

In the Kingdom of Kinbreeding everything starts with a solid foundation: a bottom female line where each consecutive ancestor is closely inbred, building on what came before.

The pedigree of Willow Magic is a study in how to make things work.

The bottom female line of Willow Magic consists of a sequence of tightly kin-bred mares, going back many generations. The starting point of the sequence is a the significant female line ancestor, SigAnc in short. Willow Magic's SigAnc appears to be the mare Belleva, who is kinbred 2x3x2 to mares who have much in common and are close kin-relatives.

This kin-breeding involves the mares Lesbia (dam of sire Stratford, the female line going to Miazzina in the SA context), together with Scotch Gift (dam of influential sire Tetratema) and bottom-line mare Part Worn, grandam of Belleva. Part Worn is also very, very close kin to the mare Knockaney Bridge, the 3rd dam of influential mare Lalun – more about her later.

Next in the bottom-line sequence is Belleva's daughter Oriens. Very closely kin-bred, 2x1 Selene x Belleva, Oriens is close kin in turn to Tudor Minstrel.

On to Oriens' daughter Victory Flight, who is kinbred 2x3x2 involving Rosy Legend (dam of Dante & Sayaijara) and Selene (dam of Hyperion), both kin to Belleva. Given her make-up, Victory Flight turns out to be close kin to a bunch of other female line ancestors: Ajasco (can be found in Jallad), Nun's Story (in National Emblem, where she's mated to a Tudor Minstrel line sire), and A1 (found in King of Kings, son of Sadler's Wells).

Then comes Victory Flight's daughter Final Flight, who is kinbred 4x3x4 involving Queen of Essex, Rosy Legend

and Belleva. Final Flight's pedigree elements make her very close kin to the mare Aimee (among others, grandam of Blushing Groom).

Two steps further comes Willow Magic's 3rd dam Scarletina, by Red Lord, a son of Red God. That makes Scarletina very close kin to Blushing Groom (by Red God).

Willow Magic's own kin-breeding links his sire Dubawi to his female line. The link involves the mares Noblesse and Pantoufle from Dubawi with Victory

Flight, the trio being close kin. Noblesse (through stallion Deploy) and Pantoufle are 4x4 in Zomaradah, the dam of Dubawi.

Noblesse' female line also is the one of Rainbow Quest (by Blushing Groom).

A closer look at Dubawi's dam Zomaradah. Her sire Deploy is kinbred 4x3 Blue Cross x Noblesse, where Blue Cross is female line of Shirley Heights, son of Mill Reef, by Never Bend.

Zomaradah is close kin, in general terms, to the mare High Hawk (by Shirley Heights), dam of In The Wings (Sadler's Wells), sire of Singspiel. The latter is damsire of Dubawi's multiple Gr1 winning son Too Darn Hot.

Another major son of Dubawi is 2000 Guineas winner Night Of Thunder. His dam is by Galileo (Sadler's Wells) out of a mare whose dam doubles Mill Reef and trebles Mill Reef's sire Never Bend. The dam of Sadler's Wells is by Bold Reason, half brother to Never Bend, and very close kin to Mill Reef.

French Gr1 winner Makfi is another Dubawi sired 2000 Guineas winner. His dam Dhelaal is by Green Desert, whose dam Foreign Courier is close kin to Mill Reef (both are by Never Bend). The dam of Dhelaal is by Irish River, son of Riverman by Never Bend.

Given this picture, it comes as no surprise to see these names feature in many of Dubawi's best runners: Green Desert, Sadler's Wells, Shirley Heights, Rainbow Quest, Mill Reef.

It was noted earlier that Willow Magic's female line ancestor Part Worn is very close kin to Knockaney Bridge, who is the SigAnc of Never Bend. Never Bend's grandam Be Faithful is 2x2 to the very closely kin-related La Troienne and Knockaney Bridge. And, yes, La Troienne and Part Worn will also make for a close kin-link should the occasion arise.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable lines for Willow Magic could include

- lines of Never Bend/Bold Reason, in Sadler's Wells (widespread), Mill Reef/Shirley Heights (Casey Tibbs, Antonius Pius, Potala Palace, Await The Dawn, Querari, Indigo Magic, Alado, etc), Riverman (West Man, Medaaly, Spectrum, Pathfork), leading to In The Wings, Singspiel (Potala Palace), Green Desert (Kahal, Querari, Great Britain), Irish River (Twice Over, Bankable)
- lines of Blushing Groom, leading to Jallad, Rainbow Quest (Saumarez, Spectrum, Byword), Rahy, Twice Over, Await The Dawn, Kabool, Candy's Stripe (Lundy's Liability), etc.
- lines giving female line kin-links to National Emblem, King Of Kings, Jallad, the Miazzina family
- lines of Tudor Minstrel, Dante, Tetratema in combination
- multiples of lines of La Troienne (widespread)