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THE VISION ^{HG}

A Short Tribute

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In 1995 a most promising and refined filly boarded a plane headed for Israel's famous Arieli Arabians, today known as Ariela Arabians, to fulfil a request of farm co-owner Eitan Wertheimer: to locate and purchase a rare black straight Egyptian filly or mare of superior quality to round out the farm's valuable broodmare herd.

Who could have ever imagined the breed-wide repercussions of such an ordinary request?

Then farm manager Chen Kedar recalls spending around two years searching for a suitable candidate. Eventually, veteran American Arabian trainer and handler Steve Dady presented the yearling filly The Vision to Chen and

farm co-owner Uri Ariely at the 1995 Egyptian Event in Lexington, Kentucky, and the rest is, fortunately enough, history.

Bred in America by Marilyn Geurin of Hot Springs, Arizona The Vision HG was one of the first, and is now considered by far the most influential daughter of world super sire Thee Desperado (The Minstril x AK Amiri Asmaar). Her dam was the highly-regarded bay mare Belle Staar sired by The Minstril (Ruminaja Ali x Bahila) out of The Egyptian Prince (Morafic x Bint Mona) daughter Alia-Aenor (ex Hasnaa Albadeia), a fine representative of the Zafaarana family tracing in tail-female to the Saqlawi







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Jedrania foundation mare Radia.

Once seen, The Vision was not easily forgotten. She possessed a soft, rare and alluring beauty featuring the most extremely chiseled and refined face. This was, in turn, highlighted by a pair of extremely compelling deep,

liquid eyes. She was typey to an extraordinary degree and altogether an exquisite vision painted in sultry black. Few of her photographs sufficiently capture her electrifying and extraordinary presence.

The Vision surely sensed that she was something special

Thee Desperado



THE VISION HG

A Saqlawi Jedrania
1994-2018



Belle Staar

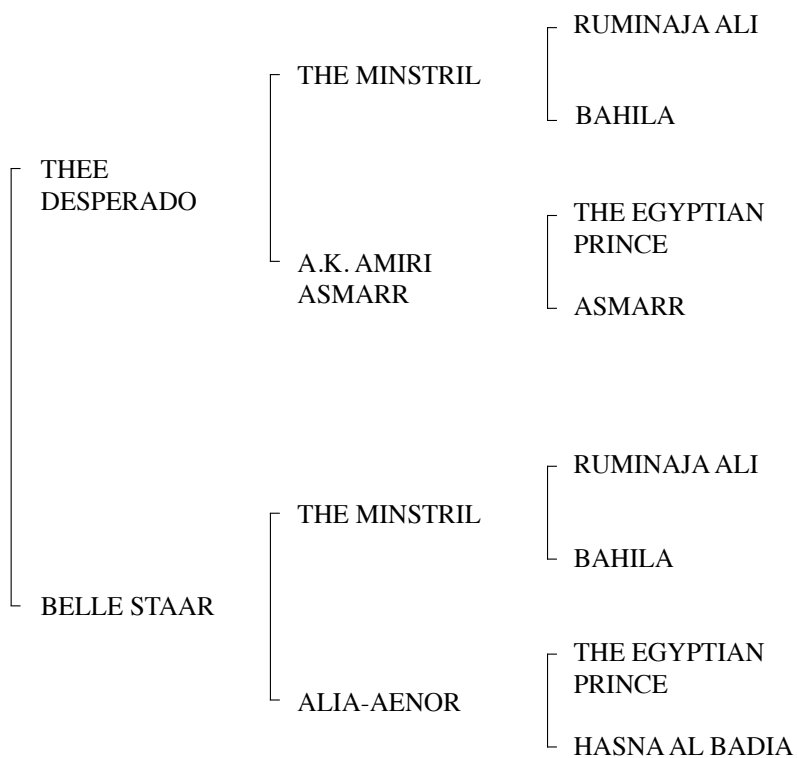








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Above are two rare photos of The Vision as a foal. Both was taken by Randi Clark.
Below are phontos of The Vision at age 23

as she established herself early on as 'boss mare', a diva — with her own preferences communicated unequivocally to horses and humans alike. She earned an enviable although limited show record, handled mostly by Frank

