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RPG™

...opens the gates
to an
entirely new
realm of fantasy
within the setting of

DÁRDÜNAH

WORLD of the FALSE DAWN

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STUDIOS

...invites you to enter the fantastic world of Dárdünah, the vast shard of a shattered realm, as presented in the colorful pages of the SHARD RPG! Many years in the making, this system allows players to choose from a wide variety of animal people who are the main cast of the many adventures this otherworldly setting offers. Skyships glide through shimmering clouds past majestic crystal peaks. Giant insects prowl alien jungles or lurk in the sparkling emerald seas. Warriors with blades of diamond and amber duel across crimson sands. And mystics chant in shadowy chambers as their spirits wander abroad.

SHARD is an exciting new game of heroic fantasy and adventure set in the realm of Dárdünah, World of the False Dawn, a unique fantasy campaign setting. You won't find the standard fantasy fare in these pages; there are no elves, trolls, dwarves, knights, or even dragons. Indeed, the campaign world is quite a deviation from most European fantasy adventure games.

Dárdünah's time period is not strictly medieval, the setting drawing its flavor from eastern rather than western cultures. Nor is it set on an alternate version of Earth. In fact, there are no humans on Dárdünah. An initial assortment of 90 animal templates inspired by the entire animal kingdom full of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and birds are available for players to create an amazing assortment of characters, each with their own set of animal-based abilities, and that's just the beginning! Creating characters for the game is a step-by-step process that guides the player through choices meant to place each character firmly within the fiction of the world. SHARD offers several different "power-levels" of play from low to legendary, and presents hundreds of occupations from humble peasant to powerful lord!

What we hope you'll find in the pages of the SHARD RPG is a gateway to grand, cinematic role-playing. Our simple, success-based d6 system is easy to learn, but the emphasis of the game is on the vibrant flow of story and fiction, whether experienced during a wild martial arts combat, or in the midst of a descriptive scene involving our unique system of ritual magic.

The tone of the setting can best be described as Eastern heroic fantasy with a strong cloak-and-dagger influence, all set on an alien world of chitinous beasts and mystical crystals. You will defend your lineage and honor against spies and slavers. You will face deadly assassins and duel with Honor Guards in the Spiral Arena. You will Dreamwalk with eerie sorcerers and battle alien demons. And over all of this...the divine Devah look down from the Edge of Heaven.



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We introduce the SHARD RPG with these releases and more in full color!

- The Basic Compendium, containing the core rules, character creation, essential fiction, a bestiary of alien creatures, and much more... 350 Pages. Suggested Retail \$39.99
- The Convenience Pack, containing all the essential sheets for playing the game; Character Sheets, Combat sheets, NPC creation sheets, a small, handy world map, and many others.... Suggested Retail \$15.99
- The Gamemaster Screen, displaying all the most useful tables, references, and important game data on the inside, with a beautiful, panoramic view of the world on the outside! Suggested Retail \$14.99

For an even deeper glimpse into this unique world, please visit us at www.shardrpg.com.

If only you could gaze into the future ...

You would see the exciting plans SHARD STUDIOS has in store within the next year or two!

- *The World Guide*, further detailing the setting of the game with descriptions of the countries, sections on medicines, poisons, magic crystals, trade, religion, and politics.
- *Magic and Martial Arts*, an expansion upon the basic rules, including 10 unique magic rituals with nearly 100 mystic disciplines, and over 30 different exciting martial styles.
- A collection of 90 **ADDITIONAL** Animal Templates for an even wider selection of character races to choose from.
- A variety of adventure modules and other supplements, some sold as separate booklets, and others available for download from our official site online.



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