**年輕埃及人在蠍子裡發現財富**

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用紫外線燈捕抓，這些蠍子被暴露在微弱電流下，來刺激毒液釋放，1公克可以製造2萬至5萬劑的抗蛇毒血清。

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1公克蠍毒可賣1萬美元，比什塔出口到歐洲和美國，用來製造抗蛇毒血清及各種其他藥物，包括用於高血壓等疾病。（路透）

**年轻埃及人在蝎子裡發现财富**

多年前，有个年轻的埃及男子放弃了他的考古学位，在该国沙漠和海岸猎捕蝎子，并提炼牠们的毒液做医药用途。

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年仅25岁的穆罕默德．哈姆迪．比什塔现在是「开罗毒液公司」的老闆—此一计画是在埃及各地农场饲养8万隻蝎子和各种蛇，并保存牠们的毒液。

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用紫外线灯捕抓，这些蝎子被暴露在微弱电流下，来刺激毒液释放，1公克可以製造2万至5万剂的抗蛇毒血清。

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1公克蝎毒可卖1万美元，比什塔出口到欧洲和美国，用来製造抗蛇毒血清及各种其他药物，包括用于高血压等疾病。（路透）

**Young Egyptian finds a fortune in scorpions**

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Several years ago, a young Egyptian man abandoned his degree in archaeology to hunt scorpions in the country’s deserts and shores, extracting their venom for medicinal use.

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At just 25 years old, Mohamed Hamdy Boshta is now the owner of the Cairo Venom Company - a project housing 80,000 scorpions in various farms across Egypt as well as a range of snakes, also kept for their venom.

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Caught using a colored UV light, the scorpions are exposed to a tiny electric current to stimulate the release of the venom, one gram of which can produce between 20,000 and 50,000 doses of antivenom.

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A gram of scorpion venom can fetch $10,000 and Boshta exports it to Europe and the U.S. where it is used to make antivenom and a range of other medicines, including for conditions such as hypertension. （Reuters）

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| 蠍子 | xiēzi | scorpion |
| 考古 | kǎogǔ | archaeology |
| 海岸 | hǎi'àn | coastal / seacoast |
| 獵捕 | lièbǔ | to hunt / hunting |
| 提煉 | tíliàn | to extract (ore, minerals etc) / to refine / to purify / to process |
| 毒液 | dúyè | venom / poisonous fluid |
| 醫藥 | yīyào | medical care and medicines / medicine (drug) / medical / pharmaceutical |
| 計畫 | jìhuà | variant of 計劃|计划[jì huà] |
| 紫外線 | zǐwàixiàn | ultraviolet ray |
| 釋放 | shìfàng | to release / to set free / to liberate (a prisoner) / to discharge |
| 公克 | gōngkè | gram |
| 血清 | xuèqīng | serum / blood serum |
| 蠍 | xiē | scorpion |