

EMPEROR'S HAMMER HIGH COURT OF INQUISITORS

TIE CORPS DISCIPLINARY REVIEW, ISD-II *CHALLENGE*

Case Nos. TC13020 and TC55626

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT (Excerpt of Proceedings)

INCIDENT #170703  
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The motions hearing in the above-captioned case continued on Monday, 03 July 2017, before HIGH ADMIRAL ELWOOD THE BRAVE, ACTING JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, TIE Corps Commander (TCCOM/TC-1) and the TIE CORPS DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD (acting in lieu of the HIGH COURT OF INQUISITORS and JURY).

The following partial transcript contains the court's ruling.

ACTING JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL	TCCOM/HA Elwood the Brave/TC-1
DETAIL FOR THE HIGH COURT	SOO-IOA-LOA/FA Pellaeon/TC-2 COO-TOA/VA Silvius/TC-3
ACCUSED	CMDR/CM Hav Antiel/Sin 1-1 FM/SL Adwan Yokcha/Sin 1-2
SECURITY OFFICER	TC-3PO
ADVOCATE (S)	M-3PO-Y

JURY

N/A

AFTERNOON SESSION, MONDAY, 03 JULY 2017

(The court was in session with all parties present, and the following is an excerpt of the proceedings.)

THE COURT: Let us bring this session to order. The accused are present: Commander Hav Antiel, number 13020, and Sub-Lieutenant Adwan Yokcha, number 55626. In the absence of a JAG, I will act as judge in this disciplinary hearing. Likewise, Admirals Pellaeon and Silvius will represent the review board. I did not feel it necessary to convene a jury at this time, and the accused have consented to these trial conditions.

Representing the prosecution -- the Security Officer, I should say, is TC-3PO, and the advocate for the defense is M-3PO. Ah, sorry, M-3PO-Y. I'm not familiar with this droid.

ANTIHEL: Sir, M-3PO-Y is my trusted administrative assistant. He served with me aboard the *Hammer*, and he's completely up-to-speed on the details of the incident in question, sir.

THE COURT: Very well. Acting security officer in this hearing is TC-3PO. I hope you all enjoy the back-and-forth between two protocol droids. As acting JAG, I will ensure fairness throughout the entire court martial process, oversee the trial, and, in the absence of a jury, I will determine the final verdict, after which I will either dismiss the case or administer the sentences, as appropriate.

The defendants have been charged with multiple counts of Class A, B, and C offenses. Sub-Lieutenant Adwan Yokcha has been accused of 4.2, Conspiracy, 4.3, Disrespect towards a superior, and 4.4, Failure to obey an order. Commander Hav Antiel has been accused of 4.2, Conspiracy, 4.3, Disrespect towards a superior, 4.4, Failure to obey an order, and 4.9, Conduct unbecoming an officer. The defendants have entered pleas of "not guilty."

At this time, we will begin opening arguments.

SECURITY OFFICER: Thank you, your honor. The details of the incident are quite simple; Commander Antiel and Sub-Lieutenant Yokcha coordinated a suicidal attack on the TIE Corps' command staff at a time when they knew the admirals would be highly vulnerable. We, the prosecution, believe that Commander Antiel recruited Sub-Lieutenant Yokcha, a possible rebel agent, with

this plan in mind. We aim to prove that Antiel and Yokcha were aware that the admiralty would be flying starfighters as part of the simulated attack, and they planned their kamikaze tactics in a premeditated effort to destabilize the TIE Corps and the Emperor's Hammer at large.

ADVOCATE: Objection!

THE COURT: What's your objection, droid?

ADVOCATE: Everything he's saying is false!

THE COURT: Overruled. You will have your time to speak, counsel. Please continue, TC-3PO.

SECURITY OFFICER: Thank you, sir. The prosecution aims to prove that these rebel pilots--

ADVOCATE: Objection!

THE COURT: Sustained. Please refrain for using that "rebel" word, 3PO.

SECURITY OFFICER: Yes, sir. The prosecution aims to prove that these pilots used covert information to plan a suicidal attack on the admiralty board while they participated in a friendly Raise the Flag simulated attack. It is only through the sheer piloting abilities of the present admirals that they are alive today to expose the treachery of these inept traitors. The prosecution believes this is a simple case that will lead to the expulsion of both pilots.

THE COURT: Advocate, please present your opening argument.

ADVOCATE: Thank you, sir. This is a simple, simple misunderstanding. When I am finished with my arguments, you will see that these pilots were actually going above and beyond the call of duty. They are heroes! They are just misunderstood.

THE COURT: Is that all you have to say?

ADVOCATE: Heroes, sir!

THE COURT: I need an affirmative, droid.

ADVOCATE: Yes, sir. I rest my case.

THE COURT: You rest? I'm going to assume you didn't mean that.  
Let us proceed to presentation of evidence and witnesses.  
Prosecution, you may begin.

SECURITY OFFICER: Thank you, sir. Prosecution would like to  
review the holovid entered as Exhibit A.

(Exhibit A, a holovid, plays. In the video, two Missile Boat  
Mk.II craft can be seen colliding with an Incom T-65B X-wing  
starfighter.)

