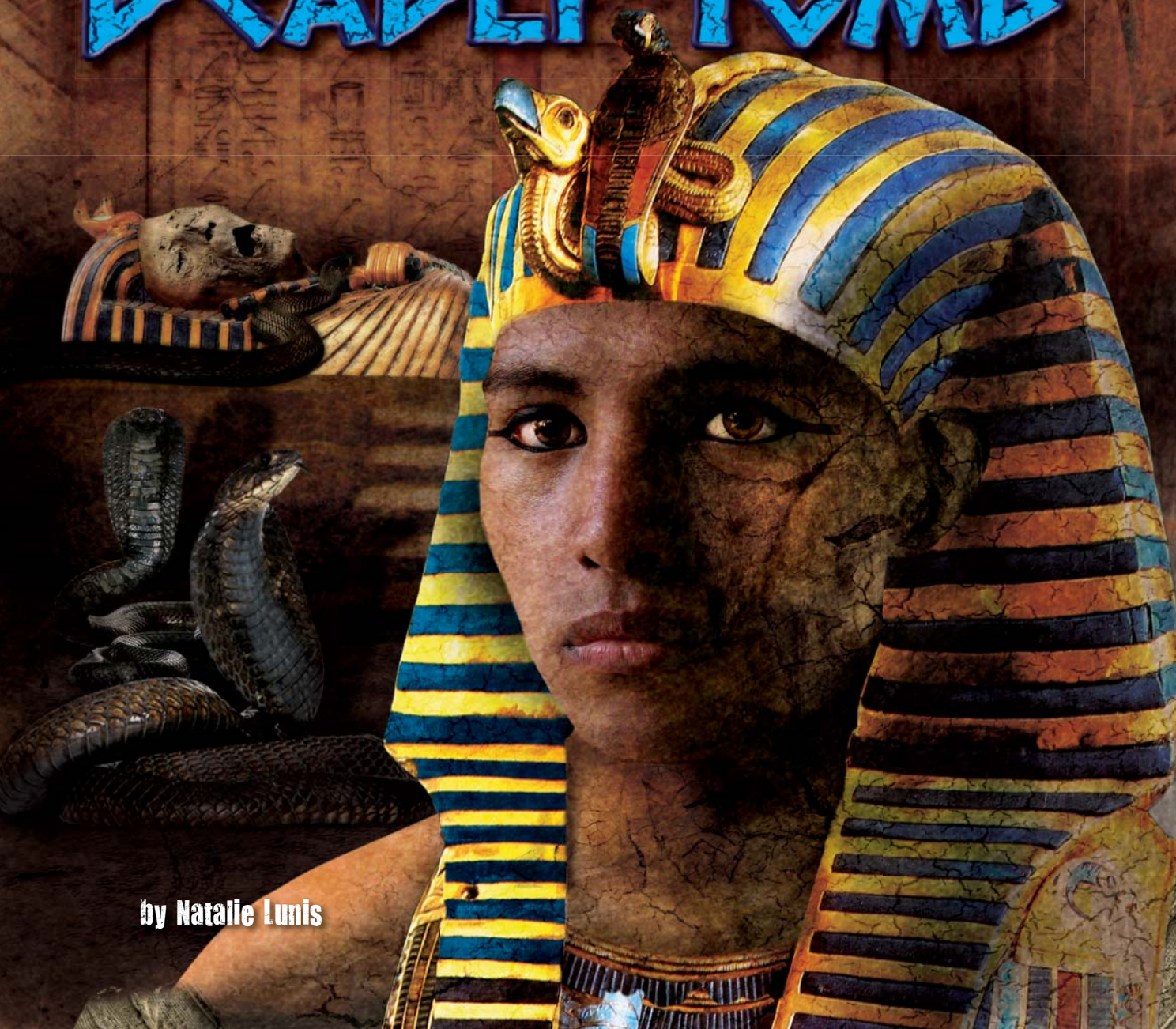




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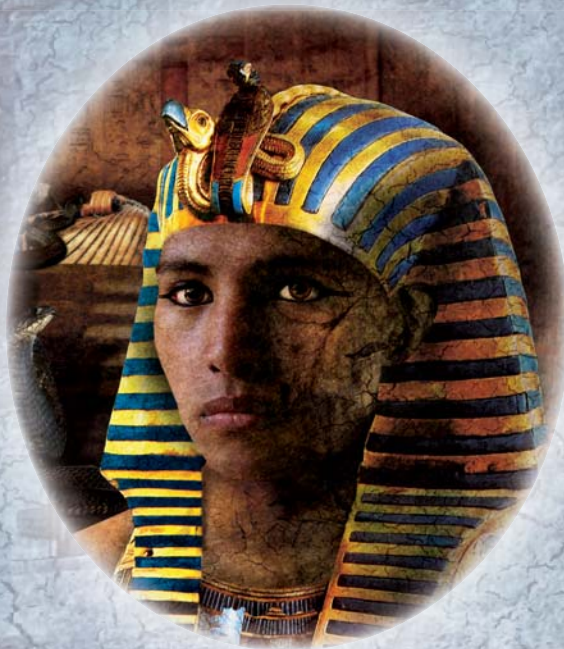


