviving. She is running out of time, and she needs help.

Multi-tool: Invented by a jade alchemist who hated having to stop working to get a new tool, this tool can alter its shape to become whichever tool is needed at the moment. The design has spread throughout the jade markets and there are now many variants. It is a difficult tool to create, but the usefulness is hard to beat.

As a bit of a mechanical aside, this device is mostly just an excuse to use a create advantage action to gain the perfect tool for every mechanical problem. That said, some mechanical benefit has also been added in. Most folks who have one of these would not have the features or flaws, unless they really wanted this asset as a permanent part of their character's identity.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Multi-Tool**

Features: Exceptional (gain a +3 when invoking a created tool related aspect instead of +2), Focus 2 (+1 Engineer, +1 Scoundrel)

Flaws: Situational (Scoundrel can only be used when a tool would be helpful), Demanding (takes one action to switch tools)

Cost: 2 Refresh

Blue Jade Body Paint: Often utilized by those who do not wish to have the constant effects of a tattoo, but would like to attain similar results for a short period. The paint is applied to the body in very specific and intricate designs, which allow for varied effects. The asset constructed here is for blue jade paint that is painted over the eyelids, down the neck and forms a knot pattern over the heart. It allows for great speed and enhanced senses.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Body Paint**

Features: Focus 4 (+1 Explorer, +3 Scholar), Protective 1

Flaws: Situational (Scholar can only be used for sensing your surroundings), Demanding (takes a great [+4] Aristocrat roll to properly paint the symbols)

Cost: 1 Refresh

Mist cloak: The greatest military secret among the Nahuatl in their war against the invading Aerish colonists, the mist cloak allows their forces to disappear and reappear like ghosts in the forests swamps of their homeland. It is said that the god Mispesh, the underwater lynx, granted knowledge of the cloak to the Nahuatl people as repayment for an ancient kindness. Creating the cloak is difficult and only a few handfuls have been made. Their impact has been felt, however, as the Aerish tell stories of the ghost soldiers that appear and disappear like a dream in the night



Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Cloak of Invisibility**
Features: Focus 4 (+4 to Scoundrel)
Flaws: Situational (bonus can only be used at night and only for direct stealth)
Cost: 2 Refresh

Sharp Water: When the heated jade is quenched in salt water, what is left over is a purified, mystical water. It aids in healing and curing diseases. When combined with properly prepared poppy tears, it can also increase mental reflexes and give intense situational awareness.

Function Aspect: **Blue-Jade-Powered Nootropic**
Features: Focus 6 (+2 Fighter, +2 Explorer, +2 Scholar)
Flaws: Must have Situational (only for use on defense and create advantage against living opponents) plus whatever else you get from the creation roll

Panacea: The wonder drug invented by the rich for the rich. It will cure nearly any disease or injury, and heal the body from the effects of poison. It is only available to the richest and most powerful of men and women.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Health Elixir**

Features: Focus 6 (+6 Scholar)

Flaws: As per creation rules

Optional Healing Rules

In Jadepunk we went with a pretty simple method of removing consequences. Just wait the requisite time and the consequence goes away. It is simple, neat, and does what we wanted it to do. However, if you are looking for a little more bite to the consequence recovery, here is a method you might wish to use. Stress still recovers after the conflict is over, as normal; however, each consequence must be altered by a recovery roll before it can be removed. The player who is attempting to remove a consequence must roll Scholar versus a difficulty equal to the consequence level (+2 difficulty for a minor consequence, +4 for a moderate, and +6 for severe). If the one removing the consequence succeeds, then the consequence gets renamed to reflect its new status as recovering. Finally, after the requisite time has passed (minor after next scene, moderate after next session, and severe after the end of the scenario) the consequence is removed. If the player succeeded with style on the recovery roll, treat it as one level lower for recovery time.

