



ELITE UNIT: Archon's Shield

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MOTTO: "A shield can be a deadly weapon ... in the right hands."

The Archon's Shield is an elite unit of individuals hand-picked by Jasek himself. Though Jasek speaks of returning to Steiner rule, the name of this unit could mean either returning to the rule of the Archon on Tharkad or returning to his own rule; he's left it deliberately vague.

Though many in the Archon's Shield come from the Republic Skye Militia that Jasek commanded, quite a few come from other units, and some simply do not have histories. In fact, the majority of the militia Jasek



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MOTTO: "Why use a small 'Mech when a bigger one will do?"

Following the formation of The Republic and the slow decommissioning of military units within its borders, the Fourth Skye Rangers—the only Skye unit to survive the twin blood baths of the

FedCom Civil War and the Jihad that followed—was kept on active duty and became the Republic Skye Militia. Though Jasek earned their loyalty and respect as their commander, when the blackout descended and he eventually split with his father, only some of the unit followed his lead; centuries of conditioning could not be swept away in only two generations, and most felt they still owed their loyalty to the current Duke of Skye.

1) FOLD ALONG DOTTED LINE

2) GLUE BACKS TOGETHER

3) CUT OUT CARDS ALONG SOLID LINE

originally commanded now constitutes the Lyran Rangers. That Jasek apparently did not trust most of the Republic militia who followed him has bred hard feelings toward the Archon's Shield, as well as to Jasek himself.

The reason Jasek didn't designate the Shield as his veteran unit is that several Archon's Shield members are Lohengrin agents from the Lyran Commonwealth. The presence of these elite Steiner antiterrorist troops—who are trained in almost every form of combat as well as espionage—not only explains the cohesive unity of Archon's Shield after so short a time, but also shows a strong, clandestine support for the Stormhammers by the Archon herself.

With those soldiers at the core of the Lyran Rangers, other descendents from the lost Seventeenth and Twenty-Seventh Skye Rangers stepped forward, offering their enthusiasm and passion—even if sometimes lacking in expertise. Though the unit has shown a marked improvement, there are still two major flaws with which Jasek will have to contend. First and foremost is his treatment of these soldiers; he didn't create his elite core unit around the Rangers. Second is their own turmoil. Loyal to the Duke of Skye more often than the Archon even when a part of the Lyran Commonwealth, some within the Lyran Rangers doubt their own commitment to the Landgrave and his bold new vision.