

# ESCAPE THIS BOOKSTORE!

**Ancient  
Egypt**  
Edition



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Start your adventure!  
Poke a hole through  
each of the two locks  
with your pencil  
and then turn  
the page!

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# Welcome, young explorer!

I am the Master Escapologist. I can escape anything anywhere anytime . . . and I require an assistant. Before I hire you, I need to see if you are up to the challenge.

As you can see, my friend Amicus is locked in a cage. In case you didn't know, Amicus is a gopher! He never shows his face, so you'll have to add what's missing, such as his nose and his mouth . . . and his whiskers. Don't worry about his eyes for now.



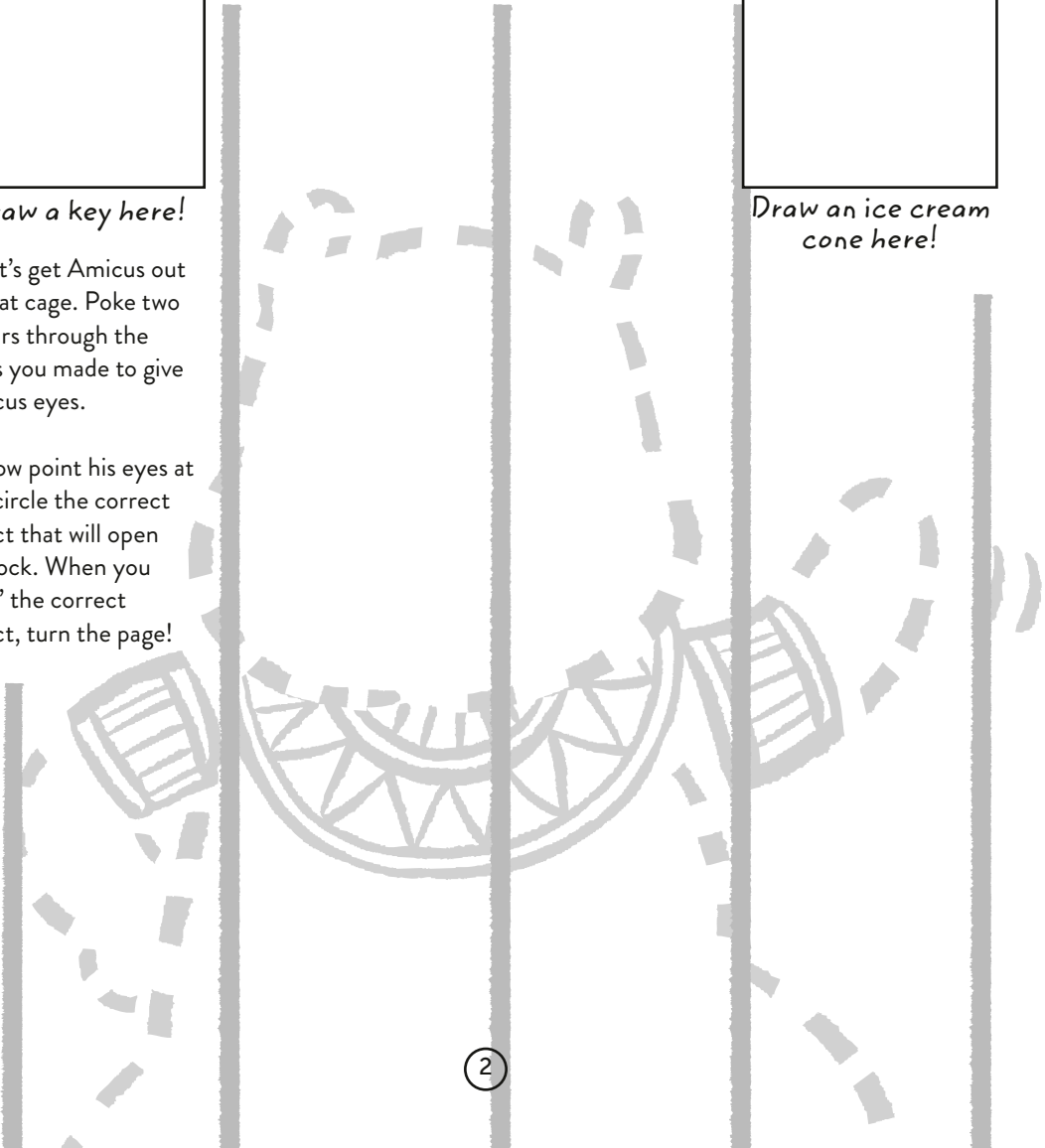
*Draw a key here!*

Let's get Amicus out of that cage. Poke two fingers through the holes you made to give Amicus eyes.

