

WHOLE WIDE WORLD

CHICHÉN ITZÁ



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CHAPTER 1

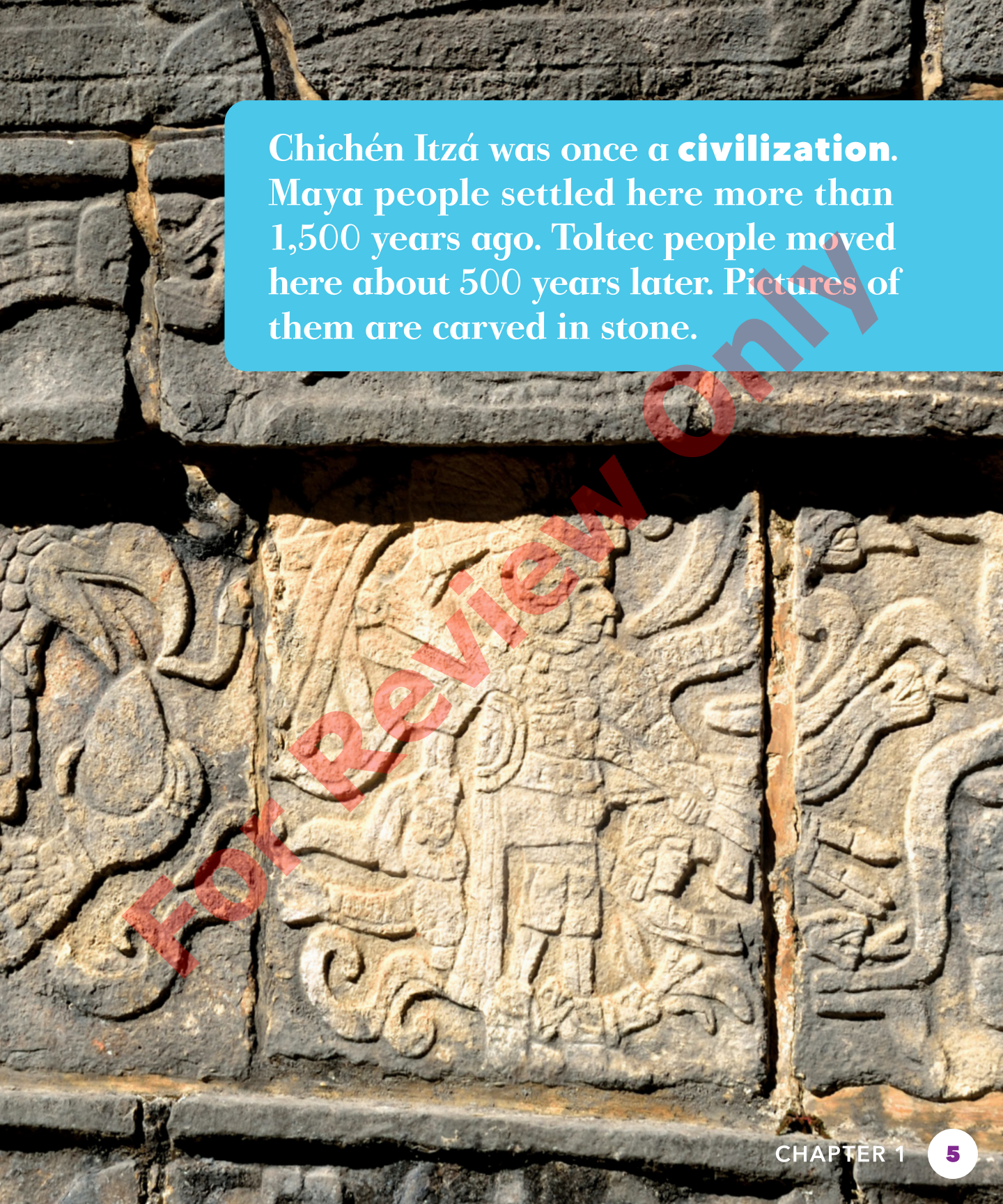
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ANCIENT CIVILIZATION

