

# The Seventh Scroll

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- 1** *Student's own answer. The student could mention:*
- a** *The compass* tells a traveller which directions to go in. Maybe there will be a journey.
- b** *The scroll* is a piece of ancient papyrus which looks as if it is from Ancient Egypt, so probably the journey will be in Egypt to find a tomb or antiquities.
- c** *The gun* tells us that there is going to be danger and probably violence. Maybe more than one group of people is looking for valuable treasure and they are prepared to fight each other for it. Maybe the journey takes place in a dangerous part of the world.
- 2** *Student's own answer. The student could mention:*
- a** *The papers* could be like the one on the front cover; maybe one of them is the Seventh Scroll?
- b** *The men* could be part of a group of people who want to use the papers to help them find Egyptian treasure.
- 3** *Duraïd Al Simma:* an Egyptologist; works at the Department of Antiquities, University of Cairo

*Royan Al Simma:* an Egyptologist; had an Egyptian father and an English mother; works at the Department of Antiquities, University of Cairo; discovers where the tomb of Pharaoh Mamose is

*Nicholas Quenton-Harper:* an Egyptologist; a very rich man; has a museum of Egyptian antiquities, discovers how to find the tomb of Pharaoh Mamose

*Nahoot Gudabbi:* works at the Department of Antiquities, University of Cairo; works for Gotthold von Schiller

*Geoffrey Tenant:* works at the British Embassy in Cairo; a friend of Nicholas Quenton-Harper

*Gotthold von Schiller:* an Egyptologist; Austrian; has a very good collection of Egyptian antiquities; organizes the theft of the coffin from the Monastery of St Frumentius

*Boris Brusilov:* Russian; a guide

*Woizero Tessay:* African; a guide; married to Boris Brusilov; goes to live with Mek Nimmur

*Mek Nimmur:* African; a leader of the rebel soldiers; a friend of Nicholas Quenton-Harper (who helped him when his boat sank); kills Boris Brusilov

*Colonel Nogo:* an Ethiopian army officer; works with Gotthold von Schiller and Nahoot Gudabbi to help steal antiquities; bans Royan and Nicholas from Ethiopia

*Sapper Webb:* an engineer; builds a dam for Royan and Nicholas

*Jannie:* a Dutch pilot; works for Africair Cargo Services; transports Royan and Nicholas to and from Ethiopia

- 4** **a** *Alive:* Royan Al Simma, Nicholas Quenton-Harper, Geoffrey Tenant, Woizero Tessay, Mek Nimmur, Sapper Webb, Jannie. *Dead:* Duraïd Al Simma, Nahoot Gudabbi, Gotthold van Schiller, Boris Brusilov

**b** *Student's own answer. Possible answer:*

- 1 Royan Al Simma
- 2 Nicholas Quenton-Harper
- 3 Gotthold von Schiller
- 4 Mek Nimmur
- 5 Colonel Nogo
- 6 Jannie
- 7 Sapper Webb
- 8 Woizero Tessay
- 9 Nahoot Gudabbi
- 10 Duraïd Al Simma
- 11 Geoffrey Tenant
- 12 Boris Brusilov

- 5** *Student's own answer. Details for inclusion:* The tomb is at the second stone step in a pool of water at the base of a waterfall, on the Dandera River. The Dandera River flows into the Blue Nile in Ethiopia.

The door to the tomb is hidden by the water of the pool. To find the tomb you must dam the river and change its course. You can use stones from the quarry to dam the river.

When the pool is empty, you will see an entrance in the rock. After you open the entrance, you will see a tunnel. There are steps going upwards. You will reach a large chamber and opposite you there is a wooden door which leads to a corridor. The floor of the corridor is made of polished stone and there are shrines to the gods on either side, and paintings on the walls.

(Do not go to the end of the corridor; if you do, you will only find another chamber, and an empty sarcophagus.)

Go instead into the shrine of Osiris.

(Do not look for the picture of the sun painted high on the wall and cut around the edge. If you push the stone, you can go up the steep steps past six landings, but you will find nothing.)

Lift up the stones from the floor and find the single stone beneath them which is a lid or cover. You will find about 20 steps which lead down. Then there is another flight of steps which leads upwards to an arcade with treasure chambers on either side. At the end of the arcade is a linen veil and behind it is the royal sepulchre. Go through a low doorway guarded by Isis and Osiris and in a small room you will find the sarcophagus. On the sarcophagus is Lanata, the bow made for Tanus by Taita. In the sarcophagus is the body of Tanus. Tanus lies in Pharaoh Mamose's tomb. The Pharaoh's body is safe in another tomb nearby, the tomb of a nobleman.