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Welcome to ASpiRE! Magazine, an offshoot of Aspire Modeling Agency. We aim to bring you the hottest news from the fashion industry, feature articles on SL, and much more. We'll be publishing once a month. Join our Aspire Fan Club and we'll keep you posted on upcoming fashion and other events that will keep you active in SL. Just go to "Search" then "Groups", type in "Aspire" and the fan club is free to join.

No magazine can succeed without input from

its readers. So, send a Letter to the Editor anytime. Let me know what you like and what you don't like. If you've got a great suggestion for what we should include, send that along too. I'd love to hear from each and every one of you. Each month, I'll publish a sample of the letters that I get. Also, look for my monthly tidbits that will help newcomers enjoy SL more.

This month's tip:

"Contests for Fun and Lindens"

Entering contests is a great way to meet people and sometimes earn money if your outfit is good enough. This doesn't always mean that you have to spend a lot of money on looking right. A lot of things that are free or inexpensive will sometimes fit the bill.

Occasionally, if the contest is worth it, I enter with friends as a group entry. Once, three of us won a \$500 prize entering a "Come as Your Favorite Movie Star" contest. We each dressed up in black leather and went as Charlie's Angels. Another time, a friend and I split a \$500 prize by entering a "Fairy Tale" contest. I went as Little Red Riding Hood and she went as a wolf. All of these

costumes were things we found in "free stuff" boxes. Creativity is more important than expensive clothing.

If you are going to enter as a group, it is better if there is a Voting Board. Only one of you should officially enter the contest. If you have a titler, you can let people in on the fact that it's a group. Afterwards, you just split the loot.

It's best if you don't go thinking that you're going to win. Everyone who is there does the voting, and people sometimes tend to vote for their friends. But, if you really stand out you can beat the popularity vote.

Aside from the possibility of making a few Lindens, contests are a great way to meet people, especially if you are going solo. Your own and other people's costumes are great conversation starters. So, next time you're bored and wondering what to do, look for an event that has a costume contest. Unleash your imagination and go have fun.

Adrienne Beliveau

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Skin: Gala Skin Medium Mod Lips Series by Gala Phoenix

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If you have any events that you'd like advertised here, send your request to our Editor in Chief, Adrienne Beliveau.

Join the ASpiRE! Fan Club:

Finally, a place for the fans of the fastest growing modeling agency in SL to hang out and get updated information of the models and up-coming events!!! It's free to join and all are welcome.

Joining is simple! Search for "ASpiRE!" in the group search. Select the "ASpiRE! Fan Club" group and join :) That's all there is to it!

Also, if one of ASpiRE's executives see you out and about-wearing your #1 Fan tag-they just might show their appreciation with a few Linden *wink*.

~See you around

SL SPEAKS

With each issue of ASpiRE! magazine, you will be given the opportunity to make your voice heard. Each month, you will be given a little food for thought in the form of a question. Come to the lobby of ASpiRE! Modeling Agency to submit your vote and look for the results in the next issue.

Question:

"Can new residents make it big in SL without resorting to the adult entertainment industry?"

Place your votes at this location:

ASpiRE! Modeling Agency
Plush Genesis (236, 114, 22)

At work...



For fun...



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Musashi-Do

Wear your dreams...



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Designer purses, handbags, clutches, backpacks and totes.

Hyades (213, 122, 27)



Simone Stern

Simple Elegance

by Adrienne Beliveau

September 9 saw one of the "hawtest" fashion events of the year, the unveiling of Simone Stern's new fall line. About 100 residents showed up during the four-hour event, which was hosted by Aspire Modeling Agency. Modeling the gowns were top models from Aspire, ADF, and Flesh, Inc., along with Top Models Starr Raine and Xiandra Gwynneville. The models changed their outfits four times during the event and mingled and danced with the guests.

The theme of the fall fashion debut was Simple Elegance. This theme was carried out not only in the clothes but also in the decor of the showroom and the soothing music played by DJ Zef Vaughn. The elegance in her style might be attributed to her love of old movies, which she says are sometimes her inspiration. Another inspiration is her dreams

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Sneak Preview

Coming in October- Simone told me that it's the season for all things dark and murky and she's inspired to create a few costumes that even Morticia would wear. We chuckled at that, thinking of Morticia and her ultimate 30's simple elegant look.





She says she'll often see something in a dream and then turn it into a reality when she awakens.

The fall line features both formal and bridal wear as well as more casual outfits. She brings an incredible fluidness to all of her designs and the majority of her details are all hand drawn. One hit of the collection was a solid color strapless dress with a thin bow at the waist and tiers of ruffles in the skirt. It looks marvelous on the dance floor. Many of her designs come in several colors with one top and two prim skirts.

Two other designers collaborated with Simone to make this collection; top jewelry

These lovely ladies are dancing the night away in two of Simone's beautiful dresses. The aqua dress on the left is called Vegas and the pink one on the right is called Fallingwater.



designer Zarah Dawn (whose jewelry is included with many of the formal attire) and Fallingwater Cellardoor who designed the bows attached to the dresses.

After reading about SL in the Wall Street Journal, Simone decided to enter the virtual world. About a week after she arrived, she started designing. She said

it took her about a year of extremely hard work to get established. But the hard work paid off and she now makes her living designing in SL. I asked her if she thought there was still room for new designers to make it big. She answered, "Sure, ya can do anything you wanna do in life if you're determined and disciplined and driven enough, don't take no for an answer, and refuse to give up." •

Simone! Design Main Location and Wedding Center, Simone (81, 228, 32)

...something simple
something BOLD...





top left - Chic light red, bottom left - Romantic Up Do, middle - Marissa black, top right - Reckless black, bottom right - Pop Gurl Sun-kissed

“Hair by Tami McCoy” by Aunnia Willberg

Today I had the pleasure of speaking with Tami McCoy of **Hair by Tami McCoy**. Tami has been a resident of Second Life since May of 2004. At that time, she had been a hairstylist in RL for quite some time. When she came to SL, there was almost no prim hair and the only designer she knew of was Washu ZebraStripe. So, she felt it would only be natural for her to go in the direction of designing hair.

Tami has a very unique way of combining prim and the flex feature to bring a more natural flowing design, which mimics the more realistic flow one would find in RL. When asked to identify what she felt were her 5 best selling designs, she named Reckless (which is not only popular with the ladies but with the men as well), Pop Gurl, Chic, Marissa and Romantic Up-Do. Tami mentioned that she received very positive responses in regards to her shorter hairstyles. People wanted

something different and these styles are great. I have several of her shorter styles and find them to be a very refreshing change. She also stated that she has a variety of up-do styles, but Romantic Up-Do has done very well from the very beginning.

When Tami is not busy designing hair, she is busy with her other business- **The Silver Dollar Saloon**. It is a country and western dance club, which features line dancing and bull riding contests. She has just purchased an island and has given it the name of Dixie. She has moved The Silver Dollar Saloon there and is in the process of relocating Hair by Tami McCoy to that location as well. To get to know more, you can check out Tami's blog address at <http://tamshair.blogspot.com/>.

Stop by Hair by Tami McCoy. I promise once you try one of her styles you will want more *smile*.

