

# Tirok searches a mystery room

*This text is from 'Tirok', a story set in the future, about a boy and his alien friends on a journey to earth. At this point in the story they are just about to uncover a mystery. They have discovered a tunnel on their spaceship that is not shown on any plans.*

Inside the tunnel it seemed just like any other but intuitively the three young explorers felt they should walk quietly and not talk at all.

About fifty metres along the tunnel, on the right hand side, they saw a glimmer of light. It came from a barely open door. Ella, who had been leading, silently peered through the narrow chink into the room beyond. Pushing the door open very slowly, she indicated to the others that the room was empty.

In they crept, hearts pounding, knowing they shouldn't be there but too curious not to explore further. The room was full of complex scientific equipment. Tirok felt uneasy. There was something different about this place, something he couldn't quite put his finger on but definitely something odd. It was only much later, back on earth, when thinking about his adventure aboard the 'Endeavour' it occurred to him that the walls hadn't shimmered in the same way as all the others on the ship. At the time however, it was an instinctive uneasiness that helped alert him to the possible danger.

For a short while they gazed in silent amazement at all that surrounded them in the room. Surely it was equipment that should have been in the scientific research area of the vessel, not here amongst the shops, cafes, cinemas and museums?

The silence was broken by the sound of footsteps heading towards the room they were in. All three knew it was time to find a place to hide – and quickly!

