

# INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

## The Queen of Death by John Milne

### A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the cover of the book. What kind of book do you think this is? Tick the answers you think are right.  
(a) a romantic story? (b) a detective story?  
(c) a mystery story? (d) a science-fiction story?
- 2 Read the back cover of the book. Read Queen Axtarte's curse. What do you think it means? What will happen to people who enter the tomb?

### B While Reading

- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 3. What has Salahadin learnt about Dr Farrow? Which questions does Salahadin want answered? Write Salahadin's notes and questions. Here is his notebook.

<i>What I know</i>	<i>What I want to find out</i>

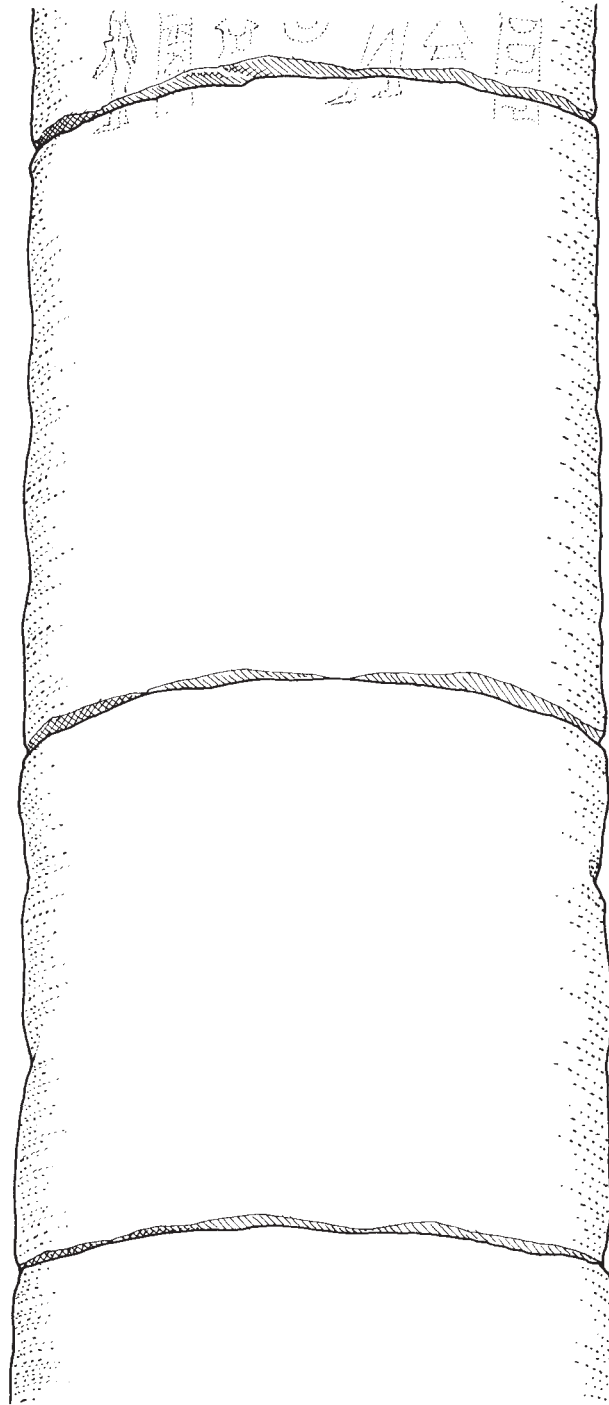
- 4 You will meet all these people in the story. Write notes about each character while you are reading the book. (Write about what kind of job the person has. And write about why the person is important in the story.)

(a) Leila Osman	(b) Salahadin El Nur	(c) Dr Peter Earl	(d) Dr Farrow
(e) Ahmed Abbas	(f) Professor Goumouchian	(g) Chief Inspector Beaston	(h) De Fries
(i) Keesing	(j) Christine Farrow	(k) Greer	(l) Fatima
(m) Police Inspector	(n) Musa Angheli	(o) Dr Jusef Strengel	

### C After Reading

- 5 Queen Axtarte was buried thousands of years ago in a tomb on the east bank of the Nile. You are an archeologist. You are wearing a protective suit and you enter the tomb. Imagine what the inside of Queen Axtarte's tomb looks like. Describe what you see and what you find.

- 6 A journalist wrote a report in *The Sunday Times* newspaper about Dr John Farrow. (See page 11)  
Write a second report – about what happened to Dr Farrow in Egypt.
- 7 You went to the funeral of Queen Axtarte. You are the person who wrote on the pillar at Karnak.  
What did you write? (Write in English.)



*Have you read the other book about Salahadin El Nur, the Elementary Level Reader, **The Black Cat**? You might also enjoy **The Diamond Hunters** by Wilbur Smith and **Meet Me In Istanbul** by Richard Chisholm, at Intermediate Level.*