

Shen - Character Design Document

Short Summary

Shen is a quick thinking dishonored detective. He's been given a second chance at life, but what will he do with it?



About

“How many did you frame?”
“No one who wasn't guilty.”

Shen's angst and ineptitude have negative consequences, but his determination is derived from a need to right a wrong. After seeing the rampant poverty and foundational corruption throughout the capital, he recognizes criminality as having some environmental causes.

History

“If he doesn't like you, he'll tear you apart and it's all perfectly legal. Because Shen fights dirty and plays rough. He's bad news, but he's a great detective.”

Shen lived a charmed life in Bazhou, fashioning himself as a leader among the local kids in town (due to his family connections and access to funds) - and displaying an aptitude for the civil service examinations.

At fifteen, a tumultuous love affair with a traveling mingji led to estrangement from his family and a failed suicide attempt. Having shattered his reputation within the community, Shen left Bazhou and his loathing for his fellow men behind for a new beginning in Beijing.

In Beijing, Shen forged his civil service exam and began working as a subprefect, helping handle local investigations. His ambition stood out even for an officer – by way of favors, bribes, and intimidation – marking him as a prime candidate for promotion towards a county magistrate position.

Shen's life was upended after he accidentally murdered a possible suspect, and then attempted to frame another for the crime. When his scheme unraveled, he found himself condemned to a life behind bars. This is where our story begins...



Physical Description:

- Sex: Male
- Age: Late 20s, Early 30s
- Height: Average
- Weight: Thin (Prison Body)
- Physique: Slender, Weak
- Details: Tattoo on neck, scars on face and back
- Clothes: Official robes, tattered
- Looks: Handsome, obviously, but closer to a pirate than a priest.

