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**ON BECOMING A DOMESTIC
AND LABORATORY GODDESS....**

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Cheater, Cheater, Pumpkin Eater

Sometimes I worry that [Drugmonkey](#) might be stalking me. You see, the issue of ethics in science has been on the forefront of Dr. Isis's mind lately. You may have recently learned that Isis is having to [attend science school](#). One of the goals of science school is to give Dr. Isis some damned ethics already.



Figure 1: Dr. Isis in science school

If you ask me, you might be able to [teach someone the rules](#) for playing the game but only they can decide to play it fairly.

But, surely I digress. Last week in science school we discussed Dr. Rusi Taleyarkhan from Purdue University. In 2002, Taleyarkhan, *et. al.* published a paper in [some obscure journal](#) claiming that they had simulated nuclear fusion in bubble-filled acetone using ultrasound. The original article is [here](#).

The short of it is, Taleyarkhan was a rock star until people figured out they couldn't replicate his results. A bunch of [backwards legal shenanigans](#) ensued and eventually Purdue dismissed Taleyarkhan for improperly placing the name of one of his graduate students on the paper as the individual who had independently verified the experiment.

DR. ISIS'S NOT-SO-DAILY
WISDOM

I wanted to say I'm sorry for treating you badly the past couple of years. I was in my mid-20s and was I going through a lot of stuff. I think I never really processed 9/11. Um, I want you to know I've changed.

-- Ryan from The Office

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ABOUT ME



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The Egyptian goddess
Isis was celebrated as

the ideal wife and mother. As a physiologist beginning a career at a major research university, I am working to establish my research while also being a domestic goddess. I have told students that it is possible to have both a career and a family. Now I just need to figure out how.

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