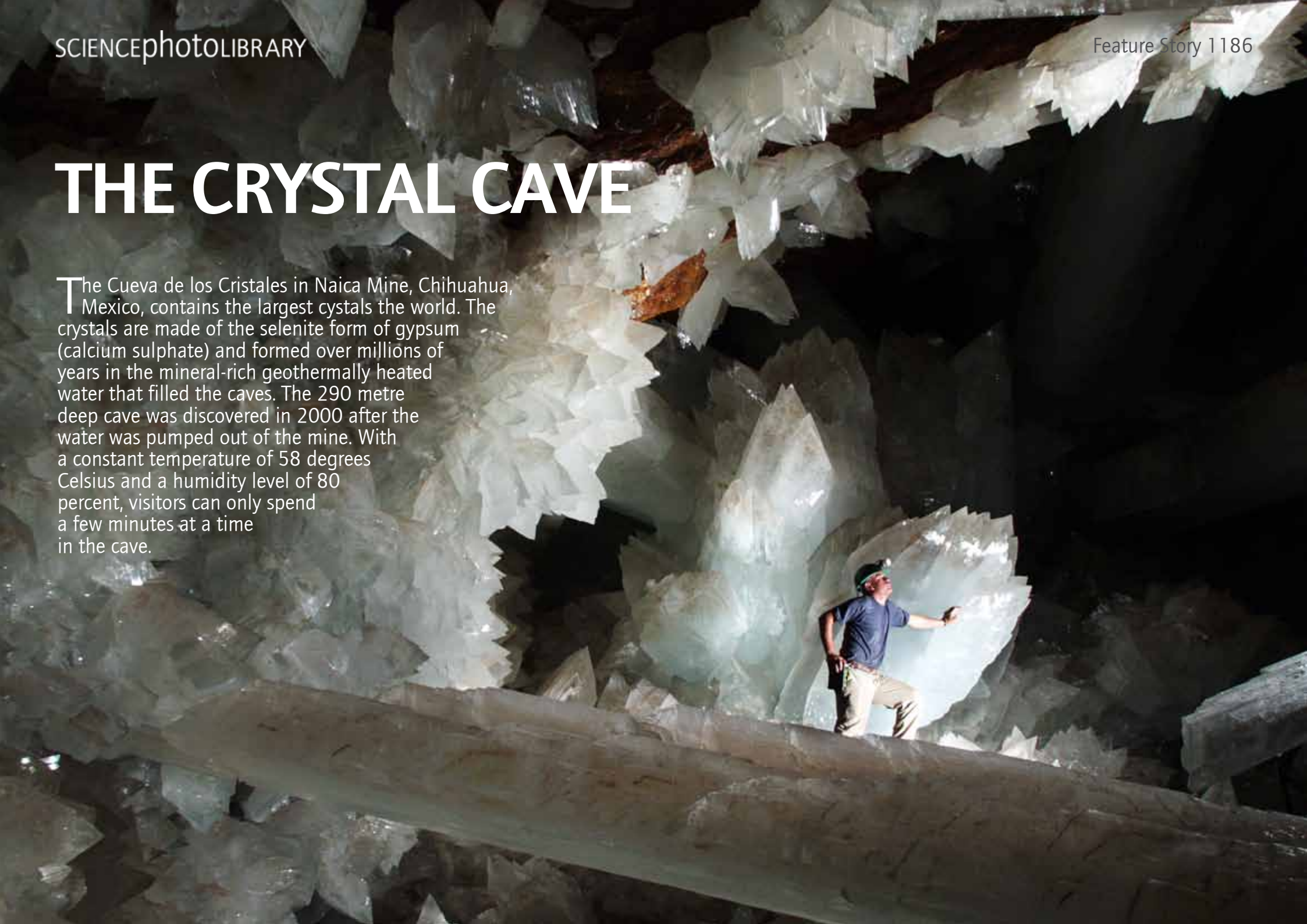


THE CRYSTAL CAVE

The Cueva de los Cristales in Naica Mine, Chihuahua, Mexico, contains the largest crystals the world. The crystals are made of the selenite form of gypsum (calcium sulphate) and formed over millions of years in the mineral-rich geothermally heated water that filled the caves. The 290 metre deep cave was discovered in 2000 after the water was pumped out of the mine. With a constant temperature of 58 degrees Celsius and a humidity level of 80 percent, visitors can only spend a few minutes at a time in the cave.





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