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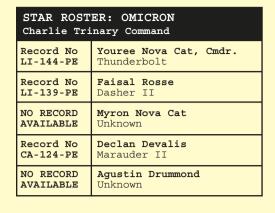


matters worse, Devalis's demeanor and speech patterns are far less precise and rigid than is common among Clan warriors, even those of the deeply philosophical Spirit Cats. Speculation has abounded as to why this warrior appears so mismatched to his faction and yet is accepted into their command structure, with our prominent theory suggesting that perhaps Declan was not originally born into the warrior caste. However, if this is the case, what leverage he uses to maintain his position is unknown.

Commentary

Initially developed as an exclusive BattleMech for the mercenary Wolf's Dragoons, the assault upgrade of the classic Marauder design eventually became popular enough for export sale by the mid 3050s, when it could be spotted among mercenary and House forces. Its devastating-yet simple-mix of far-reaching ballistic and energy weaponry, allowed the Marauder II to easily cripple or destroy enemy units with just one or two volleys, while its super-thick armor and jumping capability enabled it to stay in the fight longer.

LA1561-11F was originally manufactured for the Lyran Alliance (an upgraded design that included both advanced weaponry, as well as a new silhouette thanks to advanced armor) shortly before the outbreak of the FedCom Civil War, but it was captured during that conflict by Davion forces. The 'Mech and its pilot went on to fight alongside Devlin Stone's coalition during the Jihad and joined with Stone's new Republic when it was over. Declan Devalis, its latest pilot, has nicknamed the machine "Iron Shepherd."





NAME: DECLAN DEVALIS

FACTION: Spirit Cats REGIMENT: Omicron 'MECH: Marauder II

DOB: 11/01/3100 HAIR: Blond EYES: Brown

Though he carries a Nova Cat Bloodname and possesses a gift for battlefield tactics and strategic thinking, Declan Devalis' battle record is remarkably void of personal glories, mainly because of his eagerness to assume a more defensive role in battlefield engagements, leaving most of his fellow Spirit Cats to strike out and engage. In the warrior society of the Clans, however, defensive habits and a mediocre codex often translate to scorn, and many of Devalis' subordinates habitually question his command decisions. As if to make



MECH: MARAUDER II

Serial Number: LA1561-11F

Mass: 100 tons

Chassis: GM Marauder Power Plant: GM 300 Light Cruising Speed: 32 kph Maximum Speed: 54 kph

Jump Jets: Chilton 850 Mk II

Armor: Valiant Lamellor

Armament:

1 Blackwell Arms "Thunderfist" Heavy Gauss Rifle

2 Magna Firestar Extended-Range PPCs 2 Diverse Optics Extended-Range

Medium Lasers