

JACK  
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CONNAN



Hello everybody. We wish to announce the most exciting news that we have received in a long time. We have been proudly given the marketing partnership for a gentleman and a master craftsman that you will read about just below. This man's skills, knowledge and extremely fine attention to detail are beyond words. If you wish to own one of his fine cutthroat razors, and please bear in mind no two pieces of art work are every the same. The pieces are investment pieces, sadly they are expensive by the nature of how they are made and the time taken to do so. At the moment we have nothing to offer as the few pieces that we had have already sold out. Here are some photographs of just a few of his handmade pieces which are now in the hands of collectors world-wide. We expect 2 or 3 pieces a month and have a great deal of costumers waiting for these fine investment pieces. They do say a picture speaks a 1000 words, so please look at the picture just below and then read the story of Jack Connan's climb to fame.





# Jack Connan

He started off with an apprenticeship in gun smithing under Ben Musgrave in Bloemfontein during school holidays. This he mastered in a very short time and was proud of his achievement at a young age. He then took up the jewellery design and manufacturer course at Wits Tech. In 1998 he then started work with a Russian jewellery designer as a gold smith, to learn the art of Russian jewellery making i.e. Faberge egg type of fine jewel making. He learned the art of casting, making and setting stones and studied this. He heard of a company dealing in the finest diamond setting and miniature jewellery work, including engraving, designing and making specialised one-off pieces and wished to be part and parcel of this team and after gaining access with his skills he worked for this high end company for over 10 years. In October 2009 he made his first knife and in less than 2 years he was granted the most prestigious honour of being made a member of THE KNIFE MAKERS GUILD OF SOUTH AFRICA. His knives became a trademark of fine quality. Absolute precision and attention to detail and he used this flair to make many different knives of all shapes and sizes, including miniature, extremely difficult, hand engrave and handmade pieces, some smaller than a match stick. This is the reason that he has the flair to try to make the most beautiful cutthroat razors that existed in the world today and could eventually do this with ease by putting weeks of laborious time to complete a never-before made one-off masterpiece like a piece of fine jewellery. When he made his first cutthroat it more like a piece of fine jewellery than an item to shave with so it was not only functional, it was also absolutely beautiful. Jack, over the years, enjoys every second of making fine art pieces but does not enjoy spending half the day explaining to person when he might be able to make something and when and why for endless hours when he could be at his work bench making a masterpiece. He has decided to hand over the promotional and marketing side of his skills to Mr. Cobbs The Barber situated in Cape Town, South Africa. This will give him all the time he needs, day or night, to continue making his masterpieces in peace and quiet with little or no disturbances. He also found that Mr. Cobbs The Barber was the most prestigious old school barbers in the whole of Africa and decided therefore that his very fine work should go to the finest and most knowledgeable company so the two would be highly compatible. Mr. Cobbs will now carry all of the razors Jack makes 2 or maybe 3 per month so there will be a very long waiting list for these works of art. Mr. Cobbs The Barber hopes that maybe one or two of his art knives will be included in the range of rare razors at some time in the future so we at MR COBBS are ecstatic to have a partnership with Jack Connan

Custom Knife Maker / Owner at Jack's Cutting Edge



Lives in Roodepoort, Gauteng  
From Roodepoort, Gauteng

### **How I Got Started**

As long as I can remember I have had an interest in knives as I did much of my growing up on a game farm.

My father had a photographic shop and Bertie Rietveld brought some film in with photos of knives which my father developed for him. I saw them and loved what I saw, Bertie then gave us invites to the guild show 1981 which I attended and have been attending guild shows ever since.

In 2004 I was given a piece of Damascus steel and I started thinking about a design, but never got as far as making the knife! In 2008 Theuns Prinsloo gave me a piece of Titanium to use as a liner, but it was not until the second half of 2009 that I started actually making the knife which I finished in September of that year! It was a gift to my father to whom I owe a lot of my hand skills! Soon after that I lost my job as a goldsmith and started making knives full time and loving every moment of it!

I am constantly trying to learn and grow as a knife maker and I currently specialize in kitchen knives and miniature folding knives but dabble in all sorts of sharp instruments! I always give every job my best but still have a lot to learn!

