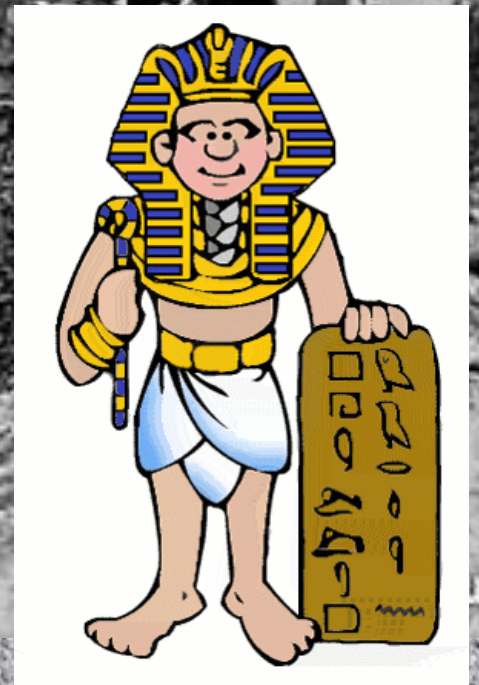


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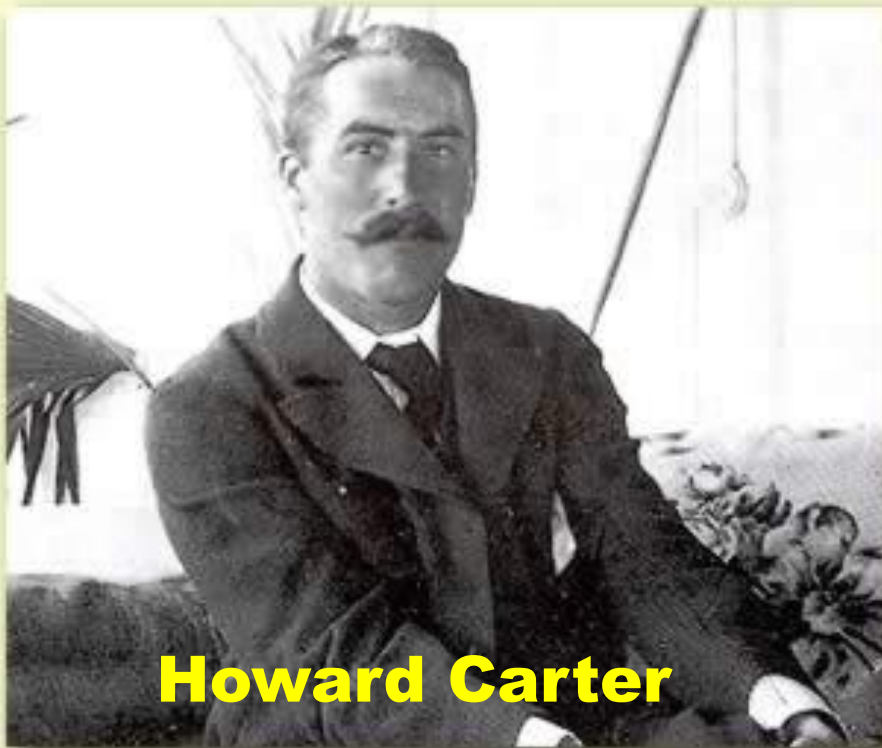
Journey back in time to 1922.

To a time when aeroplanes were
very small and did not fly far.



To a time when people travelling to Egypt from Britain went by ship. It took 2 weeks.

Howard Carter was a British archaeologist working in Egypt.



Howard Carter



Lord Carnarvon

Lord Carnarvan was a rich Englishman with an interest in Egypt. He paid the bills for Howard Carter's work.

The people of Egypt buried some of their
greatest pharaohs in this valley of the kings. By
1922 archaeologists thought they'd found them
all.



Early morning on the 3rd November 1922, in a hot and dusty valley in Egypt.

Egyptian workers were searching, digging away sand and stones.

They didn't hold out much hope.





A young boy crouched a few feet away. His job was to fetch water to the workers. He sat digging in the sand with a stick. Suddenly he hit a hard surface.

He dug furiously and found a stone step.

He stared at it - then covered it over and ran to tell Howard Carter what he'd found.

Carter ordered the workers to clear away the sand.
Gradually they found 12 more steps.



Then they found the top part of a door made of brick and plaster. On the door was a stamp. This meant the tomb was royal and it was intact.



Carter ordered the workers to cover the steps over again so nobody else would find the tomb.

He sent a telegram to Lord Carnarvan in Scotland, asking him to come at once.

How long did it take Carnarvan to arrive?

Carnarvan and his daughter, Lady Evelyn arrived at the town of Luxor 2 weeks later and met Carter.

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FOR YOUR ARRIVAL. CONGRATULATIONS.					
H. CARTER.					



Next day, Howard Carter asked the workers to break down the door. They found a passage way blocked by rubble. Clearing them away they found...

A second door.

