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# Bellusa

## Character Profile

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Name:</b>              | Bellusa                                     |
| <b>Date of Birth:</b>     |   |
| <b>Breed:</b>             | <a href="#">Malachite Reaper</a>            |
| <b>Captain:</b>           | Unknown                                     |
| <b>National Loyalty:</b>  | Britain                                     |
| <b>Appearance:</b>        | Yellow-brown coloring with green highlights |
| <b>Special Abilities:</b> | None  |
| <b>Status:</b>            | Active, <a href="#">Edinburgh covert</a>    |

## Biography

Bellusa was one of the dragons sent to breed with [Temeraire](#) in the [Pen Y Fan Breeding Grounds](#) . She had little to make her attractive as a breeding partner by dragon standards, as she was a young dragon who had never been in a battle or managed an egg, and her captain would not buy her a suitable present for Temeraire to make up for her other lacks. When she tried to explain the problem to her captain, he thought that she did not like the idea of breeding and apparently made some rather unkind remarks.

When Temeraire gallantly pretended to admire her small, inadequate present - all Bellusa's captain would afford - Bellusa felt even more wretched. Temeraire obliged her with a mating anyway, but it was a miserably awkward situation for both parties.

## Name

Her name may be incorrectly derived from the Latin *bellus* ("handsome/beautiful"; the proper feminine form would be *bella* ), *bellum* ("war"; the proper plural would be also be *bella* ), or *Bellona* (the Roman goddess of war).

Alternately, it may be based on the Italian *bellezza* ("beauty". The Spanish cognate *belleza* has a significantly different pronunciation of the *//* digraph; the original Latin root for both of these words is *bellitas* .

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# Malachite Reaper

## Dragon Breed Data

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| Breed Name:               | Malachite Reaper                                    |
| National Loyalty:         | Scottish  |
| Physical Characteristics: | Muted yellow-brown with pale green markings         |
| Special Abilities:        |   |
| Known Members:            | <a href="#">Celeritas</a> , <a href="#">Bellusa</a> |

## Species Notes

A descendant of [Yellow Reapers](#) and [Lindorms](#) , Malachite Reapers were an uncommon Scottish breed of dragon. They were generally found in Scotland because they preferred cooler climates.

Although not explicitly identified as such, [Celeritas](#) was probably a Malachite Reaper, as his described "Reaper markings in pale green" match Sir [Edward Howe](#) 's general breed description.

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# Accendare

## Character Profile

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Name:</b>              | Accendare   |
| <b>Date of Birth:</b>     |   |
| <b>Breed:</b>             | <a href="#">Flamme-de-Gloire</a>                                      |
| <b>Captain:</b>           |   |
| <b>National Loyalty:</b>  | France  |
| <b>Appearance:</b>        | Yellow markings, missing talon from left rear leg, blind in right eye |
| <b>Special Abilities:</b> | <a href="#">Fire breather</a>   |
| <b>Status:</b>            | Active  |

## Biography

Accendare was a French [Flamme-de-Gloire](#) . She was missing one talon and was blind in her right eye due to injuries sustained during the Battle of the Glorious First of June. Because of these distinctive injuries, [John Granby](#) and others familiar with her were able to distinguish her from her decoys.

Her good eye was yellow and she had horns that curved down from her forehead to her jaws.

After [William Laurence](#) and [Temeraire](#) brought the mushrooms that cured the [Dragon Plague](#) to France in September 1807, [Napoleon](#) offered them refuge there. Laurence refused and insisted on returning to England. Napoleon then honoured him by sending him to the [Calais covert](#) with of an escort of the [Old Guard](#) and having Accendare's formation - 14 dragons in all - escort him and Temeraire across the Channel. Accendare herself had already contracted the plague at this time. Irritable and weary with coughing, she was inclined to snap and be difficult.

Six months later, by the time the [Battle of Shoeburyness](#) was fought, Accendare had apparently completely recovered, as she fought in that battle and burnt one of [Messoria](#) 's wings.

*Accendare* can be construed in Latin as "May you be consumed in flames", via the second-person singular passive subjunctive of the verb *accendo, accendere* ("to ignite").

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# Arkady

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## Character Profile

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Name:</b>              | Arkady  |
| <b>Date of Birth:</b>     |   |
| <b>Breed:</b>             | Unknown ( <a href="#">Feral</a> )   |
| <b>Captain:</b>           | None  |
| <b>National Loyalty:</b>  | None  |
| <b>Appearance:</b>        | Pale grey with brown markings and red patch on face; smaller than a <a href="#">Yellow Reaper</a> |
| <b>Special Abilities:</b> |   |
| <b>Status:</b>            | Active (Britain)  |

## Biography

Arkady was the leader of the [feral](#) dragon tribe [Temeraire](#) , [Laurence](#) and their crew encountered in the Pamir Mountains between China and Persia, while they were on their way to Turkey. Arkady's leadership was based on his cleverness and force of personality, since he was not the largest or strongest of the group.