**Date of first knife made** – October 2009

**Part time or full time** – Full time knife maker

**Preferred knife type** – Straight Razors, Folders and Miniatures (but I will try anything if it is a challenge)

**Preferred knife style** – Something a little different from the norm

**Handle materials** – Stabilized woods, synthetics at the moment

**Steel** – Damasteel, RWL34 and many other steels (depending on the use of the knife)

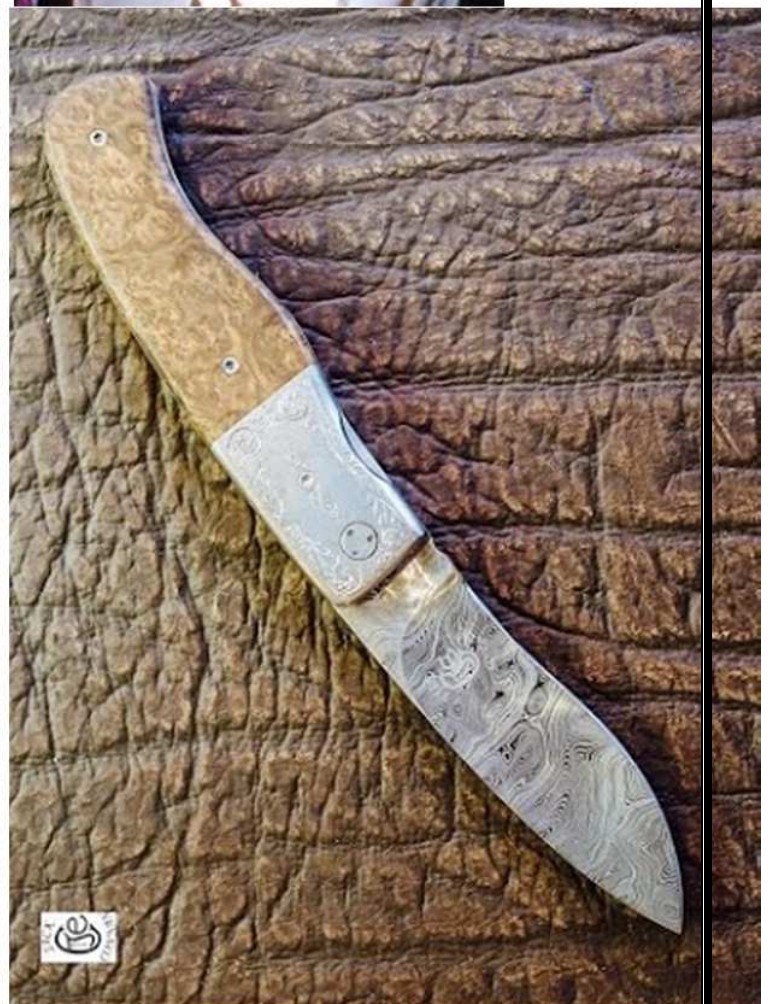
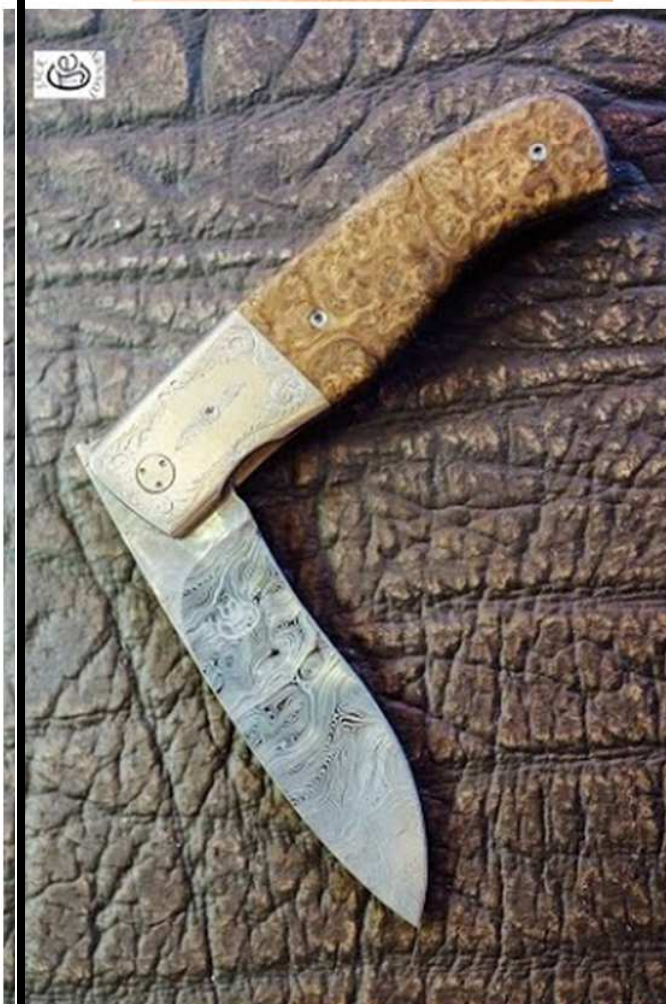
**Price Range** – Mr Cobbs the Barber now acts as our world-wide agent.  
Please contact him at

