

How Lodestar got his mech

I previously said that Lodestar used the pocket change accidentally left in his impedimenta to buy the raw materials to build his mech. However, since it's sacrilegious to bring money on a missionary journey, Lodestar probably wouldn't be the one to take advantage of it. Perhaps Ron is a bit of a numismatist, and Lodestar gives the pawful of alliance tokens and SC mineral notes to him as a gift, not realizing that the money is worth millions of times what it would be back at Focus.

Later, Lodestar waxes nostalgic about his mech pilot training days with the Knights. Ron gets an idea. Unlike Lodestar, Ron is very aware of the money's market value on Earth. The alliance tokens are made of polymerite, a hyper-exotic material as far as humanity is concerned, and both the coins and the mineral notes are technically alien artifacts, practically priceless prior to the introduction of the mass router. Ron innocently uses the handful of doggo dollars to buy the tons of raw materials needed, and approaches the other missionaries to help fabricate the parts needed to assemble the mech as a gift for Lodestar.

After they chew Ron's ear off for his act of sacrilege, the others acknowledge what's done is done and there's no returning five tons of aluminum powder and plastic pellets, so they might as well go ahead. And that's how Lodestar gets a mech to stomp around in while on Earth.

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