

COFFEE ON SUNDAYS



The Monthly Newsletter for Heather Hiestand, Eilis Flynn, and Anh Leod
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It's autumn, finally, after a weird and wacky kind of summer, and time to curl up with a cup of your favorite hot beverage and a book! Anh's "Bijou's Bonds" release marks the last of the "release-every-month-spring-and-summer" that Heather/Anh and Eilis orchestrated and now we're moving into a period with more staggered, full-length releases. Heather has at least two

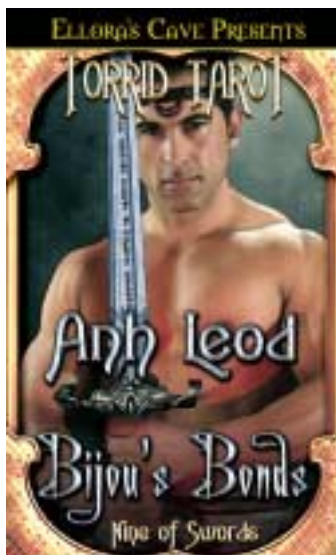
novels out next year (after one last release this year in December), and Anh has one science fiction erotic romance scheduled so far in 2008. Eilis has finally received her edits for *Introducing Sonika* and is looking forward to a release date in 2008 for her hotly awaited third novel, and is working on finishing her own sci-fi romance.

But back to "Bijou's Bonds"—Anh's first werewolf

erotic romance, "Lucky Number Seven," was published to rave reviews and sold extremely well. She's hoping the story of Bijou, a minor character from that novella, is as well received by fans as we return to the world of Centralia, WA and the Brotherhood...

Bijou, a shape-shifter, is the sister of Cere, the hero of "Lucky Number Seven." In this

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ON SALE

Heather Hiestand

- *Cards Never Lie* (Cerridwen Press)
- "Looking Forward, Looking Back" (Lavender Isis Press)
- *One Juror Down* (Cerridwen)

Eilis Flynn

- *The Sleeper Awakes* (Cerridwen)
- *Festival of Stars* (Cerridwen)
- "30-Day Guarantee" (myromancestory.com)

Anh Leod

- "Lucky Number Seven" (Ellora's Cave)
- "Aphrodite's Necklace" (Ellora's Cave)
- "Bijou's Bonds" (Ellora's Cave)

UPCOMING RELEASES

- December 6: *Gunshot Grange* by Heather Hiestand (Cerridwen)
- March 13, 2008: *Two on the Hunt* by Heather Hiestand (Cerridwen)
- Early 2008: *Introducing Sonika* by Eilis Flynn (Cerridwen)
- Early 2008: *Recreating John Doe* by Anh Leod (Ellora's Cave)



QUESTION OF THE MONTH
What do you like to read?
Drop us a line at
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can get to know you better!

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Bijou's Bonds, CONTINUED

universe from Anh, shape-shifters have “true mates” they are fated to be with, so it makes sense that a tool like the tarot could provide real warnings and help to them.

Bijou is the historian of her clan and couldn't have been saddled with a less appropriate true mate than the alpha of the rival Legion clan. Bijou's entire life revolves around her clan, and being forced to leave it was going to create sadness, de-

spair, shame and disgrace, some of the themes of the Nine of Swords tarot card.

In addition, various sources tell us this card signifies anxiety, misery, hopelessness, panic, illness, cruelty, violence, martyrdom and an undesired pregnancy. The good news is a new life comes from all this suffering, making the card a positive picture rather than a bleak one.

In addition to the themes of the card itself there are a couple of tarot readings in this short

novel. I took the reading formats from *Illustrated Tarot Spreads* by Heidemarie Pielmeier and Marcus Schirner.

I had a lot of fun continuing to develop my shape-shifter universe in this story. Since both romantic partners this time are werewolves, that moved the sex down darker paths. The clans used to have magic and hid it away. This secretly magical clan past comes into play along with the tarot in “Bijou's Bonds.”



An Excerpt from “Bijou's Bonds”

Prologue

Until this night, Nana had always been a comfort to her.

“So you want to play the game of fate, do you?” Nana asked, her wrinkled face holding a sly expression as she unwrapped the red silk from her worn deck of tarot cards.

Bijou leaned over the picnic table on her deck. She had just finished clearing the plates from dinner. The hot July sun was sinking on the horizon. It had been a perfect day but still, a feeling of unease had steadily crept over her as the day progressed.

She only had one goal in life, to translate the ancient scrolls of her clan. As historian of the Brotherhood she had the right, but the Council was convening

soon and they might decide the lost history and knowledge of their ancestors was better left to the ages.

Nana's cards would tell her what she faced. Bijou would rather be forewarned than in the dark. She would arm herself against the future with the insight of the tarot. All shape-shifters respected the cards.

Nana was a clan elder, and the mother of Barkley, the alpha's advisor. She had a touch of the far sight. In all Nana's

long history, Bijou had never known her to be wrong, whatever divination tool was used.

“What is your problem, child?” The steel gray bun on the top of Nana's head bobbed as she spoke. Despite her air of mystery, Nana had always been kind to Bijou.

“I want to see history,” Bijou said firmly. “I want to open the oldest scrolls of our clan.”

“How is that a problem? What lies underneath your desire?”



APPEARANCES

Eilis Flynn:

- Greater Seattle RWA, Richmond Beach Library, Seattle, WA, October 6, 2007
- Emerald City Writers' Conference, Bellevue, WA, October 26–28, 2007
- EPICon, Portland, OR, March 6–9, 2008
- A Writer's Weekend, Seattle, WA, June 27–29, 2008
- Romance Writers of America National Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 30–August 2, 2008

Heather Hiestand/Anh Leod:

- Coming soon!