**Shows** – South African Guild Show (for now)

**Waiting List** – 3 to 6 months

**New Projects** – I am working on a redesign of a lock and learning the art of Flint Knapping to incorporate that into art knives.

**PLEASE NOTE JACK DOES NOT EMPLOY ANY  
APPRENTICE OR WORKER OF ANY OTHER  
DESCRIPTION. EVERYTHING ITEM THAT YOU  
SEE HERE IS MADE WITH HIS OWN TWO HANDS**

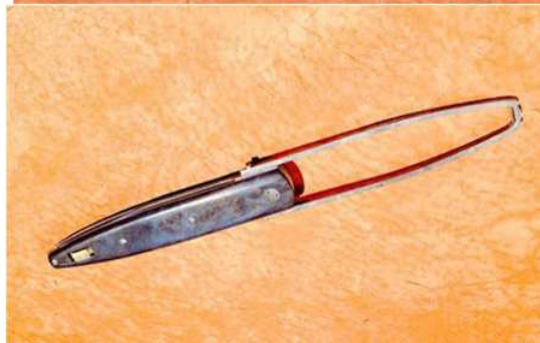
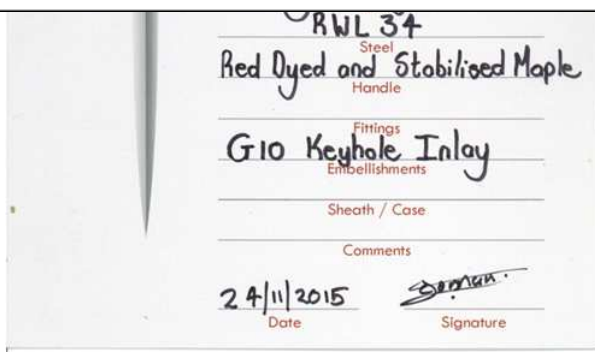


