





# 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 now considered by far the most influential, daughters of world super sire The 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



The two photos below are of The Vision at 20 years old





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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



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A Saqlawi Jedrania  
1994-2018



Belle Staar

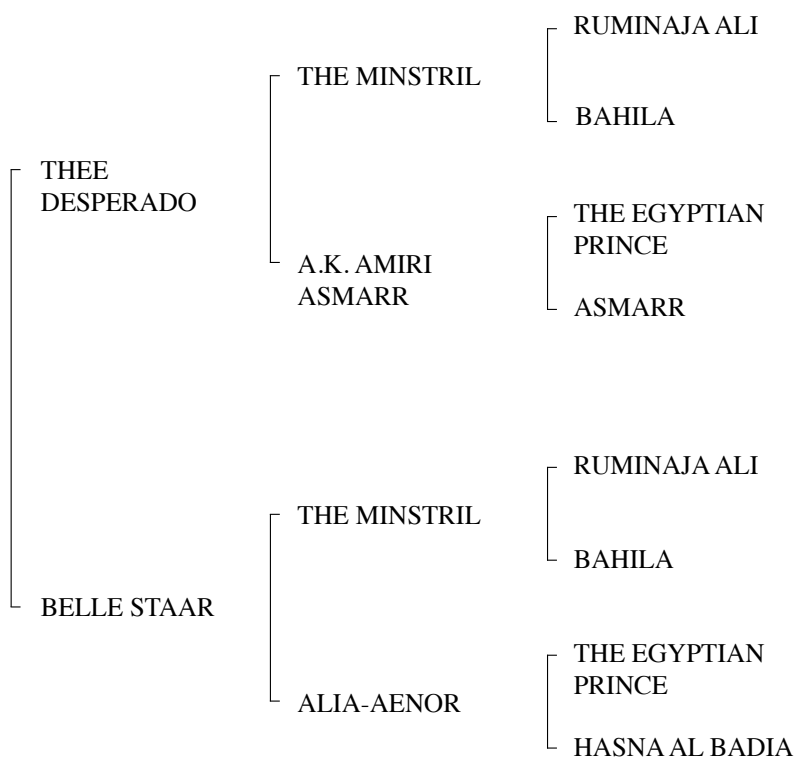






photo by Randi Clark



Above are two rare baby photos and below left is The Vision shown 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



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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 winner at the Middle East Championships in Amman, Jordan; 1998 Israeli National Champion Mare; 1999 Israeli





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

National Champion Mare and High-Scoring Horse of the Show; and finally, 2007 Champion Mare at the Israeli Egyptian Event.

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



The Vision at the 1998 Israeli Nationals

acclaim. Covered by Paris World Champion Imperial Imdal (Ansata Imperial x Dalia) as a three-year old, her 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



The Vision at 23 years old





The Vision in the Judean Desert in 1996

*Van Lent*





Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayad x The Vision)



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Arraab Aljassimya (Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> x Om El Aisha)

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 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





photo by Gigi Grasso

Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> during his lease to Ajman Stud, UAE



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Turkiz <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> x JPJ Talsasha)



photo by Bar Hajaj

Shaheen <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> x Saniyyah RCA)





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Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayad x The Vision HG)



Badriyah <sup>AA</sup> (Nader Al Jamal x Baraaqa <sup>AA</sup> by Al Baraqai <sup>AA</sup> to The Vision HG)



photo by Bar Hajaj



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Sajida <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> x Safiyyah <sup>AA</sup>)



photo by Bar Hajaj

Baahir <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> x Badriyah <sup>AA</sup>)  
double The Vision HG SE Colt





Sofiya <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayal AA x Saniyyah RCA)  
2018 Israeli National Champion Mare



Al Ayal <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayad x The Vision HG)







Lutfina <sup>AA</sup> (Nader Al Jamal x Latifah <sup>AA</sup> by Al Maraam)

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 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







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)







