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Omar is on holiday in Egypt with his dads! Along the way he makes friends with an unusual character...

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Chapter 1

“Which way is the Cairo museum?” Omar asked excitedly, hurrying out of the hotel. He’d always wanted to visit Egypt—home of the Pharaohs, the Sphinx... and his own ancestors! “Did you know it’s the largest museum in Africa?” Omar added, grinning at his dads.

“You may have mentioned it,” Papa laughed.

“Once or twice,” Dad added, grinning. “This way! Our guide’s meeting us at the museum at midday.”

The museum was amazing. Omar gazed at the golden statues, treasures and coffins.



“Can you believe these coffins are thousands of years old?” he gasped. “And there are actual mummies inside? How cool!”

Papa shuddered. “Creepy, more like!”

Omar rolled his eyes. “It’s not! It’s incredible! The Ancient Egyptians spent *seventy days* treating the bodies to preserve them—they believed it was the only way for people to enter the afterlife.”

“Wow!” Dad smiled, impressed.

Suddenly, Omar heard a strange voice.

“Help!”

He looked around, but he and his dads were the only people in the room.

“Did you hear that?” Omar said.

Dad frowned. “I didn’t hear anything.”

“Help me!” cried the voice.

“There it is again!” Omar cried. “It sounded like... it was coming from this coffin...”

Papa turned pale. “Very funny!”

“Good one!” Dad chuckled. “They’ve got crocodile coffins in the next room! Imagine mummifying a crocodile!”

“Eek!” Papa winced and Dad laughed as they moved on.

Omar was about to follow when he heard the voice again.

“Help!”

Goosebumps prickled down Omar’s arms as he leaned closer to the coffin...

“HELP!” the voice shouted suddenly.

Startled, Omar tripped over the rope barrier and fell against the coffin, which immediately sprang open!

