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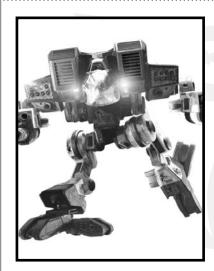
NAME: KYM NOVA CAT

FACTION: Nova Cats REGIMENT: Omicron MECH: Cougar

DOB: 08/07/3107 HAIR: Blonde EYES: Hazel

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Kym Nova Cat is a solid, dependable MechWarrior, which is to say that to the Clans, she is a major disappointment - a mediocre warrior at best, destined to fill the ranks of the solahma without leaving a mark in the Remembrance on her way out. This cursory dismissal of her abilities has haunted Kym, who has yet to earn a proper Bloodname as she draws ever nearer to the age when most Clan warriors are considered too old to be of any use. She defeated only one opponent during her first \mbox{Trial} of $\mbox{Position},$ whereupon she graduated from training as a MechWarrior. She has since managed only to rise to the rank of Star Captain in command of a scout Trinary in the green Omicron Cluster.



Record No FE-085-02 MECH: COUGAR Serial Number: WC132-22B

Mass: 35 tons

Chassis: JF3 Light Endo Steel Power Plant: 175 W00 XL Cruising Speed: 55 kph Maximum Speed: 86 kph

Jump Jets: None

Armor: Compound WC Ferro-Fibrous

Armament:

2 Series 6b Lg. Pulse Lasers 2 Mk.23 Type I LRM-10 Launchers

Record No FE-085-01 If one thing has distinguished Kym, it is her competence. Not as brash as most Nova Cats, and certainly among the least spiritual of the pragmatic Omicron unit, Kym is methodical, almost cautious, in her approach to combat. This method gets results, but it does not bring the honor that bolder commanders may obtain in battle. Her disdain for brash and dangerous tactics in the field has led her to many Trials of Grievance with fellow Spirit Cat officers, and she has, remarkably enough, won them all.

In spite of her lack of flair and her apparent lack of drive to reap personal glory in battle, or perhaps because of these traits, the troops under Kym Nova Cat's command are fiercely loyal to her. This loyalty has served on many occasions to protect Kym from disaster when her cautious tactics fail in combat, allowing her troops to make an orderly retreat while defending their commander with their lives, if necessary.

Commentary

The Cougar was designed by Clan Jade Falcon as a weapon-heavy alternative to the Adder (known to the Inner Sphere as the Puma). Unveiled at the historic Battle of Coventry after the Falcon-Wolf Refusal War, Cougars began to appear in large numbers among the Falcons' front-line forces, eventually proliferating through a series of Trials against Inner Sphere and Clan opponents. Serial number WC132-22B actually served with Phelan Kell's exiled Wolves during the battle to liberate Donegal from Word of Blake forces during the Jihad. Used as part of a mixed Star of medium and light 'Mechs, this 'Mech was credited with five kills and six assists in four separate engagements with a Blakist assault group, including a massive, 100-ton Vanquisher BattleMech, but was felled near the end of that epic struggle. Kell's Wolves gifted WC132-22B, along with several dozen other of the more salvageable casualties in that conflict, to the newborn Republic of the Sphere.

Kym has named WC132-22B "Lucky Eight" to play on the old adage that cats have nine lives, and to acknowledge that this Cougar has already sacrificed one of its lives on Donegal.