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Commentary
The classic Locust has been around since the time of the Star League, and though countless variants emerged over the centuries since, no BattleMech has been so synonymous with speed and maneuverability. Initially conceived as a fast scout, recovered technology allowed designers to develop more shockingly powerful versions, such as this variant, which includes a powerful extended-range large laser as its primary weapon. Still possessing the high speed for which the design is known, this Locust is an ideal raider or recon unit.

RS1465-33D bears the nickname “Sumuru’s Promise,” a reference to Yoshida’s lover in the Brotherhood. Originally manufactured for The Republic Armed Forces, this BattleMech was “adopted” by the Dragon’s Fury soon after the HPG network collapse. Sporting a powerful extended-range laser as its primary weapon, along with twin medium lasers, it delivers a punch every bit as crippling as the ‘Mech’s speed is blinding.

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‘MECH: Locust
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MECH: LOCUST
Serial Number: RS1465-33D
Mass: 20 tons
Chassis: Corean-II Delux Endo Steel
Power Plant: GM 180 XL
Cruising Speed: 97.4 kph
Maximum Speed: 151.7 kph
Jump Jets: None
Armor: Kallon FWL Special Ferro-Fibrous
Armament:
1 Hellion-X III Extended-Range Large Laser
2 Magna Mk VI Extended-Range Medium Lasers