



## DONG MA?

**The Firefly/Serenity Card Game that separates  
the Fans from the Flans from the Browncoats!**

*For 2 (or more) Crewmembers*

Are you whimsical in the brainpan?  
Do you just babble like a moonbrain?  
Did you graduate in the top 3% at the Medacad?  
Are you so gifted you make Simon look like an idiot child?  
Is your brain capable of human speech?

We're about to find out by testing your Firefly Aptitude!

**OBJECT:** Collect the most *Dong Ma?* cards and show how much you know about the Firefly and Serenity 'Verse!

**CONTENTS:** These rules, 44 *Dong Ma?* cards and 28 *Wave* cards. Psychics not included.

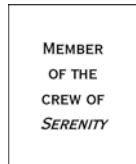
**SETUP:** Shuffle all the *Dong Ma?* cards and place them in a stack in the center of the play area. Next, shuffle all the *Wave* cards and place them in a stack next to the *Dong Ma?* cards.

**OVERVIEW:** The owner of the game turns over a *Dong Ma?* card and reads it out loud so everyone can begin to let their mind's eye wander as this game sometimes requires, like River, a little "out of the box" thinking. After a second, the owner then flips over a *Wave* card that will bear one of the letters of the Alphabet or a "Whimsy". The first player to shout out a correct answer collects the *Dong Ma?* card to place in their score pile. Repeat this process until all *Dong Ma?* cards have been claimed.

### BASIC RULES:

**Wave Cards:** These cards contain the 26 letters of the English Alphabet and 2 wild cards called "Whimsy" cards. These cards indicate what letter your answer must begin with. After a *Dong Ma?* card is claimed, place the *Wave* card in a discard pile. If you ever run out of *Wave* cards, shuffle the discards and start anew!

**Dong Ma? Cards:** These cards have the subject matter that the players are trying to identify. The following example asks for you to identify a "Member of the Crew of *Serenity*". As you see it is combined with the *Wave* card with the letter 'B'. A correct answer to this combination would be "Bester", or "Book", for example.



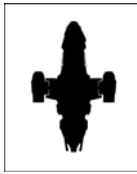
**Canon:** All answers must have been seen or mentioned in the TV show (*Firefly*), the big damn movie (*Serenity*), or in the comic books/TBP (*Serenity/Serenity: Those Left Behind*). Examples:

Seen: Apples	Mentioned: Griswolds
Seen: Cows	Mentioned: Beagles
Seen: Niska	Mentioned: Shan Yu
Seen: Operative	Mentioned: Parliament

All of these are legitimate answers for various combinations in the game.

**Time:** There is no time limit, but on occasion, a combination will arise that has no answer. When this happens, simply place the cards on the bottom of their respective stacks so they can cycle again. Also, if after 30 seconds or a minute, no one has come up with an answer, you may want to simply place the cards on the bottom of their respective stacks and move on to the next pair.

**“Whimsy”:** There are 2 cards that are a sort of “wild” card included in the *Wave* cards.



The first one has a picture of a Firefly class transport. When this card is flipped the first correct answer wins the *Dong Ma?* as there is no specific letter of the alphabet given.

The second one has the Chinese version of the word “Serenity”. When this card is flipped, you ignore the subject on the *Dong Ma?* card, and the first person to shout out **any** Chinese from canon (either seen or spoken) wins the *Dong Ma?* card.

**Challenges:** If someone blurts out an answer first, and it is wrong, they suffer no penalty, but do they also do not collect the *Dong Ma?* card. On occasion, someone will know an answer that others don’t. If there is not a majority consensus between the other players, either in favor or against the answer, the cards get placed on the bottom of their respective stacks. If there is a majority in favor of the answer, the card goes to the player who shouted it out. If there is a majority against the answer, the card goes to the next person to have shouted a correct answer. Additionally, if two (or more) people shout out correct answers at the same time, and it can’t be decided who was first, place the cards at the bottom of their respective stacks and continue.

**Optional Rules:** These are not mandatory. ☺

- Newer fans may wish to use the Chinese “Whimsy” the same way as the Firefly “Whimsy”
- Add additional canon, such as the Firefly and Serenity Official Companion books.
- Increase the challenge level by restricting game play to one set of canon, such as “only episodes” or “only the movie” or “only *Bushwhacked*” and remove cards that would not apply.