He was an excellent story-teller, entertaining his troop and Temeraire one evening with a complicated draconic epic about treasure and mating. His performance style combined narrative recital with interpretive dance and included audience participation, with the other dragons (including Temeraire) chiming in with their own contributions and arguing about what ought to happen next. (Dragons may particularly enjoy interactive creativity, since similar group involvement was evident during the geometry discussions aboard the [HMS Allegiance](#) en route to [Cape Town](#) in May/June of 1807.)

## Turkey and Europe, 1806

Impressed with Temeraire's own stories of his travels, Arkady declared that he would lead his troop to accompany Temeraire to Istanbul and meet the Sultan. Only the boldest of his dragons accompanied him, and some abandoned the journey partway through. As soon as they reached Istanbul, Arkady and his ferals attacked a herd of cattle, provoking the inattentive Turkish guard dragons and their captains. As Laurence attempted to placate the chief guard captain, [Ertegun](#), the ferals grabbed all the cattle they could carry and headed back to the Pamirs.

After leaving Turkey and reaching [Prussia](#), Temeraire and his crew were pressed into service. Their guide [Tharkay](#) left them to journey back to the Pamirs. As Tharkay spoke the draconic language [Durzagh](#) - the ferals themselves did not speak any human languages and were too old to learn - he was able to talk Arkady into bringing twenty dragons to Europe to help "rescue" [Temeraire](#), promising him that the British would give each feral a cow per day in return. Arkady and his band arrived just in time to help evacuate the Prussian troops from the [Siege of Danzig](#), with all of the dragons donning impromptu carrying harnesses based on the mass transit dragons which the British aviators had seen in China. As a feral, Arkady had never been harnessed before, but Temeraire made a point of nonchalantly adjusting his own harness, encouraging Arkady to allow a makeshift carrying harness to be placed on him and even show off his new accoutrement for his troop.

## Britain, 1806+

Arkady and his band arrived in Britain in December 1806 with Temeraire and Laurence to discover that the [Dragon Plague](#) was destroying the [Aerial Corps](#). Besides Temeraire and [Iskierka](#), who had been hatched in Prussia and returned to Britain with them, the ferals were the only healthy dragons in Britain. Admiral [Roland](#) was therefore quite happy to negotiate with them over the promised cows, suggesting only that sheep or goats might be substituted from time to time - at a suitable rate of exchange, of course - in order to provide variety.

Despite their lack of discipline and formal training, the ferals were assigned to patrol the Channel, at first under Temeraire's supervision and later on their own. When they achieved their first solitary victory - turning back a



[Pou-de-Ciel](#) attempting to reconnoiter the quarantine grounds to assess how many British dragons were ill - Roland presented Arkady with a "medal" (a brass chain and a large dinner plate inscribed with his name). For once - and for only a moment - Arkady was speechless with amazement.

Temeraire and Laurence were sent to [Cape Town](#) with the rest of [Lily](#)'s formation to find a cure for plague. In their absence, Iskierka and the ferals developed a strategy for capturing French ships as prizes. The ferals would fly out at night looking for suitable ships and convey the news to Iskierka, who the next day would pretend to her captain, [John Granby](#), that she was only going in such-and-such direction on a whim. With Iskierka shooting flames, the ships would quickly surrender and allow themselves to be herded back to Britain by the ferals. However, Arkady retained his status as leader of the feral band. He regarded Iskierka as a "force of nature" rather than as a rival leader.

When [Napoleon](#) invaded Britain in late 1807, Iskierka, Arkady and the ferals joined Temeraire's regiment. Temeraire's runner [Demane](#) had been assigned to ride Arkady, as Demane had picked up both English and Durzagh in addition to his native Xhosa. He would tell Arkady what the signal flags meant, and then he and Arkady together would decide whether or not they were going to obey, neither Arkady nor Demane having much use for unquestioned authority.

After Napoleon was expelled from Britain at the [Battle of Shoeburyness](#) in March 1808, the [HMS Allegiance](#) was sent to Australia, partly as a prison ship (carrying Temeraire and Laurence as well as other convicts) but also to convey three dragon eggs. One of these eggs had been sired by Arkady on his lieutenant, [Wringe](#). He was quite honoured to see the egg go to wide-open and unclaimed territory, but made Temeraire promise to look after it and ensure that only someone very rich would be allowed to become captain. The egg eventually hatched out [Caesar](#), who met Arkady's expectations but disappointed Temeraire's by choosing [Jeremy Rankin](#) as his captain.