Now point his eyes at and circle the correct object that will open the lock. When you "spy" the correct object, turn the page!



*Draw an ice cream cone here!*



# CHALLENGES

Aces! I hope Amicus kept his eyes on the prize—and not the ice cream.

I'm not sure if you're truly prepared for the tricky challenges ahead. Before we move on, show me you're ready. Snap your fingers twice and whistle for exactly three seconds.

Excellent. Time to prove your skill! Choose a challenge to the right. After you escape, come back here and do the other one. Then turn over the flap and fill in the blanks below. When you've finished, you'll be sent to your final challenge.

Fill in these blanks each time you finish a challenge. When you're done, follow the instructions!

Turn to page

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Unwrap the challenge  
on page 10.



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Solve an ancient mystery  
on page 6.

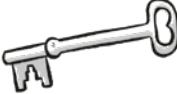




You escaped the Mummy's Curse! Write this number in the bottom blank.




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Are you ready for your last and greatest test so far? First decode the symbols below for more instructions. When you're done, keep reading!

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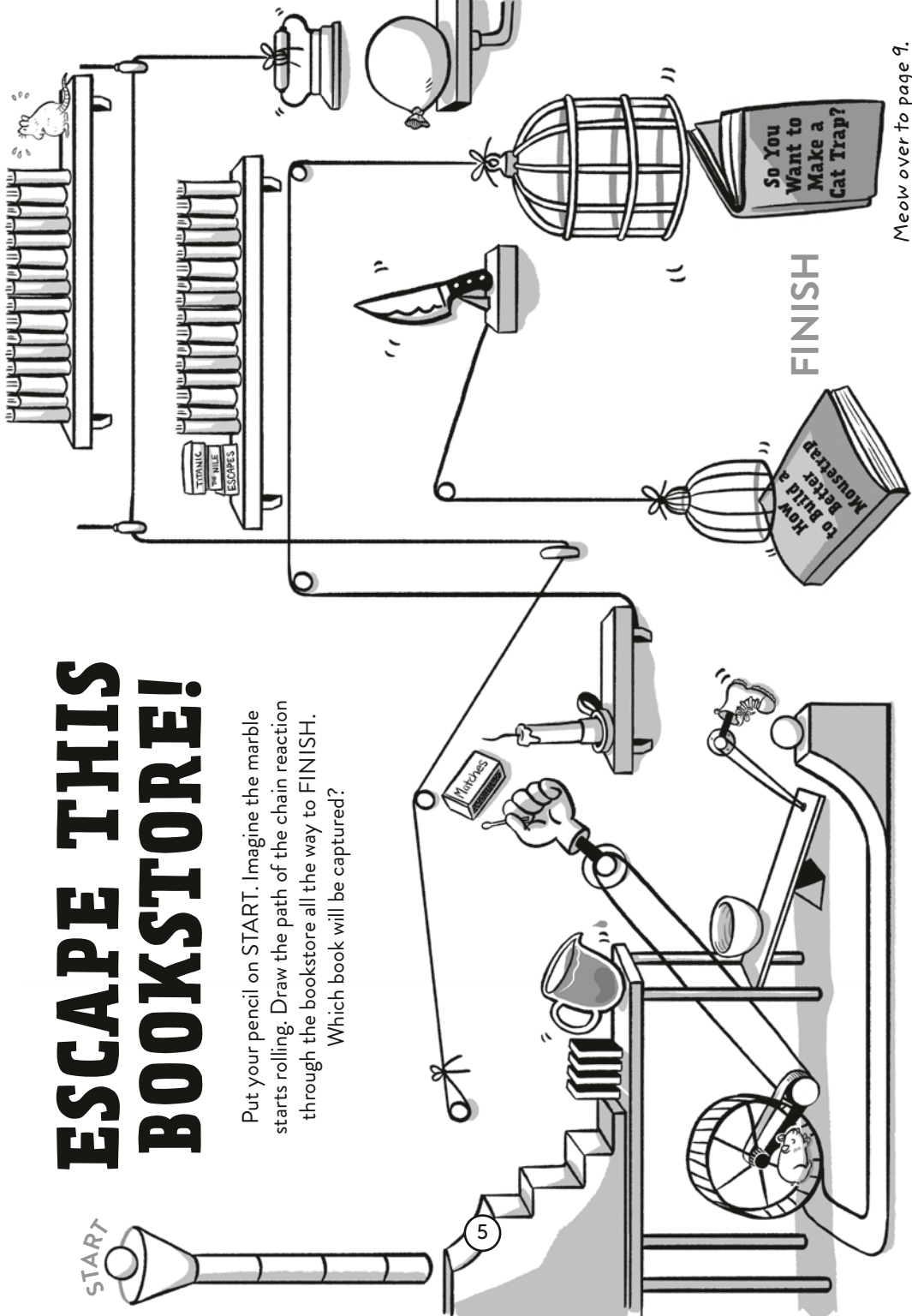
So now that you know what you're looking for, show me how good you are at understanding traps. Turn your booklet sideways to complete page 5!