Water Caller: This device looks like a megaphone that floats on the water, wide end down. It lets the users speak over long distances through water, so long as both callers are touching a connected body of water. They are primarily used among the islands controlled by the Kaiyumi.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Long Distance Communicator**

Features: Exceptional (can speak with anyone else using a water caller along any connected bodies of water)

Flaws: Situational (only works through water), Troubling (**The Static of the**

Stormy Seas)

Cost: 1 Refresh

Lowland Seis Process: It is a dangerous process, invented only one year ago by a small research firm in Kausao City. The goal was to build a super soldier for the various countries and companies in their continuous wars for power and land, but something went horribly wrong. The firm decided to test out their process on a condemned criminal, as they were unsure of the effects or likelihood of subject survival. They inserted blue jade pins along the subject's spinal column and into his brain. The subject survived, but was driven mad. He killed everyone in the firm and vanished into the streets of Kausao. The process was designed to bring about total body awareness and a near omniscience in the moment, increasing sensory input and reaction time to superhuman levels. It succeeded beyond their wildest dreams, creating the perfect killer.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Spine**

Features: Focus 8 (+3 Fighter; +3 Explorer; +2 Scoundrel), Protective 2

Flaws: Troubling (**Can't Fight the Madness**), Troubling (**No Past, No Future**), Situational (focus can only be used when attempting to kill someone)

Cost: 6 Refresh

The Tranquility: An old military surplus bulk freighter, this ship has existed in one form or another for well over a hundred years. It started out as a military cargo vessel and has been refitted and rebuilt seven times since. The current owner is a veteran who grew tired of constant war and posturing. He gathered a crew and will take on any job, so long as it keeps the ship afloat. Tranquility, or a ship just like it, has been spotted in several areas where the rail or a bank has been robbed, and also in several areas where the poor and needy have received mysterious help from bandits who have desperately needed supplies. There is currently a notice to all ships from Kausao to be on the lookout for a refurbished freighter of a similar design to the Tranquility, though her name has yet to come up.

Function Aspect: **Blue-Jade-Powered Cargo Ship**

Features: Aspect (**Modular Cargo Vessel**), Exceptional (instantly leave or appear in a scene, as long as there's a way in or out by water), Sturdy 1

Flaws: Demanding (requires a +2 difficulty Explorer roll to get the ship underway), Situational (only with a crew of at least five members who are dedicated to the task of working the ship, and nothing else), Troubling (travel is always dangerous)

Cost: 1 Refresh

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Master key: Thieves dream of gaining access to one of these keys. Made from blue jade, a master key instantly fits into any lock. Rumours of these keys have spread through the underworld for decades, though no one has claimed to own one. It is always held by an acquaintance or a friend of a friend.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Master Key**
Features: Exceptional (instantly overcome any obstacle related to locked doors or windows using ordinary locks), Focus (+2 Scoundrel)
Flaws: Situational (only works on locks), Demanding (takes one of the player's turns)
Cost: 2 Refresh

Shimmer Blades: The Empress of the Kaiyumi has handpicked guards and assassins, known as the five. All are women whose identity remains hidden behind their armor; they are trained in the deadliest fighting arts and given the most advanced Jadetech. Their choice weapons are the shimmer blades, malleable weapons that can collapse to easily hide or appear as a bracelet or necklace. They comes in two versions; the first is a weapon that can become any and every other weapon of the same type (a hand weapon or a ranged weapon), whereas the second can transform into any handheld object as well as any weapon of the same of the same kind. It is a weapon that moves faster than the eye can follow and flows around all armors and static defenses.

Function Aspect: **Blue Jade Hidden Weapon**
Features: Focus 4 (+2 Fighter, +2 Scoundrel), Harmful 2 (grant up to +2 shifts of stress on a successful hit), Exceptional (ignore stress boxes from armor)
Flaws: Situational (Scoundrel can only be used to conceal that you have a weapon), Demanding (takes one turn to swap from weapon to other weapon or back to bracelet/necklace)
Cost: 4 Refresh





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