Hair Styles by Tami McCoy, Milu (73, 86, 28)
Silver Dollar Saloon, Dixie (184, 215, 23)

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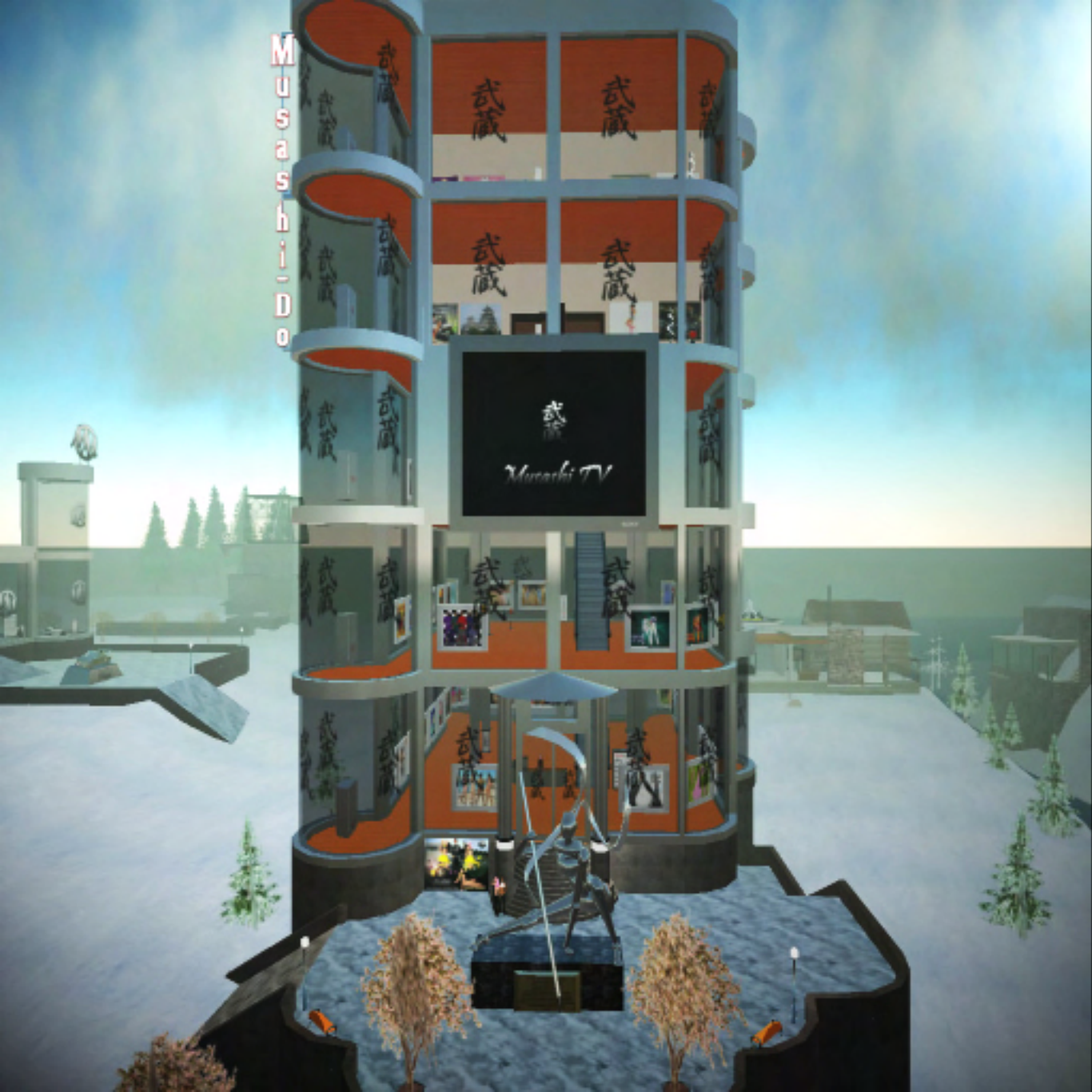
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The Way of Musashi



An Interview with
Shiryu Musashi,
owner of
Musashi-Do

by Hitomi Taiko

I would be lying if I said that I wasn't at all nervous as I perused the vendor on a Monday afternoon at the Musashi-Do Fashion Shop in Anton. I still remember my newbie days of hunting through freebie bazaars and yard sales for clothes and various other objects. It was then that I found a box containing a freebie pack from Musashi-Do. Once I managed to get the box open, I was amazed at the level of quality that was put into the various tops that the box contained. Now, about ten months later, I was about to have a sit down with the designer of the tops I had found in that freebie bazaar - Shiryu Musashi.

As I waited for my appointment time, I browsed through the store. Musashii Do is known for its affordable, unique and highly detailed clothing. The sleek detail, in his new line of bikinis Wet Dreams, keeps with this tradition. This set comes in ten different colors at the amazing price of just 60L each. Another new addition to Musashi-Do is Evening Revolution, a line of men's outfits featuring suave textures and a flexi prim tie.

Musashi came down, personally greeted me and led me to his office where we would conduct the interview. The spacious and yet simple decor of his office, along with Musashi's own casual and friendly disposition, calmed my nerves. So, I began my chat with Shiryu Musashi.

Hitomi: To start off, may I ask how you came to open your fashion business in Second Life?

Shiryu: Well, it's fairly simple, almost comical. On my second day in Second Life, I was invited to the birthday party of one of my friend's friends. It was a pajama party. I had some time before the party and a bit of previous experience with textures in other games, so I made my first Chinese outfit that works well as pajamas. People at the party liked the outfit and encouraged me to continue designing. I guess you could say that's how Musashi-Do was born.

Hitomi: So you had the oriental theme from the beginning?

Shiryu: Yes, in real life I'd been mentored by a Japanese family friend for around fourteen years when I was younger. I guess it's more or less like a second nationality for me; culturally at least.

Hitomi: How long did it take you to open your first shop after your friend's party?

Shiryu: About a week, but I was helped. I had some veteran friends that helped me get the land and gave me a



a few pointers...it was still an UGLY shop...I should still have a picture of it somewhere.

Mr. Musashi handed me a picture of the shop moments later. It was a three floor structure with transparent box walls with the Musashi-Do logo on the side and a welcome mat at the entrance.

Hitomi: Oh my.

Shiryu: Ugly isn't it? I have to say that at the time I was proud of it.

I sat there gazing at the photo. I thought to myself that even though one could accurately look at the structure and guess that the builder was new to prim works, the store was still an impressive looking structure. Musashi spoke up as he tore my attention away from the photo. I tucked the photo neatly into my inventory.

Shiryu: To be honest, there was another thing that actually inspired me to begin designing. After the party I was mulling over the idea of opening a vendor.

During this time, I read an interview of Munchflower Zaius that had a lot of pictures of her creations. I loved them and I was amazed by what could be done in Second Life's fashion field. So, I decided to go for it.

Hitomi: So, you went from designing oriental pajamas at a friend's party to becoming the owner and founder of one of Second Life's top fashion design studios.

I went on to say how inspiring such a feat was. But, Musashi politely stopped to correct me.

Shiryu: I'm very far from the top, honestly. There's really no comparison with some of the biggest names, because I had to be away for about eight months due to my new real life job.

I smiled at his modesty and moved on to the next topic.

Hitomi: The world of fashion has always been a large part of Second Life, but now it seems to have reached a new peak and has even earned its own



link on the Second Life Community Homepage.

Shiryu: Oh yes, I was surprised about it, especially due to the fact that sooner or later the forums will close, which is honestly an entirely idiotic and short sighted choice by Linden Labs, but we have to live with it. When the forums do close, it will be much harder for new designers, which do not have friends in the right places, to get their name out there. I honestly don't envy them.

Hitomi: It almost seems that the Lindens are throwing down the gauntlet. They are closing the door for new small business in Second Life and encouraging larger vendors to compete with one another instead.

Shiryu: That's something I don't really like. Second Life used to be a world of opportunity even for newbies. Now newbies seem to be more and more just commercial targets instead of possible creators themselves. Sure many of them will manage eventually but too many potential great designers

will be discouraged by the impossibility to actually show their creations to a large public. I have absolutely no sympathy for some of the latest Linden Lab policies, but again, we have to live with them.

