



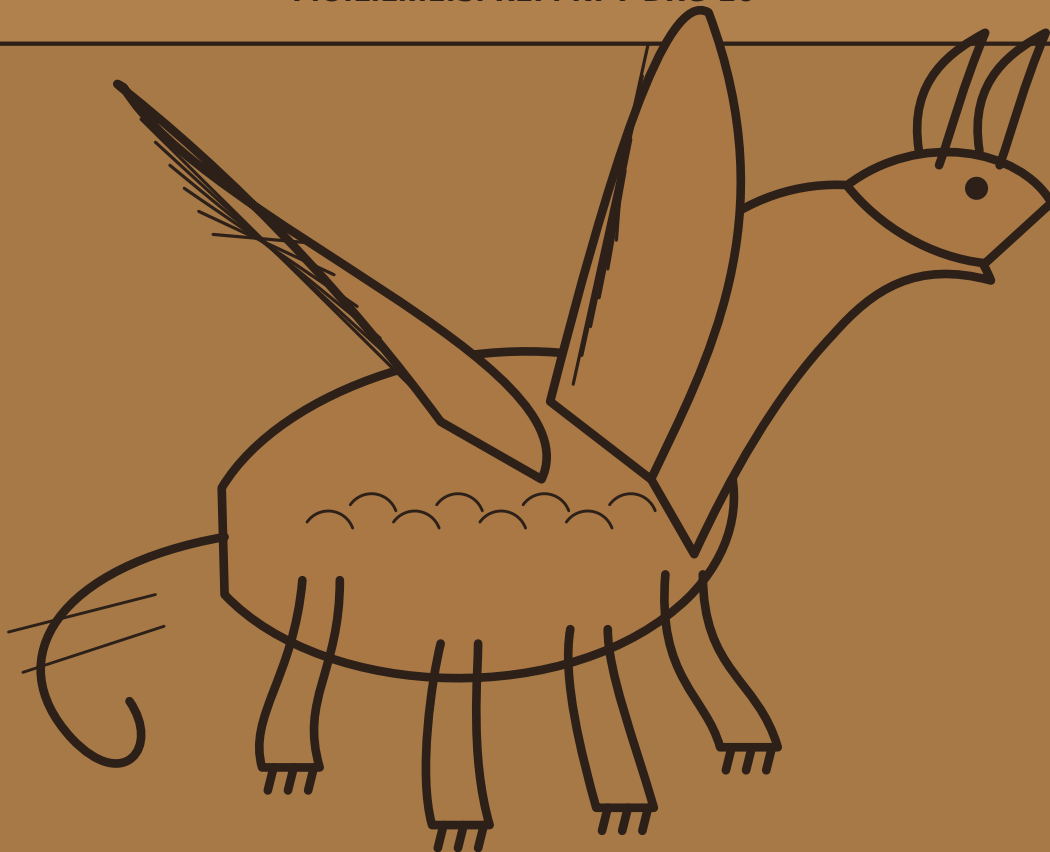
THE NEWPORT DRAGON

NEWPORT CASE FILE

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: VA-DRACO

TYPE: GREAT DRAGON | ELEMENT: FIRE | NATURE: THEATRICAL

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FIELD SKETCH: SUBJECT NOT TO SCALE

Observed over Newport • Carisbrooke • Central Wight

CASE STATUS
ACTIVE

CASE FILE OPENED: NEWPORT

WALL OF EVIDENCE • STORY 20

SUBJECT CARD

TYPE	Great dragon
SCALES	Emerald & gold
WINGS	Crimson
ELEMENT	Fire
TALENT	Theatre
STATUS	Local legend



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Wall clues: a dragon scale, a theatre mask, a crimson wing sketch and one very warm footprint.

EVIDENCE 01: SKY SIGHTING



Newport was beginning another ordinary afternoon when a shadow rolled over the rooftops.

Down swept an enormous dragon, green scales flashing gold and crimson wings filling the sky. A tiny curl of smoke escaped its nose.

NEWPORT HAD A MOST UNUSUAL VISITOR!

ANATOMY OF A DRAMATIC DRAGON



CRIMSON WINGS

GOLD-EDGED SCALES

SMOKE: MOOD CLUE

FIELD VERDICT: Powerful jaws and fiery breath look alarming. Careful movement and expressive eyes suggest more than simple ferocity.