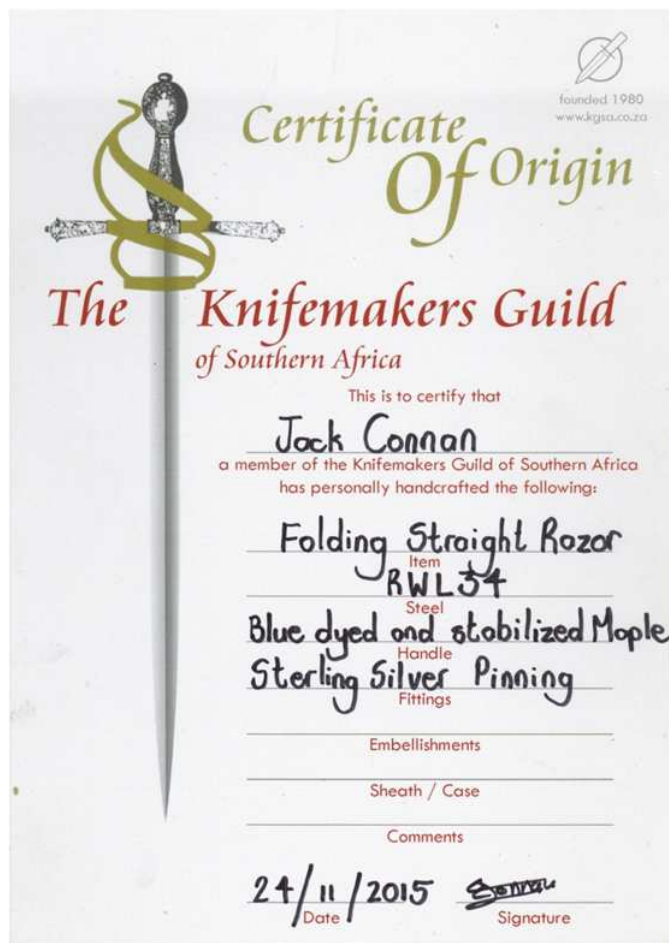
**ONE ONLY ART PIECE OF JACK'S UNIQUE**





## JACK'S UNIQUE FOLDING DAGGER 1





**NEWSFLASH: JACK HAS JUST AGREED TO ALLOW US TO SELL, ON HIS BEHALF, ONE OR TWO OF HIS ART MASTERPIECE KNIVES. PLEASE CONTACT OUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE RAZORS AND KNIVES.**

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**ONLY JACK'S HANDS MAKE  
EVERYTHING YOU SEE ON ALL THESE  
PAGES**





THIS WAS THE MINIATURE SWORD THAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN BY THE GUILD MEMBERS SO THAT MR. JACK CONNAN WAS IMMEDIATELY MADE A MEMBER OF THE KNIFE MAKERS GUILD OF SOUTH AFRICA



SOME DETAIL WORK ON SAID SCULPTURE. THE CLIMBERS WERE HAND CARVED FROM PLATINUM, ALL THE SETTINGS ARE PLATINUM



BELOW IS THE STORY IN PICTURES OF HOW THESE 18 CARAT GOLD FROM THE FIRST MINIATURE BLADE RIGHT THROUGH TO ENGRAVING EACH ONE WITH A DIFFERENT ENGRAVING DESIGN ON IT AND AFTER 5 WEEKS OF WORKING DAY AND NIGHT, YOU SEE ABOVE THE FINISHED MASTERPIECES.







AT THE END OF THE JOURNEY, THE 3 MINIATURE KNIVES WITH THE FOLDING AND LOCKING MECHANISM ARE NOW READY FOR THE LONG LAST STAGE OF ENGRAVING, EACH ONE WITH A DIFFERENT UNIQUE DESIGN ON EACH OF THE HANDLES AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE PICTURE WHERE THEY ARE PLACED AROUND A 10 CENT COIN, AMAZING.