Hitomi: Well politics aside, I'm interested in hearing about where you intend to take Musashi-Do in the future?

Shiryu: Well, more or less, in the same direction it has always gone. Musashi-Do is more of a hobby for me than an actual job, so I strive to attain quality over quantity. I'm a slow designer, so I'll try to continue to grow, slow but steady.

I continued, asking him about his ambitions, and his answer was incredibly noble.

Shiryu: Musashi-Do means the way of Musashi and that exemplifies in a simple way what I like to do. I walk my own way, at my pace. Trying to match someone else's pace would probably hit me quality-wise, and that's somee



something I cannot afford.

After that, I thanked Mr. Musashi for his time and stood up to leave; but there was one last thing I felt that I had to say to Shiryu. So, I turned back around and told him about how I had first found his freebie tops in a Free Bazaar long ago and how I was deeply impressed by the quality. Mr. Musashi looked surprised for a brief moment, but then he smiled and thanked me for telling him the story from my own experiences as a newbie in Second Life. •

Musashi-Do Main Fashion Shop
Anton (138, 235, 95)

Musashi-Do Samurai Island Branch
Samurai Island (199, 165, 24)

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Ivory Pearl Formal Gown

This amazing gown is a staple for any girly girl's wardrobe! Wear it out and be the Belle of the Ball, or the Queen of your own special wedding day. This gown features all hand drawn details as well as sumptuous deep gold lace. The gold and pearl jewelry add a decadent yet elegant touch. In October 2006, Shiryu has decided to completely revamp this gown and offer a wide selection of variation. Keep your eyes peeled girls! With more variety, no one can go wrong with this perfect gown in their closet!



Blazing Patrol

Manga lovers rejoice, Shiryu has done it again! Our beautiful Queenie Extraordinaire wears this completely unique uniform inspired by the illustrations of Masamune Shirow with savvy and attitude! Be prepared to win many a costume contest in this looker. It has a bold and futuristic look fit for a Queen! On those nights when you want to feel "in command", this is the piece for you!



Evening Revolution

This sleek suit is made for men, but as you can see also looks amazing on Mestjadedgirl Komparu. In colors grey, black and blue, with 21 Shirts and 18 flexi ties there are endless combos to keep you looking sharp! Evening Revolution also has 3 expansion packs. The suit pack features softer colors in a beautiful light brown, a sky blue and a light grey. The new shirt pack features 12 gorgeous metallics achieved through Shiryu's art for shading. The final expansion is a vibrant and delicious tie pack inspired by the fashion of Shiryu's native country, Italy.



Revolution Femme

A step in a more "sizzling" direction for you SL Divas out there. Sexy, strong and with a perfect blend of the masculine and feminine . . . Revolution Femme is a keeper! Premiering in suit colors of black, grey and blue, with both fitted straight legged pants and a short and immaculate skirt, your SL Powerhouse wardrobe is complete. Revolution Femme also features 3 delicate lingerie sets in black, white and red. The lace details and the accent bows are very special as they make these lingerie sets so complete and authentic. Also included are 21 shirts and 18 prim ties for thousands of combinations!



Wet Dreams

Get ready to W-O-W the beach crowd with this strappy delight! For those with a racier style, this suit's triangle style tops and g-string bottoms display your assets with sensuality and pizzazz. Shiryu's Wet Dreams comes in 12 tantalizing colors with 2 sheers in black and white included. Sheer pieces can always be matched with solids to achieve your own desired level of "RAWR".



Notti Magiche "Magic Nights"

Inspired by the victory of the Italian Soccer team in the World Cup of 2006, Notti Magiche casts a sexy spell over your every day sporting ensemble. Designed with 3 different styles of top and two bases to wear under its perfect white prim skirt, Shiryu provides options for all women to express their team spirit. Go girls!

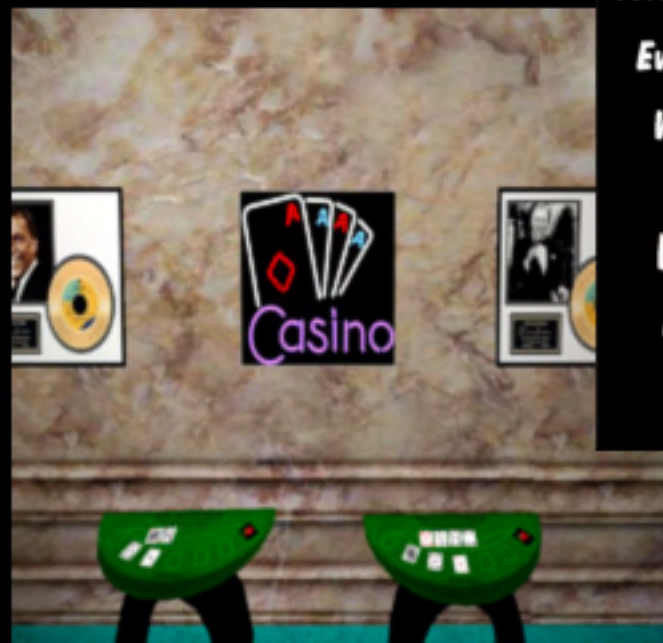


Monochrome Allure Set

Stark black and white has always been a winning color combination to bridge all eras and fashion trends. This set is no exception. As amazingly sexy as it is classic, Shiryu's Monochrome Allure is a true gem, great for more private encounters or for the perfect racey event. This ample set includes 2 bikini tops in black and white, 2 fishnet tops, one with the sweetest little white collar adorning it, 2 pairs of stockings in plain and lace, 3 thongs, a garter set, 4 flexi ties, and 6 flexi skirts in three lengths featuring both plain and lace versions. There is no end to the alluring possibilities of this seductive set!



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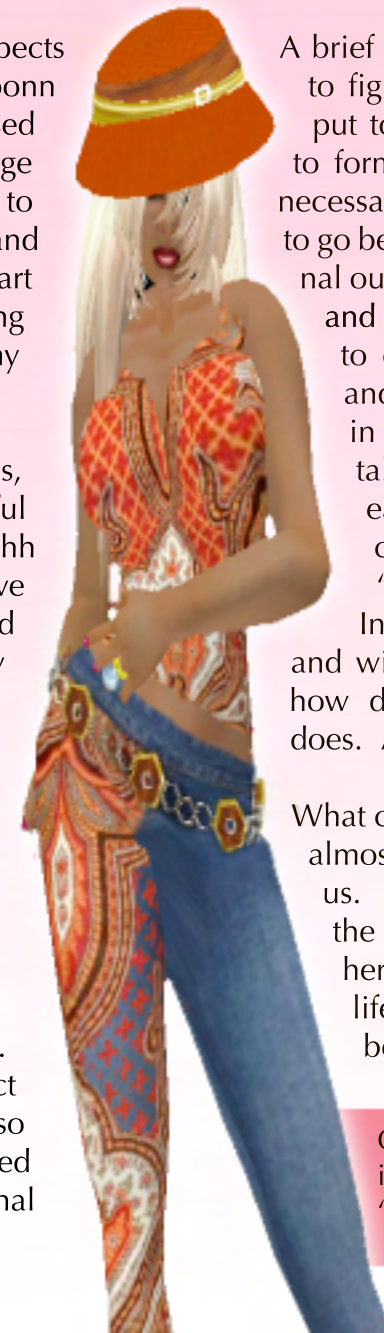
INDYRA SEIGO: TRULY ORIGINAL!