**WINNING:** The game ends when there are no more *Dong Ma?* cards to be flipped. Each player counts up the total number of *Dong Ma?* cards in their score pile. The player with the most wins! In case of a tie, the player with the least number of cards in their score pile chooses one of their *Dong Ma?* cards and places it in the center of the table. A speed round ensues! They then flip a *Wave* card every second until one of the tied players shouts out a correct answer using the current *Wave* card letter. Some players may wish to resolve things with a sword duel, or a bar fight, and while we can not condone that sort of activity, we do find it, on occasion, hilarious.

Shiny! You now know who the Fans, Flans, and Browncoats (and maybe Purplebellies!) are among you!

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### NOTES ON PRINTING CARDS:

This game was designed to be printed using Postcard/Index Card paper. I used the Avery brand #8577 for ease of separating cards using pre-perforated paper. If you print them on regular card stock, the best thing to do is fold your sheets into 4 equal parts and then cut on the folds. I hope you enjoy the game! - TCM

Watch for future expansions!



A  
CHARACTER  
FROM  
ANY  
EPISODE

EPISODE  
TITLE

MEMBER  
OF THE  
CREW OF  
*SERENITY*

A  
CAST  
MEMBER

**AN  
OBJECT  
IN  
SPACE**

**A  
BIG  
DAMN  
HERO**

**A  
SLANG  
WORD**

**A  
WRITER**

A  
CHARACTER  
FROM  
THE  
MOVIE

AN ITEM  
FOUND  
IN THE  
CARGO BAY  
ON *SERENITY*

A  
PLANET  
OR  
MOON

A  
BROWNCOAT

A  
PURPLEBELLY

AN ITEM  
BELONGING  
TO  
WASH

AN ITEM  
BELONGING  
TO  
JAYNE

SOMETHING  
SEEN IN THE  
*FRUITY*  
*OATY BAR*  
COMMERCIAL

AN ITEM  
RIVER  
HELD IN  
HER HAND(S)

