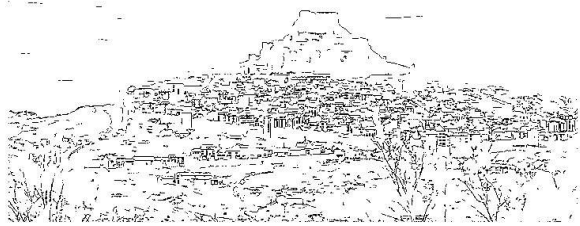




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Morella Dinosaurs and Strong People

Morella is located inland in the province of Castellon in Valencia, Spain. Today the town has a Dinosaur Musuem to celebrate the fact that this land was inhabited by dinosaurs, going back some 60 million years. They were there before us human beings!

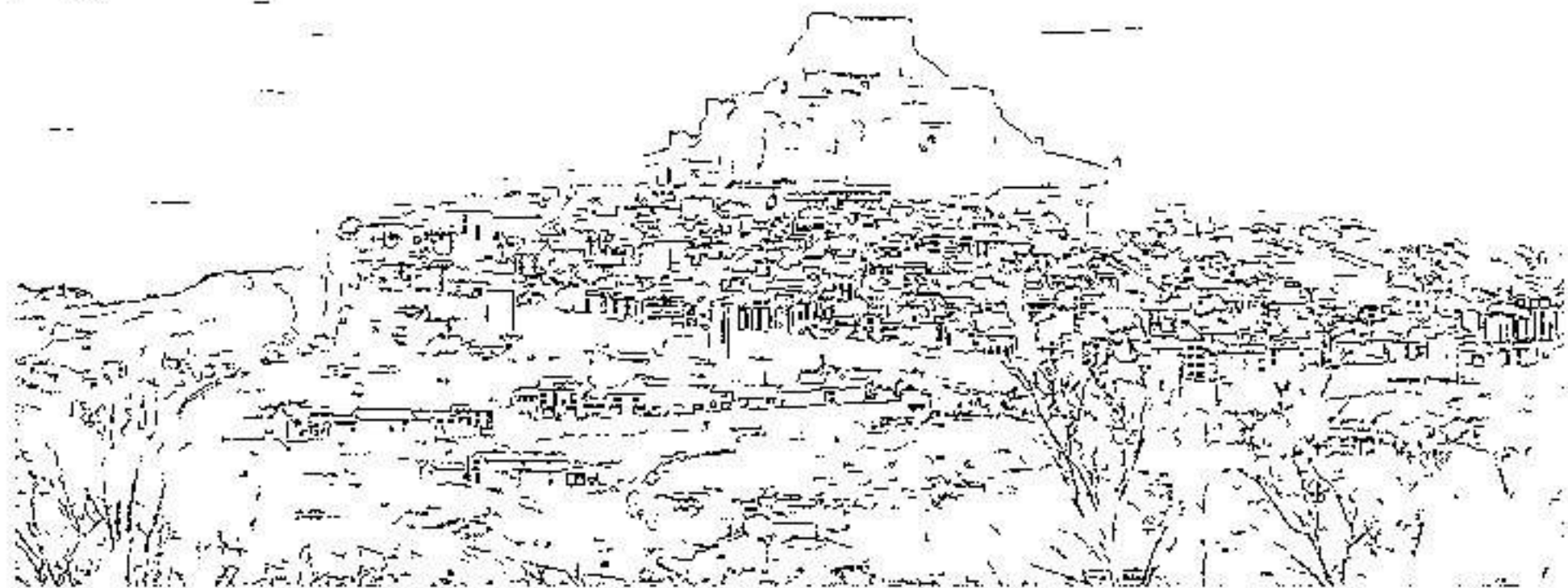
As the years went on and humans were living there, Morella had different types of people in charge. At one time it was Roman and ruled by the Romans from Tarragona (a city around 110 miles/173 km north of Morella). Then later from 714, it was taken by the Moors (Arabs).

It was conquered by the Christians in 1231, and later in 1270 became part of Valencia's kingdom; in fact today it is considered by the Valencian Parliament to be the First Villa of the Kingdom. During medieval times, merchants travelled to Italy, Greece and North Africa, from the town that was rich in weavers, goldsmiths, silversmiths, blacksmiths and sculptors.

During the War of Succession, Morella remained on the Bourbon side, but the San Miguel neighbourhood was destroyed during two Austrian occupations. There were only 1800 inhabitants left in Morella at that time, but the amazing thing is that they re-built their town. What strong people they were to do that!

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