Spönle, that included the following achievements: 1995 Top Ten at the US Egyptian Event; 1996 Israeli National Champion Filly and Most Classic Head winner; 1996 Reserve Junior Champion and Most Classic Head

Photo by Chen Kedar



From Right to Left: Al Ayal AA (Al Ayad x The Vision HG), Al Lahab (Laheeb x The Vision HG), Al Raheeb AA (Laheeb x The Vision HG)





The Vision during the 1996 Middle East Championships, Jordan

winner at the Middle East Championships in Amman, Jordan; 1998 Israeli National Champion Mare; 1999 Israeli National Champion Mare and High-Scoring Horse of the Show; and finally, 2007 Champion Mare at the Israeli Egyptian Event.



The Vision at the 1998 Israeli Nationals

Of course, it was not as a show horse but through her career as a broodmare that The Vision was to earn the world's spotlight and her greatest and unprecedented acclaim. Covered by Paris World Champion Imperial Imdal (Ansata Imperial x Dalia) as a three-year old, her



The Vision at 23 years old



The Vision in the Judean Desert in 1996

Van Lent



Al Ayal ^{AA} (Al Ayad x The Vision HG) - The only horse at the 2018 World Championship who received perfect scores of 20 for Type across the board from all the judges!



Arraab Aljassimya (Al Ayal ^{AA} x Om El Aisha).
Silver Champion Yearling Colt at the
2018 World Championship, Paris

first foal, the charismatic bay colt Al Maraam, exceeded the farm's wildest expectations. He had a most extreme head and more refinement than any foal the farm had produced up to that time and he took the European show-rings by storm, establishing an enviable show career. Al Maraam went on to sire many champions of his own worldwide; his daughters are considered especially valuable.

The Vision's second foal was another colt, this one a grey sired by the farm's young homebred sire Laheeb (Imperial Imdal x AK Latifah) called Al Lahab. Purchased at the age of ten months by the Friedmann Family of Germany, Al Lahab was campaigned in show-rings worldwide



photo by Gigi Grasso

Al Ayal ^{AA} during his lease to Ajman Stud, UAE



photo by Bar Hajaj

Turkiz ^{AA} (Al Ayal ^{AA} x JPJ Talsasha)



photo by Bar Hajaj

Shaheen ^{AA} (Al Ayal ^{AA} x Saniyyah RCA)



Al Ayal ^{AA} (Al Ayad x The Vision HG) - 2018 Bronze World Champion Stallion



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Sajida ^{AA} (Al Ayal ^{AA} x Safiyyah ^{AA})



photo by Bar Hajaj

Baahir ^{AA} (Al Ayal ^{AA} x Badriyah ^{AA})
double The Vision HG SE Colt



Sofiya ^{AA} (Al Ayal ^{AA} x Saniyyah RCA)
2018 Israeli National Champion Mare

Al Ayal ^{AA} (Al Ayad x The Vision HG)





Lutfina ^{AA} (Nader Al Jamal x Latifah ^{AA} by Al Maraam)



to be eventually crowned as Paris World Champion among countless other titles. He is greatly beloved as one of the breed's most highly decorated show horses. Al Lahab's compelling beauty and charisma earned him the nickname 'the fairytale stallion' and he has also gone on to sire countless show champions worldwide.

It was with the birth of Al Lahab that Chen realised: "That Vision was one of those rarest of the rare broodmares – a mare who could produce stallions of the highest possible quality that in turn, could later recreate the best traits of their dam in their own get."