SOMEONE  
MAL  
SHOOTS

A TYPE  
OF HAT

SOMETHING  
FROM  
EARTH-  
THAT-WAS



SOMEONE  
WHO HIRES  
THE CREW  
OF *SERENITY*  
FOR A JOB

A FOOD  
ITEM

SOMEONE  
WHO GETS  
SHOT

SOMEONE  
WHO GETS  
STABBED  
OR CUT

A LAND,  
AIR, OR  
SPACE  
VEHICLE

AN ITEM  
FOUND  
IN THE  
DINING AREA  
ON *SERENITY*

AN  
IMPROVISED  
WEAPON

A PART  
OF THE  
SHIP  
*SERENITY*

AN  
ANIMAL

AN ITEM  
FOUND  
IN THE  
COCKPIT  
OF *SERENITY*

A PLACE  
THE CREW  
OF *SERENITY*  
TRAVELS TO

A  
CHARACTER  
THAT DIES

A PERSON  
OR AN ITEM  
SEEN IN  
THE  
*MAIDENHEAD*

AN ITEM  
THAT IS  
STOLEN OR  
SCAVENGED

A  
MEDICAL  
ITEM

A TOY  
OR GAME

**SOMETHING  
FOUND IN  
CANTON**

**SOMETHING  
FOUND IN  
INARA'S  
SHUTTLE**

**AN ITEM  
BELONGING  
TO  
MR. UNIVERSE**

**A  
NICKNAME  
OR  
PSEUDONYM**

A  
TITLE  
OR  
RANK

SOMETHING  
FOUND IN  
THE *HEART*  
*OF GOLD*  
BROTHEL

AN ITEM  
BELONGING  
TO  
MAL

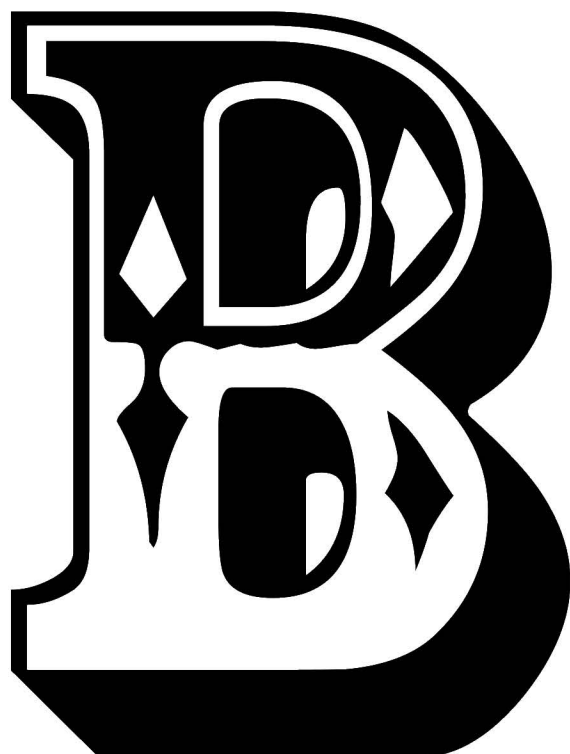
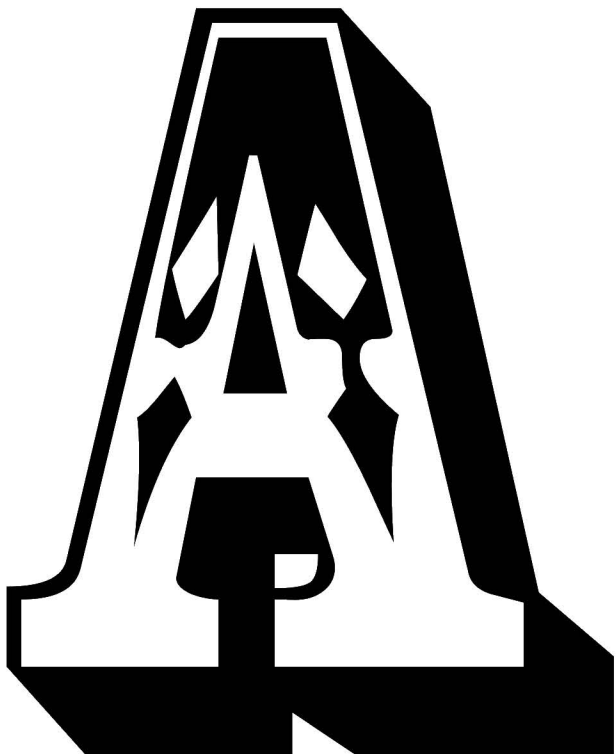
