

# THE SILVER WAY INN 1

**Size:** 8

**Quality:** \*\*\*\*

**Prices:** High

The Silver Way Inn is by far the better of the two Inns within the walls of Kiban Town. The inn is popular with wealthy freemen, guildsmen and merchants. The ground floor is stone built. The upper floor is timber. The inn supports Illion of Bydarf, his family, and three other members of staff. From spring to autumn during market days (every three days from the first of each month) the inn is extremely busy and it can often be difficult to get accommodation. The ostler adjacent to the inn is a freemaster, Kilk of Dipura. Kilk is married to Pila, the third of Illions four daughters.

## STAFF

### Illion of Bydarf – Innkeeper & Brewer

Fifty four year old Illion founded and built this inn almost twenty years ago. He spent his journeyman years in Uldien, Getha, Habe and Azadmere. He learnt much of his trade in Habe and married a Jarin woman, Sarla. Unable to buy a license in Azadmere he returned home to Kiban. The inn was finally finished in 704, and has enjoyed a good reputation since then. Illion is one of the leading guildsmen in Kiban and is also aldermen, one of the four guildsmen who are appointed to the council by the Mangai. Council meetings are infrequent but Illion is often busy with council business. Illion pours ale, talks to his customers, and takes payment, but rarely comes out from behind the bar.

### Sarla of Bydarf - Cook

Sarla, now fifty two, was born in the kingdom of Azadmere, in the village Shinham. She is a good cook and the inn's menu often includes many Jarinese dishes alongside the more traditional Kaldoric food. She always brings the food to tables herself, and asks if all is well. She is always pleased to receive flattery about her cooking, especially her Jarinese dishes.

### Darina of Bydarf - Server

Darina is Illion and Sarla's eldest daughter. She is thirty two years old. Darinas' main duties are to keep the inn clean and tidy.

She married Tarral, her fathers apprentice thirteen years ago. She was pregnant by him at the time. She is still fond of Tarral, but is not the naïve girl he seduced. Darina is aware of her husbands roving eye and keeps a very close watch on him. She is sharp tongued and is especially watchful on the rare occasions that attractive young women visit the inn. Inn regulars are used to hear her scolding her husband. She is not afraid to scold guests either.

### Tarral of Bydarf - Barman

Tarral is thirty years old. He was adopted into the Bydarf clan after his marriage. He is a tall, fair haired and handsome man with an easy way with he customers and a fondness for the company of attractive young women. He expects to inherit the inn upon Illion's death. Tarral is not a particularly good brewer, though he is a sociable host. He hates the current journeyman, Argrath. Not for anything he has done, but simply because Illion constantly compares Tarral unfavourably to Argrath.

### Nallia of Bydarf - Potgirl

Nallia is Tarral and Darina's eldest child. She is only just thirteen years old, but already close to womanhood. She has inherited her mothers dark hair and brown eyes and her fathers easy ways and roving eye. Her grandfather has already scolded her several times for her over-familiar attitude to customers. Nalia waits on tables and collects empty jugs and mugs.

### Argrath of Tarams – Journeyman Innkeeper

Argrath is twenty years old. He is 5' 9" tall and of average build and appearance. Argrath is competent and clever young man, a good brewer and polite and attentive to the customers. Argrath has a remarkable memory for names and faces and can greet amost all previous guests by name. He is highly regarded by Illion, who has no sons. Argrath has no time for Nalia and her coquettish tricks. He never calls her by name, addressing her as 'potgirl' and referring to her as 'the little girl.' This annoys Nalia intensely.

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## Mykal of Shawryn – Apprentice Innkeeper

Mykal is fifteen years old and is bewitched by Nallia, who manages to get him into all sorts of trouble. He is often sent by her on little errands. He was recently beaten by Illion because he used some of the days takings to buy silk ribbons for Nalias hair. Mykal claimed that Nalia told him to do it. Nalia denied this. Illion was unsure who to believe but decided that beating Mykal might teach him a lesson anyway. Illion is unsure how to deal with someone whose only crime may be to obey his granddaughter rather than himself. Mykal waits on tables and collects empty pots and jugs.

## Jann Rashkan - Barmaid

Jann is a plain, blonde haired, girl. She is twenty years old and has worked at the inn for four years. She is 5' 5" tall and weighs around 8¼ st. Janns' father was a dockworker who was crippled in an accident when she was fifteen. Jann, her parents, her ten year old brother and her thirteen year old sister live in a tenement near the Querina gate. Jann is the main breadwinner and works hard to support her family. Jann helps everyone in the inn and is highly regarded by Illion, Sarla, Darina and Argrath.

