



ROOKIE PILOTS
VS
ROOKIE AI

Airyu: All right, this is a wonderful matchup. Unfortunately, since I'm inexplicably unable to write a halfway decent Grudge Match this week, I'll just leave it to the competitors to hash it out amongst themselves.

Craven: Ok. So all I have to do is shoot that Z-95 practice drone, and I get promoted?
Yutzka (over the comm): Yep.
Craven: But... how do I do that?
Yutzka: Just do it. Damn rookie.
Craven: Ah... uh... *fires the TIE cannons and misses horrendously*
Yutzka: Hey! Check your fire! If you hit the Vanguard one more time, we'll *vape* your sorry carcass!
Craven: Gwaaah! I don't know, why didn't it hit!? Maybe I'll use a missile! Right! *looks confused* How do I switch to warheads?
Yutzka: Press Alt-E.
Craven: Alt-E... that sounds familiar. Doesn't that eject you?
Yutzka: Nope. It stands for Equip.
Craven: Ok, all right then! *punches alt-e*
Yutzka: Sucker.
Craven: *ejects from his T/I, smacks into the hull of the Vanguard, and goes flying off into space*

Airyu: *sips on a beer* Well, that was pathetic. For our next example, I've loaded up a simple AI program, written by our very own Death Squire, into some of Python's fighters. Namely, Ginji's. *evil grin* Well, here goes nothing. *presses a button*

Ginji: *continues piloting his TIE like nothing happened*

Airyu: What? What went wrong?

Death Squire: Did you put it in the right slot?

Airyu: There's a "right" slot?!?

Death Squire: Yeah. Notice how there's 75 slots, Airyu?

Airyu: Ok, ok! *takes out the card and starts inserting it into random slots*

Death Squire: No! That's the primary control grid for the Vanguard! Don't put it in that slot!

Airyu: *puts it in that slot* Huh? Wha? Crap! *tries to pull it out*

Death Squire: It's no use. That one doesn't release unless you engage a manual override. From the engine room.

Helmsman: Admiral! The Vanguard isn't responding! The controls are operating themselves, sir!

Drax: That's not necessarily a bad thing. You remember what happened the *last* time you put it in full manual?

Helmsman: Yes, but... this is different. We're on course to crash into a star.

Drax: Just out of curiosity, it isn't *Friday* today, is it?

Helmsman: I believe it is.

Drax: Very well. Send a team of radiation troopers to the engine rooms at once. And get me my beatin' stick.

MORAL

Just as friendly fire is not friendly, automatic pilot should never be treated as automatic. That title is reserved exclusively for stormtrooper weapons and turbolasers. And the ability of Orioles pitcher Jorge Julio to blow a save. I got nothin'.