Royal Cemetery at Ur
From 1922 to 1934, an archaeologist named C. Leonard Woolley excavated the site of the ancient Sumerian city of Ur. He made many great discoveries about the people who lived there.

Among the 1800 graves he discovered, there were 16 tombs which had very special and valuable objects in them. He called them the 'Royal tombs'
This gold amulet was found in the 'queen's tomb' near her shoulder. It was probably attached to her clothing as decoration.
Treasures From the Royal Tombs of Ur

Ur—The City of Abraham
QUEEN PUABI'S HEADDRESS. Gold, lapis lazuli, and carnelian.
GREAT LYRE FROM THE “KING'S GRAVE.”
Gold, lapis lazuli, shell, bitumen, and wood.

Front view

Front Panel Details
"RAM CAUGHT IN A THICKET."
Gold, silver, lapis lazuli, copper, shell, red limestone, and bitumen.
COSMETIC BOX WITH INLAID LID.
Silver, lapis lazuli, and shell
GOLD VESSEL IN THE FORM OF AN OSTRICH EGG.

Gold, lapis lazuli, red limestone, shell, and bitumen.
TUMBLER. Electrum.
SILVER HEAD OF A LION.
Silver, lapis lazuli, and shell.
Ten rings were found on Pu-abi’s fingers. Eight of the rings were gold and two were gold and lapis lazuli.
This Diagrams shows where the rings were found.
On the left side of the bier, near Pu-abi’s head, was a group of small beads, figures and gold ornaments. It looked like the remains of a headdress.
Beside Pu-abi's right shoulder was a string of three beads with an amulet. Two of the beads were made of lapis lazuli and the other was of agate. The lapis lazuli amulet is in the shape of a calf.

This string of beads may have been attached to the long pin which held her dress together at the shoulder.
Three **amulets** in the shape of fish were found near Pu-abi’s shoulder.

Two of were made of gold and the other was of **lapis lazuli**.
This is the way it looked during excavation
This small gold *amulet* is shaped like two antelopes.
Copy of the paper work of the excavation

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[Drawings of animals]
One of the seals was particularly important. It was carved with cuneiform signs which are read as 'Pu-abi'. This name was followed by the title, 'Lady'.

- Three cylinder seals made of lapis lazuli were found near Pu-abi's shoulder.
Hair rings

- Around Pu-abi's head several hair rings were found. These thick gold rings lay scattered in the earth, broken into several pieces.

- All of the pieces were put back together so that each entire ring was complete. It is now possible to see how they must have been twisted through Pu-abi's hair.