

WREKE, TOM

Oh, hello.

DAY, JESSIE

[Startled] Uh- hi.

WREKE, TOM

You're one of the new kids under Laurel's eye, aren't you? Research and Development? You might know her better as Dr. Scoresby. Dr. Dallas mentioned you, you're the one with the interest in rocks.

DAY, JESSIE

Yeah, I'm the rock guy. I haven't gotten to do a lot of work with rocks at the moment, seeing as we are currently floating in space, though.

WREKE, TOM

No, I wouldn't imagine so. Have they put you up to soil analysis yet? That seems like the most logical tide-you-over until we land at a port or intercept one of the little rover fellows.

DAY, JESSIE

They have. I like soil studies a lot, actually. It's pretty fun! It's more varied than you'd think it is, most people take it for *granite*.

WREKE, TOM

[Laughs] Hah! That's a good one. I suppose there's enough material there to keep you bunch busy for a good while. Brookshaw presumably handed off the raw data to Laurel, by now. It's good that you're having fun, though.

DAY, JESSIE

There's a lot of plants on board, which means a lot of soil for me and the rest of R&D. It's *gneiss* to get to work with dirt even when we're millions of miles away from Earth. A little piece of home all the way in the stars...

WREKE, TOM

Hah... That's a rather poetic way of putting it. Laurel was the one who made a push towards the sheer number of them- even though they're a bit messy and heavy as far as on board accoutrement go, they do bolster up low spirits. Her paper on the psychological positives associated with caring for greenery in deep space is somewhere in the library. The other one that goes into the benefits of cycling is as well, but that one isn't as popular. Personally, I like the snake plants the best. I imagine that you are excited about the impending rover interception, though. Maybe I'll keep an eye out and see if you can't have one of the extra chunks to keep as a souvenir when all's said and done- normally the debris that isn't of interest after being examined by R&D and the rover's handed back off to Engineering is returned when the ship leaves. It'd make a nice paperweight.

DAY, JESSIE

[Excited clap] Oh, that'd be so cool! Like those moon rocks you can get from museum gift shops, but this time you know it's the real deal. I always wanted to have something like that as a kid.

WREKE, TOM

Ahah, just like those. I'm not too sure what the schedules you have down in R&D are like, but if I can't get a hold of you when the rover's passed off to my department, I'll just reserve the debris under a microbiology examination hold with Laurel and let you rummage through it before returning whatever you don't keep.

DAY, JESSIE

Thank you! Ohhh, this is so exciting...

WREKE, TOM

No problem, kiddo. I won't hold you up any longer- I imagine lunch time's just about done for you all, seeing as Dr. Dallas over there's chipmunking the rest of her pita bread. Have a good day, now.

DAY, JESSIE

You too! Bye!