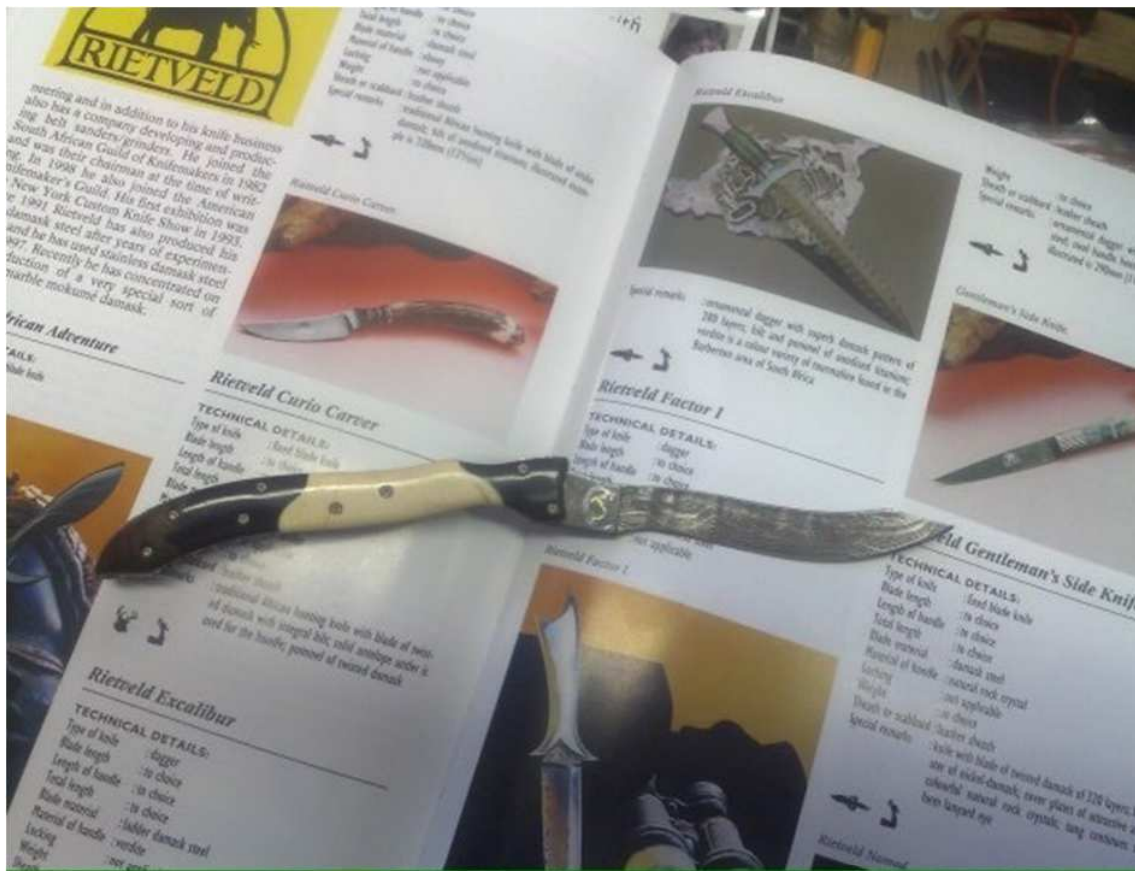


THESE ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS MADE WITH DIAMONDS, JEWELS AND GOLD, PLATINUM, ETC. TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THIS MAN'S FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP. THEN TAKE THE SAME SKILLS AND USE THEM FOR MAKING KNIVES OR EVEN FINER, SUPERB, BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED CUTTHROAT RAZORS. THESE ARE MADE IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS THE PIECES OF JEWELLERY ABOVE. WE BELIEVE THE FINEST HANDMADE CUTTHROATS IN THE WORLD.





ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF JACK'S MINIATURES







THIS IS THE FIRST KNIFE THAT WON ME AN AWARD,  
(BEFORE I BECAME A GUILD MEMBER) AT THE 2010  
LOWVELD KNIFE SHOW IN NELSPRUIT





THIS WAS MADE FOR A FAMILY: THE FATHER HAD A KNIFE MADE FOR HIMSELF AND THEN CHOSE ONE OF THE SAME STYLE IN DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR EACH OF HIS SONS.







FOR ANY  
ITEMS ON  
THESE PAGES, AS MOST OF THEM  
ALREADY HAVE HOMES, PLEASE  
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THIS IS A PIECE OF DAMASTEEL FROM SWEDEN, THIS IS A TOP QUALITY STAINLESS STEEL , READY TO BE CUT.