BY TRIXIE KYUZO



One of the truly wonderful aspects of being an ASpiRE! Correspondent is the opportunity to be exposed to the most exciting, cutting-edge fashion in SL. Add the opportunity to meet someone as charming and endearing as Indyra Seigo, and I start to feel as if maybe I should be paying to keep this job (shhh! Don't tell my editor! *smile*)

I met with Indyra, Indy to her friends, outside of the Cookie Jar: a beautiful conglomeration of furniture and fashion, the products of the creative minds of Indy and her sister and business partner, Cookie. With my first glimpse of the young designer I knew I was in for a treat. She was dressed immaculately, decked out in a pair of lace-up slacks with an elegant pullover top, flawlessly accessorized with a handbag and matching belt that had me green with envy. It comes as no surprise that the beautiful woman modeling them created all of these items. Even more incredible was the fact that the woman before me also created the elaborate and detailed structure housing all of the original artwork, fashion and furniture.



A brief look around SL is enough to figure out that the ability to put together pieces of clothing to form a flattering outfit is not necessarily a common skill. But to go beyond this and create original outfits, designing the textures and the cuts of the garments, to conceptualize each piece and bring the idea to fruition in SL is an almost unique talent. When posed with the easily phrased, but difficult question: "How do you do it," Indyra smiled winningly, and with a wink replied, "Well, how does water flow? It just does. And so do I..."

What comes so easily to Indyra is almost impossible for the rest of us. Not surprisingly she has the RL background to support her SL aspirations. "I'm a real life artist and designer, have been for as long as I could

Outfit being worn to the left is one of the sets in Indyra's "Together Collection"

hold pencil a paper." A RL multimedia major and graphics designer, Indy is incredibly skilled in the use of PhotoShop as well as with a tablet and stylus-her preferred brand being Wacom. (Get out those pencils and take notes, aspiring SL designers!).

Although she is busy contracting in RL, Indy still takes the time to design in SL. "SL is just another way for me to express my creative fire-and I love the instant gratification this environment allows for." And we love what you are bringing into the environment, Indy!

As we walked into the store, I attempted to delve into the social-life of this extremely busy and ambitious young woman. "Tell me something...when I look at you, bright, beautiful, talented and soon to be VERY successful...have you anyone special in your life?" Indy smiled mischievously and replied, "You know, that is a fair question, but this brings up two rules I abide by: The first is, 'don't take your SL too seriously-i.e. no second life *boyfriends*' [Bad news for all of you eligible bachelors out in SL] and my second rule is 'keep your first life to yourself, I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT- take it to the Ask Cookie Column...LOL!'"



This cute outfit is the "Poppin Plaid" from the Hot Girl collection.

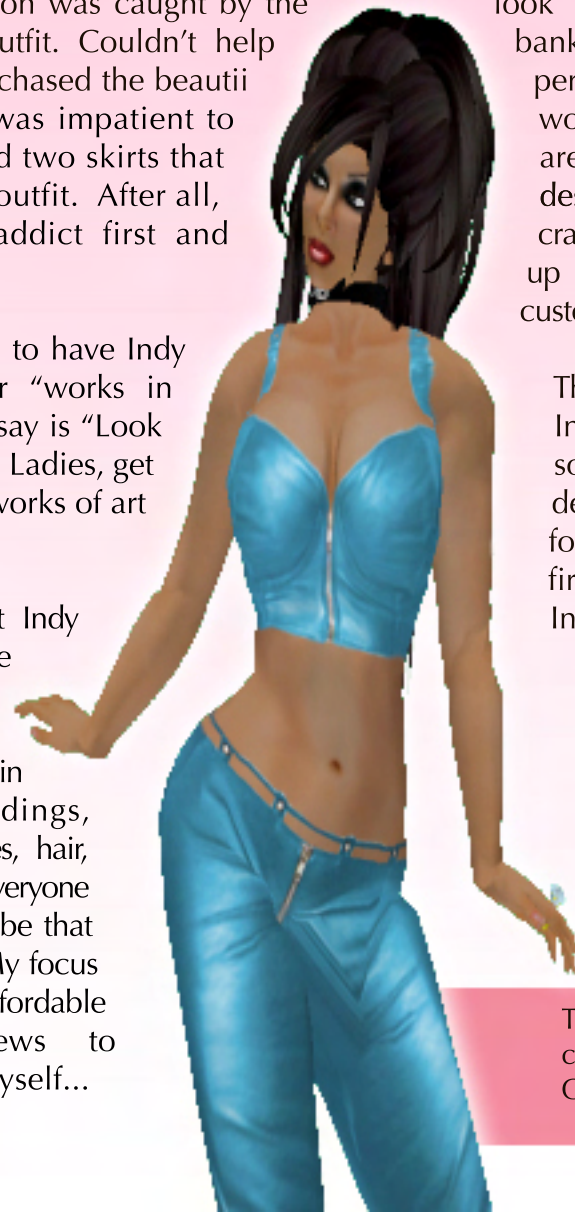
I couldn't help but laugh with her at the reference to her sister's column in our magazine.

"Here's what I mean: You ever watch a movie and you are getting into the scene where the T-Rex is creeping up behind the unsuspecting group of explorers? Just as the camera zooms in on the face of the scientist before he lets out a scream- a LARGE PADDED MICROPHONE DIPS INTO VIEW!" Indy smiled winningly and shrugged with a wink as I laughed. "Totally ruins it for me-takes the magic out when people start talking about their RL. That's just me." I think many people in SL feel the same. Well, we are content that Indy's presence in SL is definitely going to make the world a more beautiful place with her bright personality and beautiful creations.

As she displayed some of her recent work, including her advertisements - all original creations, my attention was caught by the Allure in Leather outfit. Couldn't help myself. I quickly purchased the beautiful combination; I was impatient to try on the slacks and two skirts that came as part of the outfit. After all, I am a shopping addict first and reporter second!

I was also privileged to have Indy model some of her "works in progress." All I can say is "Look out!" and "Beautiful! Ladies, get in line now! These works of art are going to go fast!"

The best part is that Indy plans on making these designs affordable as well as unique. "There are a LOT of designers in SL: Clothes, buildings, accessories, vehicles, hair, you name it. But not everyone stands out. I want to be that stand out designer. My focus is perfection at affordable prices." Good news to shop-a-holics like myself...



This hot leather outfit is called "Sky" from the Teaser Collection.

"I balk at the prices out there for designs; you should be able to look fab without breaking the bank." Indy's commitment to perfection is reflected in her work and policies. Her pieces are composed of unique designs with individually crafted textures and are backed up with her policy of offering custom fittings, free of charge.

The Grand Opening of Indyra's Originals is coming soon, the exact date to be determined. Watch ASpiRE! for further details and be the first of your friends to own an Indy Original! ■

Indyra Originals
Moma (40, 230, 46)



“The Man Who Taught SL How to Swim”

An Interview With Siggy Romulus by Aunnia Wilberg

I had the fortunate opportunity to meet and speak with Siggy Romulus, the owner of Siggy's WaterWorld and creator of the “superhottub”, “pool water”, and his most proud creation, the “swimmer attachment”.

Shortly after the game went public on the release of 1.0, Siggy Romulus began Second Life. A lot of his friends were playing MUDs, but Siggy was drawn to the programming aspect of them. After his friends went on to other games, Siggy came here to SL and hasn't looked back since.

In the beginning, many of the SL residents were able to use the Linden starter objects.

Siggy, and a few friends, formed a GNUBie store, creating free low-prim items for people. Siggy released the “superhottub” which forms the basis of 90% of tubs and baths in Second Life.