## China, 1812

In 1812, Arkady accompanied Tharkay in a hasty mission to deliver news of [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)'s planned invasion of Russia to Laurence and Temeraire.

Bypassing Guangzhou, however, Arkady and Tharkay were captured by dragon forces loyal to [Lord Bayan](#), [General Fela](#), and the Chinese conservatives. Seeking to dethrone [Prince Mianning](#), the Chinese conservative forces tortured Arkady for a month, chaining him in an excruciatingly painful way so that the feral would not escape. Furthermore, they planned on framing Arkady for transporting opium illegally into China.

Later rescued by [Temeraire](#) and the British covert, Arkady was freed. After his rescue, Arkady inquired of Temeraire the fate of he and Wringe's egg. Temeraire informed Arkady of the hatching of [Casesar](#), and [Jeremy Rankin](#) becoming Caesar's captain. Arkady, expressing relief and thanks

to a disgruntled Temeraire, the feral mentioned proudly to Temeraire that he had mated with [Wringe](#) a second time.

It is yet unknown if Wringe produced a second egg, [Caesar](#) 's sibling, by Arkady.

Due to his grievous injuries, it is likely that he stayed in China to recover. It is also possible Arkady could have gone to the Peninsula, or Spain, with the rest of the British covert.

## Arkady's band

Known members of the nineteen feral dragons who accompanied Arkady to Prussia and Britain:

- [Gherni](#)
- [Lester](#)
- [Hertaz](#)
- [Molnar](#)
- [Wringe](#)

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# Acid spitter

One of the special abilities possessed by some dragon breeds is the ability to spit a strong corrosive acid, known as vitriol [\[1\]](#) . The acid is projected (at least in [Longwings](#) ) through bony spurs on the lower jaw, and is capable of eroding wood, stone, and flesh at highly rapid speeds in a sort of mist spray. Longwings are also capable to spray a directed stream to make a channel in a stone for example. As Britain had no native fire-breathers, one of the most prized dragons in the Corps were the acid-spitting [Longwings](#) . Other vitriolic dragons include the Incan [Copacati](#) , and the Japanese [Ka-Riu](#) . The acidic dragons were bred with less acidic, more to be called poisonous, dragons. Their poison isn't dangerous for other dragons or human because they obviously can't spray or spit it (or at least only in very few doses), it seems to be dangerous for marsupials if it is injected with a bite. Poisonous dragons are the Longwing's ancestor [Sharpspitter](#) , [Ironwing](#) , [Honneur-d'Or](#) and [Garde-de-Lyon](#) of which the [Sharpspitter](#) seems to have the most dangerous poison and he seems to can spit it a bit but not effectively in combat.

Acid spitting had its drawbacks, however. Longwings were physically unable to spit acid in any direction save downwards, to prevent them from spraying themselves. The muscle reflexes involved in sneezing and coughing were the same as ejecting acid, so sick Longwings tended to unintentionally spray corrosive acid over their surroundings. They tended to be quarantined in sandpits to prevent damage to the coverts.

The Longwing [Conterrenis](#) was killed when he suffered a hemorrhage in his lungs, causing him to cough intensely and continuously. The acid kept coming as a result and began to build up on his bone spurs, eventually searing his skin. The acid laid his jaw bare to the bone before his Captain [Gardenley](#) could muster the will to shoot him.

For the [Copacatis](#) the word "spitting" matches more than for the [Longwings](#) (they are more "spraying" acid). The Copacati's acid comes out of their mouth in two thin black streams. Their acid isn't as aggressive as the Longwing's acid and it does more damage when it's injected through a bite. When the dragons spit out, the small piece of sleimy spittle smokes and has the same characteristics as the spitted acid.

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# Actionis

## Character Profile

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Name:</b>              | Actionis    |
| <b>Date of Birth:</b>     | Late 1700's |
| <b>Breed:</b>             |             |
| <b>Captain:</b>           |             |
| <b>National Loyalty:</b>  | Britain     |
| <b>Appearance:</b>        |             |
| <b>Special Abilities:</b> |             |
| <b>Status:</b>            | Active      |

## Biography

Actionis (Latin for 'of action') was a heavyweight dragon with a full crew. [John Granby](#) served on Actionis as a young officer. Actionis later retired to breeding and birthed several eggs which was something of a record for her breed.

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# Addo

## Character Profile

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>Name:</b>          | Addo  |
| <b>Date of Birth:</b> |       |
| <b>Service:</b>       |       |
| <b>Rank:</b>          | Chief |
| <b>Nationality:</b>   | Roman |
| <b>Billets:</b>       |       |

## Biography

Addo accompanies [Marcus Antonius](#) to the dragon cave. He is chief of some roman soldiers. He seems to be careful and gentle. He gets along pretty well with Antony and later he participates in Antony's parties.

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