

Revenant Blades Artifact Outline (1 Page)

In the world of Sorakos, the body parts of a Dragon are some of the most prized resources there are. The scales of a Dragon can create powerful armour, the blood of a Dragon can create a powerful Dragon-Blood being, and the bones of a Dragon are more durable than any known substance as well as lighter than conventional steels. To even forge the bones of a Dragon into a weapon one must first use a vertebrae to act as the head for a hammer suitable for the job. A weapon forged from the femur of a Dragon is said to be impossible as a Dragon femur is supposedly indestructible, being the strongest bone in a Dragon's body. A sword forged from Dragon Bone has many names, including simply Dragon Sword, Draconic Blade or Dragon Steel.

A Revenant Blade is a particular type of sword forged from Dragon Bone. While Dragon Swords, aside from their incredible durability, lack any magical properties on their own. A Revenant Blade is one which has been soaked in a stew of a Dragon's organs, its brain and heart the most essential ingredients. Corporeal remnants of the Dragon's very soul end up soaked into the weapon, giving it magical properties. It is then that a Soul Mage (or Psychomancer, as they are also called) can guide the restless soul of the Dragon so it bonds with the weapon. The resulting sword is a proper Revenant Blade, though they have also been called Soul Sabers and Psycho Edges.

The inherent powers of a Revenant Blade are unlocked as soon as someone grasps the weapon's hilt. Many Revenant Blades are cursed however, as inexperienced Soul Mages can taint the lingering traces of the Dragon. A cursed Revenant Blade tends to put the wielder into a blind mental state, knowing only a certain primal emotion while managing to draw upon the magical power the sword generates. Some cursed blades can make the wielder more suggestible, effectively turning them into puppets, while many cursed Revenant Blades simply make the wielder go into a berserk rage. Some of the most senseless slaughters caused by a single person in Sorakos's history were due to the individual being in the possession of a cursed Revenant Blade that drove them mad.

Should a Revenant Blade not be cursed their magical properties vary greatly. The inherent breath abilities of the Dragon tend to be expressed by the weapon's blade when held in battle, the sword sensing the wielder's emotional state and reacting to it as a sort of living weapon. An example would be if a Revenant Blade forged from a Dragon that breathed fire were drawn in battle, the weapon's blade could heat up or even become shrouded in flames. Furthermore the magic of the blade cannot be used against the one who wields it, as the wielder and the sword's souls form a bond that does not allow unintentional self-harm. Some of the most powerful Revenant Blades allow the wielder to cast spells they normally would not know, or grant them enhanced physical abilities far beyond what they'd typically demonstrate.

As a weapon forged using remnants of an actual soul it is possible for some Revenant Blades to damage or even destroy the soul of someone struck by it. While the loss of the soul means no direct magic from the blade or any other source can harm the being that was struck, typically these blows are already fatal and the soul's loss simply means that healing magic cannot save the being. The most feared blade is the Twilight Phantom, a cursed weapon that not only drives the wielder into a bloodlust but also is known for being very good at destroying souls.