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The conversation amongst those in Thunderbird Two had been concentrated on one thing: pandas, pandas, pandas.

"I've never seen a panda before," Dom said. "Apart from in pictures, obviously."

"Me neither," Nikki replied.

"I saw a pair when I went to the National Zoo in D.C.," John said. "Xiu-Xiu and Bao. They were captivating to watch, even though they didn't really do anything."

"Are they as cute in real life as they seem on TV?" Nikki asked.

"Yeah, I guess they are."

"Well, I haven't seen any pandas, but I did see a rat as big as a Scottish terrier once," Dom said. "It was pretty cool, apart from the fact it was in my kitchen."

"Gross!" Nikki said. "What did you do?"

"I got one of those metal shopping baskets -- I think my mother 'acquired' it from a supermarket -- and fired it on top of it, and weighted it down with some phone books. It still managed to move the whole thing though! I sat on it until pest control arrived. Ick."

Dominic shuddered theatrically. Nikki still looked disgusted. Tin-Tin, slightly less affected, decided to change the subject back to pandas, as Alan looked like he was going to start quizzing the Irish nurse about the monster rat.

"The poor bears," she said. "I hope that they are all right."

"So do I, Tin-Tin, and not just because they're innocent animals," John said. "The diplomatic situation here is so delicate, they're not just a fancy present. If they don't get delivered, who knows what progress will be reversed?"

"Right," Gordon said. A small smile developed on his face. "Well, whatever happens, the politicians will just have to grin and bear it." There was a collective groan around the cockpit, and Gordon held up his hand for a high-five. "Anyone, anyone?"

John sat forward and reached out his hand...only to smack Gordon upside the head.

"Aw, man!"