THE TOWN LOOKED UP

Families paused in the square. Shopkeepers stepped into the street. Even the bravest observers kept one eye on the nearest doorway.

The dragon circled once, landed with surprising delicacy and gave a deep bow. The cobbles trembled. Nobody ran.



CLUE: A bow is not usually a declaration of war.

THE DRAGON LOVED A STORY



Newport soon discovered the dragon's greatest secret: it adored the theatre.

It listened at rehearsal windows, copied heroic poses and practised bows so deep that its horns nearly scraped the floor.

A GREAT ROAR CAN ALSO BE EXCELLENT PROJECTION.

EVIDENCE 03: OPENING NIGHT



At the open-air theatre near Carisbrooke Castle, the actors reached the most exciting moment of their play.

Then came wings, a roar and one perfect ribbon of flame across the sky. The dragon had timed its entrance exactly.

The audience forgot to blink, then remembered to applaud.

HOW TO ENTER LIKE A DRAGON

1

LISTEN

Wait for the story's biggest moment.

2

SWOOP

Keep wings clear of scenery.

3

SPARK

Aim theatrical fire safely upwards.

4

BOW

Always thank the audience.

Safety note: Spectacle is best when everyone knows the plan and nobody's eyebrows are singed.

EVIDENCE 04: REHEARSAL



Before long, the dragon became Newport's largest acting coach.

It taught performers to stand tall, speak clearly and put real feeling into every line. A small smoke ring meant "try again". Two meant "splendid".

Its applause sounded suspiciously like thunder.

FIND THE FIRE IN YOUR VOICE

1

BREATHE

Slowly, as though filling enormous wings.

2

LOOK

At the person who needs the story.

3

SPEAK

Clearly, without actually roaring.

4

FEEL

Bravery can wobble and still be brave.

Try the dragon's method: whisper one sentence, speak it, then perform it as though the whole island is listening.

NEWPORT EXPECTED THE UNEXPECTED



Performers came from across the island to share the stage beneath the dragon's watchful amber eyes.

Some came for courage. Some came for applause. A few came because no ordinary theatre included flying.

THEATRE + WONDER + TEAMWORK = NEWPORT MAGIC

THEN THE SKY GREW QUIET



Years passed, and the dragon's appearances became less frequent. At last it curled beside a rocky hollow and fell into a deep sleep.

Newport missed its dramatic friend. The stages felt smaller. The night sky seemed much too empty.

HOW DO YOU WAKE A DRAGON WITHOUT STARTLING IT?

THE TOWN MADE A PLAN

1

LANTERNS

A warm trail across the downs.



2

MUSIC

Fiddles, drums and singing.



3

STORIES

New tales worth waking for.



4

ONE OPEN EYE

Success... probably.

The town did not command the dragon to wake. It invited the dragon back into the story.



THE DRAGON RETURNED

Music rolled over the hills. Lanterns flickered. Then the night filled with crimson wings and a fountain of golden sparks.

Newport cheered. The dragon had not forgotten its entrance.

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FEARSOME CAN ALSO BE CREATIVE

PWR

POWER

It could shake the ground.

GR

GRACE

It landed beside tiny stages.

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PASSION

It loved every story.

♥

GENEROSITY

It helped others find courage.

A creature may look like one thing from far away and become something wonderfully different when we learn its story.

WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

MAJESTIC

The dragon inspired awe across Newport.

THEATRICAL

It understood timing, feeling and spectacle.

PATIENT

It helped nervous performers practise.

BELOVED

The town made room for its unusual gifts.

FINAL FINDING: The Newport Dragon was not only a creature of fire. It was a creature of imagination, community and extremely confident entrances.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. If a dragon bowed in your town square, would you bow back?

2. Which theatre job would suit a dragon best: actor, lighting expert or curtain puller?

3. How could the dragon make a grand entrance without frightening anyone?

4. Why did Newport miss the dragon when it slept?

5. What music would you choose for a dragon wake-up festival?

6. What tiny prop would be funniest in the dragon's enormous claws?

Professor Follies says: There are no wrong answers, although "dragon-sized tap shoes" may require reinforced flooring.





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already be waiting.

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