

MOON BASE

DELTA

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CHARACTERS

MOLLY:	(30)	Programmer, Brilliant Mathematician, aroused by the sounds of Crunchy cereal. Easily angered. Has no time for fools.
LUKE:	(35)	Missile controller. Easy going, practical joker, but takes his work seriously.
ARCHER:	(45)	Commander of the moonbase. Staunch, no-nonsense.
DOCTOR SMITH	(50)	Deceitful, ill-tempered. Will do anything to achieve his goal.

ACT 1: SCENE 1

We open on the control room of Moon base delta. The setting is sparse save for a few computer control terminals with seats. Luke and Molly enter in mid discussion.

LUKE

What is it?

MOLLY

I told you I don't have any kinky fetishes.

LUKE

You're lying, I can tell.

MOLLY

How?

LUKE

Your nose is twitching.

Molly rubs her nose. She knows she has been caught out.

MOLLY

Even if I do, it's none of your business.

LUKE

I'll bet it's in your file.

MOLLY

Don't be ridiculous.

LUKE

Everything about a person is in their file. Including fetishes.

MOLLY

That's absurd.

LUKE

It's true. Even people who lived years ago are on record.

MOLLY

Like who?

LUKE

There was this sports guy, played ultimate Frisbee or something, got his thrill falling down stairs.

MOLLY

That's bullshit.

LUKE

And there was this Nun, went all weak at the knees if she saw a woman in knitted crochet.

MOLLY

That can't be true. Someone's just made that up.

LUKE

Swear to god, it's all true. Nothing is safe from big brother.

MOLLY

Well, you won't find anything on me.

LUKE

So, you don't mind if I try?

MOLLY

Do whatever you want, I've got REAL work to do.

Molly leaves and Luke looks her up
on the computer. He finds
something.

LUKE

Oh, you've got to be kidding me. Man, this is good.

Archer the commander enters.

ARCHER

What's good?

LUKE

Oh, uh. Nothing sir.

ARCHER

Really? You're not downloading porn again, are you?

LUKE

No sir.

ARCHER

Because the last time you did the computer picked up a virus and we had to purge the system.

LUKE

Sorry about that sir.

ARCHER

What are you doing then?

LUKE

Just familiarizing myself with the new launch protocols for the asteroid buster.

ARCHER

It's called a Ballistic Outercelestial Orbital Missile

LUKE

BOOM (he grins)

ARCHER

You think it's a joke, lieutenant?

LUKE

No sir.

ARCHER

That missile is vital for the survival of earth, the space station and the Mars colony. If a rogue asteroid is ever on an intercept orbit with

LUKE

I know, I know. Global extinction level event.

ARCHER

Don't forget that.

LUKE

I won't, sir.

Archer leaves.

LUKE

(under his breath) Pompous Ass.

Doctor Smith enters just as Luke is saying this.

DOCTOR

Who's an Ass?

Luke turns, startled by the Doctor

LUKE

Hey, What's Up Doc?

DOCTOR

Stop saying that.

LUKE

Aw, Come On. You gotta admit it's funny.

DOCTOR

No, it's not.

LUKE

Not even a little funny?

DOCTOR

No! Now stop being a juvenile, I need to talk to the space station.

LUKE

Talk all you want, the station's an inanimate object, it ain't never gonna talk back.

DOCTOR

Idiot! You know what I mean.

LUKE

No one has a sense of humor around here.

Luke sets some controls on the computer.

LUKE

Okay Doc, patching you through. What's it about?

DOCTOR

It's confidential.

LUKE

Oh, so it's about that virus they found on Mars.

DOCTOR

How did you know about that?

LUKE

Scotty, the shuttle pilot, told me. Word travels fast on a space station.

DOCTOR

I will need to talk to the station commander about security protocols.

LUKE

So they finally found life on Mars. When are they gonna tell everyone about it?

DOCTOR

When the time is right. There is still a lot we don't know about it yet.

LUKE

What's there to know? It's a bug from an alien planet.

DOCTOR

You have a lot to learn about viruses. Now stop wasting my time and connect me to the space station commander.

LUKE

All set.

The doctor takes a seat at the console. Luke stands by the side and the doctor glares at him. Finally Luke realizes what he wants.

