



Bakara's Chariot

House rules for a Lunar Class Cruiser with a bizarre origin

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Though his earliest origins are unknown the infamous raider Xin Bakara rose through the ranks of the Tau empire as a Gue'vesa. Despite his leadership ability and prowess with the xeno's technology Bakara found little gratification in fighting for the greater good. An opportunity came for Bakara to abandon his post when the Merchant Class Starship he was on was caught in a warp storm. Killing most of the crew and critically damaging the ship the warp storm was perfect cover for Bakara's escape. Stealing an Orca Gunship Bakara fled Tau space and found himself indulging in a life of piracy around the eastern fringe.

In a bold move that still infuriates the Admiralty of Battlefleet Ultima to this very day, Bakara and his reavers of renegade human and Tau traitors and desperados, brazenly captured an old and damaged Lunar Class Cruiser named *The Spear of Justice*

from the Kystas Hold orbital docks. Bakara then raided a series of freighters and trade ships with his barely space worthy vessel.

From the plunder Bakara extensively upgraded *The Spear of Justice* drawing on his knowledge of Tau technology. Stripping the torpedo tubes in favour of extra generators to power his alien technologies, *The Spear of Justice* more resembled a Tau vessel than one of Imperium of Mankind. Proud of his work Bakara renamed his vessel Bakara's Chariot removing the name given by the Imperium. Equipped with his chariot Bakara soon became notorious raiding hundreds of vessels across the eastern frontier. Plundering ships from edges of the Imperium to well beyond the Tau Empire, *Bakara's Chariot* has become a feared sight throughout the galaxy.

BAKARA'S CHARIOT						200 points
TYPE/HITS	SPEED	TURNS	SHIELDS	ARMOUR	TURRETS	
Cruiser/8	30cm	45'	3	5+	2	
ARMAMENT		RANGE/SPEED	FIREPOWER/STR		FIRE ARC	
Port Ion Cannon		30cm	2		Left	
Starboard Ion Cannon		30cm	2		Right	
Port Weapons Battery		30cm	6		Left	
Starboard Weapons Battery		30cm	6		Right	

Despite an extensive refit the overall structure of Bakara's chariot is the same as a Lunar Class Cruiser. The high powered Tau engines allow for impressive speeds yet the original ship structure prevents the ship performing high speed manoeuvres. For this reason Bakara's Chariot cannot use the Come to New Heading Special Order.

Bakara's chariot may be included in a Tau or Imperial Fleet (not space marine). However due to treacherous nature of the ship and its crew a command check must be performed at the beginning of each turn. If the check is failed Bakara's decides continued cooperation is too risky and flees the sector. Bakara's chariot is removed from the table; it does not count as a casualty for victory purposes.



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