In 1.0, when Siggy had his Arabian palace in Taber, he and Saaz Roentgen came up with water that would “fill” a pool. Then Malachi Petunia added a “splash”, but avi's still sat around in it - standing in phantom water pretending to be swimming. Siggy was not happy and felt that this just seemed to break the whole fantasy.

After Siggy and Ashen Stygian devell oped the diving board, Siggy got a protoo type “swimmer” up and running. After some tweaking and other changes, we now have the “swimmer” that residents' are able to enjoy with their pools. The “swimmer” can also be used with other Linden water such as lakes and ocean water. The next logical step, Siggy says, is to make interrelated products that incorporate other designers.

With the success of the “swimmer attachment”, Siggy opened Siggy's WaterWorks Island, which is a cool place for residents of Second Life to go





hang out, shop, try things out, and just have fun. There are pools, diving boards, and waterslides just like at a RL water park. Aside from the pool accessories on sale, Siggy's offers a full line of hot swimwear, with the Little Rebel label, for both men and women.

The island is set for an automatic return of 45 minutes, but if you want to plan an event that lasts longer than 45 minutes, all you would need to do is IM Siggy and work out the details with him. Siggy wants residents to come to Siggy's WaterWorks Island to relax and have fun, which is what the island is all about.

Siggy also has his own radio show, "Fucktard Radio Live" which airs Sunday from 1 PM to 5 PM SL time. The station features pop, satire, and Siggy himself interjecting his own observations and rants about SL. <http://fucktardradio.primcast.com:570/> is the radio stream and www.fucktardradio.com is the web site for Siggy's radio.

When asked if there was anything that Siggy would like readers to know about him, he said and I quote...."Hehe, what is there to tell

really? I'm a bit of a smart arse, walking a fine line between mad scientist, businessman, and playboy. Only things they should expect from me are things they didn't expect...."

So, go check out Siggy's WaterWorks, have fun, chill and who knows you just might catch Siggy there!!!! ENJOY!!!! •

WaterWorks Island

WaterWorks (180, 24, 25)





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Unique Concept of Dining in Second Life

by Aunnia Wilberg

I recently met and interviewed Viktor Gascoigne and Beatrice Honey. They are the owners of the newest restaurant to open in Second Life. Sublime Restaurant and Sublime Sushi will be opening soon.

Beatrice and Viktor have been residents of Second Life for over two years, married for a little over a year and both love it here. They have been involved in several entrepreneurial projects in SL, but they love the restaurant business the best. When I asked Beatrice what gave them the idea for this type of restaurant, she replied that it all began during an evening that she and Viktor were looking for a place to have a romantic dinner. The only places that they found had the same old rezzed food on the table. They weren't even restaurants, just "romantic" spots. This prompted both of them to brainstorm. As a result, they opened the original Sublime restaurant back in June.

Now, I'm sure most of our readers are asking themselves, just what makes Sublime restaurant different from all those other restaurants in SL. Well, Sublime doesn't just have tables sitting out with the same old rezzed food. Sublime is not a place where you get to "play" eating. Oh no . . . when you walk into Sublime, you won't be granted seating until you have paid the chair. Once you pay the chair, you will receive a blue pop-up window. From that window you get your choice of beverage, appetizer, entree, and dessert. Is that the coolest or what?! After enjoying your dinner, you can snuggle up in your baby's arms and dance the night away. Awesome!!!!

There are also tables that provide full-service. There is a wait staff provided so you actually get the full effect of sitting down at the table, having someone take your order and then go to the kitchen and bring your order out to you. Second Life never ceases to amaze me.

The full-service is reservations only. Well what did you expect? Could be pretty boring for



wait staff to just stand around forever as they wait for people to show up. I remember from my days of waitressing, that this has happened to me too many times. I can hear it now, "You got time to lean, you got time to clean." Yeah, yeah, whatever . . . lol!!!!

If you are wanting to spend a great evening with that special person in your life, just IM Beatrice Honey or Viktor Gascoigne for your reservations. I would suggest giving them 24 hours advance notice so that they can get everything set up for your special evening.

That's all for now. And remember residents of SL out there, keep those creative juices flowing because that is what is going to make SL a special place to be. I will be out there checking out all the new places going up and you never know when I may be IMing you wanting to interview you!!!! •

Sublime Restaurant, Andraca (41, 205, 37)
House of Zen, Hinode Shima (46, 251, 29)

“ASpiRE” to Follow Your Dreams

by Aunnia Wilberg

I want to introduce you to the masterr minds behind ASpiRE Magazine and Modeling Agency, Trina Noland and Bianca Darling.

First, we have Trina Noland. She has been a resident of Second Life since June of 2006. When asked what gave her the idea to take on a Modeling Agency and Magazine, she replied, “I wanted to find a way to make money that did not involve the adult industry.” She continued by saying, “I’m not knocking those that are earning a living by doing so, but it’s not my thing.” She wanted to be able to find another way of making a living and to be able to give others a “choice” also.

Trina would also love to see this agency have longevity and for it’s success to inspire others to create a more diverse means of earning income here in Second Life. Not everyone here has the talent to



build and design. What’s left for those that can’t? She would like to see the more innovative businesses grab a piece of the success that is going around.

When I asked Trina how she came up with the name she told me that she remembered sitting and talking with a friend about starting the agency and it just came to her. It represents the aspiraa tions that we all have and the fulfillment of them. We aspire to achieve...and we will!

Trina told me that her partner Bianca

was sent from heaven and she is so blessed to have her working with her. Bianca has been in Second Life for about four months. Previous to SL, she had a long time experience with the MMORPG Everquest, which she played for four years or so. She took a break for about a year, and later found SL. She was blown away by its opennedness, it’s potential, as well as to the concept in general. She said that she is constantly in awe of the capaa bilities of the people she meets and the things she sees.

Bianca originally came to Trina looking to be a model. Trina had just started ASpiRE and Bianca was one of her first hires. They quickly realized how well they worked together and the partnerr ship was formed. They have an amazing dynamic between both of them and work so well together.

Bianca sees AspiRe! as a company with deep integrity. It’s not really just an effort of Trina and Bianca, as it is the combined effort of the entire staff. Bianca sees ASpiRE! offering top quality services to not only veteran designers but to the newer ones as well. Bianca looks forward to every day and every minute that she works for this company.

We are all so hard working that Bianca can’t imagine ASpiRE! not being a wonn derful success. The magazine has been an incredible project that she has already learned SO much from. She hears lots of laughter, and she sees all of the fun to be had.

Congratulations on your new venture, Trina and Bianca!!!! •

ASpiRE! Modeling Agency
Plush Genesis (233, 106, 27)



Aspire! Ami Kawabata

Place of birth: Tokyo, Japan

Place of current residence: In recent years, I have been moving back and forth between the U.S. and Japan.

Hobbies: Reading, traveling, scuba diving

Places I have been to (short list): Hawaii, Niagara Falls, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Sydney, and Stockholm

Dream Vacation: Cage diving amongst the Great White sharks

The craziest thing I've done: I visited Siberia in February and took part in the “banya” (Russian sauna) experience. You get into a sauna that has a temperature of 100 degrees Celsius. When it gets too hot, you go to the waiting area and drink beer and tea. You repeat these steps as many times as possible then go outside and roll around in the snow!

Likes: Cleanliness, honesty, intelligence

Dislikes: Uncleanliness, liars, close mindedness, arrogance

Second Life Information:

I'm a model for Aspire, Bare@Rose, and Musashi-Do.
Manager of Bare@Rose, Tokyo
Dancer at the Barbie Club
Official Second Life Greeter/Mentor/Instructor

You can usually find me either at Bare@Rose Island or the Barbie Club. Otherwise I'm just exploring.





