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MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

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44 INT. COCKPIT - DAY

The cockpit is heating up rapidly. The Captain and Co-pilot, still in their seats but unbuckled, loosen their collars and repeatedly wipe their brows with the back of a hand as a Maintenance Mechanic enters.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
Wow, It's like a furnace in here.

CAPTAIN LUNA (annoyed)
Could you see anything outside.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
It *looks* fine. It's not clogged.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC is squeezed between the two pilot seats in the cramped cockpit. It's very tight/squished in the cockpit - the pilots shift in their seats to make room for the Maintenance Mechanic as he works. This is uncomfortable and annoying for all.

He flips a switch on the overhead panel from OFF to ON. He looks at the ice protection meter selector; the needle doesn't move.

The RAT probe has a heater built in to keep it from icing up in cold temperatures. The heater should only turn on when the plane is in the air. But for some reason today it's been activated on the ground. Temperature readings keep climbing. The First Officer points at the gauge:

FIRST OFFICER MULET
Look at that - it says 104 degrees now!

The Captain looks at his watch, wipes sweat from his neck and speaks tersely:

CAPTAIN LUNA
I gotta write all this up. This is a big delay.

He makes a note in the Aircraft Technical Log Book

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MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

I'm sorry sir but I didn't break it. I'm just here to try and fix it for you okay?

CAPTAIN LUNA

Already an hour late at least.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC (looking at a circuit board)

I understand... I'm trying to get you on your way as quickly as possible.

The mechanic gets on his walkie talkie and connects with his company.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

What do you got for me...on the port side? Right, got it.

CAPTAIN LUNA

What's the plan?

The mechanic finds Breaker Z29 and yanks on it, disconnecting the electrical supply to the RAT probe.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Okay, (he pulls the breaker) I just took out the breaker. The probe won't function for the flight but it's not critical.

The Captain addresses Maintenance Mechanic who guzzles some water from a bottle and wipes his sweaty palm on his pant leg.

CAPTAIN LUNA (impatient)

What else do you need to do?

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

You're good to go sir. You're all cleared on my end... and you can get your AC going again.

CAPTAIN LUNA

OK.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Have a good flight gentlemen.