LUKE

Oh, you want me to go?

DOCTOR

The conversation is confidential.

LUKE

Oh, right. Got it. I'll just...I'll just go.

DOCTOR

Please do.

LUKE

Okay, I'm leaving now.

DOCTOR

Good.

LUKE

See ya.

Luke finally leaves and the Doctor
speaks into the communicator.

DOCTOR

This is Doctor Smith. Priority update required on Project
Payback. Need to know subjects effectiveness, life span, and
durability in a harsh environment. Imperative, that subject
be ready to launch in the required time frame. Also very
important, security be increased to maximum.

LIGHTS FADE

SCENE 2

Molly is at her console when Luke
enters with a bowl of cereal. Luke
bites into a spoonful of crunchy
cereal and Molly reacts.

MOLLY

What is that? Are you....eating cereal?

LUKE

Crunchy Crisps. They're really good.

Luke bites in and makes a loud
crunchy sound. Molly is doing her
best to keep her cool.

MOLLY

Wouldn't you rather eat that in the meal room?

LUKE

No, I'm good.

Luke takes another bite and Molly does her best to hide she is having a reaction.

MOLLY

I'm making a report.

LUKE

That's okay, you're not bothering me.

A really loud crunch. Molly is really feeling it this time.

MOLLY

No, you're disturbing me.

LUKE

Sorry.

Luke continues eating and Molly gets more and more excited. She begins to groan with pleasure.

LUKE

You okay?

MOLLY

I'm fine, just...

Luke takes a really big bite and chews loudly.

MOLLY

(orgasmic) OH MY GOD!

LUKE

You sure you're alright?

Luke continues eating.

MOLLY

YES! YES! OH GOD YES!

LUKE

Maybe I better let you finish your report.

MOLLY

NO! DON'T STOP! I mean...you can stay.

Luke continues eating while Molly almost goes into rapture. Luke pauses, deliberately, teasing putting the spoon into his mouth, once, twice, three times. Molly is being tortured with anticipation.

MOLLY

You monster.

Luke grins and continues eating. Chewing and crunching loudly. Molly rolls on the floor having multiple orgasms.

MOLLY

OH GOD! OH GOD! OH GOD!

Luke finishes the bowl and Molly gets up off the floor and back to her desk.

LUKE

Was it good for you?

MOLLY

How did you know?

LUKE

It's in your personal file.

MOLLY

You looked through my personal file?

LUKE

(grins) You said I could.

MOLLY

Bastard. You will pay.

LUKE

There's more cereal in the cupboard. Wanna go for seconds?

MOLLY

YES! NO, I mean.....NO!

LUKE

You're saying no, but you really mean yes.

MOLLY

DON'T YOU DARE!

LUKE

Okay. You look like you've had enough fun for one day. But are you sure?

MOLLY

Yes.

LUKE

Yes as in...

MOLLY

Yes as in NO! No more, understand?

LUKE

Got it.

MOLLY

Not a word to anyone about this or I'll push you out an airlock without a suit.

LUKE

I promise. Not a word.

MOLLY

I don't trust you.

LUKE

I swear. I'll never mention it to anyone unless it's life or death.

MOLLY

What's that supposed to mean?

LUKE

I don't know. I just don't want to be shoved out an airlock.

Luke just grins and leaves but as
he does he takes one last loud
crunch. Molly has another orgasm.

LIGHTS FADE

SCENE 3

Everyone has assembled in the
control room. Luke is the last to
enter.

ARCHER

You're late.

LUKE

Sorry sir. Just finalizing the flight path for the supply
ship.

ARCHER

In future when I call an urgent meeting I expect an
immediate response.

LUKE

Yes, sir. It won't happen again.

MOLLY

Why are we here, sir?

ARCHER

We've got incoming.

LUKE

For real?

ARCHER

Just entered the solar system heading for the Mars colony,
fast.

MOLLY

How big?

ARCHER

Big enough to cause an extinction level event.

LUKE

Holy shit!

ARCHER

You know what we've got to do. You've trained for this. We've run the scenarios a hundred times.

LUKE

Never thought we'd actually get to do it though.

