

# THE ANCIENT RUINS



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Perseus The Piggius adjusted his explorer hat and studied the old map. Deep in the jungle, vines covered a stone doorway. "This must be it!" he squealed excitedly. He pushed aside the leaves and gasped. Ancient stone steps led down into darkness. Strange symbols covered the walls. Perseus pulled out his flashlight. "Time to solve this mystery!" He carefully stepped inside, his heart racing with adventure.





Perseus walked through a grand hallway filled with tall statues. Each statue held a different object - a book, a hammer, a musical instrument. "These must show what the ancient people valued," Perseus whispered. He noticed the statues formed a pattern. When he stood in the center, sunlight beamed through the ceiling. The light hit colorful crystals on the walls. Beautiful rainbow patterns danced everywhere. "Incredible!" Perseus cheered, taking notes in his journal.





A crystal glowed brighter than the others. Perseus touched it gently and a hidden door opened with a rumble. Inside was a small room with paintings covering every wall. They showed people working together, building cities, and sharing food. "They weren't just builders," Perseus realized. "They cared about helping each other!" In the corner sat a golden box. Perseus opened it carefully. Inside were seeds, preserved for thousands of years.







Perseus understood the civilization's greatest secret. They wanted future explorers to learn from their kindness. "These seeds can help people today!" he said happily. Perseus carefully packed the seeds and his notes. As he climbed back into the sunlight, he smiled. He couldn't wait to share what he'd learned. The ancient people's message was clear - working together makes everyone stronger. Perseus waved goodbye to the ruins, already planning his next adventure.



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