Since Vision had proven to nick exceedingly well with Laheeb, throughout her lifetime this breeding was repeated with extraordinary success, producing the exquisite mare Al Halah AA and the full brothers Al



photo by Bar Hajaj

Nader Alroeya ^{AA}
(Nader Al Jamal x The Vision HG)
Now owned by Hanaya Stud



photo by Shalom Nissim

Latifah ^{AA} (Al Maraam x Imperial Kalatifa)



photo by Bar Hajaj

Lamaan ^{AA} (Marwan Al Shawab x Lutfina AA)



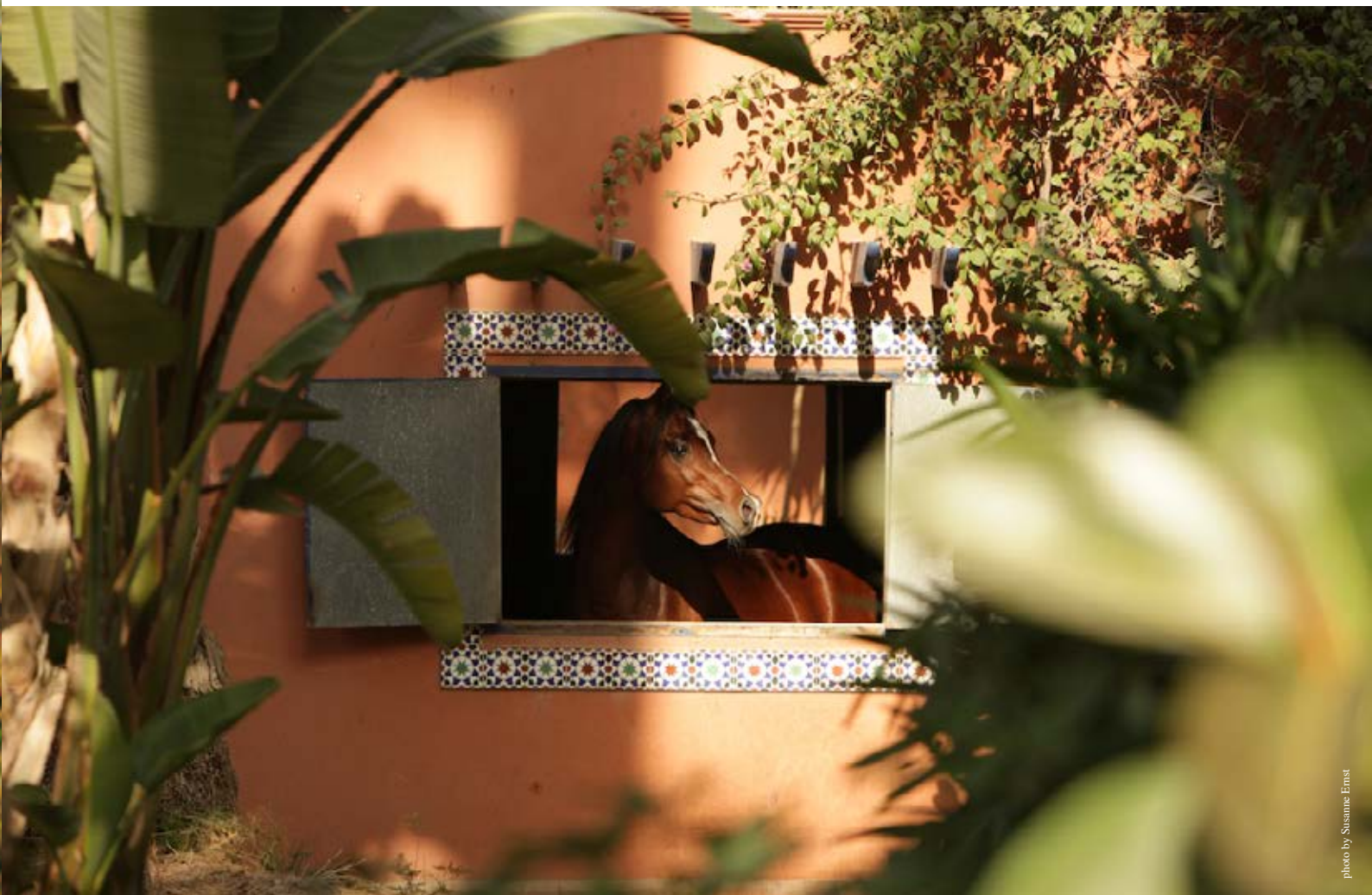


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Al Maraam (Imperial Imdal x The Vision HG) during his lease to Dr. Nasr Marei of Al Badiea Stud, Egypt

