

All the Wonders

Soon after Navi became engaged to Roberto, she began learning about his seemingly magical origins.

She had heard many stories of Roberto's birth city of Guanajuato, and they had all captivated her. She was fascinated by the many exotic tales he told her about the region. At one time, this colonial city was the source of two-thirds of the world's silver.



"Our family goes to a beautiful church in Guanajuato," Roberto had told her while they courted in the United States. "It is said that silver dust was mixed into the cement building blocks and that is why the church sparkles."

Navi had been enthralled by the tale. Indeed, Roberto always told such wonderful stories. She could not wait to see the city and meet all of Roberto's family. Navi was excited; she knew that the trip was sure to be inspirational.

While Roberto had imparted to Navi all the wonders of his beautiful city, it had not occurred to him to mention any dangers. After all, they were young and they were in love—they lived only in the moment.

Navi was speechless when she saw the Oratorio de San Felipe. "It really does sparkle!" she exclaimed. Navi kissed Roberto on the cheek. "I'll meet you outside," she said, leaving the church.

She pulled her sketchpad and pencils from her bag and went to sit against one of the glorious palm trees outside the church. She began sketching the colossal cupola, which extended mightily, towering three stories above the nave.

Suddenly, a sharp pain took hold of her left shoulder. It felt like an electrical shock. The pain began to pervade the rest of her body.

She had been stung by a scorpion!

The last thing Navi remembered was Roberto kneeling by her side. She woke up a day later with him holding her hand and talking to her in a soft voice. "In Mexico," he said, "scorpions are ubiquitous.

They are everywhere. And they love palm trees," he said, rubbing her hand with tears of relief in his eyes. "There are more scorpion deaths here than in any other place in the world. I should have mentioned that before."

- a As used in paragraph 2, which is the best antonym for captivated?
- 1 dishonored
 - 2 enthralled
 - 3 repelled —
 - 4 saddened
- b Foreshadowing is a literary device characterized by the use of words or phrases that hint at something—typically something bad—that is going to happen later in the story. This is done without revealing the story or spoiling the suspense. Using this information as a guide, which of the following sentences from the passage best demonstrates the use of foreshadowing?
- 1 "They lived only in the moment."
 - 2 "It had not occurred to him to mention any dangers."
 - 3 "I'll meet you outside" she said, leaving the church."
 - 4 "Suddenly, a sharp pain took hold of her left shoulder."
- c Which of the following words best describes how Roberto felt about after failing to have warned Navi about scorpions
- 1 intrigued, meaning curious or interested
 - 2 perplexed, meaning utterly confused
 - 3 remorseful, meaning regretful or ashamed
 - 4 irate, meaning angry or enraged
- d Why do you think Roberto never informed Navi of the scorpion risk? Explain your reasoning

Basically he never told her maybe because of the emotion since they were both very much in love, so as not to disappoint her and impress her even more about his hometown, he wanted them to stay and thought that the more good things he told her the more she would decide to stay there, it was something that both of them never imagined and it remained as an experience for them to tell each other even the smallest thing.

Temas

1. Passive and active voice.
2. Connectors.
3. B1 level for reading, grammar and vocabulary test.

Vocabulary

- Engaged = Comprometido
- Learning = Aprender
- Seemingly = Aparentemente
- Origins = Orígenes
- Heard = Escuchar
- Captivated = Cautivado
- Fascinated = Fascinado
- Tales = Cuentos
- About = sobre
- Source = Fuente
- Goes = Va
- Told = Dijo a
- Courted = Cortejado
- States = Afirma
- Dust = Polvo
- Mixed = Mixto
- Building = Edificio
- Blocks = Bloques
- Sparkles = Chispas
- Navi = Navi
- Enthralled = Cautivado
- Such = Tal
- Wonderful = Maravilloso
- Stories = Historias
- meet = Conozca
- Knew = Conocía

- Trip = Viaje
- Sure = Seguro
- Imparted = impartido
- Wonders = maravillas
- Occurred = ocurrencias
- Mention = Mencionar
- Dangers = Peligros
- Young = Joven
- Speechless = speechless
- Saw = vio
- Palm = Palma de la mano
- Church = Iglesia
- sketching = Dibujar
- Colossal = Colosal
- towering = Imponente
- Above = for encima de
- Sparkle = Chispa
- Exclaimed = Exclamó
- Outside = En el exterior
- Church = Iglesia
- Pulled = Tiró de
- sketchpad = Cuaderno de dibujo
- Pencils = Lápicos
- Against = Contra
- Glorious = Glorioso
- Suddenly = De repente
- Sharp = Agudo
- Pain = Dolor
- Shoulder = hombro
- Stung = Picado
- thing = cosa
- Woke = Despertó

Activity

1. Complete the next chart:

Tenses	Example
Present Simple	He goes to football every day
Past Simple	Did you have dinner last night?
Future Simple	I will meet him later
Past Perfect	I washed the floor when the painter had gone
Present Progressive	I am swimming
Be going to	i'm going to have pizza for dinner
Past progressive	They were all rushing for the exit weren't they?
Present Perfect	I have seen that movie twenty times