Carter took an iron bar and made a tiny hole in the top left hand corner. The bar passed through so the passage was clear.

Carter took a candle and
put it up to the hole to
test for dangerous gas.

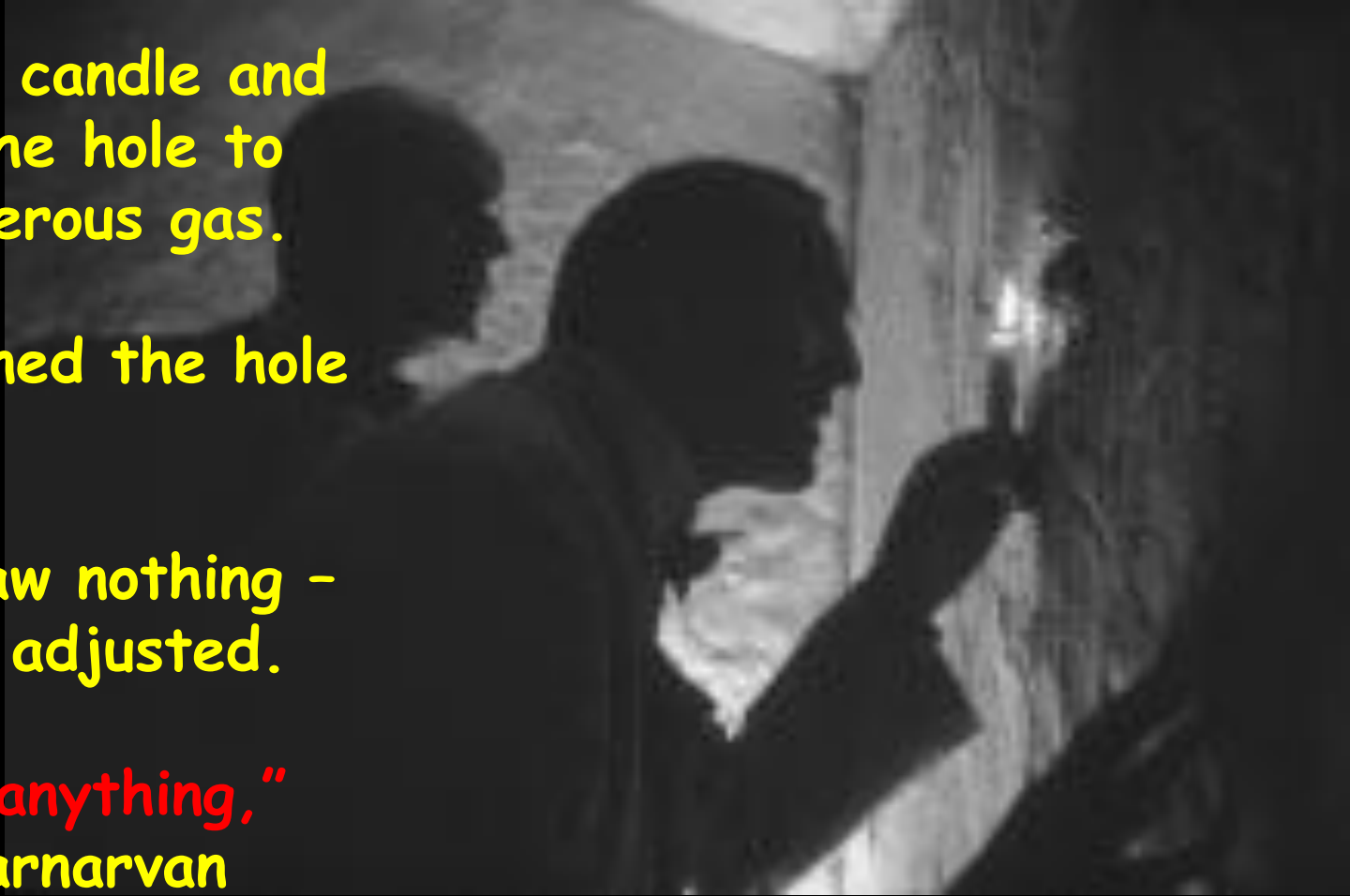
Then he widened the hole
and looked in.

At first he saw nothing -
then his eyes adjusted.

"Can you see anything,"
asked Lord Carnarvan

"Yes", replied Carter

"Wonderful things!"



Both Carter and Lord Carnarvan were desperate to take a closer look. But Egyptian rules said **NO!**

Archaeologists had to have permission to dig in Egypt. They had to have an inspector with them when they first went in.



Frustrated, they closed up the hole and left one of the workers on guard. Then they got on their donkeys and rode back to Carter's house.

Unable to wait , later that same night Carter returned to the tomb. He made the hole bigger and they squeezed through one by one and dropped onto the floor. They found themselves in a small room.

Over 3000 years had passed since anyone had last entered. They saw a fingerprint left on the painted surface of an oil lamp. The smell of perfume still filled the air.



