



New Message

To: Tom Wreke (twreke@isspathfinder.org)

From: Laurel Scoresby (lscoresby@isspathfinder.org)

Subject: Have you noticed this with other plants on board?

Dear Tom,

I'm not sure how much you retain from our lunchtime talks, and it's never a bad idea to CYA with a follow up email. I'm pretty sure you were also very distracted by the fact that your tuna sandwich quickly turned into a nightmarish exercise in why you shouldn't add celery chunks into the paste when you're working near the generator room. You're welcome, for keeping entirely too many napkins wadded up in the bottom of my bag. It's a leftover habit from visiting fast food restaurants and not wanting to have to shell out for extra paper towel rolls. What I wouldn't do for some hot fries tossed with salt right now! Getting back on topic...

I wanted to know if this anomaly was restricted to the plant sciences lab, or if it's impacting the other household plants loitering around in their pots around the ship. You get out and about more than I do, since you're often the go to consult for repair work. I imagine you'd be more familiar than most with the impacts of fluctuating gravitational activity, since it's a nightmare in the elevators when people slam downwards after things go wrong. Have you noticed some of their root systems growing weirdly? Rather than straight down, I mean- that they're branching out sideways? Some of the samples in the lab have been displaying bizarre gravitropism responses- and I think it's got to do with auxin concentrations pooling where they shouldn't. Maybe it's related to the activity in the elevator shafts you've noticed? I wanted to hear your thoughts, before running like a conspiracist to the help desk.

Love,
Laurel



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To: Laurel Scoresby (lscoresby@isspathfinder.org)

From: Tom Wreke (twreke@isspathfinder.org)

Subject: *Household Plants*

Laurel,

I can't say that I've noticed anything particularly strange with the plants on board. But, I'm not trained in the biological sciences- and it never did strike me to pay any extra attention to the direction the roots were growing. It's not really something on my checklist. I can take a look for you though- take some pictures. I'm not going to be of any help when it comes to determining if those knotted balls are growing any which way, but I don't mind getting in some extra leg work.

However. If you feel like there is something amiss... It'd be better to report it than to not do so. We don't always know the contexts those that be might have that we don't. Like how you mentioned those birds of prey have impeccable top down eyesight- a falcon snatching up a little field mouse clustered in amongst the wheat. I always did feel sorry for those little mouse fellows. All the little pieces of a puzzle add up to a greater whole, you know? An image that cannot be realized without taking a step back- and having all of the little jigsaw chunks to begin with. Even if you aren't sure whether it's worth nothing, they do sort out the queue by order of priority for a reason. If it's dismissed, then you'll know one way or another... And if it isn't, then you contributed towards the bigger picture. Don't worry about tarnishing your credibility- you can always lay the blame on me. Goodness knows I'm a little neurotic when it comes to filing those help tickets- practically all of the engineers have to be. Trust your gut. It won't lead you astray.

Yours as always,

Tom