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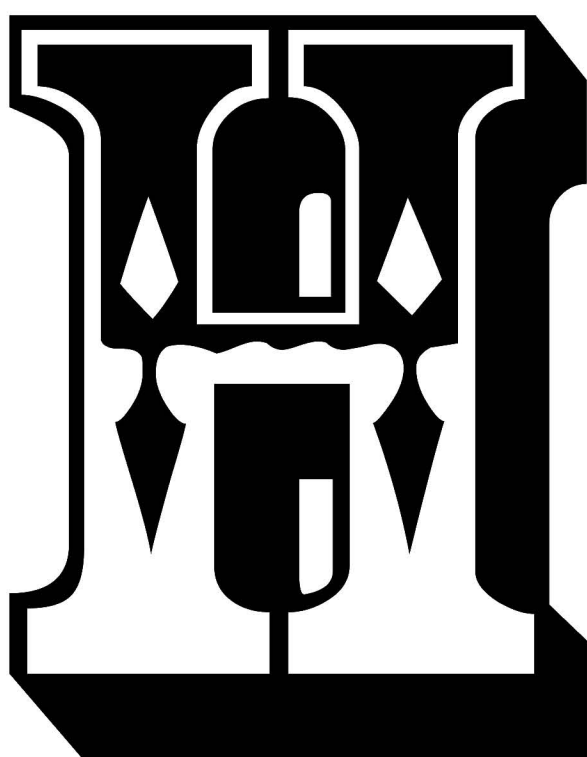
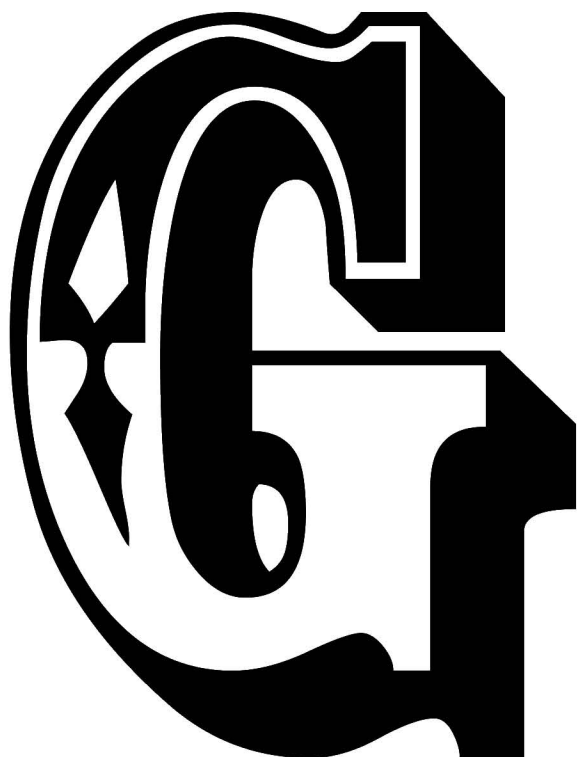
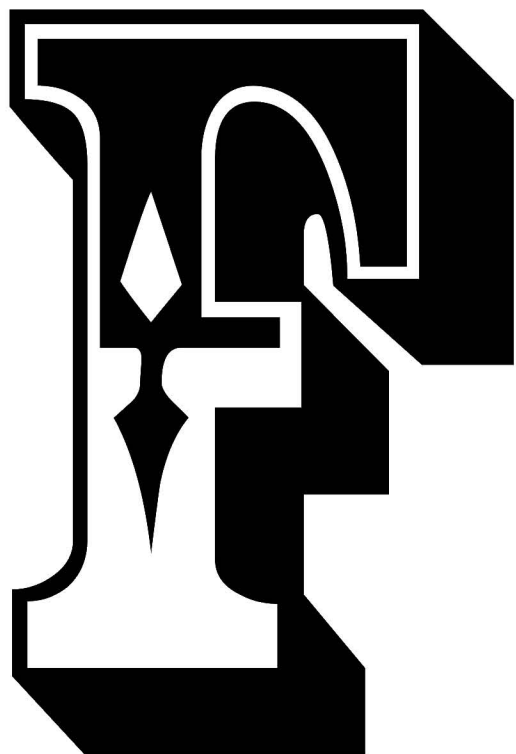
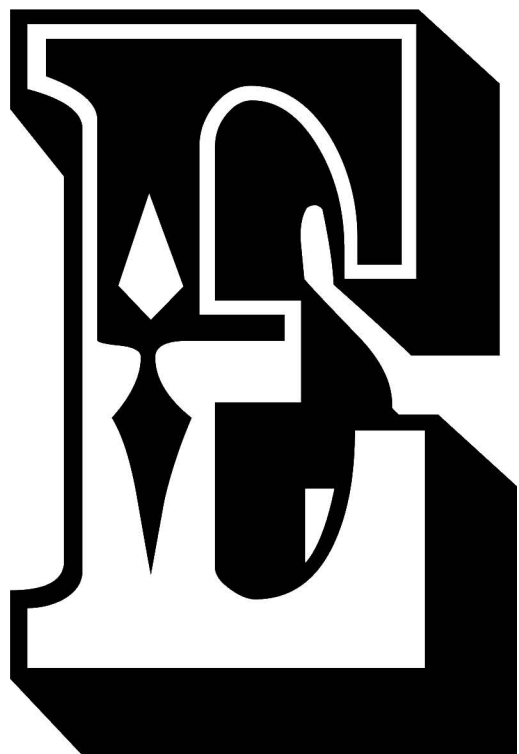
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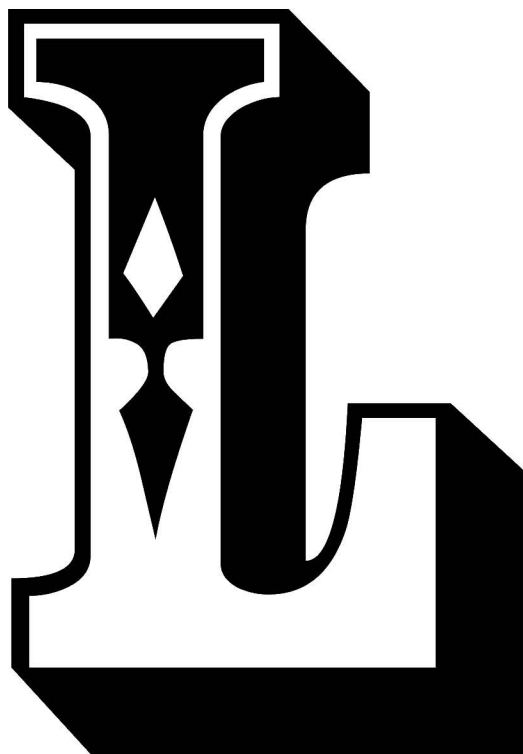
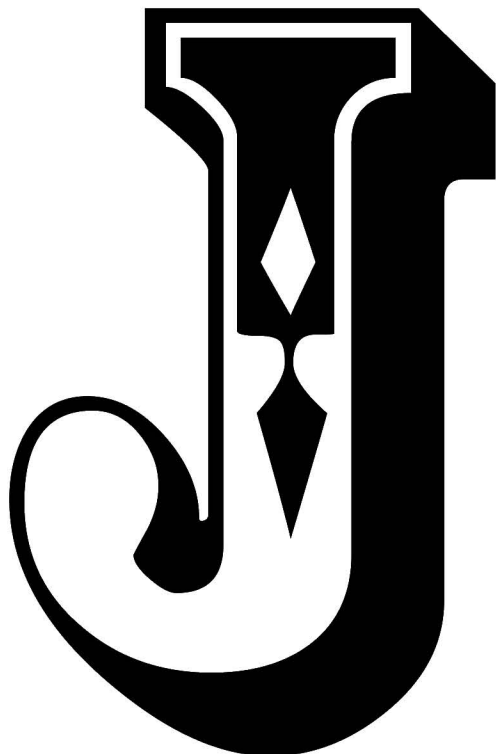
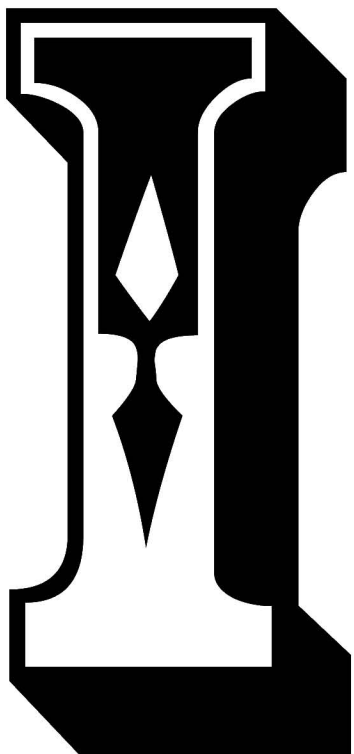
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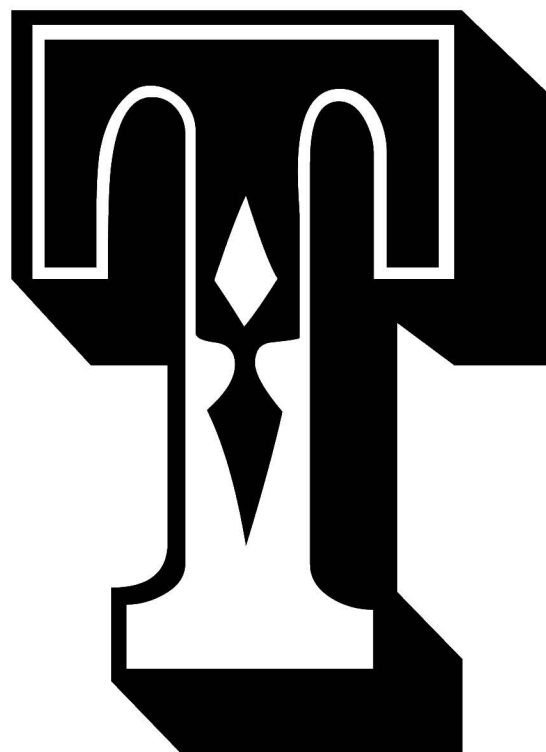
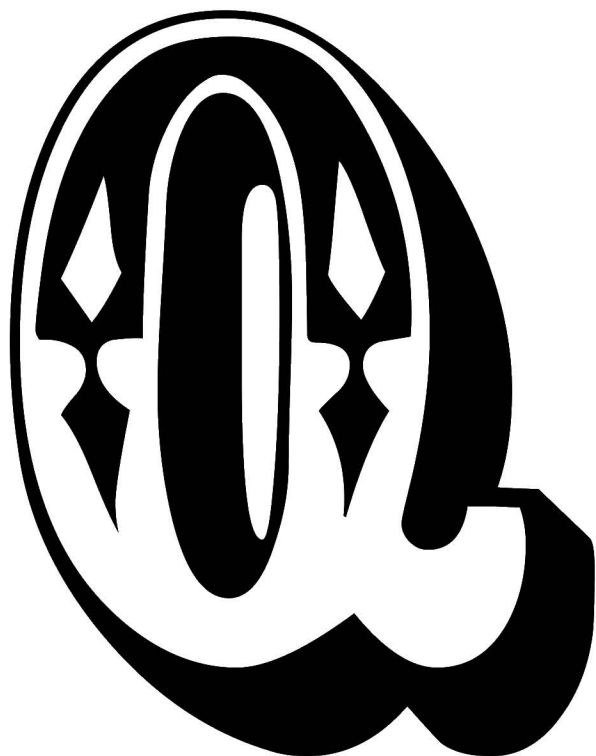