TWO RAZORS BLANKS CUT FROM THE STEEL AND THEN FORGED TO MAKE THE STEEL VERY HARD, READY TO WORK WITH





HAVING DESIGNED THESE SHAPES, JACK WILL NOW  
WORK OUT A LOOK THAT WILL MAKE THESE UNIQUE



AFTER MANY HOURS OF LABORIOUS GRINDING, TWO  
DAYS LATER WE HAVE THE BASIC SHAPES



MAKING SURE THAT THE HANDLE DESIGN FITS  
BEAUTIFULLY IN THE HAND FOR SHAVING



CHECKING THE BALANCE AND THE ALIGNMENT  
BEFORE THE WEEKS OF WORK COMMENCE





A PERFECT SHAPE AND NOW JACK IS HAPPY TO  
CONTINUE THE AMOUNT OF WORK IT WILL NEED



BEFORE THE WORK STARTS, THE SHAPE IS  
ABSOLUTELY BALANCED AND SUPERB



NOTICE THIS IS EXTREMELY LONG WITH A STRAIGHT  
BLADE, PREVIOUSLY CURVED BLADE



THE BLADES HAVE NOW BEEN SHAPED TO THE  
FINEST, THINNEST EDGE IMAGINABLE





NOTICE HOW THIN THE STEEL FROM SWEDEN HAS  
BECOME AS THE EDGE IS ALMOST AS THIN AS PAPER



TWO DAYS OF FILLING, SLOWLY BUT SURELY, NOW  
GIVES THE SPINE THE START OF FINE DETAIL WORK



LOOK AT THE FINE DETAILS THAT HAS BEEN  
ACHIEVED BY A MASTER GOLDSMITH



STILL NOT FINISHED, BUT AT LEAST IT'S BECOMING A  
VERY BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART





JACK HAS NOW CHOSEN THE WOOD FOR THE SCALES  
(HANDLES) AND USING A RED INNER TO COMPLETE



THESE ARE THE ETCHED DESIGNS FOR THE SOLE  
SUPPLIER WORLDWIDE "MR, COBBS THE BARBER"

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HERE IS THE FINISHED CURVED BLADE, READY FOR THE SCALES TO BE MADE IN GIRAFFE BONE, ETC.



HERE IS THE LONG BLADE WITH THE HIGHLY DETAILED SPINE, READY FOR THE SCALES





LOOK AT THE DETAIL IN THE WOOD AND THE WAY THE  
SCALES ARE FIXED TOGETHER TO FINISH OFF



TWO BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED RAZORS COMPLETELY  
MADE BY HAND BY ONE MAN, JACK

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NOW HERE ARE THE FINISHED PRODUCTS YOU HAVE SEEN BEEN MADE OVER THE WEEKS. THE TOP ONE WITH THE FANCY SPINE IS MADE OF A BEAUTIFUL WOOD AND THE INSIDE PART WHERE THE BLADE FITS HAS A BRIGHT RED INTERIOR FINISHED.

THE SMALLER ONE IS FINISHED IN GIRAFFE BONE WITH HIPPO TEETH INLAYS, REALLY BEAUTIFUL

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PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN WE HAVE ANY RAZORS FOR SALE, WHICH IS NOT VERY OFTEN, THESE ARE EXPENSIVE. THEY ARE HANDMADE ITEMS THAT COME FROM THE HANDS OF A MASTER GOLDSMITH. WHEN YOU BUY SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE, YOU ARE PURCHASING A WORK OF ART AND OBVIOUSLY AN INVESTMENT. AS YEARS GO BY THESE CAN ONLY RISE UPWARDS IN PRICE AS EACH ONE IS TOTALLY UNIQUE. JACK WILL NEVER MAKE THE SAME RAZOR TWICE SO IF YOU HAPPEN TO OWN ONE OF THESE WORKS OF ART, THERE IS NOT ANOTHER ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD. BY OWNING ONE, YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF A VERY SMALL UNIQUE COLLECTORS CLUB WORLDWIDE.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE. THE METALS USED ARE: STAINLESS STEEL OR DAMASCUS STEEL, BOTH IMPORTED FROM SWEDEN AT GREAT COST AND MAKE REALLY EVERLASTING PIECES.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE ARTICLE. IF YOU WISH  
FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
ME AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED ON VARIOUS  
PAGES.

BOB LANSDOWNE

WORLDWIDE SUPPLIER OF MASTER GOLDSMITH

JACK CONNAN, WONDERFUL MASTERPIECES

LOOK

THESE ARE MADE OF A SUBSTANCE FOUND BETWEEN  
80 MILLION YEARS AGO AND IT'S CALLED:

MAMMOTH IVORY





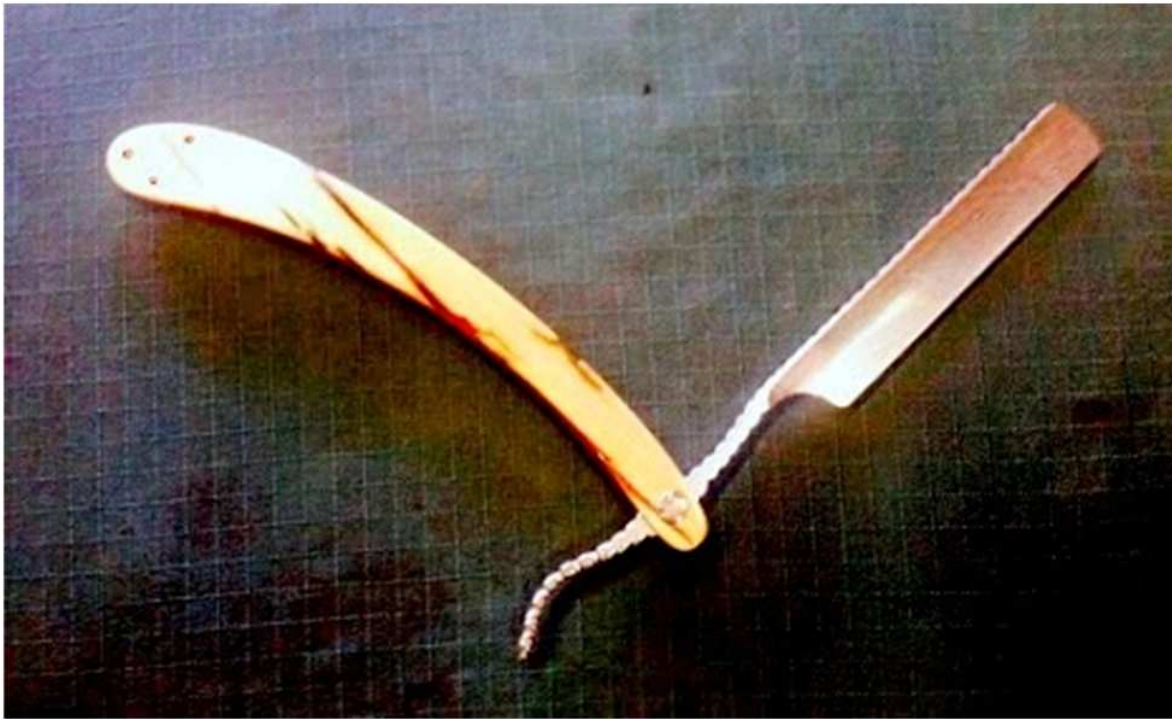
THIS IS ONE OF THE RAREST  
RAZORS IN THE WORLD AS IT'S  
MADE OF MAMMOTH IVORY AND  
HAS SOLID SILVER PINS THROUGH  
THE SCALES. THIS MUST BE  
UNIQUE IN TODAY'S WORLD.



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THIS WILL MAKE A  
FANTASTIC INVESTMENT.



REMEMBER THAT THIS IS  
THE ONLY ONE IN THE  
WHOLE WORLD

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I MUST TELL YOU THAT THIS  
WILL BE VERY, VERY  
EXPENSIVE



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FAMILIES THAT  
INVEST IN PIECES OF  
A UNIQUE DESIGN AND  
THE FINEST QUALITY  
IMAGINABLE ARE  
THINKING OF THE  
GENERATIONS THAT  
FOLLOW THEM

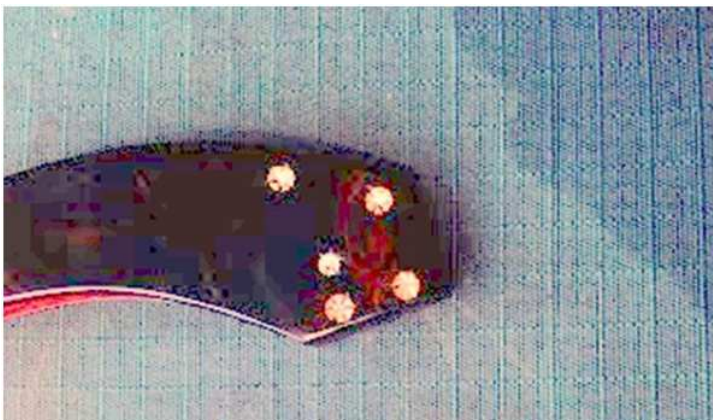




SADLY AS SOON AS A  
RAZOR IS SOLD, THERE  
ARE NO MORE. IT'S THE  
ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD

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JACK NEVER CEASES TO  
SURPRISE ME. THE NEW  
BATCH OF RAZORS,  
ARRIVING SOON, ARE NOW  
FITTED WITH GEM STONES  
AND GENUINE DIAMONDS.  
THIS IS A UNIQUE USE OF A  
RAZOR PINNING THAT HAS  
NEVER BEEN SEEN  
BEFORE.



