



Favoured Concubine

BFG 'Character Ship' Competition Finalist

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Flagship of the "Seekers of Forbidden Pleasure" Slaaneshi Fleet of Warmistress Lady Erzsebet.

DESPOILER CLASS BATTLESHIP <i>FAVoured CONCUBINE</i>535 points					
TYPE/HITS	SPEED	TURNS	SHIELDS	ARMOUR	TURRETS
Battleship/12	20cm	45	4	5+	4
ARMAMENT		RANGE/SPEED		FIREPOWER/STR	
Port Launch Bay		Swiftdeaths 30cm		4 Squadrons	
		Doomfires 20cm			
		Dreadclaws 30cm			
Starboard Launch Bay		Swiftdeaths 30cm		4 Squadrons	
		Doomfires 20cm			
		Dreadclaws 30cm			
Port Weapons Battery		60cm		6	
Starboard Weapons Battery		60cm		6	
Dorsal Lance Battery		60cm		3	
Prow Torpedoes		30cm		8	
				Left	
				Right	
				Left/Front/Right	
				Front	

The Favoured Concubine is a Slaaneshi Despoiler Class Battleship. On the surface, she is a ship of matchless beauty. To look upon its visage is said to enrapture and confound the minds of mortal men. Ornatly decorated with gold and precious gems, the interior galleries are as luxurious as the finest palaces found in the Imperium. As beautiful as the Favoured Concubine may be, for those who have crossed her path, she is a nightmare that brings with it a fate worse than death. For below her opulent pleasure decks, there are the vast dungeons and laboratories where the captives and slaves are subjected to the unspeakable desires of the servants of Slaanesh.



The origin of the Favoured Concubine is not known. It could have been one of the lost Imperial Despoilers converted to will of Slaanesh or it could have been a new construct from the shipyards within the Eye of Terror. She was first sighted in the early years of the Gothic War and may have been among the raiding fleets probing the Imperial defenses before war began. Through out the war it was sighted in various sectors, but most of its operations were in and around the Orar Sub-Sector. The Slaaneshi Fleet, led by the Favoured Concubine, operated more like a pirate fleet rather than a conquering fleet. The servants of the God of Pleasure seemed more intent on capturing plunder and taking slaves than subduing worlds. This anomaly was probably the result of the insatiable lusts of their leader, Warmistress Lady Erzsebet.

Lady Erzsebet was said to have been one of the most beautiful creatures that man's eyes have ever seen. Her rapid rise to Warmistress and Favoured Concubine of Slaanesh is a tragic tale of a lost family and a damned soul. Erzsebet Coldiron was born to Admiral Vladimir and Lady Mina Coldiron in 39M41. Admiral Coldiron was a descendant of a long line of naval officers and graduated at the top of his class from the Naval Academy on Terra. Lady Mina was from the House of Zlamalova, a wealthy member of the Merchant's Guild. In 57M41, Admiral Coldiron was posted to take command of an Imperial battle group stationed in the Helican Sub-Sector. Accompanying Admiral Coldiron to his post were Lady Mina and Erzsebet. In a tragic encounter with Dark Eldar pirates, the vessel transporting the Coldirons was lost. The only survivor of Admiral Coldiron's family was thought to be his son, Gyorgy, who had stayed behind on Terra to attend the Naval Academy.

The ultimate fate of her mother and father is unknown, but Erzsebet's life was destined to take a most unexpected turn. Being a young Mon-Kiegh beauty, Erzsebet would have normally been quite an amusement for her Pirate Prince captor. But, on this occasion, the Dark Eldar were en route to the Eye of Terror on a mission of unknown purpose. It was decided that Erzsebet would be kept pure and whole for the time being and offered as tribute to Asmodeus, a Daemon Prince of Slaanesh.

What hellish circumstances Erzsebet suffered is beyond imagination. Her beauty and purity was said to have so captivated Asmodeus that he not only took her as a tribute, he made her his bride. Slaanesh, being the jealous God it is, also coveted Erzsebet and took her as a lover. Over time, Slaanesh bestowed its gifts on Erzsebet and schemed with her to imprison Asmodeus' soul within a daemonic blade. Slaanesh gifted this blade to Erzsebet and she became a Favoured Concubine of the Dark Prince.

As the years passed, Erzsebet rose in the ranks of Slaanesh's followers. She is said to have been trained in combat skills by a Dark Eldar Wych and defeated many Champions in her rise to power. Upon achieving the rank of Warmistress, Erzsebet was given command of the Slaaneshi Fleet "Seekers of Forbidden Pleasure". She used her fleet to gather souls to feed her Master's voracious lust. Erzsebet's fleet was one of the first to sortie from the Eye of Terror at the beginning of the Gothic War. Although allied with the Great Warmaster Abaddon, Erzsebet fighting for Slaanesh's pleasure, focused more on capturing souls rather than conquering worlds.

During the Gothic War, Erzsebet's fleet was one of the most feared by servants of the Emperor. To be taken by the "Seekers of Forbidden Pleasure" was truly a fate worse than death. As the war came to a close, Erzsebet was reluctant to withdraw when

Abaddon gave up the fight. Finally, in 158M41, Erzsebet chose to return to the Eye of Terror and her awaiting lover Slaanesh. It is rumored, that while leaving the Orar Sub-Sector, Erzsebet's fleet was intercepted by a Grey Knight Task Force and routed. It is believed that the Favoured Concubine was destroyed during the Battle of Daemon Run, but because of the secretive nature of the Inquisition, this cannot be confirmed. The ultimate fate of Erzsebet is unknown, but the mere whisper of her name still strikes fear into the hearts of Mankind.

SPECIAL RULES

Flagship. The FAVOURED CONCUBINE must be your fleet's flagship. It must be commanded by Erzsebet who is a Leadership 9 Warmistress with 1 re-roll and the Mark of Slaanesh. This points cost is included above.

Prow Torpedoes. The FAVOURED CONCUBINE replaces its prow lances with Strength 8 torpedoes. This points cost is included above.

Slavetaker. Any Hit & Run attack from the FAVOURED CONCUBINE'S Dreadclaw Assault Boats receive a +1 (meaning they will succeed automatically), but may forgo rolling on the Hit & Run Critical Hit Table in return for +10 Victory points. This reflects the overwhelming desire of the followers of Slaanesh to take captives, even when to do so may be tactically foolish.



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