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Thanks to my ever gracious beta!

'Good evening and thank you for tuning in to another edition of the WWN's newest broadcast series *Muggle Science and How it Affects Us*. I'm your host, Brimley Bangermash.

'As always, our show tonight is brought to you by the makers of Pandora's Peppy Panacea, guaranteed to cure all of your ailments but one—and finding out what that one is, is always a treat. Because, who doesn't need a little mystery? Remember, with Pandora's Peppy Panacea, there's always hope.

'In our series this week, we've been following the adventurous Muggles to the moon. Regular listeners will remember the thrill of listening to the countdown and liftoff two days ago. Since then, it's been quiet times as their rocket ship makes its way across space to the moon. While we're waiting for our Muggle neighbors to arrive at their destination, we thought we would go behind the scenes, so to speak, and learn a bit about the young trio responsible for bringing us the event live.

'We have with us twin brothers Fabian and Gideon Prewett and Arthur Weasley. Fabian, tell us how the three of you became involved in the American space program.'

'Well, our mate Arthur's married to our sister Molly. Hello, Molly! She's up the duff you know—expecting their first in November. Anyway, it was all Arthur's idea. He's mad for Muggle technology, and when he heard the Yanks were going to the moon again, he got us all fired up.'

'Wasn't it risky to plant Listening Spells on the Muggle rocket? I mean, the Wizarding World is grateful, it was tremendously thrilling to hear, but the danger...'

'Not really, to be honest. The only trouble was the Portkeys there and back. We know Muggle technology can fail in the presence of strong magic, but our biggest fear was that the magic would fail surrounded by all that technology. I'm the one who planted the spell on the scaffolding. That was a bit of tricky work. That's why you could hear all the roar of liftoff. Gideon has his on the lunar thingie, so we'll be able to hear them puttering about out on the cheese, so to speak. Arthur stuck his behind some tank—that's the one we've just now activated, so we can listen in as they travel.'

'That's the spell that failed last night?'

'Yeah, something went wonky, but Arthur's got it going now. Don't you, Arthur?'

'I just amplified the Activation Spell by a factor of ten, to give it a bit of punch. Should be right as rain.'

'You're sure there's no danger to the craft?'

'Nah, just tune in to this frequency, and we should be able to eavesdrop at will.'

'Excellent. Ladies and gentlemen, the WWN brings you the following directly from the American Muggle spacecraft, Apollo 13. How exciting!'

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Skrch '... a problem here.' skt

Skrch 'This is Houston. Say again please.' skt

Skrch 'Houston, we have a problem.' skt

'Bloody hell! What have you twits done?'

A garbled message on the Wizarding Wireless causes mass panic.

AN: For those who like historical accuracy, the actual quote was, 'Houston, we've had a problem here.' However, accuracy was vetoed by the alpha reader standing over my shoulder who's seen too many movies...