You solved the Mystery of the Pharaoh! Write this number in the top blank.



# ESCAPE THIS BOOKSTORE!

Put your pencil on START. Imagine the marble starts rolling. Draw the path of the chain reaction through the bookstore all the way to FINISH. Which book will be captured?



Squeak to the top of page 12!

Meow over to page 9.

Are you prepared to solve  
the Mystery of the Pharaoh? Let's find out.  
To discover the identity of this mummified ruler of  
ancient Egypt, answer the five questions on page 7.  
When you get the right answer, tear each strip and fold  
it over onto this page until the pharaoh is revealed!  
(For hints and answers,  
turn to the bottom of page 12.)



What ancient Egyptian symbol is on a U.S. \$1 bill?

**HINT:** It has a pointy top. It was a giant tomb!

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In ancient Egypt, if your family lost a favorite cat, what would you do to show how sad you were?

**HINT:** It's something a man might do to his face every day—only you would do it to a different part of your face. Look right above your eyes!

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The ancient Egyptians invented pens, locks, keys . . . and this stuff that you should be using at least twice a day.

**HINT:** Wow, that's a mouthful! Scrub those pearly whites.

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What was one reason that ancient Egyptian food was kind of crunchy?

**HINT:** The desert would get into everything from bread to dessert.

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How many mummies were found in the Great Pyramid of Giza?