ARCHER

The asteroid is only two weeks away. There's a lot to do, so let's get to it.

LUKE

Yes sir.

MOLLY

Yes sir.

LUKE

This is so cool. We finally get to kick ass a big fat rock.

MOLLY

And if we miss, the Mars colony gets blown to pieces. No pressure.

LUKE

Now you're just taking the fun out of it.

DOCTOR

The space station, is it in any danger?

ARCHER

No, Doctor. The station is miles away from Mars.

DOCTOR

Couldn't the impact cause debris that could fly off the planet and possibly hit the station?

ARCHER

Possible but unlikely. Don't worry, I intend to make sure the missile diverts the asteroid away from Mars and the station.

DOCTOR

I will pray that it does.

LIGHTS FADE

SCENE 4

Archer and the doctor are meeting
in the room.

ARCHER

How did this happen?

DOCTOR

They were testing the virus on a chimp. It got loose and bit one of the crew. From there the virus spread and infected everyone.

ARCHER

But the supply ship was already en route.

DOCTOR

Not before the crewman was infected, apparently.

ARCHER

Why didn't they order the ship to turn back?

DOCTOR

They tried. There was too much interference.

ARCHER

When the supplies arrive they will need to be quarantined.

DOCTOR

So will the pilot.

Luke and Molly enter with boxes.

LUKE

Supplies in. Thank God, they gave us extra toilet paper.

ARCHER
Put them down. Now!

LUKE
What's going on?

DOCTOR
The pilot, where is he?

LUKE
The shuttle just left, why?

DOCTOR
Both of you, in the sick bay.

MOLLY
Commander?

ARCHER
You may have been infected with a virus.

LUKE
What?

DOCTOR
Why are you still standing there? Sick bay, both of you.

Molly and Luke leave.

ARCHER
The virus, how bad is it?

DOCTOR
Early signs show the patient suffers from aggressive sneezing and flatulence.

ARCHER
Farting?

DOCTOR
Later symptoms vary from person to person.

ARCHER
Is it lethal?

DOCTOR

They're still not sure.

ARCHER

I need to know. If my crew is infected it's not just their lives at stake, it's everyone on the Mars Colony.

DOCTOR

I understand that. Let's hope the pilot didn't sneeze on anything.

SCENE 5

Luke and Molly enter.

MOLLY

Thank god that's done.

LUKE

I never heard of getting an anal probe for a virus.

MOLLY

Anal Probe? I never got an anal probe.

LUKE

That son of a bitch.

Luke sneezes and farts.

MOLLY

Did you...?

LUKE

What?

MOLLY

You did. YOU SNEEZED AND FARTED!

LUKE

So?

MOLLY

So! You heard the doctor. Those are the early symptoms.

LUKE

Wait, no.

Luke moves toward her. She backs
away.

MOLLY
Get away from me.

LUKE
Molly...

MOLLY
I said get away from me.

LUKE
Molly, come on...

MOLLY
Commander to the control room. Commander to the control
room. URGENT!

LUKE
What are you doing?

MOLLY
Stay over there.

LUKE
What?

MOLLY
STAY OVER THERE!

Archer enters.

ARCHER
What's wrong?

MOLLY
HE SNEEZED AND FARTED!

ARCHER
Is that true?

LUKE
It was nothing.

ARCHER

Did you?

LUKE

It was just a little fizz.

ARCHER

Get in your space suit.

LUKE

Commander....

ARCHER

NOW!

LUKE

I'm not sick.

ARCHER

We'll let the doctor decide. Space suit now.

Luke is about to protest.

ARCHER

THAT'S AN ORDER!

LUKE

Yes sir.

Luke exits.

ARCHER

You okay?

MOLLY

I think so. I mean he wasn't anywhere near me. But....the fart was pretty loud. Do you think he could've infected me?

ARCHER

No, he said it was just a fizz.

MOLLY

A fizz! More like a volcano.

ARCHER

You'll be fine.

MOLLY

But what if I'm not? What if he did infect me?

ARCHER

We don't know for sure if he has it yet. But the doctor should check you again just to make sure.

MOLLY

What if he did infect me?

ARCHER

There's no need to panic.