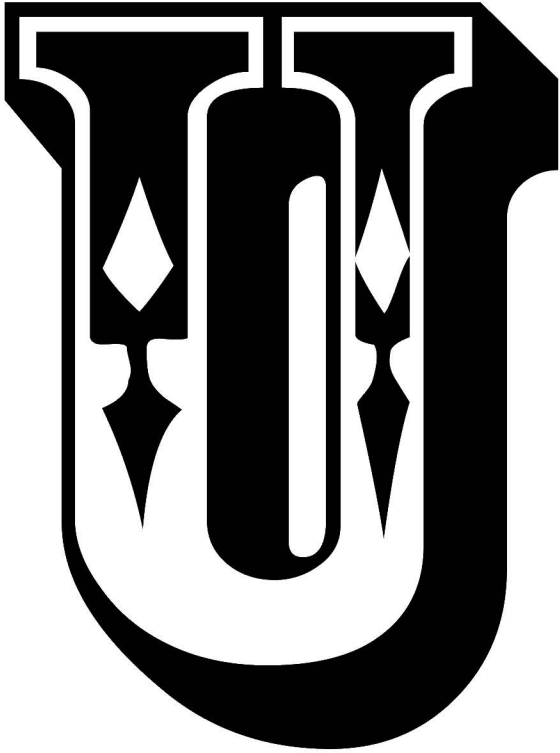
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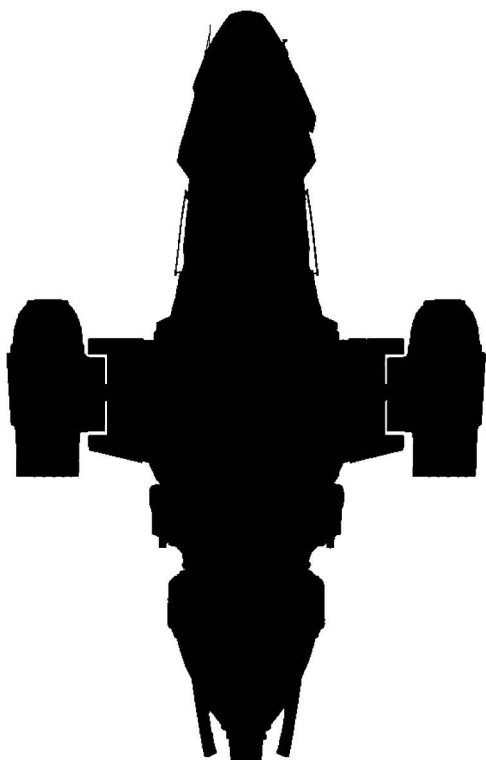
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