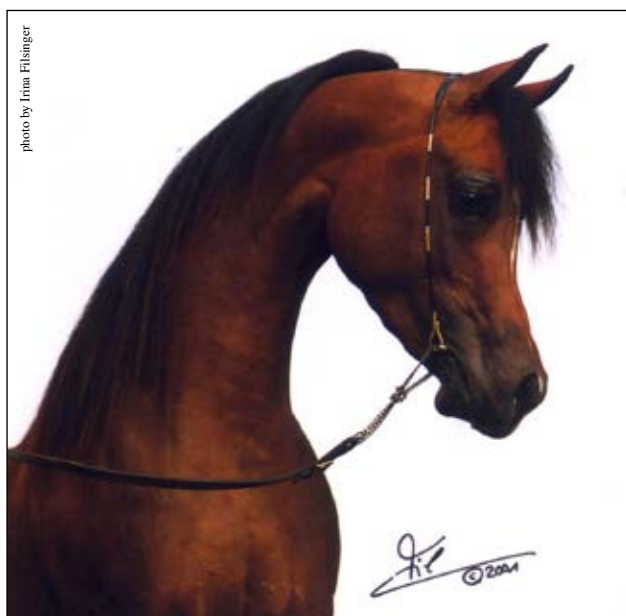


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Hadiyah AA, Al Raheeb AA, and Al Wahab AA, all of which have gone on to succeed in show-rings in Israel and abroad, and each renowned as a highly sought-after breeding sire.

The Vision was also bred to many other valuable straight Egyptian stallions, crossing notably well with the German-bred Al Ayad (Moheeb x Al Mamunah), sire of Ariela's world-acclaimed sire and international show champion Al Ayal AA, who was leased twice to Aljassimya Farm, owned by HE Sheikh Jassim Bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar.

A few months ago Al Ayal competed at the 2018 World



Prunella (Abyad ^{AA} x Pradera) - Polish National Champion Filly

Championships in Paris. The ten year old stallion was handled brilliantly by Giacomo Cappacci and his team, placing Third in a very competitive class where he tied in points with the Silver World Champion and ultimately captured the title of Bronze World Champion Stallion. Al Ayal was also awarded the prizes for Best Straight Egyptian Male in the Show and the Best Male Head, and he was the only horse shown at the World Championships to be awarded perfect scores of 20 for type from all the judges across the board.

Two of Al Ayal's yearling sons bred by Aljassimya Farm were also shown in Paris and proved most competitive.



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Abyad ^{AA} (Nader Al Jamal x Al Amal AA by The Vision HG)
during his lease to Janow Podlaski Stud - Poland



Om El Excella (Al Lahab x Om El Bint Shaina)



Om El Beladeena (Al Lahab x Om El Benedict)

Qutuz Aljassimya (Minwah) placed Second in his class earning very high scores and his half-brother, Arraab Aljassimya (Om El Aisha Aljassimya), placed First in his class and was eventually named the Silver World Champion Yearling Colt.

Arabian horse historian Arlene Magid recently confirmed that Al Ayal AA's win at Paris makes The Vision HG the only straight Egyptian mare in the world to produce two World Champion Stallions.

Over many years a situation developed at Ariela where just about every horse on the farm carried the blood of The Vision, creating certain breeding challenges for the farm's straight Egyptian programme. For this reason, a few especially selected mares that complemented the farm programme were purchased to broaden the farm's genetic base.

"Eventually, this situation started us thinking about





Al Lahab (Laheeb x The Vision HG)



photo by Bar Hajji

Al Wahab ^{AA} (Laheeb x The Vision HG),
on lease to Haras Dharamsala, Brazil



photo by Jenna Jontenz

the important legacy that The Vision would be leaving behind for the entire breed,” explains Chen. “After much discussion Eliko and I came to the conclusion that it made sense to see what she might accomplish using bloodlines other than straight Egyptian.”

