

The Seventh Scroll

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A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the front cover of the book. Make some guesses. What do the things on the cover tell you about the story?
 - a The compass:
 - b The scroll:
 - c The gun:
- 2 Read the section of story on the back cover of the book. Make some guesses.
 - a What are the papers which the men steal?
 - b Why do they steal them?

B While Reading

- 3 See page 2 of this Worksheet for Question 3.

C After Reading

- 4 Look at *The People in This Story* on page 5.
 - a Who is alive and who is dead at the end of the story?
 - b Put the people into their order of importance in the story. Number them from 1 to 12.

Duraïd Al Simma
Royan Al Simma
Nicholas Quenton-Harper
Nahoot Gudabbi
Geoffrey Tenant
Gotthold von Schiller
Boris Brusilov
Woizero Tessay
Mek Nimmur
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- 5 Imagine that Taitia the Slave left a hidden document, which Egyptologists called the *Missing Scroll*. This document gives detailed instructions about how to find the tomb of the Pharaoh Mamose.

Either **a** You are an Egyptologist. Write your translation of Taita's instructions in the *Missing Scroll*. Also include instructions about the wrong turnings you might take.

Or **b** You are Taita. Create the *Missing Scroll* using hieroglyphics to give the instructions. Also include instructions about the wrong turnings you might take.

3 Here are the *People in This Story*. As you read, join the information to the correct person. The same information can join more than one person.



Duraid Al Simma



Royan Al Simma



Nicholas Quenton-Harper



Nahoot Gudabbi



Geoffrey Tenant



Gotthold von Schiller

an Ethiopian army officer

works for Africair Cargo Services

works with Gotthold von Schiller and Nahoot Gudabbi to help steal antiquities

works at the Department of Antiquities, University of Cairo

a very rich man

has a museum of Egyptian antiquities

discovers how to find the tomb of Pharaoh Mamose

works at the British Embassy in Cairo

a friend of Nicholas Quenton-Harper

an Egyptologist

Austrian

has a very good collection of Egyptian antiquities

organises the theft of the coffin from the Monastery of St Frumentius

Russian

a Dutch pilot

a guide

works for Gotthold von Schiller

African

married to Boris Brusilov

discovers where the tomb of Pharaoh Mamose is

had an Egyptian father and an English mother

goes to live with Mek Nimmur

a leader of the rebel soldiers

kills Boris Brusilov

bans Royan and Nicholas from Ethiopia

an engineer

builds a dam for Royan and Nicholas

transports Royan and Nicholas to and from Ethiopia



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