Hello everyone, my name is Aunnia Wilberg and I was born here in Second Life on the 23rd of December, 2005. I started my venture in Second Life working at Dreamers Adult Fantasy Club as an Exotic Dancer where I met my handsome, loving, and adorable Master and partner, Trent Trumbo, and we have been together ever since.

I have done some building such as my photography studio, Starlight Imagery, where I have all types of pose balls available including poses for Master/Mistress and Sub/Slave poses. I also built and designed Trumbo 24/7 Poker Hall.

I started my modeling career back in January of 2005 and have loved every minute of it. I am so honored to be working for such a wonderful modeling agency as ASpiRE. I am also a reporter for SL Aspirations magazine, so don't be surprised if I IM you one day wanting to interview you as I am always looking for interesting people and goings-on here in Second Life.

I just recently did a vendor photo shoot for Eros Designs by Keth Mommsen and Uda Mommsen. The gown is called Lauren Gown, which comes in either black or white. I hope I get to work with you again. I love your work!!!!

I love to chat!!!! I have a pretty good sense of humor and love to goof around. I have been spending a lot of time lately at Master's and my home, Trumbo Estate, working on building more of my water fountains and such. I have this fascination working with water here in Second Life. I have made huge fountains down to table top size.

Oh yes, and I'm sure that most of the readers out there that have gone to Dreamers and know of DJ

Edun Toonie, I just want to put it down in print, that yes, I AM THE AUNNIA WILBERG THAT BROKE HIM AND HAD HIM PLAY THE ONE AND ONLY COUNTRY SONG (WHICH WAS HONKY TONK BY TRACIE ATKINS) THAT HE EVER PLAYED WHILE DJ-ING IN SECOND LIFE. YES, IT WAS ME AND I'M PROUD OF IT....LOL!!!!!! WILL NEVER FORGET YOU AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING MY LAST NIGHT HOSTING AT DREAMERS BE ONE I WILL NEVER FORGET, SENDING ME OUT BY PLAYING ROCK N ROLL ALL NIGHT BY KISS. LUV YA EDUN!!!!

I am a huge, huge fan of KISS from the very beginning of their career (Ace Frehley is a guitar GOD!!!! I have had the pleasure of meeting not one time but four times, thank you very much) so that should give you some idea as to my RL age, but my lips are sealed and you will not hear it from me....

In RL I am currently attending school at Academy of Nails to get my license to become a nail technician. I have learned how to do manicures, pedicures, acrylics, silk, fiberglass, and gels.

Favorite Designers: Hair - Tami McCoy has wonderful hair combining flex with prim. Gorgeous, doll. Sparkle Sky has the most gorgeous long braided pony tail which she created for me incorporating rhinestones in the bun for my collaring ceremony. Beautiful. Zyrra Falcone has some of the most incredible designs. Love the fiery orange color.

Clothes: Andie Ramona - I have just about every design she has come out with while dancing at Dreamers. Great club wear!!!! DoC Eldritch of

DE Designs - love, love his designs and it's also where my Master gets the majority of his clothing. I adore Keth Mommsen for her gorgeous gowns and Uda Mommsen for his beautiful silks. Sparkle Sky for designing the silks for my collaring. She has some of the MOST gorgeous silks in second life. Nonna Hedges - god what can you say about her extraordinary beautiful gowns, just breath-taking. Simone Stern, another designer of the most gorgeous silks in second life.

Guess I will close here for now. I want to thank Trina and Bianca for letting me be a part of such a wonderful group of girls and a wonderful modeling agency. I would like to also thank my first modeling instructor, Bella Petunia. You gave me the confidence and helped me get started in my modeling career in Second life; and, to you I want to give out a great big thank you for taking a chance on me. I also want to thank Jade Steele, former owner of Dreamers Adult Fantasy Club. Thank you so very much for taking a chance on the very shy "Aunnia" and making me feel special and loved.

In closing, I want to say a very special "thank you" to my Master, Trent Trumbo, for your support, love, and guidance; for being there at my shows, giving me words of encouragement before going out on stage and strutting my stuff, for being there during our not very good times and never giving up on us. You have my heart forever and I look forward to continuing our journey in Second Life and looking forward to starting our journey together in first life. You are my strength, my rock, and my sanity....I love you!



Leigh Matthews

D.O.B.: 07/17/06

Loving every minute of my Second Life! I love exploring all that SL has to offer and I especially enjoy shopping.

Besides the above, my interests include photography, machina, podcasting, building, scripting, making poses, animation and just about anything that requires creativity.

My RL interests are very similar. I enjoy photography, web design, computers, database design, my family, scrapbooking, reading when I have time, cooking, and playing with my two dogs (Cleo, a lab, and Gidget, my pug).

My husband and I have four children combined and I also have two active Girl Scout troops and do lots of community volunteer projects as well as being the head GS for all the troops in the area.

In both RL and SL I enjoy meeting new people, networking and making friends.





ASpiRE! Lena Eldrich

A big smile and special “hello” to all of my fellow Second Life residents! My name is Lena Eldrich; well at least it is when I am in SL, which is a wonderful place to be if you ask me! *smiles*

I enjoy my Second Life to the fullest and since entering this world in January of 2006, I have learned so much about myself. The friends, family and relationships that I have formed in SL have touched my heart and soul and many have crossed over into my first life, making both lives a better place to be.

“Working” in SL is one of my favorite things to do. My two passions are modeling and DJing. I am an independent Disc Jockey, working for several popular clubs during their weekly events. I specialize mainly in hip-hop, R&B and pop music, with a focus on keeping the event fun and entertaining for the guests. In addition to my regular bookings, I offer DJ services for special events such as weddings, birthdays, and designer pre-releases.

My modeling career has only just begun, and I owe special thanks to ASpiRE! for hand-selecting me to join their incredibly talented group of fashion models. It's an honor to be a part of this well rounded and highly professional agency. I am available for fashion shows, still-shots, nude/adult oriented photo-shoots and promotional events such as designer clothing release parties.

I have a naturally outgoing and friendly personality and a knack for helping others feel relaxed, welcome and at ease wherever I am. These qualii

ties lend themselves to my instinctive “sale person” mentality that helps others see the most positive points of a given product or service.

In RL, I am a 33 year old single mother of three, who takes pride in having the worlds most amazing children. I work as a part time real estate sales person and eBay small business owner. All of these roles suit me well, and help keep my RL as busy and interesting as I'd like it to be. One of my RL goals is to get into voice-over or disc jockey work, as I am told time and time again that my voice has a special “sexy” quality that could really get me somewhere in this world.

Favorite Places to Party:

Odds & Ends, Disturbed, Evolution X, OrcaStar Night Club

Favorite Designers/Stores:

Zyrra Falcone/ Panache, Katy Angel/ Lavish, Nephilaine Protagonist/ PixelDolls, Tya Fallingbridge/ Pixel Mode, Shiryu Musashi/ Musashi-Do, Alissa Phaeton/ DivaStyle, Lolly pop Extraordinaire/ Extraordinaire, Santana Lumiere/ Nevermore, Simone Stern/ Simone!, Zoe Llewelyn/ Boneflower, Paeti Pomeray/ Nymphetamine, and so many more who's designs I love and wear daily but could take up a whole page with.

Favorite Bands/Music:

I like a variety of music, but find when I am in the car or by myself, I definitely focus on pop

and hip hop music by such artists as Justin Timberlake, Fergie, Gnarlz Barkley, Ne-Yo, Nelly Furtado, Danity Kane, Cassie, Chris Brown, Chamillionaire, Nelly, Christina Aguilera, etc.

