

KING TUTANKHAMUN

TUT'S STORY

More than 3,000 years ago, when Tutankhamun (Toot-ankh-amon) was only nine years old, he became pharaoh of Egypt. Tut is well known because many treasures were found in his tomb. Unlike most other royal burials, King Tut's tomb had not been completely plundered by grave robbers. Some of the most spectacular treasures ever found came from the tomb of King Tut!

A **DAGGER** is in Tut's belt. It has a handle in the shape of a falcon head, the symbol of Horus, a god associated with kingship.

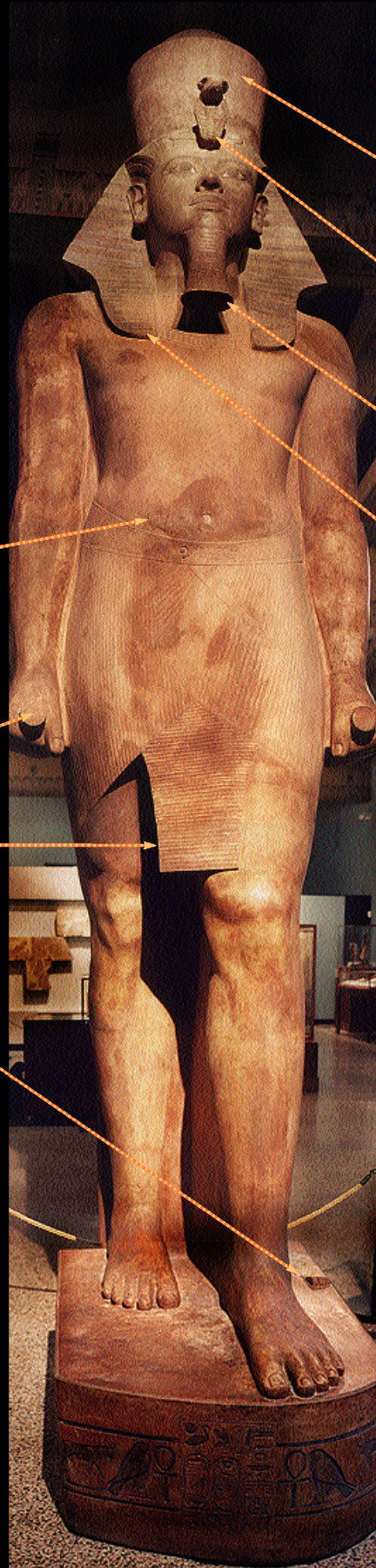
The **CYLINDERS** in Tut's hands could be document cases or scepters that have been cut off. They may also represent empty space.

A **PLEATED KILT** made of fine linen with a narrow panel in the middle hangs from Tut's waist. He wears this to look his best in the afterlife.

TWO SMALL FEET are on the base at King Tut's left. These are all that remain of a statue of Ankhesenamun (Ank-es-en-amon), Tut's wife. Her statue was smaller than his in order to show his greater importance.

The base of Tut's statue has hieroglyphs carved in the stone. The ancient Egyptian language was written in small pictures called hieroglyphs. The pictures stand for sounds or words. Two well known hieroglyphs are the ankh and the scarab beetle.

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SYMBOLS OF KINGSHIP

DOUBLE CROWN

Two crowns are combined to represent the two kingdoms of Upper and Lower Egypt. Wearing this crown showed the king controlled all.

COBRA

Also known as a uraeus, the cobra was a symbol used for protection. It sat coiled, ready to magically spit fire if evil came near.

BEARD

It's actually a false beard, worn by all Egyptian pharaohs. The false beard had straps that tied behind the ears.

NEMES

This striped cloth head-dress is located below the crown. Only royalty could wear a nemes.

SYMBOLS OF LIFE AND REBIRTH

The ankh is pictured below. It symbolized life.



The scarab beetle is pictured below. It symbolized rebirth.



How many ankhs and scarabs can you find on the base of Tut's statue?

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