

# Frank Hayes, Never Set the Cat On Fire

Never set the cat on fire; you only will annoy it  
The heat will make the beast perspire; she surely won't enjoy it  
Likewise do not ignite the dog  
The snake, the gerbil, or the frog  
No, never set the cat on fire

And mind your manners, as circumstances may require  
And never set the cat on fire

(Don't...don't. Just don't.)

Don't open up the cabin hatch; the air is sure to leave it  
And air is very hard to catch; you never will retrieve it  
And though you think your life's a bore,  
Don't open the reactor door  
Don't open up the cabin hatch

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Don't change the navigator's data; someone's sure to see ya  
You know the captain's view of that: a very bad idea  
He doesn't want his ship to race  
Forever lost in endless space  
Don't change the navigator's data

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Don't start an interstellar war; it has no helpful uses  
As people ask you 'what's it for?', you'll only make excuses  
If thirty trillion folks get hurt,  
You'll go to bed with no dessert!  
Don't start an interstellar war

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And mind your manners, as circumstances may require...(big finish now)  
And never set the cat on fire!