



Leroy Chiao

The space-station commander on pooping and humping in space.

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"When we eat in space, it doesn't feel any different. But of course everything's floating, so you've got to manage your food items just as you would anything else. You wouldn't want a bunch of chicken wings flying around. The one thing that would be different about drinking alcohol is that when you're in space, your body carries about two liters less fluid because you don't have gravity pulling fluid down into your legs. It'd probably take less alcohol to have an effect; you turn into a lightweight in space.

"The toilet is specially designed to work in zero gravity and uses airflow to pull everything downward where it's supposed to go. The one rule is everyone cleans their own mess.

"It's possible to have sex in space, and it will happen one day. Has it already happened? No. The reason I can tell you with such confidence

is we would all know about it. When you take a guy and send him into space, you're not going to stop him from bragging. So we would all know about it if it had happened."

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