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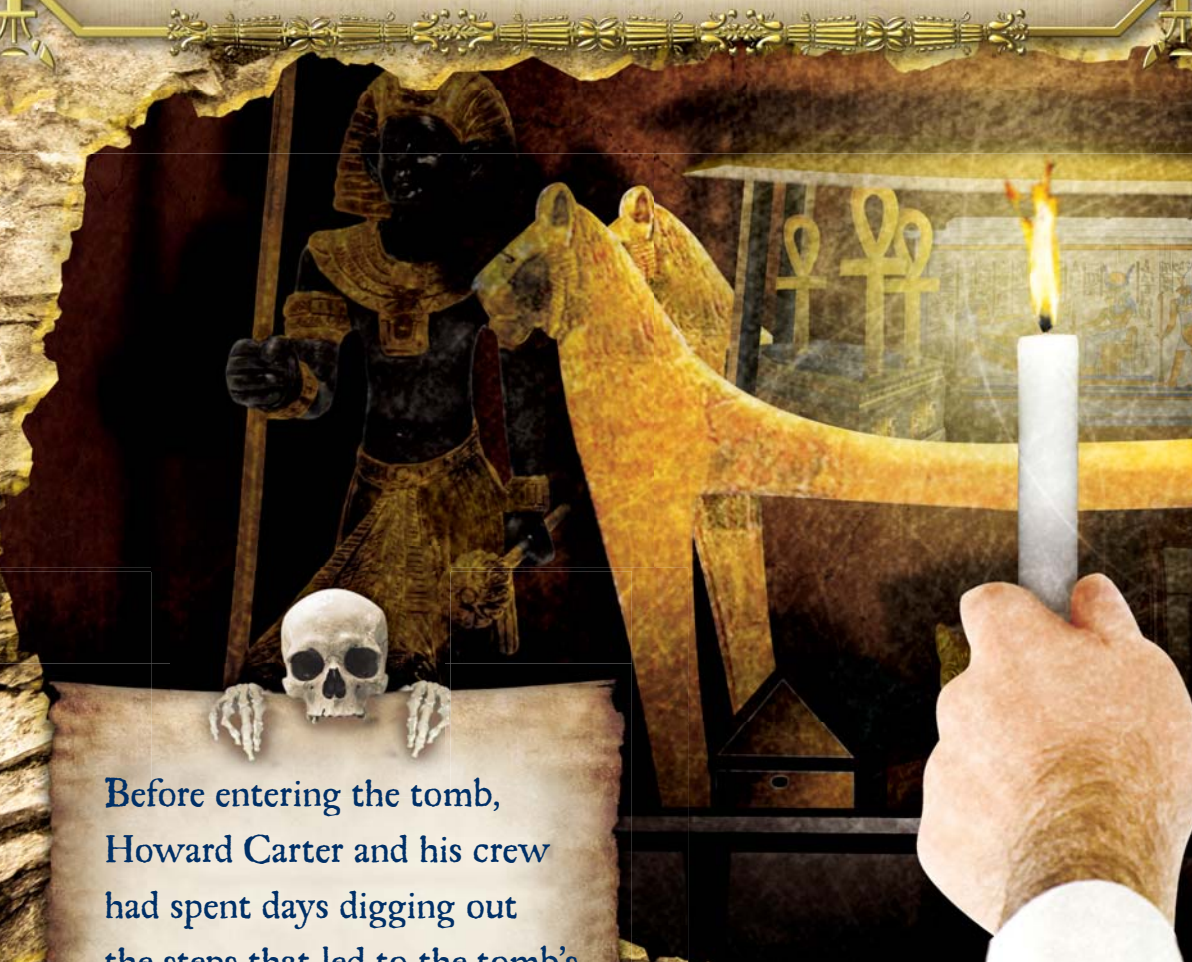
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