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SEXIST SPACE

1. NISH: Rita Schulz, the leading scientist on the Rosetta comet-chasing mission, has accused the European Space Agency of having a problem with women - with nearly every top job at the institution being held by a man. To be fair, I think it's the same reason women aren't allowed on Navy submarines: because the human race is awful. But does the scientific community have a sexism problem?

2. **GRAMS: SPACE ATMOS**

3. **FX: INTERCOM**

4. RITA: Houston? Do you copy?

5. MAN 1: This is Houston.

6. MAN 2: We copy.

7. RITA: I'm having an issue with the CPU mainframe up here.

8. MAN 1: Alright, calm down!
9. RITA: (CONFUSED) I am calm.
10. MAN 2: He said calm down!
11. MAN 1: If you just calm down for one second, we're going to give you some simple instructions. Have you got a pen?
12. MAN 2: Or one of those eyeliner pencils?
13. MAN 1: Maybe jot it down on your sanitary towel in lipstick?
14. RITA: (ANNOYED) I've got a pen, thank you.
15. MAN 2: Okay, step one: is there a man nearby?
16. RITA: A man?
17. MAN 1: Yeah, *any* man.
18. RITA: No. It's just me.
19. MAN 2: It says here on the system that you have a male lab-rat up there with you?
20. RITA: Yes, but...
21. MAN 2: He's now your ranking officer.
22. RITA: I'm not going to go up to a rat and say "What do I do now?".
23. MAN 1: No of course not.

24. MAN 2: You'll say "What do I do now, *Sir*?"
25. RITA: If you're not going to help, then I'll have to fix it myself. (TALKING TO HERSELF) If I just re-route the binary processing system through the energy output modulator, and then decode the central intelligence hub.
26. **FX:** **SYSTEMS REBOOTING**
27. RITA: I've done it!
28. **BEAT.**
29. MAN 1: That's incredible.
30. MAN 2: My *God* that rat runs a tight ship.

END.