The Missing Link

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FADE IN:

INT. A BAR. -- EVENING

Two women and an alien are sitting at a table, talking. The rest of the bar is filled with men, being stereotypically men-at-a-bar.

ALIEN

I can't figure out which of you is more stupid. The male species, for <u>being</u> stupid, or the female species, for letting them run your world.

The two women exchange a look.

WOMAN 1

We're the same species. Male and female.

The alien bursts into laughter, then pauses in disbelief when it realizes she's serious.

ALIEN You're serious. You think you're the same species? Don't tell me. Your speciesdeterminers, your biologists or whatever, are male, right?

Beat.

ALIEN (CONT'D) Of course you're not the same species! Just look at them!

Cut to unflattering pan of the men in the bar.

ALIEN (CONT'D)

They've got coarser features, they've got more muscle, they're hairier. They posture. They roar. Don't they love to rev their engines, their chainsaws, their jackhammers?

The women exchange a look.

ALIEN (CONT'D)

They're obsessed with speed. Because their only options are flight and fight. They're obsessed with size. And territory. Even when they sit, look at them, taking up more space than they need. I'm surprised they don't have pissing contests.

The women exchange another look.

ALIEN (CONT'D)

Didn't anyone notice they do 98% of the killing? Between the wars, and the aggressive assaults, and the reckless driving -

WOMAN 1

Yeah, but -

ALIEN

<u>Surely</u> you've noticed their sexual response is, well, uncomplicated.

They exchange yet another look.

ALIEN (CONT'D)

And language ability?

Cut to drinking contest with much "Oooga Booga" and grunting. The alien gestures as if to say 'Need I say more?'

ALIEN (CONT'D)

Letting them rule is like letting a pack of coyotes rule.

They pause.

WOMAN 1

What could we have done?

WOMAN 2

What can we do now?

WOMAN 1

Yeah, shoot 'em all? Lock 'em up?

ALIEN

Oh please. Just neuter them, keep 'em as pets if you like. Put some of the more entertaining ones in a zoo.