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BLUE DEVIL GAMES TO PUBLISH JOHN RAIN GAME

Leading Publisher Will Bring Barry Eisler's Best-Selling Assassin to the Game Table.

PLANTATION, FL – March 25, 2008 – Blue Devil Games and Barry Eisler have entered into a licensing agreement to publish table-top role-playing game products based on the author's award-winning novels featuring assassin John Rain.

“Role-playing games are about creating stories,” says game designer Justin D. Jacobson. “More than just gripping stories, intriguing characters, and realistic depictions of the art of combat, the John Rain novels get right in your face and demand: *When you pull the trigger, how will it change you?* These qualities make John Rain the ultimate source material for an exciting and thought-provoking game.”

“I’ve long thought that a ‘natural causes’ assassin like John Rain would be a great foundation for a terrific RPG, and I’m excited to be working with Justin and BDG to make it happen,” says Eisler. Eisler’s *Requiem for an Assassin* launched at #19 on the *New York Times* Best Seller List in 2007. Like its predecessors, *Requiem* depicts the life-and-death escapades of John Rain, the assassin who specializes in death by “natural causes”. Eisler’s seventh novel is slated for release in early 2009.

In *Tokyo Rain*, players take the role of an assassin or his prey, building their own cat-and-mouse story, culminating in a showdown with their characters’ very lives at stake. But, in the words of John Rain: Killing is the easy part. *Tokyo Rain* will feature a foreword by Eisler and will be available at major American booksellers and on-line by the end of 2008. *Tokyo Rain* will be a stand-alone game with an original system, tailored to suit the material. More information will be released shortly with details of the game and related products. Information is also available at <http://www.johnraingame.com>.

About Barry Eisler

Barry Eisler worked in the CIA’s Directorate of Operations, then lived in Japan, where he earned his black belt at the Kodokan International Judo Center. The Rain books, featuring half-Japanese, half-American assassin John Rain, have won the Barry and Gumshoe Awards; have been included in numerous “Best Of” lists; have been translated into twenty languages; and are the basis for a forthcoming film. www.barryeisler.com

About Blue Devil Games

The solo enterprise of award-winning game designer Justin D. Jacobson, Blue Devil Games publishes “fiendishly clever” table-top games in both print and electronic format. Feature products include the forthcoming *Tokyo Rain* and the five-time ENnie-nominated *Dawning Star* science-fiction setting. For more information visit www.bluedevilgames.com.

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