

Land of Gold

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VORSCHAU

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The man in black



This is a photo of Cate and me in Egypt. I'm Maddy. I'm in the red dress. I'm standing beside Mr Johnson, our teacher. Cate is the girl with the brown bag.

We are in Egypt with our class from school. We are standing beside a pyramid. A camel with a big nose is behind us. The camel wants to be in the photo.

'Smile,' says Paul Hand.

We smile and Paul takes the photo. We take photos of the pyramids too. They are big in the blue sky.

The sun is hot in Egypt. My face and arms are red. I have a drink of water. I look at Cate. She is hot too.

Mr Johnson is speaking about the pyramid.

‘This is the pyramid of King Cheops, a pharaoh, or king of Egypt...’

I sit beside the pyramid. My feet are hot. Mr Johnson is speaking about King Cheops and his pyramid. I shut my eyes.

‘Maddy,’ says Cate in my ear. ‘Open your eyes!’

‘No,’ I say. ‘I’m sleeping.’

‘Maddy!’ says Cate again.

I open one eye.

‘A man is looking at us,’ she says.

‘Who?’ I ask.

‘That man over there,’ she says. ‘The man in the black suit.’

I see the man. He *is* looking at us. He is standing beside the pyramid.

‘He’s a bad man,’ says Cate. ‘I know it.’

Cate wants to be a detective. She reads detective books. She writes detective stories. In her stories the bad men are always in black suits.

‘No, he isn’t,’ I say. ‘He’s looking at the pyramids.’ I am hot. I want to be in our hotel. I want to sleep.

‘But...’ says Cate.

Mr Johnson looks at her. ‘What is it, Cate?’

Cate doesn’t answer.

‘She’s writing stories in her head again,’ says Paul Hand.

Mr Johnson smiles at Cate. ‘You and your stories,’ he says. Cate’s face is red. ‘Okay,’ he says. ‘The bus is going to take us to the hotel now.’

I open my eyes. Cate is talking. 'Now, where is my book on Egypt?' she is saying. 'It's in my bag. I want to read about the temple of Ramses the Great.' She opens the bag. 'We are going to go there tomorrow. It's in Abu Simbel, near Aswan. The temple of Ramses the Great is...'

She stops speaking.

'Maddy,' she says. 'This is not my bag!'

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Activities

Chapter 1

Before you read

A. Look at the picture on page 4 and circle the correct answers.

1. What country do you think the people are in?
a. England b. Egypt c. Russia
2. What animal is in the picture?
a. a horse b. a cow c. a camel

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

pyramids detective temple suit

1. The _____ is trying to find out who took the money.
2. Most people visit the _____ when they go to Egypt.
3. He puts on his _____ when he goes to work.
4. All the people in the _____ are praying quietly.

C. Listen to Track 3 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. How many people are speaking?
a. four b. fourteen
2. Are they inside or outside?
a. inside b. outside
3. Is Maddy interested in what Cate is saying?
a. yes b. no

After you read

COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. Where is Maddy standing in the photo?
a. behind the camel b. beside Mr Johnson c. behind Cate
2. When do they arrive back at their hotel?
a. in the morning b. in the afternoon c. at night
3. Who is standing across the street from the hotel?
a. Mr Johnson b. King Cheops c. the man in the black suit
4. Why is Cate surprised when she opens the bag?
a. Because it is not her bag. b. Because it is brown.
c. Because it is her old bag.

Chapters 4 and 5

Before you read

A. Look at the picture on page 18 and circle the correct answers.

1. What are the people doing?
a. shopping b. looking at the temple c. writing stories
2. Where are Cate and Maddy?
a. outside the temple b. inside the temple
c. back at the hotel

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

police knife rope winner

1. Can you cut the bread, please? Use this _____.
2. The _____ are looking for the man who took the money.
3. He ties his dog to the tree with a _____.
4. This picture is the best. It is the _____.

C. Listen to Track 6 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. How many people are speaking?
a. two b. three
2. Is the girls' story easy for Mr Johnson to understand?
a. yes b. no
3. Does Mr Johnson believe the girls' story?
a. yes b. no

After you read

COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. Where does Cate tell Mr Johnson the statue is?
a. in the shop b. with the man in black c. on the train
2. Who is speaking to the man with white hair?
a. Cate b. Paul Hand c. the man in black
3. What is the man in black going to do with the statue?
a. sell it b. buy it c. keep it
4. Which story is the winner in the English class?
a. Maddy's story b. Paul's story c. Cate's story

Glossary

adj. adjective; *adv.* adverb; *n.* noun; *v.* verb

Arabic /'æɹəbɪk/ <i>n.</i>	Arabisch
be afraid /bi: ə'freɪd/ <i>v.</i>	Angst haben, sich fürchten
buy /baɪ/ <i>v.</i>	kaufen
country /'kʌntri/ <i>n.</i>	(das) Land
desert /'dezət/ <i>n.</i>	Wüste
detective /dɪ'tektɪv/ <i>n.</i>	Detektiv
	Detektiv-
Egyptian /ɪ'dʒɪptʃn/ <i>adj.</i>	ägyptisch
fall /fɔ:l/ <i>v.</i>	hinfallen, stürzen
find out /faɪnd aʊt/ <i>v.</i>	herausfinden
gold /gəʊld/ <i>n.</i>	Gold
hide /haɪd/ <i>v.</i>	(sich) verstecken
journey /'dʒɜ:ni/ <i>n.</i>	Fahrt, Reise
knife /naɪf/ <i>n.</i>	Messer
missing /'mɪsɪŋ/ <i>adj.</i>	verschwunden
necklace /'nekləs/ <i>n.</i>	Halskette
newspaper /'nju:z,peɪpə/ <i>n.</i>	Zeitung
next /nekst/ <i>adv.</i>	als nächstes
	nächste/r/s
outside /,aʊt'saɪd/ <i>adv.</i>	(nach) draußen
pick up /pɪk ʌp/ <i>v.</i>	aufheben
police /pə'li:s/ <i>n.</i>	Polizei
pyramid /'pɪrəmɪd/ <i>n.</i>	Pyramide
rope /rəʊp/ <i>n.</i>	Seil
rug /rʌg/ <i>n.</i>	Teppich, Läufer
sand /sænd/ <i>n.</i>	Sand
sell /sel/ <i>v.</i>	verkaufen
silver /'sɪlvə/ <i>n.</i>	Silber
spice /speɪs/ <i>n.</i>	Gewürz
stall /stɔ:l/ <i>n.</i>	Stand