

Chapter 2

The man on the plane

Characters

- Leila
- Martin Lander: a thief and collector of ancient artifacts.
- Dr Hafez: An Egyptian archaeologist and the leader of excavation in Peru.

Vocabulary

connecting flight (n)	رحلة تكميلية	skyscraper (n)	ناطحة سحاب
copper (n)	نحاس	mine (n)	منجم
accent (n)	لهجة	based in	مقر عمله
exchange programme	برنامج تبادل	follow in his footsteps	يحدو حذوه
special treatment	معاملة خاصة	degree (n)	درجة علمية (شهادة)
stretch (v)	يتمطى	yawn (v)	يتثاءب
in- flight magazine	مجلة الطائرة	keen (adj.)	متحمس لعمل شيء
nod (v)	يوميء بالموافقة	grip (v)	يمسك بقوة
aware (adj.) of	علي وعي بـ	terminal building	مبنى الوصول
immigration (n)	الهجرة	customs (n)	الجمرك
puzzled (adj.)	مرتبك	sun – tanned face	وجه داكن

Summary

- Leila flew to New York and stayed at a hotel until the next morning to resume her flight to Lima.
- On the plane she met Martin Lander who introduced himself as a mining engineer. He said that he was based in the United States, but he spent a few months every year in Peru. He added that he had an American Passport but he was born in South Africa.
- Leila told Lander about the archaeological dig and that it was part of a UNESCO exchange Programme. At that time he seemed quite interested in her work.
- He brought her gradually to tell him that she took up archaeology due to Dr Hafez and that she and Dr Hafez had

worked together in the Valley of the Nobles and discovered a tomb which had wonderful paintings and beautiful jewellery.

- During the movie, Leila saw Martin Lander looking through the pocket in the seat in front of her. That pocket contained some papers about the latest developments in archaeological research.
- Leila told Lander that Dr Hafez would meet her at the airport and they would take a flight to Cuzco.
- At the airport of Lima, Dr Hafez welcomed Leila and asked her about her family. She told him that she had brought the laser machine.
- Leila introduced Martin Lander to Dr Hafez who looked puzzled as he thought he might have seen Lander in the Machu Picchu area doing some archaeological work there. Martin Lander denied that as he was a mining engineer not an archaeologist.

Read the following quotation and then answer the questions:

“I saw the man looking through the pocket in the seat in front of me”.

- a) What do you think the man was looking for?**
- Information about the excavation.
- b) Why didn't Leila go to sleep again?**
- Because she was suspicious of Lander.
- c) Do you think Lander is really a mining engineer?**
- I don't think so.

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