



NAME: CYNTHIA KELLY

Record No FE-088-01

FACTION: Bannson's Raiders DOB: 07/29/3104 REGIMENT: The Band of Five HAIR: Red-Blonde MECH: Centurion EYES: Green

The violence and savagery of the Band of Five comes easily to Cynthia Kelly, who among her comrades goes by the callsign of "Backstabber." Raised in an abusive home in the slums of New Anaheim on Nashira, Cynthia developed both a tough, go-it-alone attitude and an utter amorality that allowed her to get through her years on the streets as a runaway. Using her exceedingly attractive looks, Cynthia has been known to obtain whatever she wants - clothes, food, money, power - by using and discarding the men around her. In battle, she is especially known for attacking infantry and other "soft" targets, but has also been known to track down other female vehicle pilots after tapping into the enemy's comm channels. This diversionary tactic is intended to draw in male warriors, who tend to support their



MECH: CENTURION

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Serial Number: FS779-00P

Mass: 50 tons

Chassis: Corean Model KL77

Endo Steel

Power Plant: Vlar 300XL Cruising Speed: 64.8 kph

Maximum Speed: 97 kph

Jump Jets: None

Armor: StarGuard IV Ferro-Fibrous

Armament:

1 Mydron Excel Ultra Type 5

Autocannon

1 Luxor 3R LRM-10

female comrades out of an almost instinctual, and wholly misplaced, sense of chivalry. Once the enemy is distracted in this manner, the rest of Cynthia's team then maneuver to get at the enemy's rear and flanks, decimating them in short order.

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How this unrefined woman came to be a MechWarrior is open to considerable debate, though the predominant theory is that one or more of her previous lovers were themselves MechWarriors from either mercenary units or the Game World of Solaris VII. The theory follows that, in an effort to learn a lucrative trade, she convinced these men to provide her with informal instruction in the operation and maintenance of 'Mechs. However she came to the training, it became clear with her appearance among the Band of Five that Cynthia regards her 'Mechs the same way she regards her men - as assets to be discarded when something better comes along. Her first 'Mech, an antique Locust, was eventually replaced by a Firestarter, a Panther, and now, her current ride.

Commentary

The Centurion was a popular medium-weight BattleMech used largely by House Davion's Federated Suns throughout much of the Succession Wars, because of its decent combat speed, heavy armor, and well-rounded weapon loadout. This particular Centurion, FS779-00P, was piloted by a FedSuns MechWarrior during the FedCom Civil War, where it was credited with the single-handed destruction of an $\ensuremath{\mathsf{W}}$ Lyran Zeus assault 'Mech on Kathil in a hide-and-seek battle through the woodlands outside Yare. During the Jihad, this same 'Mech again saw action defending Kathil - this time from Blakist troops - as its warrior accompanied Devlin Stone in his crusade to defeat the Word

Cynthia Kelly captured the Centurion she has named "Fury" when she discovered during a raid that the wife of the 'Mech's owner piloted a Saracen hovertank in the same combat force. After disabling the hovertank, she poised her Panther to deliver a gruesome death strike to its crew compartment, then stopped and challenged the *Centurion* pilot to surrender his ride. After the MechWarrior debarked, Cynthia promptly killed him, then turned her guns on the disabled tank, showing how well she deserves her callsign.

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