**HINT:** It's less than 10. Grave robbers were VERY good at their jobs.



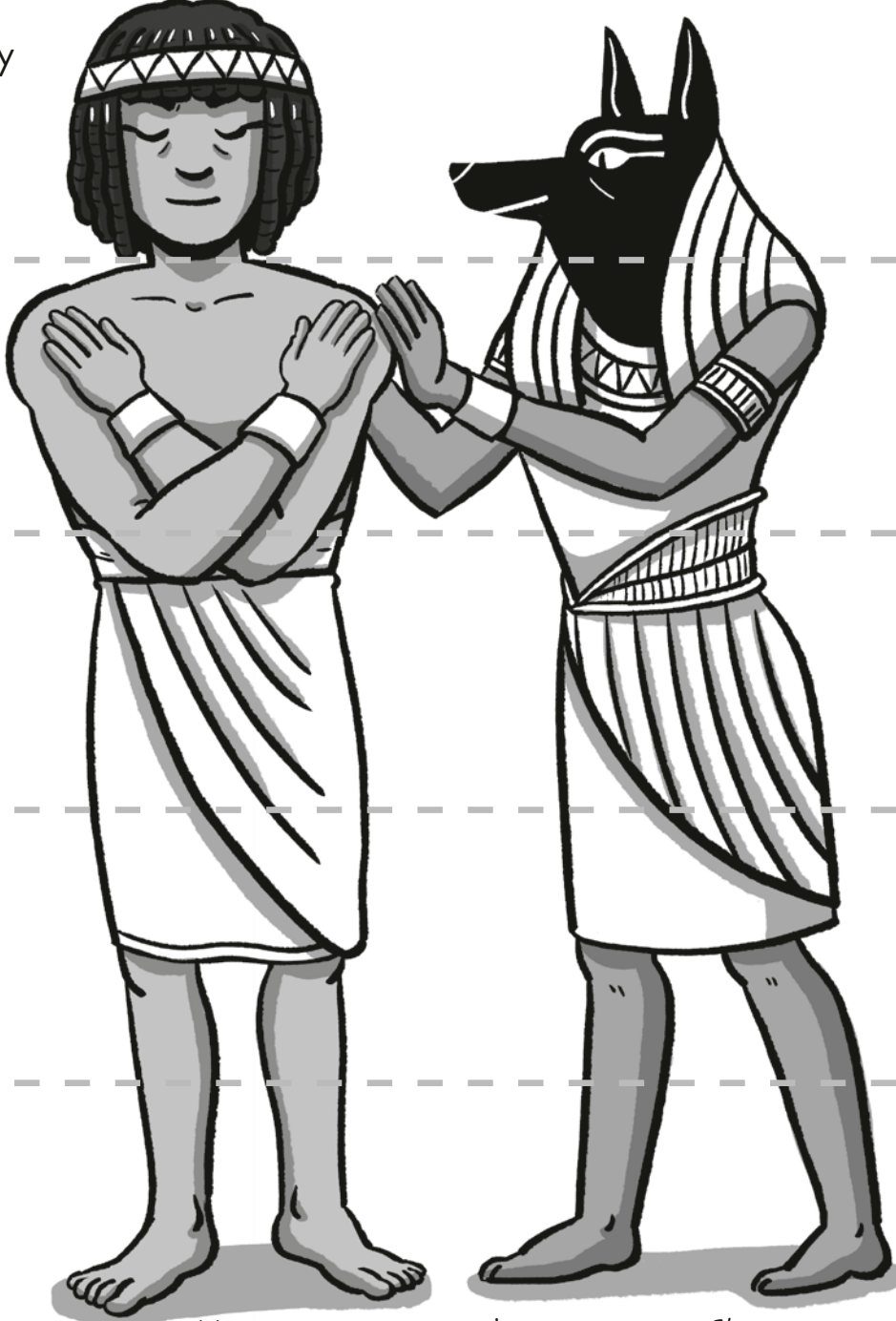
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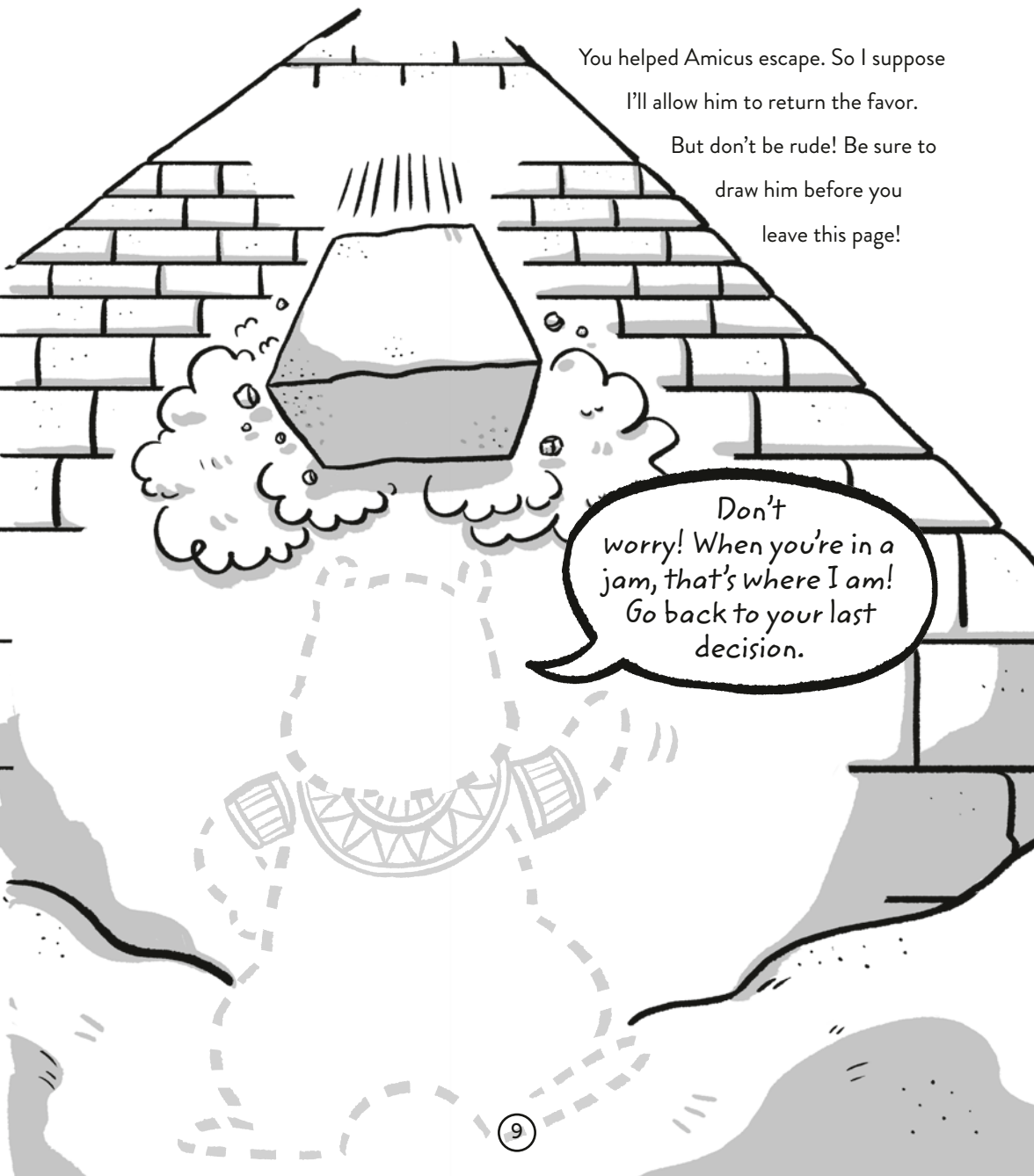