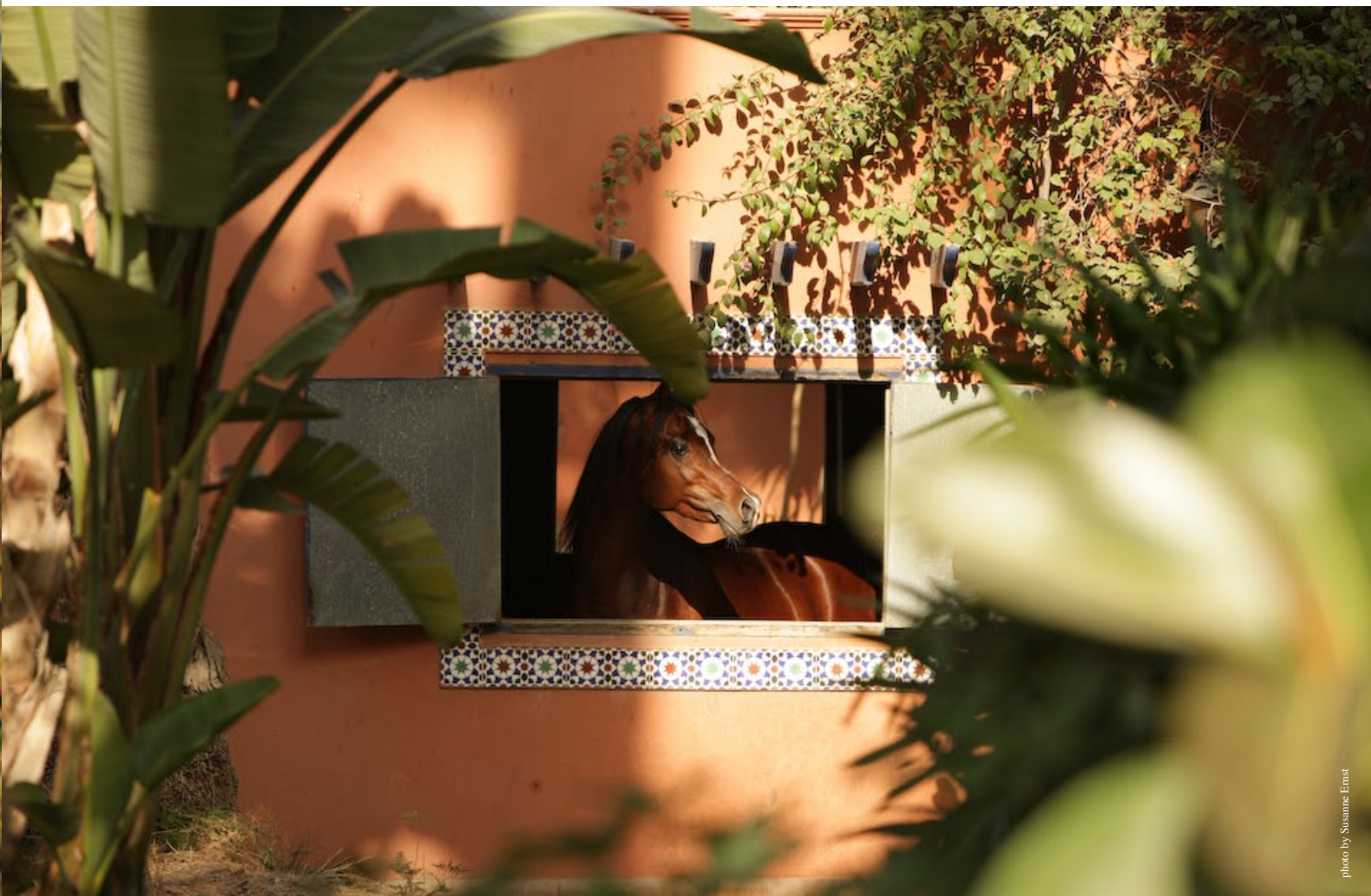


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Al Maraam (Imperial Imdal x The Vision HG) at Al Badiea Stud, Egypt

