

## Chapter 5

### **Breaking**

concerned    systematic    entered    problem    gather  
monument    cistern    implemented    appeared  
column    breathing    figure    involved    panic  
unraveled    bandages    context    rendition

### **Diphthongs**

foolproof    encountered    noise    hour    spook  
sounded    growling    avoided    authorities    loud

### **Phrases**

for the cistern    have an idea    laughing hysterically  
his mummy bandages    come out this minute

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### **The Mummy**

The girls were getting a bit spooked. They had been trapped now for two hours and had wandered throughout the maze with the penlight as their only light. At first they thought it was funny, but now they were concerned about getting out of this maze.

“Well, we have to have a good plan if we’re ever getting out of here,” said Moira.

“I have an idea,” said Lynn. “Why don’t we all gather rocks and lay them down on the path as we walk so we will know if we are going in circles.”

The two other girls thought this would be a foolproof plan. They all gathered rocks and every ten yards or so they dropped a rock on the path.

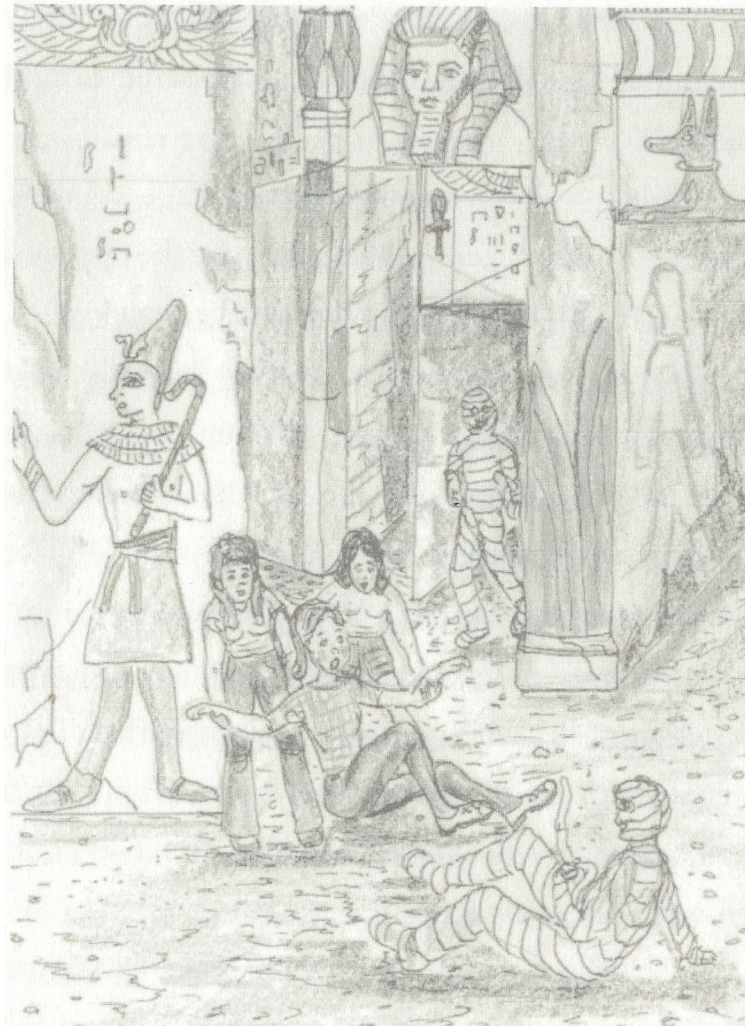
Meanwhile, the three guys were walking through the temple bumping into every small monument they encountered.

“I read about two major problems in this temple that we must be careful of,” said Austin. “There is a large cistern that has a thirty-foot drop and a maze that people often get lost in. I’ll bet the girls have been trapped in one of those two places. I will look for the cistern. You two look in the maze, but mark the path as you go so you don’t get lost.” Austin moved carefully in the temple, looking for the cistern, while Shawn and Troy entered the maze.

The new plan the girls implemented was working. They first went in a circle and found themselves back where they started. Then they took another path, and they were excited, as it appeared to be the way out.

“What is that?” asked Laura. “I hear a noise.”

“I heard it, too, and it seems to be near that large column. Get behind these columns until we find out what it is,” said Moira.



The noise got louder, and the girls were barely breathing. Suddenly, a white figure appeared around the tall column.

“Holy cow, it is a real mummy!” screamed Laura. “Let’s get out of here.” The girls quickly ran back along the path to where they first had gotten lost.

Troy was so involved in finding the girls, he’d forgotten he had the mummy costume on. He ran after the girls, yelling at them as he ran; however, the mummy mask muffled his voice, so it sounded like the cry of an animal.

This really spooked the girls, and they ran even faster from the white creature stalking them. They were no longer dropping rocks, just running in a panic through the temple, with Troy in his mummy costume following them.

Meanwhile, Shawn had lost Troy, so he started running in the general direction where Troy had last been seen. He heard some running around the temple wall, so he sprinted in that direction. As he turned the corner, he ran directly into Moira, and both of them fell to the ground. The other two girls screamed as

they saw this second mummy on the floor with Moira, and they heard the other mummy yelling at them from behind. They grabbed Moira, pulled her up and began to run when Shawn quickly unraveled his mummy bandages, and yelled, "It's me, Shawn!"

Troy finally caught up to them and he was laughing hysterically. He laughed so hard that he fell to the ground next to Shawn and had to hold his sides.

"That was not funny!" yelled Laura.

"Yes, it was," said Lynn, and all the girls began to laugh with the two boys. "Let's get out of here while the getting is good." Lynn said.

They were near the entrance to the maze, and quickly found their way out. Austin was sitting on a stone waiting for them.

As they made their way to the entrance of the temple, they could hear the watchman working his way through the temple. He sounded angry and was.... (4.8)