Secrets of the Great Pyramid

1. Hidden deep inside the Great Pyramid is a room with a mysterious door. Scientists recently used a robot to break through the door.

2. The Great Pyramid towers over the desert in Egypt. The 480-foot pyramid was built about 4,500 years ago. It is the largest pyramid in Egypt. Egypt is a country in Africa.

3. The pyramids were built as burial places for the pharaohs. Pharaohs were kings of ancient Egypt. The Great Pyramid was the burial place for the pharaoh Khufu.

4. Many pharaohs were buried with treasures. To keep thieves out, builders designed the pyramids with hidden rooms. No one knows what happened to Khufu's body or if he was buried with treasures. Perhaps the answer is behind a mysterious door inside the Great Pyramid.

5. The passage that leads to the door is too small for a person to fit through. On September 16, 2002 scientists sent a small robot into the narrow passage. From inside the pyramid, scientists controlled the robot's movements.

6. The robot drilled a hole through the thick stone door. The robot's camera showed a room on the other side of the door. The room looked empty, except for another door.

7. The scientists were disappointed they did not find something in the room. Now they want to know what is hidden behind the second door. Some experts say something amazing may be behind the door. Others say there is nothing.

8. Scientists hope to return to solve the mystery. Until then, people will have to wonder what is hidden behind door number two.