Characters D6 / Admiral Firmus Piett



Name: Admiral Firmus Piett
Type: Imperial Admiral
Homeworld: Axxila
Born: 39 BBY
Species: Human
Gender: Male
Height: 1.65 meters
Mass: 70 kilograms
Hair color: Brown
Eye color: Brown

DEXTERITY: 3D
- Blaster: 6D
- Brawling Parry: 5D
- Dodge: 6D+1
- Grenade: 4D
- Vehicle Blasters: 6D+2

KNOWLEDGE: 3D
- Alien species: 5D+1
- Bureaucracy: 7D+1
- Planetary systems: 4D+2
- Tactics: 8D
- Willpower: 5D
- Intimidation: 6D+2
- Languages: 3D+2
- Survival: 4D+2

PERCEPTION: 3D
- Bargain: 4D+1
- Command: 7D+2
- Con: 4D
- Investigation: 5D
- Search: 6D+1
- Persuasion: 4D+2

STRENGTH: 2D+2
- Brawling 4D+2

MECHANICAL: 3D+2
- Communications: 6D+1
- Capital Ship Piloting: 5D+2
- Capital Ship Shields: 5D+1
- Capital Ship Weapons: 5D+2

Sensors: 5D+1
Astrogation: 5D
Repulsorlift Operation: 4D+2
Space Transports: 5D+2
Starship Gunnery: 5D+2

TECHNICAL: 2D+2
Capital Ship Repair: 4D+1
Computer Programming/Repair: 5D
Droid Programming/Repair: 3D
First Aid: 4D+1
Security: 6D

Move: 10
Force Points: 4
Dark Side Points: 3
Character Points: 12

Equipment:
Imperial Admirals Uniform, Blaster Pistol (4D), Commlink, Imperial Code Cylinders

Description: Firmus Piett was a Human male who was the last admiral of the Imperial Navy's Death Squadron, Darth Vader's personal fleet of Star Destroyers. Coming from humble beginnings on the backwater Outer Rim world of Axxila, Piett began his naval career with the Axxila antipirate fleet. Though his posting was not notable, Piett's creativity, dedication and integrity made his home sector the safest in the Outer Rim. Piett made an extraordinary number of arrests and suppressions of smugglers and pirates, and his record earned the attention of high-ranking officers on Imperial Center.

His star rising in the Imperial Navy, Piett was given the captaincy of the Imperial I-class Star Destroyer Accuser, seeing service at the Battle of Turkana before being picked out to serve in Vader's Death Squadron, which prowled the galaxy searching for Rebel Alliance headquarters. When command of the fleet's flagship, the Star Dreadnought Executor, became vacant, Vader selected Piett to fill the post. As captain of the Executor, Piett relentlessly searched for the hidden Alliance base while secretly undermining his superior, Admiral Kendal Ozzel. At the Battle of Hoth, Ozzel was summarily executed by Vader for incompetence, allowing Piett to swiftly step into the high admiral's role.

Though he was criticized for his swift ascent to the top of the command chain, Piett set himself about his task with enthusiasm, though he feared that he would meet the same fate as Ozzel. He made several potentially fatal blunders soon after his promotion but was able to shift blame as he had done in the past. Following the failed capture of Luke Skywalker at Bespin, the Executor was taken back to Imperial Center, leaving Piett to command the Accuser once more. In 4 ABY, though, Piett was once again on the bridge of the Star Dreadnought, commanding the Imperial fleet in the Battle of Endor. Piett perished in the battle when an RZ-1 A-wing interceptor piloted by Arvel Crynyd rammed into the Executor's bridge.

Personality and traits

Firmus Piett, in his admiralty, garnered himself a set of detractors who claimed that he only achieved the rank because Darth Vader had such a low tolerance for failure. This was not exactly

true: Vader chose to crew his ships with the Empire's finest officers, regardless of their politics and background. Apart from Thrawn, Vader chose not to utilize Palpatine's Grand Admirals, since Piett displayed talent that rivaled them anyway. He was, however, hindered in moments of great restraint, as displayed at the Battle of Endor. Unable to attack due to the Emperor's orders, Piett's fleet was eventually decimated by the Alliance craft.

Piett had a reputation for great integrity, ending the endemic corruption that had plagued the Axxila antipirate fleet early in his career and making a record number of arrests of pirates and smugglers. Under his command, the antipirate fleet turned the Ciutric Hegemony into one of the safest sectors in the Outer Rim. He was also intolerant of those who did not meet his high standards, especially Admiral Kendal Ozzel, whom he saw as dangerously mercurial and incompetent, and hated the Empire's reliance on bounty hunters. Like many Imperial Loyalists, he regarded the Rebel Alliance as being little more than next-generation Separatists, little better than those that had forced his family to flee Axxila before the Clone Wars. He was not above personal ambition, however, and cultivated contacts throughout the Imperial Navy to overcome his Outer Rim birth, recommended the replacement of Xamuel Lennox as commander in the Pakuuni sector in favor of himself in the aftermath of the Battle of Turkana, and schemed to supplant Admiral Ozzel as the commander of Death Squadron.

Despite what looked like a flawless service record, Piett did make a number of mistakes and blunders throughout his career. What set him apart from his colleagues and allowed him to climb the chain of command was his ability to divert blame onto others. Piett was also a far more creative individual than some of his more by-the-book colleagues, and was adept at both political maneuvering and appeasing his superiors. In addition to his political and military skills, Piett could understand Huttese and speak Basic.

When Piett reached the rank of admiral, he realized that it was not quite the best of positions after all, as his mistakes would have more severe consequences. However, his knack for avoiding Vader's anger enabled him to keep the post longer than he otherwise might have. He allowed himself a degree of confidence, and had faith in the Navy's ability to complete its task. To that end, he was derisive of third parties such as bounty hunters and mercenaries, believing that the Navy could do any job just as well.

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