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*KING HENRY, the king of England,  
HAL, his son, dresses up like Luke Skywalker*

KING HENRY

Soooo... Henry Junior.

HAL

That's not my name.

KING HENRY

That is thy name. I was there when thou wast born.

HAL

What dost thou want?

*(KING HENRY takes out a letter.)*

KING HENRY

So um... I got this letter from the Mother Mary of Mercy Convent. Dost thou wish me to read it?

HAL

Um...

KING HENRY

“Dear King Henry... today we are mourning the loss of two of our sister-nuns. They were brutally slain by the Prince in some sort of bizarre ritual. One of his compatriots appeared to be covered in donkey hair and another one was rolling inside a trash can.”

*(He folds up the letter.)*

There's more. In fact, she uses a lot of words that nuns aren't even supposed to know. What dost thou have to say about this?

HAL

It was mostly an accident.

KING HENRY

They art nuns, boy! Nuns! They art servants of the church! Thou canst not run around, playing dress-up and killing them! `Tis not cool!

HAL

Sorry.

KING HENRY

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’Tis too late for that. They wilt want revenge.

HAL

We can fight them. They art merely ladies in dresses.

KING HENRY

Junior -

HAL

I’ll raise an army, attack them at dawn. They wilt never know what hit them.

KING HENRY

Son, settle down. I’ve already had them arrested and thrown in the dungeons. No one will hear from them again.

HAL

Thou didst that for me?

KING HENRY

It was the least I could do. There are benefits to being King.

HAL

Thank you, sire.

KING HENRY

Now, let us forget about the whole thing and move on. There’s a rebellion in the north. We’ll ride out to meet them.

HAL

A rebellion?

KING HENRY

Yes. A pathetic rebellion. Join me and we shalt crush the rebellion together.

HAL

*I’LL NEVER JOIN THEE!*

KING HENRY

Henry, come on. I am thy father.

HAL

*THAT’S IMPOSSIBLE!!*

KING HENRY

Every time with you. Whenever I say I’m thy father -

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HAL

*Noooo!*

KING HENRY

Dang it, I am thy father.

HAL

Thou art not my father.

KING HENRY

That's ridiculous! We have the same name!

HAL

That's impossible!

KING HENRY

Ugh. Thou needst therapy. Thou art the prince, I am the king, we will crush the rebellion together and rule England as father and son.

HAL

There is good in thee, I can feel it.

KING HENRY

All right fine. How about I execute your friends then? Is that what thou wishes? Just march your little friends in here and chop off their heads? I'll do it. Thou rememberest what happened to Captain Bunny?

HAL

Falstaff told me thou killed him!

KING HENRY

I did kill him! And I'll kill all thy friends too! It's called tough love!

HAL

Noooooo!

KING HENRY

Yessss!

*(Pause)*

This is hard for me to say, but... I love thee, boy.

HAL

Don't say that!

KING HENRY

I do. Look at me.

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HAL

I can't!

KING HENRY

LOOK AT ME!

*(HAL turns towards his father, tears in his eyes.)*

Come to Papa!

HAL

OKAY!

*(He runs to HENRY, crying.)*

I'll do it father. I'll save the Empire and crush the rebel scum!

KING HENRY

All right then.

HAL

Even though the dark side of the Force may be calling, I will use my Jedi powers to advance thy cause – we shall rule the galaxy together!

KING HENRY

Um...

HAL

Ready my ship!

*(He runs off.)*