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I bet you're wondering why we never got together.

Dr. DARLA

Not really.

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I could just tell he didn't like me. I had like a sixth sense.

Dr. DARLA

That's not a thing.

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Either I didn't have something he wanted or I had something he didn't want.

Dr. DARLA

On a fundamental, scientific level, having something someone wants and not having something they don't want is, indeed, how attraction works.

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What about you?

Dr. DARLA

No.

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Kids? Any significant other --

Dr. DARLA

Mr. Powers, do not confuse my warm and friendly approach to you for genuine affinity: we're not going to become friends.

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Oh.

Dr, DARLA

I don't have kids. I used to have birds, but they died. I took it hard.

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I'm sorry.

Dr. DARLA

What I'm trying to say is: you're probably going to die and I don't want to get attached. It would be unprofessional.

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Oh.

DR. DARLA

NASA doesn't usually get it on the first draft. No one does. The Russians keep sending dogs to die up there.

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I'm like a Russian dog.

DR. DARLA

However, I promise, by the honor of my profession, that we'll nail it eventually.

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Well, uh. I didn't know.

DR. DARLA prepares to give him a shot – She looks at SKIP. She squares with him.

DR. DARLA

I don't like wasting my time or medical equipment, so I will ask you this: Given the probability of failure, do you wish to continue?

You have such a cute face.

Just because I measured your penis does not make you obligated to fly to Mars.

SKIP considers.