

GSS Shikuka

The *GSS Shikuka* was an aging [Yui 4-class recon destroyer](#) which was lost in the Battle of [Tsuyosa](#) in [YE 29](#).

History

The *Shikuka*, built in [YE 25](#), came out of the shipyards right in time to contribute at the end of the [Fourth Elysian War](#). The ship served for exploration and patrols in the 2nd Standard Fleet until [YE 26](#), where most of its crew died in one of the first encounters against the Mishhuvurthyar.

The ship was eventually retrieved, but the ensuing destruction of the [Second Fleet](#) in the [Battle of Nepleslia](#) and the ensuing fleet reorganization forced it out of active duty and it was sent to the [Fleet Depot](#) at [Nataria](#) (Zero Fleet). The ship remained there until [YE 29](#), where it was taken out of mothballs to be reassigned to help rebuild a crippled [Fifth Expeditionary Fleet](#).

The *Shikuka* found itself assigned to the Kinkou Carrier Group, charged with garrisoning the [Himitsu Star Fortress](#) next to the [Katsuko Nebula](#). Before the old 'GSS' reference could be updated to 'YSS', the Kinkou Carrier Group suddenly evacuated their position along with *Himitsu no Iori* when an overwhelming number of Mishhuvurthyar warships came to attack as part of the Taiie Mishhuvurthyar offensive. After seeing the Star Fortress safely to [Valaad \(An Rhy\)](#), the Kinkou Carrier Group made its way to the [Tsuyosa](#) star system to escort a group of crippled refugee vessels from Taiie. A Mishhuvurthyar skirmish battleground eventually folded in system, hunting the refugee vessels.

The *Kinkou Carrier Group* moved to engage and the *Shikuka* was damaged beyond repairs in a battle against the [Mishhuvurthyar](#)'s new scoutships. The vessel was set adrift with only three survivors until the [YSS Mihar](#) came around to salvage its complement of unused torpedoes, rescuing two of the survivors in the process.

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