Once they decided to take the leap their first choice was to use one of their favourite Arabians, the international stallion Gazal al Shaqab (Anaza el Farid x Kajora) and this cross produced the very impressive bay colt Al Ghazali AA, now standing at Giacomo Capaci Arabians in Italy. Afterwards The Vision was twice bred to Marwan al Shaqab (Gazal al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame) to produce

Al Halah ^{AA} (Laheeb x The Vision HG)



photo by Shira Yegar

Al Hadiyah ^{AA} (Laheeb x The Vision HG)



photo by April Visei

Al Raheeb ^{AA} (Laheeb x The Vision HG)

the lovely bay filly Layla Al Shaqab for Al Shaqab Stud and the liver chestnut filly Vision of Marwan AA for Ariela. Vision's 2012 breeding to ZT Marwteyn (Marwan al Shaqab x ZT Ludjteyna) resulted in the very special bay colt Aeneas AA, sold as an embryo to longtime breeder and friend Ferdinand Huemer of La Movida Stud in Austria. Following these outcrosses Vision was once again covered mostly by straight Egyptian stallions. Not only was The Vision the most classic of Arabian mares in sheer physical beauty, she was also a wonderful example of the breed's great nobility and vast courage. It is

Ein Shams ^{AA} (Shams Sharav ^{AA} x The Vision HG)

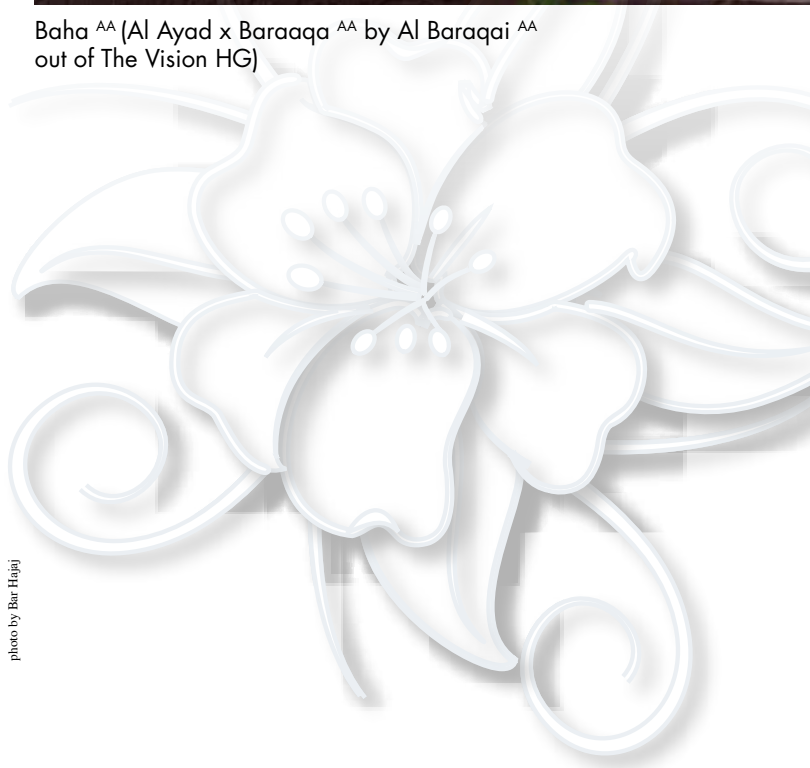


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Baha ^{AA} (Al Ayad x Baraaqa ^{AA} by Al Baraqai ^{AA} out of The Vision HG)