MOLLY

Am I going to turn into a sneezing farting mess too?

ARCHER

That's not going to happen.

MOLLY

You don't know that.

ARCHER

Just let the doctor examine you. We'll take it from there.

MOLLY

Luke, we have to do something about Luke.

ARCHER

The doctor will figure something out.

MOLLY

What are we going to do? He can't stay here, he could infect us all.

ARCHER

Molly, calm down.

MOLLY

He'll have to leave the base. It's the only way.

ARCHER

We're on the moon, where is he going to go?

MOLLY

I'm sure there's a nice crater with his name on it.

ARCHER

Enough. Return to sick bay. That's an order.

MOLLY

Yes sir.

Molly leaves.

SCENE 6

Archer is looking at a report when
Molly and Luke enter.

ARCHER

How are you both feeling?

MOLLY

Fine. The doctor cleared me. I'm not infected.

LUKE

Doc is still running tests.

ARCHER

Shouldn't you be in isolation?

LUKE

He said if I do have it I'm not at the contagious stage yet.

ARCHER

All the same I want you to remain in your quarters until
we're sure.

LUKE

But the asteroid...

ARCHER

There's still time before we have to launch.

MOLLY

Is that the report from the station?

ARCHER

It just came in. Lock-down protocols are in place.

MOLLY

What does that mean?

ARCHER

It means because the space station's in lock-down they can't get a shuttle to us and we can't return to earth anytime soon.

LUKE

WHAT?

MOLLY

They can't do that.

LUKE

We're stranded here?

ARCHER

Only until they can prep a craft to come directly to the moon.

LUKE

That could take months.

ARCHER

They're working as fast as they can.

LUKE

I was supposed to go back on the next ship.

ARCHER

Sorry.

MOLLY

Me too.

LUKE

We've already been here six months.

ARCHER

There's nothing I can do. We'll all just have to sit tight and remain calm.

MOLLY

What about my wedding?

ARCHER

It'll have to wait. Need I remind everyone we still have a job to do?

MOLLY

We haven't forgotten, commander.

ARCHER

Then let's focus on that.

LUKE

Yes sir.

ARCHER

Back to work. And you back to your quarters.

LUKE

Yes, sir.

Archer leaves.

LUKE

Six months. We're going to be here another six months.

MOLLY

What are you complaining about? You don't have a life anyway.

LUKE

The hell I don't.

MOLLY

You live with your mother and a cat.

LUKE

I'm very fond of that cat.

MOLLY

What am I going to tell Donald?

LUKE

Tell him the wedding's delayed because some stupid lab jockey got bitten by a monkey and spread a bug through the space station and the moon, possibly.

MOLLY

I should never have taken this mission. Nothing's gone right.

LUKE

Bright side, you get to save Mars.

MOLLY

Maybe I should move there.

LUKE

No, you don't want to go there. You'd be living in a bubble with a lot of boring people, living off hydroponic food, hardly any atmosphere...

MOLLY

At least Donald and I won't have to worry about that stupid farm. He spends way too much time there.

LUKE

Man's gotta earn a living.

MOLLY

It's just...I've been here for six months. I miss him.

LUKE

You afraid he'll run off with someone else?

MOLLY

NO! Donald would never do that.

LUKE

If you say so.

MOLLY

Yes. I say so. Donald has never been unfaithful and he never will because I love him and there is no-one else he could possibly love.

Molly storms off.

SCENE 7

Luke is doing calculations when Molly enters. She is almost in tears.

LUKE
What's wrong?

MOLLY
The wedding's off.

LUKE
What? Why?

MOLLY
He's leaving me for someone else.

LUKE
I'm sorry.

MOLLY
Are you making fun?

LUKE
NO! I really am sorry.

MOLLY
This is so embarrassing.

LUKE
Who...

MOLLY
Gertrude.

LUKE
Who's Gertrude?

MOLLY
The Cow.

LUKE
Look, I don't know the lady, but name calling is a little harsh.

MOLLY
You don't understand. Gertrude is a cow. A REAL COW.

LUKE
The kind with four legs and hoofs. A cow?

MOLLY

Yes.

LUKE

He dumped you for an animal?