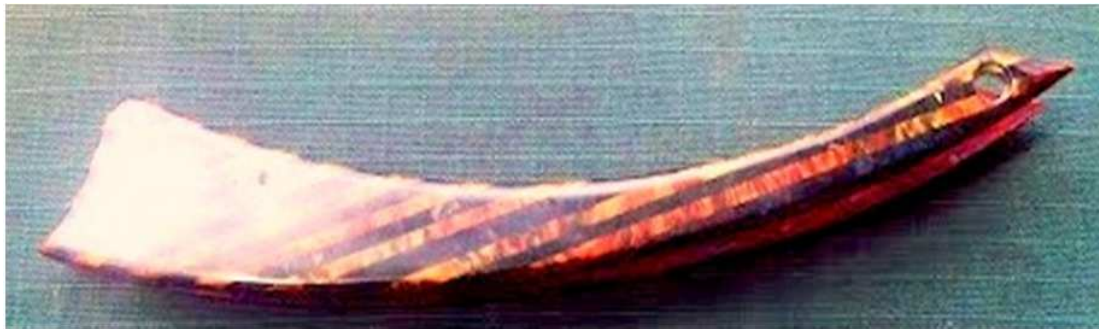


HERE ARE JUST SOME OF  
THE NEW ARRIVALS FOR  
YOU TO JUDGE FOR  
YOURSELF AS TO THE  
MAGNIFICENT, HIGH  
QUALITY ACHIEVED BY  
ONE MAN: JACK CONNAN



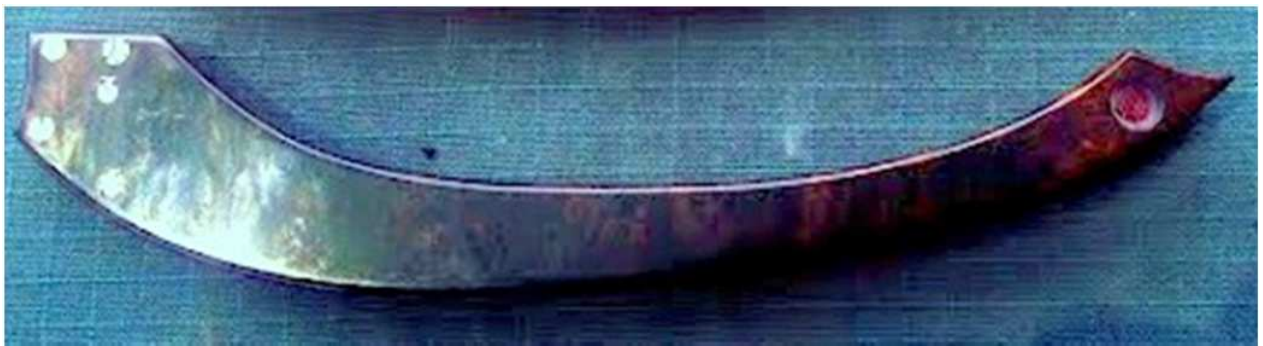
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THE USE OF THE VARIOUS  
SCALES (HANDLES) THAT  
YOU SEE WILL NEVER  
CEASE TO AMAZE YOU AS  
SOMEBODY WHO THINKS  
AHEAD IS VERY RARE IN  
THIS MASS PRODUCED  
WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY.



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YOU WILL NOT ONLY OWN  
ONE OF THESE UNIQUE  
CREATIONS FROM A  
MASTER GOLD SMITH, BUT  
THE ITEM WILL CONTINUE  
YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE  
FROM GENERATION TO  
GENERATION.



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