

## *Shining Star*

Shining Star was the middle sister of three born to the prosperous Starry Night family, whose relatives and contacts are spread throughout trade routes of the region. She was the happiest of them, playing her lute, enjoying good craftsmanship and friendship, participating in the Sidhe rites of Dana, and being good company – and also of service to the family’s merchant concerns, because no one could help talking to such a harmless, nice person. Her family was always hard-edged with money, but to her, money was just part of being easy and fun.

Money was a different thing for her lover Sun Fox, whose misfortunes eventually required her support. She turned to her best friend, a young priestess of Dana. Evergreen Blessing, not known for her perfect moral character, was willing to loan her friend in need \$1000 and also suggested “borrowing” the sacred Silver Bough from the underground temple for a quick ROI scheme before returning it.

Shining Star agreed. In the solidarity of friendship, Evergreen Blessing borrowed the Silver Bough, and Shining Star took it to a hidden glen of no importance to anyone else for safekeeping while she arranged the deal.

Shining Star was then confronted by another crisis: her elder sister, Pure Fire, had been ruined in a shady business deal and badly needed financial help as well. The younger sister, Moon’s Glow, was the cleverest of the three and had deduced Shining Star’s situation from certain clues. She stole the Silver Bough from the hidden glen (they had all played there as children) and hid it in the family home, to use for her sister’s aid.

By the time Shining Star figured out what happened, the Silver Bough had been missed and all the temple’s resources were bent upon discovering the culprit. She stepped forward to take the blame, as she knew Evergreen Blessing’s fate would be far worse. She was imprisoned for three years and her apparent refusal to reveal the treasure’s location (because she did not know it) led the high priestess of Dana to curse her as well.

She has just been released, no longer the fresh young fun-lover but hardened by prison and sorely marked by the curse. She is very alone. Her sisters are restored to prosperity and are now effectively running the family business, but they cannot associate with someone so disgraced. Evergreen Blessing apparently considers herself owed the balance of funds, and Sun Fox has moved away.

She was able to wrangle a one-time stipend from her sisters and has invested in cheap clothes, some protective gear, a good bow with quiver and twenty arrows, and a lute (her most valued possession). She is frugally spending from her meager remaining funds for a poor meal and drink with refills, as she contemplates whether to go elsewhere or to stay with the aim of righting some wrongs.

Goals:

- Reconcile with Evergreen Blessing
- Restore the Silver Bough to Dana’s temple
- Find Sun Fox
- Seek training from the Everyman Society