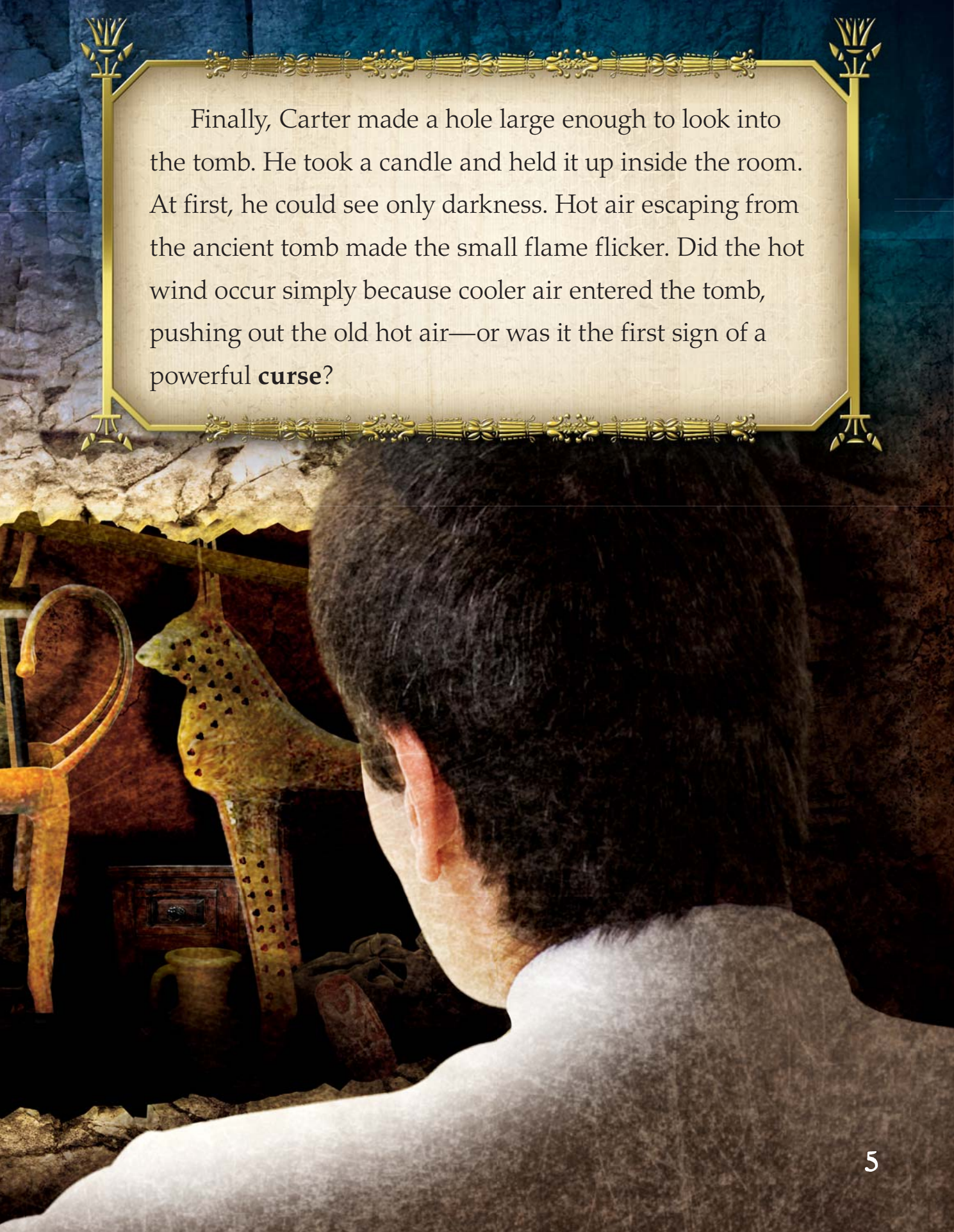
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Opening the Tomb

