BAGHDAD, FEBRUARY 28TH 2015
REOPENING OF THE NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM.
CAN I HAVE IT, DAD?
WHERE ARE ALL THESE ARTEFACTS NOW?

OUR LAND IS VERY OLD

MOST OF THEM ARE KEPT HERE AT THE NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

THEY TELL US A STORY THAT GOES THOUSANDS OF YEARS BACK
Long before you were born, in 1960, although the first museum was inaugurated in 1926.

When did they build this museum?

Two people worked together to build a house for our history.

My name is Gertrude Bell. I was the honorary director of Iraqi antiquities.

My name is Faisal I. I was the first king of Iraq from 1921 at 1933.
These two people were very important at the time. They both understood the need to find a building in Baghdad to house all the materials that were constantly coming to light in archaeological excavations.

The opening of the museum will be an important event for our nation.
Archaeological excavations increased considerably since the 1923 and new cities such as Uruk, Uruk and Nineveh were brought to light.
I hope that one day you and all the children of the world will be able to admire the splendor of our history.

But first you have to wait in line!
IT FEELS LIKE I AM INSIDE THE HISTORY BOOK I WAS READING!
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE "LADY OF URUK"; ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF SUMERIAN SCULPTURE. THIS FEMALE MARBLE HEAD WAS DISCOVERED IN URUK DURING THE 1939-1938 EXCAVATION CAMPAIGN.
WHY HAS THIS MUSEUM BEEN CLOSED FOR SO MANY YEARS?

BECAUSE SOMEONE TRIED TO TURN OFF THE LIGHT...

DAD!

DAD!

WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN?

NO, IF THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE READY TO DEFEND IT.

I AM HERE!
THE MUSEUM IS A WINDOW ON OUR ANCIENT PAST...
...where we can admire amazing human creations.

Ugh! I do not want to go.

Will we come back?

Yes, but first you have to answer the question at the bottom of the page.

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