

**FLASK IN A FLASK**

**BRITAIN'S 2<sup>nd</sup> BEST & ONLY**

**SECRET CHEMISTRY AGENCY**  
at the **OLYMPIC GAMES**

AGENT REAGENT, IT'S SIR IAN JOHNSTON HERE. I BELIEVE SOMEONE IS ATTEMPTING TO GET BRITAIN DISQUALIFIED FROM OUR OWN OLYMPIC GAMES.

HOW MAY WE HELP?

MEET ME AT SECRET LOCATION N° 6 WITH YOUR TOP AGENTS. I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO FIND THE SOLUTION.

WE'RE NOT SHORT OF SOLUTIONS...

HEATPROOF MATT - SUMMON PART-TIME SPECIAL AGENT AND DINNER LADY PERIODIC MABEL, AND BRING HAZ.MAT CAT...

QUICKLY TEAM- TO THE COMPLETELY ORIGINAL COMPANY VAN!

AT SECRET LOCATION N° 6 AS BRITAIN'S TOP ATHLETES, YOU ARE ADVISED BY THE LORD MAYOR & MYSELF TO BE ON YOUR GUARD AT ALL TIMES...

I'VE JUST FOUND THIS EMPTY BOTTLE BY THE TEA TROLLEY. COLLECT WHAT'S LEFT OF THE DRINKS & LET'S TAKE IT BACK TO THE LAB.

I'M RUNNING AN INFRARED SPECTRUM SINCE IT ONLY REQUIRES A FEW mg OF UN-PREPARED SAMPLE.

SOME OF THESE ABSORPTIONS ARE INDICATIVE OF BOND STRETCHING IN FUNCTIONAL GROUPS. E.G. 1657cm<sup>-1</sup> IS PROBABLY C=O. ALL THE BONDS BEND IN A UNIQUE WAY TO PRODUCE THE 'FINGERPRINT REGION', WHICH WE'RE CHECKING AGAINST OUR DATABASE NOW...

IT MATCHES METHANDROSTENOLONE, AN ANABOLIC STEROID BANNED IN MOST SPORTS COMPETITIONS BECAUSE IT ENHANCES MUSCLE GROWTH. WE MUST FIND WHICH ATHLETES WERE DRUGGED...

LOOKS LIKE THE CAT IS ALREADY ON THE CASE.

HPLC

Reference solution made with stock C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, which seems to dissolve in the colloidal milk particles. Suitable solvent, temperature, pressure etc now sorted. Autosampler loaded and running. Watching for peak at matching retention time.

Haz.mat Cat

SOME TIME LATER

HAZ.MAT CAT COULDN'T FIND THE DRUG IN ANY OF THE TEA.

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE RODINGERS CAT

AND SIR IAN RANG - HE WANTS TO SEE YOU.

I'VE RECEIVED A TIP-OFF FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE THAT ONE OF OUR ATHLETES WILL FAIL THEIR DRUGS TEST.

SOMEONE TRIED TO SPIKE THE TEA AT OUR LAST MEETING, BUT WE FOUND NOTHING IN THE ATHLETES' DRINKS.

THEN WHO'S BEEN GIVEN STEROIDS?

RUN FOR IT! HIS MAYORSHIP HAS 'ROID RAGE...

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