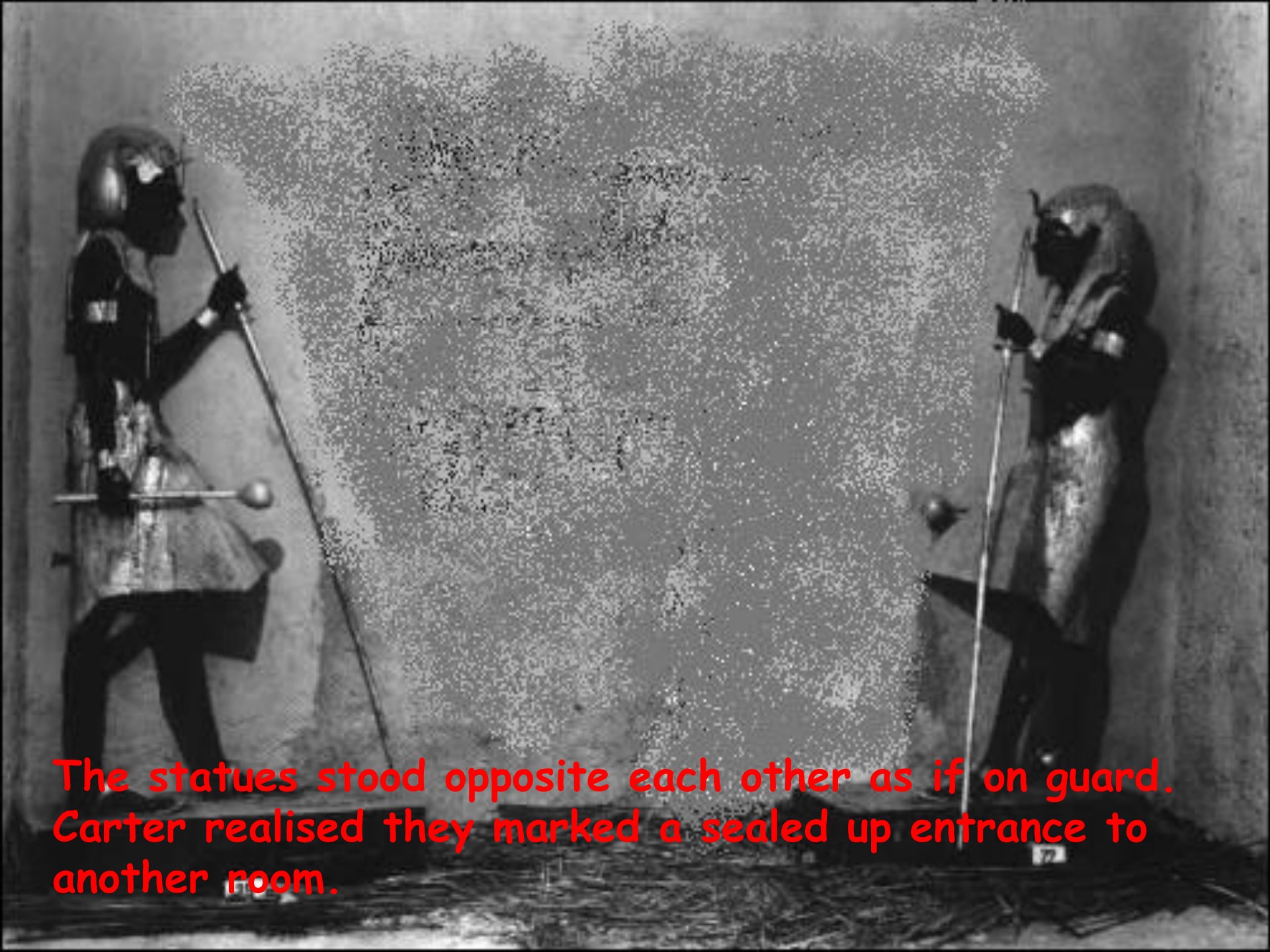












The statues stood opposite each other as if on guard. Carter realised they marked a sealed up entrance to another room.



In his book, Howard Carter says he waited for over two months for the official opening of this tomb.

How do you think he felt?

Lady Evelyn betrayed his secret.



Howard Carter returned at night and made a small hole near the floor in this wall. They squeezed through to see the tomb itself.

Having looked around, he blocked up the hole in the wall and covered the spot with a basket. The following morning he came back with the inspector, pretending never to have seen the treasures.



Trouble!

Trouble began when newspaper reporters from all over the world began to arrive. Carter said they were getting in his way and holding up the work.

He decided to sell the exclusive rights to The Times newspaper. (no Hello and OK magazines in those days!)

Trouble!

The Egyptians were furious. They said the tomb was in their country and Carter had no right to choose a foreign newspaper. The Egyptian prime minister told Carter to remember the tomb was not his.

Carter was so angry he locked the tomb and left. They had just lifted the big stone lid off the sarcophagus. They left it swinging. If the ropes broke it would smash the coffin to pieces.

The Egyptians said this showed Howard Carter did not really care about archaeology.