## OTHER FAMILY & RESIDENTS

Illion and Sarla have four surviving children, all daughters. Only one of them, Darina lives at the inn. The second daughter, twenty-seven year old Tabitha was betrothed to a cousin of Sarla's twelve years ago and now lives near in Azadmere, at the village of Sork, near Habe. She left the inn quit suddenly and the rumours at the time were that she too was pregnant by Tarral. The third daughter, twenty-six year old Pila, is married to the Freemaster Ostler, Kilk of Dipura whose premises are within the Inn yard. She is never far from her parents or the Inn. The youngest daughter, twenty three year old Thylyra, is married to the local woodcrafter, Dina of Cassan, who makes all of Illion's barrels.

Tarral and Darina have three children. Thirteen year old Nallia acts as potgirl. Ten year old Nyrea and her eight year old brother Torram are not allowed in the common room of the inn, but stay in the kitchen helping their grandmother. Nyrea is a serious and solemn child, the opposite of her elder sister.

## FOOD AND DRINK PRICES

Drink	Jug (4pt)	Tankard	Goblet (or pint jug)
Ale	1d	¼d	-
Mild Beer	1d	¼d	-
Khuzan Stout Ale	2d	½d	-
Jarinese Ouiski	-	12d	2½d
Thardic Red Wine	-	2d	½d

### Food:

*(note that only two or three of the menu items will actually be available each day)*

Black Pudding, Bacon, Eggs & Sausages	¾d
Mutton Stew	½d
Smoked Fish Stew	½d
Porridge	¼d
Oatcakes	¼d
Fish in Spicy Sauce	½d
Mutton Soup	¼d
Jarin Flatbread (¼ loaf)	¼d
Sheepsmilk Cheese	¼d
Honeycakes	¼d
Berry Pie	¼d

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## GROUND FLOOR

The common room of the is at its busiest and most crowded at lunchtimes on market days and in the evenings before the market. The majority of Illions' customers are freemen and guildsmen. Serfs coming to market may take a drink here, but are unlikely to stay the night. Illion often accepts payment in kind from his customers and much of the inn's food is provided by the free farmers and fishermen among the inn's regulars.

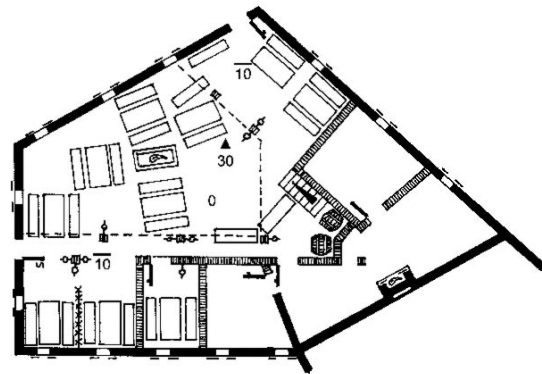
The room off the main common room can be rented from Illion for private discussions. The towns richer guildsmen often conduct meetings in this room. The price varies, Illion will usually ask for at least 6d, but will accept 2d if no-one else wants the room.

The rooms behind the bar tables are the kitchen and the families quarters. These back rooms are the domain of Sarla, the kitchen especially. The division of labour is amicable between husband and wife, as Illion says, 'I don't tell her how to cook & she doesn't tell me how to brew.'

## UPPER FLOOR

There are eight rooms on the upper floor of the inn, all are available for guests. The room with the fireplace is the most expensive, and the common room with its fifteen beds is the cheapest. In the winter, when the inn is quiet, Tarral, Darina and their children use the best (and warmest) room. Unless, of course, a guest is willing to pay richly for the warmth.

Room prices vary with demand. The room with the fireplace costs at least 8d. The adjacent large room at least 6d. A bed in the larger common dormitory starts at  $\frac{3}{4}d$  per night, the smaller common room starts at  $1\frac{1}{4}d$  per bed, or 3d for the room. The remaining four rooms are 4d each. All prices are negotiable but Illion is ex-tremely unlikely to reduce prices below this level. At busy times these prices will be double, or more. When the inn is very crowded Illion will put cots in the ground floor meeting room and will sell floorspace in the bar.



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