SECURITY OFFICER: As you can see, the defendants, piloting  
Missile Boats from Sin squadron, coordinated an attack on High  
Admiral Woody's X-wing. With full knowledge that their laser  
cannons had been neutered for the purposes of the simulation,  
Commander Antiel and Sub-Lieutenant Yokcha deviously planned a  
dual head-on collision with the admiral's fighter.

ADVOCATE: Objection!

THE COURT: Now what?

ADVOCATE: If the defendants knew about the whole simulation, why didn't they just revert the safety program and enter the battle with live lasers?

THE COURT: Advocate, consider this a warning. We follow proper protocol in this court. You cannot simply interrupt the Security Officer to make a counterargument. I will allow one further objection from you, droid, so make it count.

ADVOCATE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: TC-3PO, you may continue.

SECURITY OFFICER: As I was saying, the holovid clearly shows how these rebellious pilots--

ADVOCATE: Objection!

THE COURT: That's your final warning, droid. TC-3p0, please continue.

SECURITY OFFICER. These rebellious rebels planned to collide with Admiral Elwood and use the Raise the Flag exercise as

cover. Only Woody's expert maneuver spared the admiral his life.

THE COURT: Thank you, TC-3PO. Let us continue with presentation of evidence and witnesses. Defense?

(Exhibit A continues to play in a loop. The two Missile Boats continually slam into the snubfighter's wings as the admiral's wreckage flies out of view.)

ADVOCATE: Thank you, sir. I cannot argue with the holvid. The prosecution is right; this video evidence proves that Commander Antiel and Sub-Lieutenant Yokcha crashed into the admiral's X-wing. But why did they do it? Could it be that these confused young pilots were employing desperate measures to defend the flagship when they found that their weapons systems were inoperative? Or did these relatively inexperienced eyeball jockeys stupidly fly straight into the enemy?

ANTIHEL: Objection!

THE COURT: Commander, you can't object to your own counsel!



ANTIHEL: Yes, sir. Sorry, sir.

(Antiel pantomimes choking his droid advocate.)

THE COURT: Defense, you may continue.

ADVOCATE: Uh, yes, it's clear from the video that these pilots crashed straight into High Admiral Elwood the Brave's X-wing. But how could they have known it was their beloved TCCOM? Yes, Sub-Lieutenant Yokcha can't fly his way out of a paper bag--

YOKCHA: Come on!

THE COURT: Order in the court!

ADVOCATE: ...and Commander Antiel can't fly *TIE Fighter* without enabling cheats--

SECURITY OFFICER: Objection! Breaking the 4th wall!

THE COURT: Sustained. Please stay in-universe, counsel.

ADVOCATE: Yes, sir. There are many reasons why these pilots

would crash into an X-wing. Prosecution wants you to believe that these pilots are part of a high-level conspiracy against the TIE Corps that involves espionage, spies, and terrorism. I advise the court to consider the most simple explanation; these pilots were desperate to defend their flagship the only way they knew how; by stupidly crashing into a snubfighter.

THE COURT: Security Officer, your first witness.

SECURITY OFFICER: The prosecution calls Commander Drake Starfire.

(Drake Starfire enters. He swears to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.)

STARFIRE: What up?

SECURITY OFFICER: Can you explain to the court how you know these two pilots?

STARFIRE: Hav was one of my Epsilon pilots before he bailed for the *Warrior*. I don't really know the other guy, sorry.

SECURITY OFFICER: How would you describe Commander Antiel?

STARFIRE: He's a pretty chill guy. Flies a lot of *TIE Fighter*, pretty good with making uniforms and stuff. It was pretty much just him and me and sometimes Polo flying in Epsilon.

SECURITY OFFICER: How many times have you flown side-by-side with Commander Antiel.

STARFIRE: Hmm. None, technically.

SECURITY OFFICER: Would it be difficult to assess his piloting skill?

STARFIRE: I mean, based on that, I guess I couldn't really judge him.

SECURITY OFFICER: And how long did Commander Antiel serve under you?

STARFIRE: I guess not that long. A few months?

SECURITY OFFICER: Just over five months, actually. And in those

five months, Antiel never found time to fly with you?

STARFIRE: Well no, not really.

SECURITY OFFICER: Doesn't that strike you as... rebellious?

ADVOCATE: Objection!

THE COURT: Overruled.

STARFIRE: Not really. It's hard to schedule times, and Hav wasn't really into *Star Conflict*.

SECURITY OFFICER: So you're saying he's a rebel?

ADVOCATE: Objection! Objection!

THE COURT: Overruled! Antiel, control your droid!

STARFIRE: A rebel? I mean, no, not really.

SECURITY OFFICER: Five months under your wing, and the rebel refused to fly with you? How often did this rebellious rebel

seek an alliance with other rebels while rebelling against your command?

ADVOCATE: Objection! Objection! Objection!

THE COURT: That's it! I warned you. Get that droid out of here!  
Court is adjourned.

ANTIHEL: Sir, wait! I wish to represent myself and Sub-Lieutenant Yokcha if you'll allow it.

