

Unto the Honored Dame Brionna of Stanway, Captain of the Archducal Guard and Chief Military Adviser to the Archduke Alastair
From Grimble Nimbletoes, Assistant Chief Alchemist to the honored Minister of Magic

Re: Poison Dagger

Having been stopped on my way to morning prayer today and redirected to a small and secure room some distance from the chapel to examine a poison dagger – I must report it to be a fairly standard poison dagger – the blade does contain some molecules of Mithril, which have not been properly worked into the blade and actually detract from the metal's strength as a result – but its configuration is standard in all other respects.

The poison contained in the vial is a Kireth derivative – a form of the drug Kirian therefore. Initial tests indicate that the Kirian is tainted in some way, but with the permission of the Dame, I would like to take the substance to my actual laboratory, with my field kit I can only tell so much.

Kirian, as I am sure the Dame knows, is a distillate of the flower of the Kireth plant. Routinely Kirian and the draughts made with it are used for several purposes:

- \$ To shock a latent psionic talent into activity
 - \$ To assist a psionic child to survive thresh-hold sickness
 - \$ To increase the total psionic strength of a psion young enough to still be psychically malleable
 - \$ To render a psion incapable of marshaling and controlling his or her psychic armamentum and using it effectively
- and others.

When misused, or tainted with various other substances such as mind-flayer slime, certain psychedelic spores and mushrooms, and others – draughts and derivatives of Kirian can do other things – particularly to the unprepared:

- \$ Burn out psionic function
 - \$ Create manifest and permanent insanity
 - \$ Cause uncontrolled manifestations
- and, sometimes
- \$ Kill Outright

Adult and psionically active victims of such potions, when either drunk or injected, generally survive, though with some psychic scarring. Children, and those with latent psionic power that has never been fully manifested, generally either go totally insane, or die.