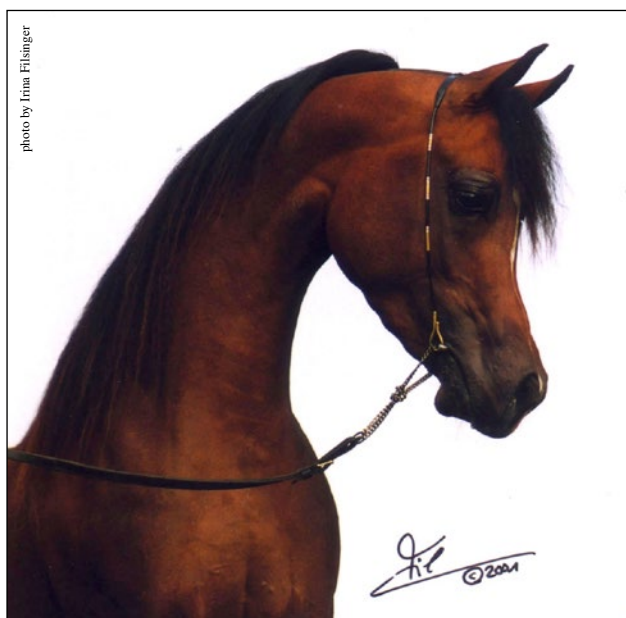


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Egyptian stallions, crossing notably well with the German-bred Al Ayad (Moheeb x Al Mamunah), sire of Ariela's world-acclaimed sire and international show champion Al Ayal AA, presently on lease for the second time to Aljassimya Farm, owned by HE Sheikh Jassim Bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar.

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





Prunella (Abyad<sup>AA</sup> x Pradera) - Polish National Champion Filly

base.

“Eventually, this situation started us thinking about 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.





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Abyad <sup>AA</sup> (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)

Afterwards The Vision was twice bred to Marwan al Shaqab (Gazal al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame) to produce 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 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,







Al Lahab (Laheeb x The Vision HG)





photo by Bar Hajji

Al Wahab <sup>AA</sup> (Laheeb x The Vision HG),  
on lease to Haras Dharamsala, Brazil



photo by Joanna Jonietz

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.

Al Halah <sup>AA</sup> (Laheeb x The Vision HG)





photo by Shira Yegar

Al Hadiyah <sup>AA</sup> (Laheeb x The Vision HG)



photo by April Viad

Al Raheeb <sup>AA</sup> (Laheeb x The Vision HG)



Vision's lifetime production record includes twenty-one foals, listed below, fifteen 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 (Salaal 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

Ein Shams <sup>AA</sup> (Shams Sharav <sup>AA</sup> x The Vision HG)

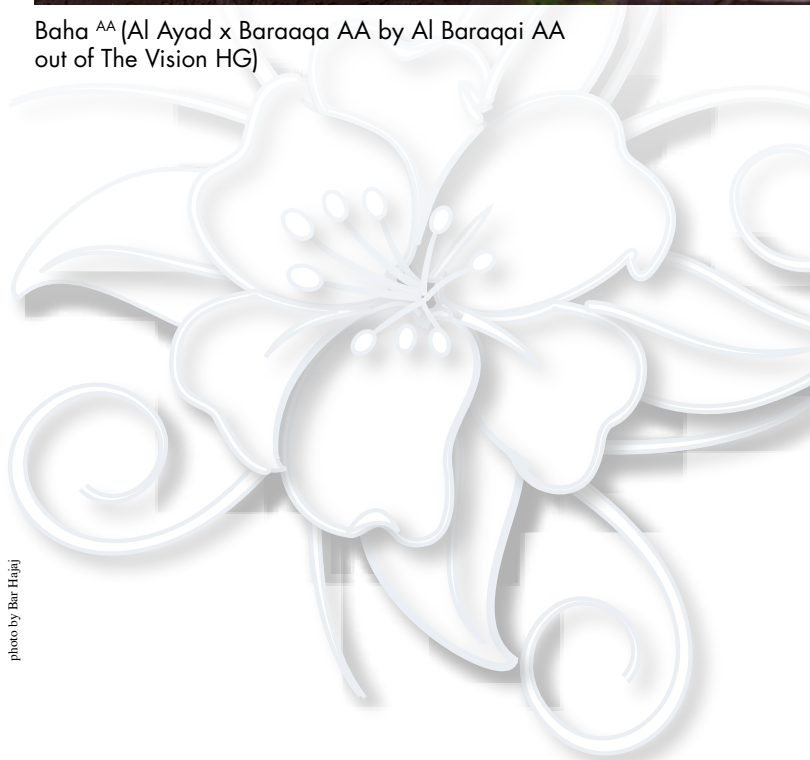


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Baha <sup>AA</sup> (Al Ayad x Baraaqa AA by Al Baraqai AA out of The Vision HG)





## 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
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 <sup>AA</sup> (Baahir x The Vision HG)





Vision of Marwan<sup>AA</sup> (Marwan Al Shaqab x The Vision HG)



Al Ghazali<sup>AA</sup> (Gazal Al Shaqab x The Vision HG)

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<sup>AA</sup> (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 <sup>AA</sup> (Jyar Meia Lua x The Vision HG). The Vision's last foal