

# An Extract from Howard Carter's Diary

4th November 1922

11 After the discovery of the first step, we exposed fifteen more  
20 steps leading down to an ancient doorway, still sealed  
31 after all these years. The name on the door was clear:  
41 Tutankhamen. They say this tomb is cursed; they say that  
49 the ancient pharaoh threatened anyone who disturbed his  
62 peace in the afterlife but that will not stop me. For five years  
72 we have been digging through the inhospitable desert and I  
80 am finally about to make the most important  
87 discovery of my life. At last, I  
94 will be the one to unearth the  
99 final resting place of Egypt's  
102 youngest pharaoh. It  
106 will be filled with  
108 treasures beyond  
110 anyone's wildest  
111 dreams.



## Quick Questions



1. In what year was this text written?

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2. Do you think Howard Carter was scared? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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3. Sum up the main points of this extract in 20 words or less.

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4. What do you think happened next?

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