

2nd February 2566 B.C., Thebes, Egypt.

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The slaves working on the Great Pyramid are terrified! They speak of an evil spirit, who drops giant chunks of limestone on their heads! This, of course, is utterly untrue, but I wonder what could have caused this to happen. That is why I'm going to visit the building site tomorrow. I shall take my compass, food supply, water skin, heavy-duty pickaxe, my khopesh¹ made out of the finest steel in Egypt, my maps, and of course, my diary². However, the pyramid is very far away from Thebes—way up north in Giza.

¹ Khopesh was an Egyptian sword. It said to have been the reason for creating the Egyptian empire. It was called 'The sword that forged an empire'.

² Bob's diary was found later by Ekaansh Ghosh Dasari.

21st April 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.

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Alright, I reached the building site last night. On enquiry, I found out that *Heminu*³, the late king Khufu's vizier, is irritated by the fact that the slaves are attempting to start a riot. They claim that the "evil spirit" is killing some of the slaves and that the priests are saying that this is punishment from the gods for their sins. The problem with these situations is that you don't know which side of the story to believe. So, to set things straight, I shall go into the pyramid and find out.

³ Heminu was supposed to have commissioned the building of the Great pyramid.

22nd April 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.

(Notes taken inside the pyramid)

My $\Omega)(\infty\Box\Delta^4$ is falling apart! But let me continue. The pyramid is a maze of tunnels. Aboveground it isn't much of a structure, however, underground, it is impossible to find your way through. The pyramid is built out of the finest limestone bricks. The pharaoh's tomb is yet to be completed though the mummification process and sarcophagus are finished. I have noticed some odd behaviour amongst the slaves--there always seems to be a commotion going on. Strangely, there seems to be an eerie howling noise inside the pyramid...

⁴ Diary

23rd April 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.



Bad news! There has been a cave-in and a fellow explorer called Jeff and J are trapped. We were in one of the tunnels when the howling noise got louder and BANG! - a chunk of limestone fell and blocked off the stairway! Now our supplies are running low and we have been hacking day and night at the rock with our pickaxes! The good news is that there is some sort of underground spring where we are getting water from. The cavern is not very large and has inscriptions of a strange ritual for summoning the spirit of Apophis!⁵

⁵ The Egyptian god of chaos. He was represented as a snake.

24th April 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.

(Copy of the Apophis ritual)

Take the mask⁶ of the pharaoh. Melt it. Next, take the finest emerald of the Cursed Mine. Fashion an amulet using the gold and emerald. This amulet must be put on the body of a live sacrifice. However, other than the summoner and the sacrifice, no one should be present in the chamber.

The sacrifice's heart must be cut out and thrown into the fire used to melt the mask and replaced with that of an asp⁷. This ritual must be performed during the full moon during a rainstorm.

⁶ The pharaoh's mask was made of gold. The largest mask found so far was that of King Tut, which weighed 11 kg.

⁷ A snake used to show royalty in ancient Egypt

27th April 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.

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We have been hacking away for days and today the block of limestone has become almost thin enough to break through.

By tomorrow we hopefully shall be out! This horrifying experience will be over, and I can finally go home and fix my

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the mysterious ritual inscribed on the wall. I have a theory.

There is no evil spirit haunting the pyramid. The howling

noise and the falling rocks were caused by people to scare the

slaves away so that they can complete the ritual...

30th April 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.

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Jeff and I finally ran out of the chamber. We were confronted by people wearing snake helmets. Coincidence? I don't think so! Jeff pulled out his scimitar and engaged in a short but scary duel with one of the men. I unsheathed my khopesh and caught the blade of an enemy and knocked it right out his hand. I saw Jeff pinned down by two men. In a surprise move, I threw my khopesh at one of them and took out the other with a kick. I picked up my sword and ran.

1st May 2566 B.C., Giza, Egypt.

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Following the battle with the snake-men, tired, I fell asleep at a nearby passageway. The next day, I found myself gagged and bound. I looked around. I saw king Khufu's sarcophagus! Next to me was an emerald and a cage containing an asp. That's when it dawned on me—I was to be the sacrifice! I shouldn't have suspected any less - it was a full moon during a rainstorm! They must have caught us while we were sleeping and set Jeff free. Suddenly, there was a strong smell of ☐♂☐♂♦○♂⁸. I turned around. In front of me was none other than the High Priest of Apophis carrying out the ritual. That's when it struck me—the most daring and brilliant plan I had ever thought of! What are asps attracted to? ☐♂☐♂♦○♂⁹? I reached for the emerald and smashed the cage open. The asp slithered out. It bit him and he fell to the floor, unconscious. A red gemstone rolled out of his hand into a small hole in the centre of an intricate

⁸ No clue what that is (xD).

⁹ Snakes aren't actually attracted to whatever that is.

**mosaic on the floor. I heard a loud whirring and behind me
the western wall collapsed. I was finally free!**

Translator's Note:

Alright, some things definitely look funny in this book. The characters' names are not Egyptian. This is because hieroglyphs have no pronunciation.

Finder's Note:

This diary was a massive discovery. I found it in 2018 inside the Great Pyramid on an archaeological mission. My friend, Censorhead, worked on the translation. The pages were torn and only some of them were actually legible. If you pay attention, you will notice many entries are missing. But to our luck, I managed to find one complete story!