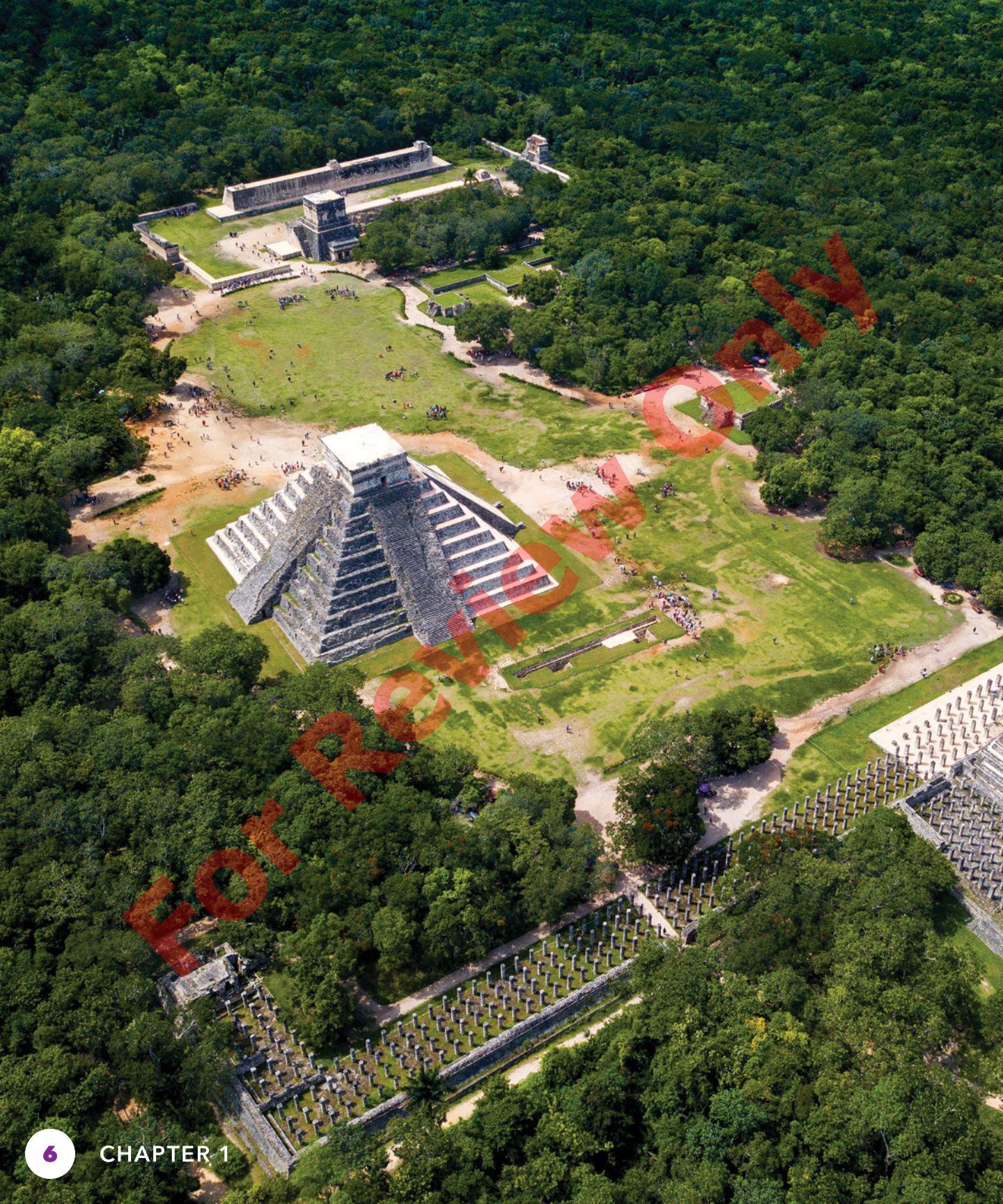
The sun sets in Yucatán, Mexico.
The sunlight casts a shadow on
an **ancient** pyramid. Is that a
serpent moving down the steps?
No! It's a trick of the light.
Welcome to Chichén Itzá!



shadow

The background of the page is a photograph of ancient stone carvings from Chichén Itzá. The carvings are in high relief, showing figures in traditional Maya and Toltec attire. A large, semi-transparent red watermark with the text "FOR REVIEW ONLY" is oriented diagonally across the center of the image. A blue text box is positioned in the upper left quadrant.

Chichén Itzá was once a **civilization**. Maya people settled here more than 1,500 years ago. Toltec people moved here about 500 years later. Pictures of them are carved in stone.



An aerial photograph of the Chichén Itzá archaeological site, showing several large stone structures with intricate carvings and stepped pyramids, surrounded by a dense green jungle. The image is partially obscured by a large orange curved shape on the right side of the page.

**Chichén Itzá covers four square miles (10 square kilometers).
At one point, about 50,000 people lived here. There are more than 20 buildings.
They are all made of stone.**

CHAPTER 2

STONE BUILDINGS

One of the buildings is an **observatory**.
From it, the Maya people studied the stars.
They used this knowledge to create **calendars**.
This helped them track the **passing** of time.





Ceremonies took place at the Platform of the Skulls. Look closely. Carvings of skulls cover the sides.

**Platform of
the Skulls**