

**Second Edition**

# Kid's BOX

## **Stories 6**

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## Characters

**Diggory**  
**Emily**  
**Iyam Greedy**

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**Diggory** We have to go somewhere nearer the sea. The Aztecs expected Quetzalcoatl to come back to them by sea.

**Iyam Greedy** Let's go then! We haven't got much time.

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**Iyam Greedy** A corn symbol will take me to a cave of gold. Where are we going?

**Emily** We're going to Kukulcan's pyramid at Chichen Itza. It'll take two days to get there.

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**Iyam Greedy** Who's Kukulcan, Bones? What's the connection with corn?

**Diggory** Kukulcan's the Mayan word for Quetzalcoatl. He was the god who gave them corn, remember?

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**Emily** It's his most important temple. It's called 'The Castle'. There'll be corn symbols everywhere ...

**Diggory** ... and snake symbols. Look! The Pleiades! The Mayas thought they looked like an angry snake's tail!

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**Diggory** Wow! This is where the Mayas played their famous ball game.

**Emily** Yes, and before the game, didn't they have music with instruments made of wood and shells?

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**Diggory** That's right. The arts were very important to the Mayas. There was a special god for the ball game and the arts.

**Iyam Greedy** Look, everyone! Here's a dance for the gods! I can't see any caves of gold anywhere.

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**Diggory** Twice a year, you can see the form of a snake on the north stairs.

**Emily** Up the stairs in March ... and down again in September. They knew so much about the Sun and light.

**Iyam Greedy** Bah! Rubbish!

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**Diggory** When someone does something to make the gods angry, the pyramid sounds like a Quetzal bird singing.

**Iyam Greedy** Bravo! Another boring lesson from Dr Bones.

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**Emily** It's nothing to laugh about, Mr Greedy.

**Iyam Greedy** What's that noise? Can't anyone else hear it? Aaagh!