MOLLY

I don't know what she's like in bed. He used to call me an animal when we were sleeping together.

LUKE

Must've been thinking of Gertrude at the time.

MOLLY

That isn't funny.

LUKE

I know, I'm sorry. I remember you saying he was into animals, I just didn't know he was INTO animals.

MOLLY

Stop it.

LUKE

Again, sorry. I won't say anymore. I hope he gets mad cow disease.

Molly glares at him.

LUKE

Sorry, couldn't help myself.

MOLLY

I don't understand. What's she got that I haven't?

LUKE

Bigger titties for a start. And more of them. I'm guessing he's a breast man.

MOLLY

Shut up.

LUKE

Can't be for the money. The farmer would've milked her dry.

MOLLY

Do you want me to kick you in the nuts?

LUKE

Look I got no beef with you.

MOLLY

Damn you.

LUKE

Seriously I think it's best if you mooove on.

MOLLY

I will kill you.

LUKE

Think about it, no use crying over spilled milk.

MOLLY

Get out.

LUKE

I can imagine them on a date. First a milkshake then mooovies.

Molly growls.

LUKE

Is she from good stock?

MOLLY

Say one more word....

LUKE

Look, I agree with you. The whole thing is an udder disgrace.

MOLLY

Oh my god!

LUKE

Hey, you're looking at this all wrong. Why not get someone to take Gertrude to the butcher?

MOLLY

I can't do that, it's murder.

LUKE

No, it's not. The cops can't do anything. You can say "But officer, it wasn't a crime of passion, I was preparing dinner."

MOLLY

It's not the cow's fault. He's the one who should be arrested.

LUKE

Damn right he should be. He's taking animal husbandry to a whole new level.

MOLLY

If you value your life get out of here now.

LUKE

I'm going. Oh, one last thing. What do you get when you cross a cow with a duck? Milk and Quackers.

SCENE 8

Archer is working on one of the computers when the Doctor enters.

ARCHER

How are the patients?

DOCTOR

Molly is fine. No sign of infection. I still want to run more tests on Luke just to be sure, because he had close contact with the pilot.

ARCHER

Have you spoken to the station about a cure?

DOCTOR

They're still working on it, as am I. But these things take time.

ARCHER

We have less than two weeks, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I'm well aware of the situation on Mars. Have they started

the evacuation?

ARCHER

They can't leave. There's a problem with the emergency transport.

DOCTOR

What?

ARCHER

The ships systems are behaving erratically. Nothing works.

DOCTOR

How did that happen?

ARCHER

They're not saying, but I bet I know.

DOCTOR

You're referring to what happened before.

ARCHER

My first Mars mission, nobody saw it coming.

DOCTOR

I've seen the reports.

ARCHER

The reports you probably saw were a white wash version of what really happened. The robots' AI's malfunctioned.

DOCTOR

All of them at the same time?

ARCHER

Close enough to suspect sabotage. But that was never proven.

DOCTOR

What did the robots do?

ARCHER

They started humping each other.

The Doctor bursts into laughter.

DOCTOR

My apologies.

ARCHER

But it didn't end there.

DOCTOR

Oh?

ARCHER

It appeared...if you can believe it, one was giving another a blow job.

The Doctor goes into hysterics.

ARCHER

Then things started to escalate. It turned into a group orgy.

DOCTOR

Oh my.

ARCHER

This is where it got worse. Corporal Masters tried to break it up. Unfortunately for him, the robots...involved him in their activities.

DOCTOR

You mean...

ARCHER

They made him their sex slave.

DOCTOR

Dare I ask, what did they do?

ARCHER

Unspeakable things. S&M, role playing, acts the human body was not designed for. Masters had always boasted he was flexible, but he never thought that would be tested to the limit. He was never the same. He quit the robotics division. Understandable, I suppose. He even destroyed his kid's toy robot.

DOCTOR

Harsh.

ARCHER

But that wasn't the worst of it.

DOCTOR

There's more?

ARCHER

The robots went on to accost the Martian Terrain Vehicles.

DOCTOR

They were screwing the cars!

ARCHER

They were totally unusable when they were finished.

DOCTOR

So you couldn't get near them to shut them down. Did you try remote deactivation?