Likes:

MEN who are intelligent, thoughtful and thought-provoking and able to keep up their end of the conversation. I love romance and those lovey-dovey words that make my heart melt, but also need to feel he is in charge with a little domination.

MUSIC that makes me feel like dancing and has a rhythm that gets my heart pumping.

HUMOR that is corny and cheeky to make me giggle. Jokes that are related to life and its oddities will always make me laugh.

Dislikes:

Being put-down or put off, head games, racism, manipulative persuasion, Bill collectors, gas prices, drunk drivers, missing image texture, sim crashes and update day.

Other/Misc:

I come from another online “virtual reality MMPG” known as There. In January of 2006, There was undergoing continual down-time, so I searched the web for a part time replacement and found Second Life. Funny, I haven't been “There” ever since! :)



MestJadedGirl Komparu

Call Me Ashley or Mest or Ash

Hey everyone. I am MestJadedGirl Komparu here in this awesome place known as Second Life. This is nowhere compared to my real life. I haven't been on here for very long...so I'm kind of young LOL.

Lately I have finally been into modeling and fashion so I stay updated with the latest looks. In real life I love Louis Vuitton and Gucci.

This bio is for the ASpiRE! Agency which is a really lovely place; especially the girls! They are my new best friends! It is a tremendous honor to join their crew and I thank them for letting me be a part of it.

In SL, I am 25 years old and married. I have a baby which is a joy to take care of. I am trying to make as many friends as possible so I can always look back and be there for anyone who needs a friend and have them be there for me. Feel free to message me anytime if you need someone to talk to.

I love being social and a raver. I also have my own unique style. I usually walk around with funky hair and pink and black clothes and ears and a tail. So, if you see me give a shout.

In RL, I am 18 years old, from Kentucky, and married to Greg (Jack Columbia). We may be proud parents but we aren't for sure yet, but we hope LOL.

Places you will find me:

Laka, Uli, Temenos, Aspire, Spectrum Photography

Music:

I listen to punk rock, heavy metal, alternative and of course the 80's!

Likes:

Guys who just want to have a normal conversation; I also love my music and anyone who can sit there and talk to me about music without sounding stupid can be a great looker to me, lol.

Dislikes:

People who don't take "no" as an answer.

I'm going to end this short and sweet and give all my love to everyone and anyone who made me who I am today, who have been my friends for years in my real life, and who have been my friends for the few days I have been on here in Second Life. And thank you Trina and Bianca for giving me a wonderful opportunity to be in your agency.

With Love, Ashley



MyoKa Murakami

Hi and a warm hello to all,

I'm MyoKa Murakami and I celebrated my one-year avi's birthday late September and what an adventure I've had so far!! I've met some wonderfully interesting people in my explorations of SL which is what makes this 3d world so incredible.

My personal interests, in a nutshell, would be anything oriental or gothic, online gaming, playing sports and I also have a passion for being creative artistically on many levels.

Recently, I've joined the modeling agency "ASpiRe!": another exciting avenue to explore and discover *inserts camera flashing, strikes a pose, falls flat on face* Sheesh, will I ever stop being clumsy? *Puts her thumb into mouth and blows real hard making a loud trumpet sound, inflating her face back to normal ... tries to look graceful and resumes pose, winks*

Looking forward to meeting many more new friends!!

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts.
And, we are never, ever the same."

-Anonymous





Princess Pierterson

**** AGENT DETAIL ****

Name: Princess Pierterson

SL DOB: 12/15/2005

RL DOB/Age: Classified/30

SL Activity:

- * Invited to SL by Zana Feaver
- * Ran Millennium Investigation with Loki Fool for ~5 months; Currently on hiatus
- * Owner of Princess' Original Art Gallery
- * Building prefabs to be sold to the public
- * Fashion Model for ASpiRE! Modeling Agency
- * Director of Operations for ASpiRE! Magazine

RL Facts:

- * Haitian-American
- * Single
- * Freelance Graphic Designer

Observations:

- * She's not a big shopper and does not socialize much
- * She buys gadgets from places like Conover's GadgetShop and aubreTEC Labs

Observations (continued):

- * She has been seen at Novum Inc., Jessie Weapons and Shield's Trade Expo and LIL Carducci's
- * She wears many GURL6 and Pazazz Hair
- * She wears many clothes from Nyte'N'Day Designs and DE Designs, but has also been seen wearing clothes from Vitamin C and Musashi-Do
- * Many of her jewels are either from her friend George Something, Gurl 6, or Whitetiger (before it closed)
- * Many of her shoes are from T.C. Creations and KCD (Kimberly Casanova Designs)
- * She enjoys helping people, good sense of humor, respect, honesty, kindness, and the like. She also loves art, music, singing, reading and most things fun and drama-free
- * She dislikes lies, hypocrisy, rudeness, injustice, mind games and is known to have a zero tolerance policy





Queenie Extraordinaire

Just Call Me "Q"

Hello out there! I am Queenie Extraordinaire here in Second Life (which is sometimes more like first life LOL), and I have been here since July of 2004. Yeah, I am a bit aged...but like a fine wine.

In SL I am currently in the 15th anniversary of my 15th birthday and my two passions and hobbies are modeling and DJing. I am the co-owner of RockNGames Radio, <http://www.rockngames.com>, which was established in September of 2004. We specialize mainly in rock and metal and the occasional oddities, and are growing bigger by the week with some of the most talented DJ's you can find. I am also a weekly (sometimes bi-weekly, thanks to RL) Tuesday night DJ on Tralos Westerburg's XTSL Radio, <http://www.xtslradio.com>, at Schmooze which is one of the most awesome club builds in SL thanks to Tya Fallingbridge; as well as a GRRaFFiti Rock DJ at the Backstage club. In addition to my regular shows, I DJ at quite a few special events including sim openings, weddings, birthdays, and designer pre-releases.

My modeling credits go way back to April of 2005, including some prominent agencies that are now inactive; as well as still-shots for some well-known designer's ads including Shiryu Musashi, Alaska Metropolitan and DoC Eldritch; and also past nude photo-shoots for Players, which was SL's very first adult-oriented magazine, owned by Marilyn Murphy; and the Post 6 Grrl's featured in the Second Life Herald where I have been immortalized by both Marilyn and Daphne Molinari.

Currently I am writing this bio for the up and coming ASpiRE! Agency that has shown ambition, dedication and organization beyond anything I have ever

seen before. It's an honor and it's also humbling as an "oldie" (and yes, I have been called that..."ouch") to be a part of (and yes, I have been called that..."ouch") to be a part of this well rounded and highly professional agency.

I am a true SL social butterfly/party girl unless I am afk handling business....or unless I partied too hard and too fast...yeah, it happens from time to time. I love trivia and I love chatting it up and trying to make people feel relaxed, welcome, and part of the family wherever I am.

In RL, I am a 30 year old ex-animal shelter employee of 9 years, now settled into a new job as a veterinary technician since April of this year. For many years I was intensely involved in a Rottweiler Rescue group; a magnificent and adoring breed that is very misunderstood, though they are not appropriate for everyone.

Just as in SL, my RL revolves a lot around music...I may be a bit too old for mosh pits (well, some times!), but I still look forward to any and all concerts that I get to attend and I am the crazy rocker chick you see singing every word to every song like it's still 1989.

