

The Spiders

Summary

The story is about a dangerous species of spider. Those Spiders appeared in a remote part of the Egyptian Western Desert. They were large and black with two yellow lines on their backs. They had the ability to attack people, bite them and kill them at once. A female escaped to the town of Hamdayya.

Ayman Hassan, a young man, saw that female spider. Through the internet he informed Dr. Shereen Fakhry an Egyptologist at Oxford University. She told Professor Malcolm Jones an arachnologist, about that matter. He travelled to Egypt to identify that deadly spider.

Chapter 1

The Egyptian Desert

The Scene المشهد

An archaeological site in a remote part of the Western Desert in Egypt.

Characters الشخصيات

- 1) Four foreign robbers. لصوص أجانب
- 2) A pilot, a telecom engineer مهندس اتصالات and a technician. فني

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Four foreigners got into the ancient Egyptian tomb to rob it of gold and treasures. They were attacked by a large number of deadly spiders. The Spiders bit them and killed all of them.

A helicopter pilot found them dead in the desert. The police drove the cars to Hamdayya, a new town south - west of Cairo. There was a big Spider, which was still alive at the back of one of the two cars.

The correct order of events

- 1) When the Four men were underground, Spiders bit them.
- 2) The men killed some of the Spiders, but some escaped into their cars.
- 3) The men became very sick and died.
- 4) A helicopter found the men's bodies.
- 5) The small Spiders all died, but the biggest Spider remained alive.
- 6) The police took the cars to the nearest town.

(GPR) Ground Penetrating Radar

- 1) The men had brought radar equipment with them, which could identify rooms under the ground.
- 2) GPR equipment uses a machine like a large camera that transmits radio waves through the ground.
- 3) It also includes a computer that changes returning radio waves into a picture of what is in the ground.
- 4) The men had also brought a pickaxe معول and a hammer شاكوش to knock down walls of any rooms which the radar equipment detected.

Read the following quotation and then answer the questions:

'We'd better get on the radio'.

- 1) Who did the engineer think they should get on the radio to?
.... To the police.
- 2) What did the helicopter pilot do when the engineer said these words?
He left the car and went back to the helicopter.
- 3) How did these words save the pilot's life ?

**His hands had been near the Spiders before he moved
away .They could have bitten and killed him**