

Stories 6

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Characters

Diggory Emily Man on plane Announcement PICTURE STORY:

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Announcement This is the last call for flight MYTC 155 to Mexico City. Will passengers please go quickly to Gate 6.

Diggory Come on, Emily. That's our plane. We'll have to run.

Emily Why did Iyam Greedy send us tickets to Mexico City?

Diggory It was the most important Aztec city and there are legends about Aztec gold.

Emily The Sun, Moon and stars were very important to both the Aztecs and the Mayas.

Diggory Like us, they used them to measure time, but they had two different calendars.

Diggory One with months and seasons for their work, and one for their mythology.

Emily Hmm ... they watched this big group of stars very carefully.

Diggory The Pleiades. The Aztec new year started when they could see these stars in the early morning, before the Sun.

Emily But they called them 'The Market Place'. What a strange name!

Diggory 21 June will be the longest day of the year ... that was also very important in Aztec mythology.

Emily It's 18 June now! Do you think the secret of the Aztec gold's in their calendar, Dad?

Diggory I don't know, but you should try to sleep now.

Emily Yes, I will. It'll take about ten hours to get there.

Diggory We won't stay in Mexico City tonight, Emily. We must get to Teotihuacan before Greedy.

Emily What's at Teoti... what's there, Dad? **Diggory** I don't know, but soon it's the longest day of the year.