Howard Carter picked up an iron rod and chipped away at part of a heavy stone door. His friend, Lord Carnarvon, stood close by in the underground passageway. Both men knew by now that the doorway led farther into the **tomb** of Tutankhamun (*too-tahn-KAH-muhn*), a king of ancient Egypt. However, they did not know what they would find on the other side.



Before entering the tomb, Howard Carter and his crew had spent days digging out the steps that led to the tomb's underground entrance.

A man with dark hair, seen from the back, is looking into an ancient tomb. The tomb is dimly lit, with a blueish-green wall in the background. In the foreground, there are several ancient Egyptian artifacts: a large, ornate golden chair, a golden statue of a cat with black spots, a small wooden chest, and a yellowish-brown jug. The man's head and shoulders are in the lower right foreground, looking towards the center of the frame.

Finally, Carter made a hole large enough to look into the tomb. He took a candle and held it up inside the room. At first, he could see only darkness. Hot air escaping from the ancient tomb made the small flame flicker. Did the hot wind occur simply because cooler air entered the tomb, pushing out the old hot air—or was it the first sign of a powerful **curse**?

Wonderful Things!

Howard Carter had been searching for King Tutankhamun's tomb for years. In 1909, the **archaeologist** began working for Lord Carnarvon, a wealthy Englishman who was fascinated by ancient Egypt. He had hired Carter to explore and dig in places that might hold tombs and **temples** from the rich and powerful Egyptian kingdom. Now, 13 years later, on November 26, 1922, the two men were closer than ever to a spectacular find.



Lord Carnarvon (left) and Howard Carter (right) outside Tutankhamun's tomb



Lord Carnarvon became interested in the ancient art and history of Egypt after traveling there for his health. He found that the sunny, warm Egyptian winters were better for him than the cold, damp English ones.

As Carter held the candle inside Tut's tomb, Lord Carnarvon waited. When he could not stand the **suspense** any longer, he asked if Carter could see anything. Carter could hardly speak but managed to reply, "Yes, wonderful things!" Among them were gold statues and gold pieces of furniture. There were also other beautiful works of art—all belonging to a young king who had been dead for more than 3,000 years.

This photo shows how the inside of the tomb looked when Howard Carter first saw it. It was filled with objects—but was also very messy.



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The mummy of King Tutankhamun, the young Egyptian pharaoh, had not been disturbed for more than 3,000 years. In 1922, archaeologist Howard Carter and his team discovered the ancient tomb and examined the dazzling treasures within its chambers. Soon after the thrilling discovery, however, a member of Carter's team became ill and died. Stories of other deaths connected to the tomb followed. Had an ancient curse doomed those who had entered the pharaoh's tomb? Look inside to discover the truth behind these dark and spooky events.

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