Break Right!!
How to Survive the Missiles of Life
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Picture this: It's a crisp, clear spring day and you're participating on a combat mission in the "no-fly zone" in southern Iraq. You're flying 550 knots at 22,000 feet with your wingman, who is 2 miles away and exactly 90 degrees to your right. You are both scanning for enemy aircraft, surface-to-air missiles (SAMs), and radar activity. Over half of your time is spent "checking six"—looking behind you and your wingman to check for unseen threats or movement.

Suddenly, you hear your wingman scream over the radio. "Break right, Break right! Missile launch your 3 O'clock!!" Your heart jumps and adrenalin rushes through your veins as your flight or flight reflexes take over. It's time to act and act now! Instinctively, you crank the stick to the right, bank the aircraft 90 degrees, and pull back as hard as you can as the G forces compress you back into the seat.

You lower the nose, dispense chaff and flares to help break the radar lock, and strain your neck while looking behind you to get a "visual" of the missile. The smoke plume of your neck while looking behind you to get a "visual" of the missile. The smoke plume of your neck while looking behind you to get a "visual" of the missile.

What made surviving that attack possible?
1. Without hesitation, you took your wingman's advice when he said "Break right!"
2. You successfully applied the evasive maneuver procedures.
3. Your wingman never lost sight of you.
4. You successfully applied the evasive maneuver procedures.
5. You were scanning for enemy aircraft, surface-to-air missiles (SAMs), and radar activity.
6. Your wingman was looking behind you to check for unseen threats or movement.

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