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"Saint Fulk is a distant body orbiting a nondescript red giant. Its human inhabitants know little of Earth - in reality, it's believed to be a myth. Seas of red-hot flames broil with the semiliquid planetary core leaking to the surface - reducing bedrock to molten slag and enabling seismic activity unheard of on Terra Firma. Despite it all, life on Saint Fulk persists and even thrives and her settlers have withstood the crippling disappearance of their prior suzerain the New Order. Technology decayed to barely WW2-adjacent, but survival was secured and now the splintered polities of Fulk seek to fulfill their vision of empire on one another, dispatching squadrons of heavy metal naval vessels to skirmish atop the blazing oceans.

The stars may be closed off, but the spoils of war beckon.

The Ramiel-class is a Commonlaw tungsten-hulled heavy cruiser, serving in the northwestern hemisphere, the Blood Tides. According to Commonlaw doctrine, she's not built to brawl in her weight category but rather to skirmish and last long enough to transmit coordinates to land-bound batteries to train their fire on her adversary. Ergo she prioritizes speed and can disengage in a flash.

She's also equipped with a few features that might seem unusual to us but are completely par the course for Fulk: A brightly-painted ram to pierce through stone fragments hidden beneath the lava waves, a distinct lack of of life boats as survivors where she to sink are evacuated by airlift or not all. For example - Atop her rear mast is a catapult for a Cross VZK. propscout to scan the periphery and if worst comes to worst, throw out anything not bolted down and flee in it's cargo hold. Torpedoes are typically too expensive to heatproof against magma, and are left by the wayside entirely. The Ramiel is likewise more garish than the average Coast Guard skiff, in that she operates in such treacherous 'waters' it's best to be as visible and locatable as possible - one never knows when they might need rescue."

- Longtail