ARCHER

They weren't designed that way.

DOCTOR

Did you try to stop them?

ARCHER

We tried to shoot one but it seemed to enjoy it. In fact it followed us back to the base begging for more. When we wouldn't comply it got angry and kicked the sanitation tank. The waste must have clogged its circuits, because it looked like it had a seizure. Then things went from bad to worse.

DOCTOR

Dear God, how could it get worse?

ARCHER

I made the decision the robots had to be destroyed. The plan was to strategically plant mining detonators with magnetic clasps. The clasps would attach to the robots and we could remotely activate the detonators. Holmes volunteered, but...

DOCTOR

But something went wrong.

ARCHER

The robots found the detonators and removed the clamps.

Before Holmes could return to base they caught him and attached the detonators to his suit. One of them threw Holmes in the air while the others threw rocks at him, trying to set off the detonators.

DOCTOR

That's horrible.

ARCHER

They were terrible shots. Finally one got frustrated and kicked him. Needless to say at least one robot was destroyed.

DOCTOR

So, how did you finally stop them? Cannon ,another bomb, acid...what?

ARCHER

Their batteries went flat?

DOCTOR

Really?

ARCHER

All that activity used up their power. They're still sitting out in the desert. Martian atmosphere's probably decayed their circuits by now.

DOCTOR

Ever find out who sabotaged them?

ARCHER

There was an investigation, of course. Everyone had their suspicions who it was, but nothing could be proven, so they say.

DOCTOR

A cover up?

ARCHER

To protect the economic interest of the country, I was told in confidence.

DOCTOR

That's bullshit.

ARCHER

That's politics.

DOCTOR

Seems our so-called trading partners have a lot to answer for.

ARCHER

No proof it was them.

DOCTOR

Who else could it have been? They have the technology and they want to cripple us so we can become more dependent on them and eventually take over.

ARCHER

That sort of talk can get you into a lot of trouble.

DOCTOR

What are they going to do, threaten me, set me up to be blackmailed, assassinate me? Ha! They wouldn't dare. I have a right to speak out if I want against these techno-dictators. What they did on Mars was unforgivable, and now they're threatening the lives of an entire colony. Something needs to be done.

ARCHER

What would you suggest?

DOCTOR

Well...I don't know. I'm a doctor, not a computer nerd.

ARCHER

Just focus on being Doctor and make sure my crewman gets better.

DOCTOR

I will do my best.

SCENE 9

The Doctor, Luke and Archer enter.
Luke is wearing a space suit and he looks very uncomfortable in it.

LUKE

This thing itches like hell.

DOCTOR

Do not remove that suit under any circumstances.

LUKE

How am I going to work with this thing on?

ARCHER

We'll work it out.

LUKE

So how long have I gotta stay in this thing?

DOCTOR

Until we can find a cure, or you are no longer contagious.

LUKE

That could be months. What about the space station? Can't I go there? They're already infected anyway.

DOCTOR

Their medical bay can't handle any more patients. They're at capacity now.

ARCHER

In the meantime you'll just have to suck it up.

LUKE

Can't I just stay in my quarters without the suit?

ARCHER

Absolutely not. If the virus gets into the air filtering system we could all get infected.

Luke sneezes and farts.

LUKE

Oh Man. My nose itches. Can't I at least scratch my nose?

ARCHER/DOCTOR

NO!

LUKE

How am I going to eat if I can't take off the helmet?

DOCTOR

The isolation cell is hermetically sealed. You can have your meals there.

LUKE

That tiny thing. The broom closet is bigger than that. What about going to the bathroom?

ARCHER

You're suits designed to handle that.

LUKE

Oh no way. The smell is already bad enough.

ARCHER

We'll see what we can do. Doc, is there any way you can work on a vaccine or a cure?

DOCTOR

Our resources here are limited. However given that we have a live subject...

LUKE

Wait, I'm a Guinea Pig now?

ARCHER

Would you rather stay in that gas chamber?

LUKE

No. Anything would be better than this.

DOCTOR

We will perform more tests later. In the meantime, under no circumstances are you to remove that suit.

Archer and the Doctor leave. Luke
is scratching all over. Molly
enters, grinning.