ADVOCATE: Objection!

THE COURT: Yes, that would be fine. Anything is better than that awful droid yelling "objection" every minute. TC-3PO, you may continue.

STARFIRE: Actually, would be it OK if Antiel cross-examined me now?

SECURITY OFFICER: I'll allow it.

THE COURT: Very well. Antiel, your witness.

ANTIHEL: OK. Well, with respect, I'd prefer it if I could just try to explain what happened that day. I think I can explain how it was just a big misunderstanding.

THE COURT: Very well. Commander Starfire, you may stand down.

(Starfire leaves the stand.)

ANTIHEL: Thank you, sir. You see, Sub-Lieutenant had just transferred to the *Warrior* from the *Daedalus*, and I took it upon myself to show him around the ship. However, I myself had only recently transferred to the *Warrior*, and I was a little confused about the layout. It's not exactly the same as the *Hammer*, you know. Anyway, I was showing Yokcha the TIE stands in the hangar when the alarm came over regarding the simulated attack. We didn't know it was just a simulation, though. I looked at Yokcha, and he seemed panicked. I could tell he was scared as hell. I took him with me, and we ran and jumped into the first Missile Boats we could find -- I'm not only his commander; I'm also his wingman, after all -- and we flew straight into the scrum.

The attacking force was just a handful of alphabet

fighters, so I assumed it would be an excellent time to show the Sub-Lieutenant how we do things in the TIE Corps (and also a great way to earn some credibility among the *Warrior* crew). So we flew into the battle in a two-man formation. I told Yokcha to fly on my wing and pick up anything that broke right. As we looped in behind a Y-wing, I noticed that my laser cannons were set for training mode. It's instantly recognizable; they make a telltale whine, and the laser trail has a distinct hue. I called on Yokcha to fire on the Y-wing, but I could see that his lasers were having the same problem.

In that moment, I assumed that we had hopped into two Missile Boats that were inexplicably set for training conditions. As I looked around at the ensuing battle, however, I could see that every TC fighter was having the same problem. Then I looked over at the *Warrior* and the *Hammer*, and a sinking feeling hit me: the New Republic has infiltrated our fleet, and they were going to take out both ships with a mere handful of alphabet fighters!

You can imagine my desperation as this reality overcame me. In that moment, I noticed a lone X-wing heading straight for the *Warrior's* bridge. For some reason, the *Warrior* was not firing on it. "They've infiltrated the *Warrior's* turbolasers, too!" I thought to myself. Without thinking, I commanded Yokcha

to flank with me. Our lasers might be useless, I thought, but we could still take out that X-wing heading for the bridge.

I'm well aware that the kamikaze move is not part of the TIE Corps' articles of war, but I was desperate to protect the *Warrior*, so I ordered Yokcha to tail the X-wing while I looped over to face it head-on. I didn't need to explain it to Yokcha; he simply understood.

As we bore down on the X-wing, I was surprised to see that it hadn't begun to fire on the *Warrior* for some reason. Nevertheless, I continued with my maneuver and pushed my shields full forward, pumping the lasers' power into the shields and aiming for the nose of the X-wing.

Just before we collided, the X-wing pulled a masterful Immelmann, avoiding the brunt of the collision by connecting with our Missile Boats' wings instead of our fuselages.

For the record, I want to reiterate that the IFF of the X-wing indicated that it was a Rebel ship. I have given my career to defending the Emperor's Hammer, and I have no interest in the New Republic or its dangerous policies.

That's all I have to say, really. I'm just a pilot dedicated to the cause. I don't have much experience in the courtroom, so I, uh, rest my case.



THE COURT: Very well, commander. I will convene with Admirals Pellaeon and Silvius, and I will return with my verdict.

(HA Elwood the Brave confers with FA Pellaeon and VA Silvius. The ousted defensive counsel M-3PO-Y can be overheard spouting "Objection!" from the adjacent hallway.)

THE COURT: At this time, I wish to issue my verdict. In regard to the Class A offenses of 4.2, Conspiracy and 4.3, Disrespect towards a superior, the defendants are found not guilty. In regard to the Class B offenses of 4.4, Failure to obey an order, the defendants are found not guilty. In regard to the Class B offense of 4.9, Conduct unbecoming an officer, Commander Hav Antiel is found guilty. However, it is the court's belief that the Accused was not fully aware that his actions were wrong. Likewise, we believe that the Accused behaved with impressive decorum despite his less-than-ideal counsel.

Therefore, I hereby issue a public reprimand to Commander Antiel. "Kamikaze" is not an authorized TIE Corps maneuver. Please refrain from further applications of this maneuver, especially during Raise the Flag.

SUMMARY

CMDR/CM Hav Antiel

Not guilty of three Offenses

4.2 - Conspiracy

4.3 - Disrespect towards a superior

4.4 - Failure to obey an order

Guilty of one Offense (Public reprimand issued)

4.9 - Conduct unbecoming an officer

FM/SL Adwan Yokcha

Not guilty of three Offenses

4.2 - Conspiracy

4.3 - Disrespect towards a superior

4.4 - Failure to obey an order