You feel a tug on your coat sleeve.

“What are you looking for?” says a curious voice.

“Evil,” you reply, lowering your binoculars and turning to address the newcomer. At first, you think there’s no one there - then you look down and see a little girl staring at you in fascination.

“The desert is really big,” says the girl matter-of-factly. “How will you find it?”

“It’s what I do. I’m a detective,” you reply. “Where are your parents?”

The girl turns and points at two very conspicuous tourists talking to the driver of their very conspicuous tour bus, which has stopped to refuel. “We’re on an adventure.” Spotting the two of you, her father sees her and raises a hand as though to gesture for her to come over, but then stares at his hand in confusion. “He’s silly,” the girl adds with a giggle.

You raise your binoculars back up to your eyes. “You haven’t heard of anything being stolen around here, have you?”

The little girl instantly stops smiling and eyes you suspiciously. “Who told you?” Then, remembering you’re a detective, a guilty look comes over her face. “I’m sorry, I thought no one wanted it! It was just lying on the ground in the tomb and the man was talking and I thought it was pretty...Please don’t arrest me!”

She fishes a small flat rock out of her dress pocket, drops it on the sand at your feet, and bolts back to the bus as the driver gets ready to pull out. Smiling at you from the window as the vehicle turns around, she raises a motionless hand, then looks at her fingers in confusion.

You don’t have time to wonder about the strange gesture customs here - the flat rock has you interested. You pick it up and turn it over, revealing some sort of hieroglyphic message...
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Do you lack scenes in the sky?

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Do you have a sequel?

Do you have an odd number of letters?

Do you feature a speech-making device?

Are you the very first?

Do you feature a blue character?

Do you feature a blue anima?

Do you feature a talking machine?

Do you feature a mammal?

Is your main character's first name in the title?

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