

ANY IDEAS? BY AMANDA CALDARI

MISSION CONTROL CENTER - NIGHT

Crew is looking up at a monitor, with live picture of a meteor headed straight for Earth. Mood is grim.

HEAD OPERATOR

We've got a meteor heading straight
for us. We need ideas and we need 'em
fast.

Head Operator turns to two of his men.

HEAD OPERATOR (CONT'D)

Lewis? Johnson? Anything?

Men shake their heads. A female operator steps forward confidently.

FEMALE OPERATOR

We could use proximity radar to power
the thermoelectric generator and throw
the meteor out of orbit.

Female operator looks around the room eagerly. No one says a word. Finally, a male operator breaks the silence.

MALE OPERATOR

(having an epiphany)

Or...we could use proximity radar to
power the thermo electric generator...
thereby throwing the meteor out of
orbit!

FEMALE OPERATOR

That's literally what I just-

HEAD OPERATOR

Excellent idea, Murphy.

Staff crowds around Male Operator, cheering. Lewis and Murphy lift his chair over their shoulders.

STAFF

Murphy! Murphy! Murphy!

Staff pops bottles of champagne, not noticing as Female Operator throws the meteor out of orbit, saving Planet Earth.

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