

Chapter 4

Ayman Speaks up

The scene

Hamdayya (Ayman's house - The police station).

Characters

(Ayman's family - Professor Jones)

Uncle Walid: a businessman. He knows a lot about business and he's very successful.

Colonel Mikhail: The police chief in Hamdayya and he is uncle Walid's friend.

Captain Ahmed El-Sherif : a police officer

Summary

Ayman received a message from Dr. Fakhry. She told him that she had discussed the black and yellow spider with the famous arachnologist Malcolm Jones who was on his way to Egypt. She also warned him as Professor Jones thought that the spider might be an unknown and very dangerous species.

Ayman told uncle Walid all about the spiders. He also told him that Dr. Shereen advised him to tell the police. Uncle Walid looked serious and advised him not to tell the police as that would have bad effects on business.

Professor Jones arrived and Ayman's family welcomed him. Mohamed, Ayman's younger brother told the family that all the archaeologists at the archaeological site were killed by spiders. So they began to believe Ayman's story.

Colonel Mikhail asked Professor Jones and Ayman to leave with the police for the archaeological site to find and identify this species of spider.

The trip to the archaeological site

- 1- At the police station Colonel Mikhail asked Professor Jones to find one of the spiders and identify it.
- 2- Professor Jones went to his hotel to collect his equipment.
- 3- Ayman went to his house to get a few things.
- 4- They all went to the site in a car.
- 5- Twenty policemen in two lorries were behind them.
- 6- Captain Ahmed asked Professor Jones to tell him everything about spiders.

Read the following quotation and then answer the questions :

'Spiders ! Men don't die from spider bites ! How ... ?'

- 1- Is it true that men don't normally die from spider bites ?

Yes.

- 2- Why had men died from those spider bites ?

Because those spiders were an unknown deadly species.

- 3- What question do you think Mr. Hassan started but didn't finish ?

How did these spiders kill them?

How is that possible?

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