MOLLY

Oh look, it's the walking dutch oven.

LUKE

Shut-up. Man, this thing stinks.

MOLLY

Well, you've only yourself to blame for that. Too much fiber in the diet?

LUKE

Do you have any idea what it's like? It smells like a pig farm in here.

Luke sneezes and farts (really loud)

MOLLY

Good thing you can't smoke in that.

LUKE

Very funny.

MOLLY

Did you know every time you fart you lose 67 calories?

LUKE

Oh really.

MOLLY

So if you keep farting there'll be enough room in that suit to double as a living room.

LUKE

Oh I get it, this is payback.

MOLLY

Damn right. Do you know why you shouldn't fart in an elevator? Because it's wrong on so many levels.

LUKE

You're just loving this, aren't you?

MOLLY

Oh, yeah.

LUKE

How about I take this helmet off so you can breathe in some of this elegant fragrance.

MOLLY

The commander will throw you in the brig if you do.

LUKE

At least in there I can breathe.

MOLLY

No, no, no. You'll still have the suit on.

LUKE

Dammit, why didn't they build air fresheners into these things?

MOLLY

Because in space, no-one can hear you fart.

LUKE

I can't stand it anymore.

Luke is about to take off his
helmet.

MOLLY

DON'T YOU DARE!

LUKE

This is torture.

MOLLY

You take that helmet off, I will kick you out the air lock.

LUKE

Anything would be better than this.

Luke is struggling to take his
helmet off.

MOLLY

What are you doing? NO! Don't you...

LUKE

I can't stand it anymore.

MOLLY

Stop!

Luke removes his helmet and takes a
deep breath. Molly runs toward him
to grab his helmet and force it

back on. Luke sneezes at Molly and
farts. Molly freezes.

LUKE

Oh, man.

Molly screams.

LIGHTS FADE

ACT 2 SCENE 1

Molly & Luke enter in spacesuits.
Molly glares at Luke.

MOLLY

You happy now?

LUKE

Sorry.

MOLLY

SORRY! No, you say sorry when you serve the wrong meal or
run over someone's dog. Giving someone a disease, SORRY
doesn't cut it.

LUKE

What do you want me to say?

MOLLY

How about, hey Molly, give me a hand while I stick my head
in the rocket thrusters.

LUKE

Seriously?

MOLLY

Or maybe, Molly can you please scratch my back with a Luna
rover.

LUKE

Aw, come on.

MOLLY

No, wait. Molly, my balls are itchy, can you punch them with

a surface probe?

LUKE

Now you're just being nasty.

MOLLY

You want nasty, how about I put those bugs Doc is experimenting on in your suit while you're sleeping?

LUKE

Look I get that you're mad...

MOLLY

I am beyond mad. I AM APOCALYPTIC!

LUKE

Fine. I'll just give you some space.

MOLLY

Space. There's a thought. Why don't I pump your suit full of helium and let you float off into the final frontier?

LUKE

You wouldn't.

Molly just grins.

LUKE

Woman, you are evil.

MOLLY

You have no idea.

Archer enters

LUKE

The doc got anything yet?

ARCHER

Not yet. These things take time.

Molly sneezes and farts.

MOLLY

Oh god this is disgusting.

ARCHER

Hang in there.

MOLLY

Hanging. Interesting idea (glaring at Luke)

ARCHER

Okay, knock it off.

LUKE

Commander, can I talk to you a minute?

ARCHER

What is it, lieutenant?

LUKE

Molly is really mad at me.

ARCHER

Can you blame her?

LUKE

I'm scared she's not in her right mind and she's going to do something...

Luke looks over at her, she is
still fuming.

LUKE

She's going to do something very unhealthy to me. Request permission to go to the space station.

ARCHER

Denied.

LUKE

Commander.

ARCHER

You heard the doctor. They've got enough problems already.

LUKE

But...

ARCHER

Denied, lieutenant.

LUKE

Yes sir.

ARCHER

I'll be in my quarters if you need anything.

LUKE

I think I'll go to mine.

ARCHER

Just keep your helmet on this time.

LUKE

Yes, sir.

Molly is giving him an evil look.
Luke leaves in a hurry.