



## BLACK CATEGORIES

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LEGAL AFFAIRS

Another charge has been added in the trial of Jinx, the black cat. Born on 4/4 four years ago, Jinx seems to have been haunted by bad luck their whole life. Currently on trial for an incident that happened four months ago in Quadroville, Jinx appeared on the stand yesterday, and this court reporter was there to hear the testimony.

The question posed to them was simple: “Jinx, have you ever crossed paths with the previous witness?”

Jinx, their tail flicking nervously, replied, “No sir, I make a point of never crossing paths with anyone.”

At this point, the prosecutor interrupted, addressing the judge, “Your Honor, I would like to amend the indictment to include an additional charge.” The courtroom buzzed with curiosity but the judge called for a recess before revealing the charge.

This intrepid reporter found a dropped clue while exiting the courtroom. Readers of this column will certainly prefer to figure out the newly added charge on their own.

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### QuadBond

CURRENTLY CASTING FOR JCTV'S NEW GAME SHOW!!!  
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CONTESTANTS WILL COMPETE TO FIND FOUR GROUPS OF FOUR RELATED WORDS FROM A 4x4 GRID. THE TWIST IS THAT SOME WORDS MIGHT BELONG TO MORE THAN ONE GROUP, BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION TO THE GRID.

GAME VARIATIONS MIGHT INCLUDE COMPUTING NUMERICAL TOTALS OF WORDS IN A GROUP AND CONVERTING THE TOTALS BACK TO LETTERS.

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The scrap of paper found in the courtroom is reproduced below.

<b>DREAM CATCHER</b> 9	<b>SCARAB</b> 8	<b>WISHBONE</b> 6	<b>HORSE SHOES</b> 2
<b>SEVEN</b> 3	<b>LADYBUG</b> 6	<b>RABBIT'S FOOT</b> 1	<b>LASSIE</b> 3
<b>WEEVIL</b> 2	<b>SHAMROCK</b> 3	<b>FIREFLY</b> 5	<b>BOCCE</b> 4
<b>CROQUET</b> 8	<b>SCOOPY-DOO</b> 1	<b>CORNHOLE</b> 4	<b>CLIFFORD</b> 8

<b>TWO</b> 2	<b>SERVAL</b> 6	<b>INN</b> 8	<b>PANTHER</b> 3
<b>MIRROR</b> 1	<b>FOUR</b> 4	<b>EBONY</b> 3	<b>LADDER</b> 6
<b>PITCH</b> 8	<b>RAVEN</b> 2	<b>THIRTEEN</b> 1	<b>ONYX</b> 5
<b>LYNX</b> 5	<b>BUY</b> 7	<b>CHARCOAL</b> 9	<b>LION</b> 4

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