The Vision HG (1994-2018) – Lifetime Production Record

1998	Al Maraam	bay colt	Imperial Imdal
1999	Al Lahab	grey colt	Laheeb
2000	Al Baraqai ^{AA}	bay filly	Baahir
2001	Al Hakim ^{AA}	black colt	Muhajjal
2002	Al Amal ^{AA}	bay filly	Halim Shah I
2003	Al Halah ^{AA}	grey filly	Laheeb
2005	Al Hadiyah ^{AA}	grey colt	Laheeb
2006	Al Raheeb ^{AA}	grey colt	Laheeb
2008	Al Ayal ^{AA}	grey colt	Al Ayad
2008	Al Amir ^{AA}	grey colt	Al Ayad
2011	Nader Al Roeya ^{AA}	grey colt	Nader Al Jamal
2012	Al Ghazali ^{AA}	bay colt	Gazal Al Shaqab
2013	Layla Al Shaqab	bay filly	Marwan Al Shaqab
2013	Aeneas ^{AA}	bay colt	ZT Marwteyn
2014	Vision of Marwan ^{AA}	chestnut filly	Marwan Al Shaqab
2015	Nile Farah ^{AA}	grey filly	Ansata Nile Pharaoh
2015	Al Wahab ^{AA}	grey colt	Laheeb
2017	Ein Shams ^{AA}	grey filly	Shams Sharav ^{AA}
2017	Al Ashqar ^{AA}	chestnut colt	GT Shardh
2017	Al Lail ^{AA}	black colt	GT Shardh
2018	Al Sharoura ^{AA}	black filly	Nader Al Shamal ^{AA}
2018	Al Nakeeb ^{AA}	grey colt	Shamekh Al Danat
2018	My Vision ^{AA}	bay filly	Jyar Meia Lua



Al Baraqai ^{AA} (Baahir x The Vision HG), The Vision's oldest daughter



Vision of Marwan ^{AA} (Marwan Al Shaqab x The Vision HG)



Al Ghazali ^{AA} (Gazal Al Shaqab x The Vision HG)

not well known, and it was the farm's special burden, that over many years the Vision faced serious health challenges and she underwent colic surgery on several separate occasions. This began many years ago when she was still in her prime and although she received meticulous care, eventually 85% of her large intestine had to be removed. Chen recalls: "The veterinarians did not give her much of a chance and we were not left with much hope but Vision's great heart and formidable will triumphed over tremendous odds and she ultimately prevailed. Over many years she was kept on a strict schedule and regimen

that never wavered. She was fed five small meals a day at very specific times, she spent two hours a day at pasture, and she walked for twenty minutes on the walker twice every day."

Despite her precarious health, the intrepid Vision actually continued to carry some of her own pregnancies to term as recently as just a few years ago; many other valuable foals were produced by way of embryo transplant. Vision's lifetime production record includes twenty-three foals, listed here, sixteen of which are straight Egyptian.

Over this past year, at age 24, it was noted by those who

knew her best that Vision's time was gradually running out as she had several critical episodes which eventually left her hospitalised. Looking back, it was truly miraculous that she not only lasted, but thrived for so many years. Perhaps the greatest miracles are the most valuable gifts that were delivered just a few short months ago in the form of Vision's two last foals — both fillies. The first is The Vision's only black daughter, a straight Egyptian sired by the farm's homebred Nader Al Shamal AA (Salaa el Dine x Insha Shah Latifah); this filly is very similar to and perhaps even of better conformation than her dam. The second is a bay bombshell sired by Al Movida's young superstar Jyar Meia Lua (RFI Maktub x Jiullya El Jamaal),

and she is a super impressive filly of tremendous quality.

Although we can only wonder what the future holds for these two, her final gifts, in the words of long-time breeder Katherine Hampe: "The blood of The Vision is a promise kept, a promise of the highest quality for years of breeding to come."

As for The Vision herself, what more can be said? No longer must she struggle with physical challenges, she has left us for a more peaceful place. Yet her departure has left a hole that is simply too vast to be filled.

The poignant words which Chen posted upon The Vision's passing express best what we all feel now that she is gone: "Just spread your wings and fly, just fly." □



Aeneas ^{AA} (ZT Marwteyn x The Vision HG), owned by La Movida Stud, Austria



*“Where there is no Vision,
there is no hope”.*

George Washington Carver

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My Vision ^{AA} (Jyar Meia Lua x The Vision HG). The Vision's last foal