

The Mask of Gold

Preface

The Inca Empire

The Incas lived at high altitudes so they were tough.. **خشن** *It's amazing that they didn't have any writing but they controlled a huge empire. They conquered the Chimu who were famous for their gold and silver work.*

The Inca Empire was at its height between 1492 and 1525. It stretched **امتدت** for about 3.500 km along the Pacific coast of South America, and over 300 km inland. **داخل البلاد** The empire extended across the lands now known as Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina.

Chapter 1

To the land of the Incas

Characters

- Leila An Egyptian archaeologist.
- Samira Leila's sister. She is a reporter.

Vocabulary

sigh (v)	تتهدد	figure (n)	تمثال صغير
excavation (n)	تنقيب أثري	shiver (n)	رعشة
set off (v)	تنطلق	adventure (n)	مغامرة
altitudes (n)	مرتفعات	tough (adj.)	خشن
empire (n)	إمبراطورية	conquer (v)	يقهر
nobles (n)	النبلاء	details (n)	تفاصيل
researcher (n)	باحث	tomb (n)	مقبرة
article (n)	مقالة	headline (n)	عنوان رئيسي
hug (v)	تحتضن	sob (v)	ينسج في البكاء
keep in touch	يبقى على اتصال	it's over	انتهى

Summary

- Samira was driving Leila to the airport to start her trip to Peru. Leila was going to join Dr Hafez to work on his excavation in Peru, South America.
- Dr Hafez was doing excavation work high in the Andes Mountains. He was looking for a king's tomb to excavate for gold things.
- Leila was taking Dr Hafez a small machine, which used a small laser to date things. لمعرفة التاريخ This machine was developed by the department of archaeology in Cairo. It was the latest technology.

Read the following Quotations and then answer the questions

“Not many people know about it, so, yes, it is sort of secret.”

1. Who said this to whom?

- Leila said this to her sister Samira.

2. What is she talking about?

- The laser dating machine.

3. Why do they want to keep it secret?

- Because they want to be the first to use it in their work in Peru.

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