

Interview with Dr. Cook

Wired from the HMS Exeter – I interviewed Dr. Jazz Cook, and she had this to say about the mysterious crate, "...I don't want to investigate really, since it could be a bomb or something harmful, or radioactive...I just hope they don't want to stop us from going...that would be bad."

"...I'm working out what's in the mysterious crate without opening it, snooping around the ship a bit. I have a theory that the voyage is to return the radioactive mummy back to where they discovered the 2nd one...that there [are] two mummies is another theory." She went on to say that, "[I'm] not sure yet who can still be trusted."

When I asked about feeling isolated on the ship, she answered, "Sort of...I tend to be around men in my profession." I asked her how she liked being one of only two females with a Ph.D. on this expedition, she answered, "um, pretty good". Not exactly an effusive response, maybe she has good reasons for not trusting anyone. However, she didn't have any proof to show me.

Aside from the mummy theory, she didn't add anything to the mystery of the crate. As the principal investigator on this expedition, Dr. Cook has a peculiar lack of curiosity.

No secret is safe on a vessel of this type; I encountered someone who told me that the Captain is planning to put the crate on a dinghy and tow it into port while keeping a safe distance from it. I asked the Captain if that was true, and he said, "No comment".

If the sailors should move it, and it has explosives in it, that's the whole ball game!

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