Favorite Places to Party:

Schmooze on Pixel Dreams, Dragon Moon, Club Intimate, Backstage, RockN Races, The Art Gallery

Favorite Designers/Stores:

DoC Eldritch/ DE Designs Island, Nephilaine Protagonist/ PixelDolls, Tya Fallingbridge/ Pixel Mode, Shiryu Musashi/ Musashi-Do, Daphne Molinari/ Daphne's Delights, Alaska Metropolitan/ OPIUM, Santana Lumiere/ Nevermore, Munch

flower Zaius/ Nomine, Rebel Hope/ RH Designs, paeoti Pomeray/ Nymphetamine, Kaysha Sion/ WRONG, and many, many more who I admire greatly but could take up a whole page with.

Favorite Bands:

Rhapsody, King Diamond/ Merciful Fate, Sonata Arctica, Helloween, Lacuna Coil, Within Temptation, Nightwish, Leaves Eyes, Blind Guardian, Edguy, Stratovarius... Rammstein, Ministry, Type O Negative, Tool, Evanescence... Lynyrd Skynyrd, Allman Brothers, Little Feat, and omg 80's CHEESE!!! Ya know, all your favorite one hit wonders.

Likes:

Gentlemen who have the gift of "wining 'n dining" with a little bit of domination; MUSIC-- whatever music works for the current mood, I am open-minded and enjoy some variety; HUMOR-- very, VERY important; intelligent conversations about pretty much anything except politics; autumn in New England; Harley Davidsons (you just have to love that roar); the sound of a tattoo gun (I have 4 in RL)

Dislikes:

In SL: random IM's from strangers to come sit in a "Lucky Chair" because the letter "Q" was chosen....don't do it.

In RL: people who neglect their turn signals, OR finally turn them on AS they are in mid turn....NO turn signal would be better than that. You wanna see road-rage? I'll give ya road-rage, LOL



Queenie Extraordinaire

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Other/Misc:

I am also an on and off again World of Warcraft addict, typically in the late Fall/Winter, as a member of the SL/WoW guild known as the FIH (Feted Inner Horde) and have participated in several other MMO betas such as Lineage 2, RYL and Guild Wars...though my time, money and involvement in SL usually takes priority. I am currently hoping to get into LOTRO (fka Middle Earth Online) with beta.

I am going to wrap this up now and if you would like to explore my inner workings and thoughts more, please do not hesitate to read/link/bookmark my blog, located at <http://queenieextraordinaire.wordpress.com>, where I discuss both SL and RL, everything from fashion to music, to my RL job and my SL chaos, to whatever strikes me at the time.

In closing, I would like to send warm hugs to Trina and Bianca of ASpiRe! for having faith and trust in me as one of their Top Models, to Shiryu for recommending me to these lovely ladies, and to all the wonderful friends and family I have met in my past 2+ years of SL!

Oh one last thing.....call me "Q".

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Photography...



to die for.

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Roenik Newell

Read these runes!

My name is Roenik Newell, fashion model and all around positive person. I came over in January of '06 after a long tenure chez Star Wars Galaxies (RIP). I felt I had reached a block over there with the freedom aspect, being allowed to use only Sony-supplied assets (dances, clothing, gestures, etc.).

I discovered Second Life by chance really, while browsing other forums. After a quick download of the client and a week on Help Island (I'm forever grateful to the Mentors/Greeters there) I've never looked back. Second Life is my home.

I revel amongst friends and loved ones, exchanging quips, ideas, jokes. No better place for that than the Shelter, in Isabel. It was there that I was inspired in becoming a model, and set myself on that path, eyes forward. I've been modeling over six months now, perfecting my poses (which I make), sorting out my clothes/accessories/hair properly so they are easy to find, etc. Having things go smoothly during a show is top priority. I love and enjoy every facet that modeling brings.

Learning posing and animation led to the founding of Second Look, which I operate, selling individual poses (modeling or other wise) and bundles. I also take custom work.

When not modeling or tending to customer orders, I volunteer on Help Island as a Mentor, repaying in kind the gentle greeting and tutelage I received there. It is something that is deeply satisfying, to help a new citizen understand the SL world and its mechanics, seeing them realize the possibilities available to them.

Likes:

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The Shelter for everything, Samurai Island/Mischief/Simone! for shopping, Club Arena for dancing. Jaycatt's piano playing, 80's music (sue me), instrumental soundtracks and anything John Barry for listening.

Dislikes:

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People, who get in your face, IM improper requests, ask questions rudely or have no respect for others. Attention seekers and emotional vampires. Not having a motion capture studio in my basement :)

I'm still new, learning as I go, helping when I can. There are no ordinary moments!



Adored Clothing Costumes

Ask Cookie...

Dear Cookie,

I am sitting here, alone in my room, thinking about "things." I have many questions I'd like to ask you, but, I am thinking it's best to ask them one at a time. I know you will agree with me. So, please hang in there with me.

Ok, first question to you: I have been dating in SL; not too many, not too fast. But, I have been "out there looking," if you know what I mean.

I love to live in SL, but I have noticed the dating is VERY difficult. I am the kind of girl who like to hang with just one special one; have fun, laugh and chat, and work to give it all a meaning. But so far, I have no luck. It seems I really know how to pick 'em.

I am a kind and peaceful soul. I love to share what is mine and try to stay away from the usual drama. Yet, it seems like men just walk all over me as soon as they can..prolly in about two to five days.

I mean, why continue trying this journey if they are all just out to "play?"

Don't get me wrong, Cookie, I am TOTALLY aware that SL is just a game and I do treat it as that. But, we are all still people, with real minds and souls behind every keyboard. And, even though MOST OF US try VERY hard not to mix reality with this game, some times things just happen and you have an entirely different thinking process going for a while.

I know I am NOT the only one feeling and thinking like this. I would be happy to hear from other readers what their opinion is on this "dating" in SL. I will be back to check if ya'll did reply to a girl.....sitting lonely in her room.... thinking.

Dear “Sitting Lonely in Your Room”,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I must tell you that you are not the only one feeling and thinking like that. I have many readers sharing the same story with many of us in SL.

Let me say first that dating is not very easy in either world, RL nor SL. It will always be some what of a “game”, like they say “the dating game.” The moment we enter a date, we all put our very best “dating face” on; beautifully dressed, best behaviour, we watch what we say, how we say it, nails done, hair done, make up and so on. You know what I mean.

Of course online dating is not much different, yet it is different from meeting my date while shopping at the mall. By typing words, rather than speaking them, very soon we find we have the ability to “create a dream” and sell it too; cuz why? Because we CAN (MOST OF US).

With all we have to work with in Second Life, the beautiful avatars, the \$\$, our keyboard, the beautiful places we can visit and so on and so on, it makes for a very easy way to say and do things the other person might want or need to hear. And, there you have it.. the beginning of a new date/ friendship/ partnership/ or perhaps SL love affair of some kind.

Of course the choices are endless. It’s up to us to decide which

“game way” we would like to go with all of that info we have about this other person we have just “dated.”

I say your best bet would be...check him out for a while. Go dancing, explore beautiful places around here, talk to his friends, hang out, but, most of all, **KEEP IT REAL**, always remind yourself SL is just a game. It will **NEVER** be anything more. Even if your heart is touched by something he or she said or may have done..still....always take one step back and pull your li'l natural “game break.” It will save you a few heartaches, in RL and in SL.

With all that said, I hope I could help you just enough for you to get out of your room and stop being lonely. Enjoy living in SL darling, and come on by visit us if you like, rather than sitting in a room.

To all my other readers..if you have any questions, or just want to chit chat a bit, remember Cookie is here to listen to all of you, cuz Cookie loves all of her li'l sweet “cookie crumbs.”

Toodlessssss for now and blessings ‘til we read each other again.



Cookie Carmichael

Owner of Cookie-Jar-Mall
Togata (184, 213, 50)