Famous quotes, the way a woman would have to say them during a meeting.

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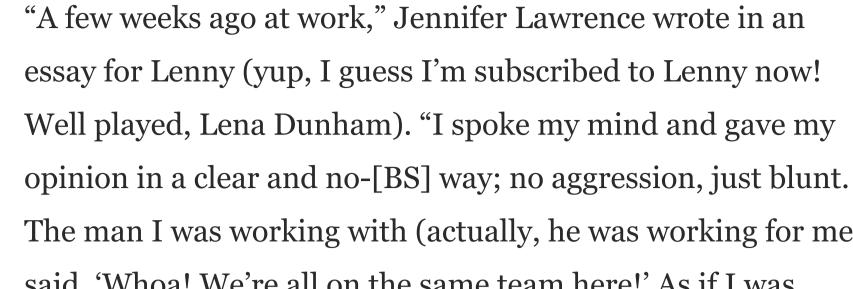
see all day are men speaking their opinions, and I give mine in

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The man I was working with (actually, he was working for me) said, 'Whoa! We're all on the same team here!' As if I was yelling at him. I was so shocked because nothing that I said was personal, offensive, or, to be honest, wrong. All I hear and

the same exact manner, and you would have thought I had said something offensive."

Nailed it.

It should not be, but it is. You will think that you have stated the case simply and effectively, and everyone else will wonder why you were so Terrifyingly Angry. Instead, you have to translate. You start with your thought, then you figure out how to say it as though you were offering a groveling apology for an unspecified error. (In fact, as Sloane Crosley pointed out in an essay earlier this year, the time you are most likely to say "I'm sorry" is the time when you feel that you, personally,

have just been grievously wronged. Not vice versa.)

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process that enables reliable products to get to market.

"Woman in a Meeting" is a language of its own.

To illustrate this difficulty, I have taken the liberty of

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Woman in a Meeting: "Dave, if I could, I could just — I just really feel like if we had liberty it would be terrific, and the alternative would just be awful, you

"I have a dream today!" Woman in a Meeting: "I'm sorry, I just had this idea - it's probably crazy, but - look, just as long as we're throwing things out here — I had sort of an idea or vision about maybe the future?"

doing? Just looking at everything everyone's been

Possibly. I don't know, what does the room feel?"

saying, it seems like we could consider removing it.

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know? That's just how it strikes me. I don't know."

translating some famous sentences into the phrases a woman

would have to use to say them during a meeting not to be

perceived as angry, threatening or (gasp!) bitchy.

"Give me liberty, or give me death."

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" Woman in a Meeting: "I'm sorry, Mikhail, if I could? Didn't mean to cut you off there. Can we agree that this wall maybe isn't quite doing what it should be

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Woman in a Meeting: "I have to say - I'm sorry - I

have to say this. I don't think we should be as scared

of non-fear things as maybe we are? If that makes

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you

sense? Sorry, I feel like I'm rambling."

can do for your country."

Woman in a Meeting: "I'm not an expert, Dave, but I feel like maybe you could accomplish more by maybe shifting your focus from asking things from the government and instead looking at things that we can all do ourselves? Just a thought. Just a thought. Take it for what it's worth."

Woman in a Meeting: "Pharaoh, listen, I totally hear

where you're coming from on this. I totally do. And I

here, but, just, I have to say, would you consider that

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Woman in a Meeting: "I don't want to toot my own

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are

like we're all equal, you know? I just feel really

Woman in a Meeting: "I'm sorry, it really feels to me

don't want to butt in if you've come to a decision

an argument for maybe releasing these people could conceivably have merit? Or is that already off the table?"

TOUGH ON GERMS

NOT ON HANDS

"Let my people go."

"I came. I saw. I conquered."

created equal."

strongly on this."

"I have not yet begun to fight."

Dave. Finish what you had to say."

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horn here at all but I definitely have been to those places and was just honored to be a part of it as our team did such a wonderful job of conquering them."

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Woman in a Meeting: "Dave, I'm not going to fight you on this." "I will be heard." Woman in a Meeting: "Sorry to interrupt. No, go on,

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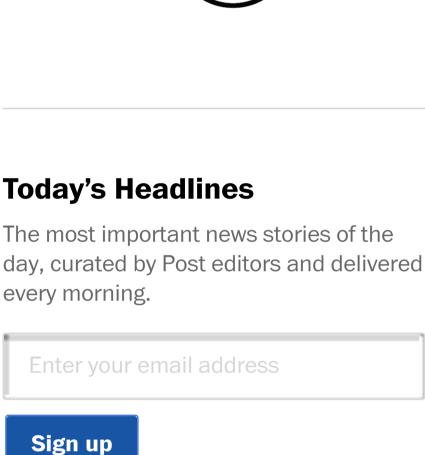
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