*When you have the pharaoh's name, turn to page 3!*

Well, that was an interesting decision. But I'm afraid it was the wrong one!

You helped Amicus escape. So I suppose I'll allow him to return the favor.

But don't be rude! Be sure to draw him before you leave this page!

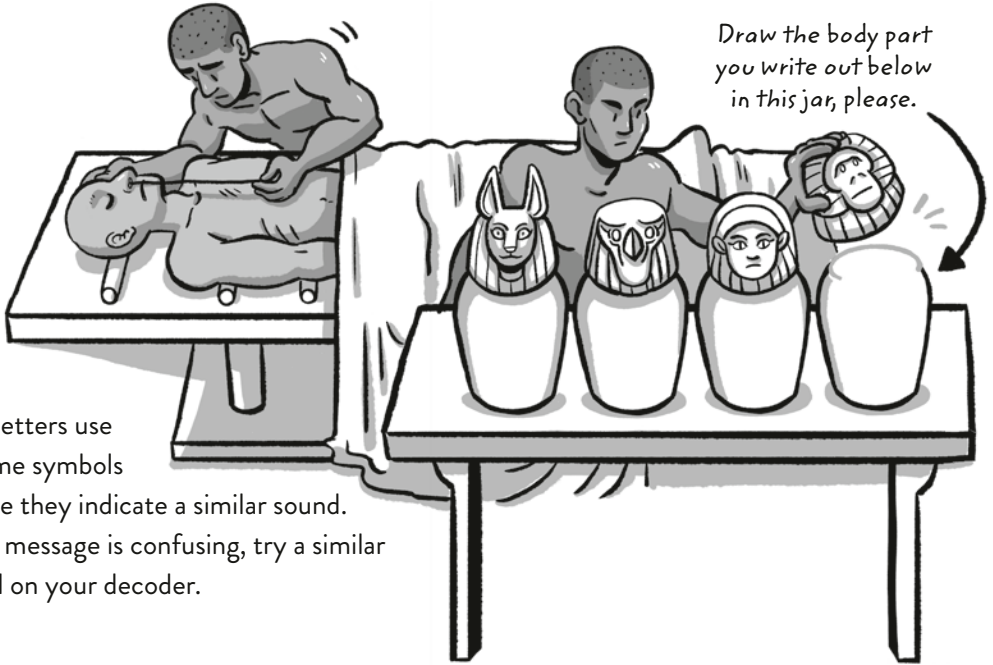


Don't worry! When you're in a jam, that's where I am! Go back to your last decision.

# WELCOME TO THE TOMBS OF ANCIENT EGYPT!

You're now 5,000 years in the past—and I have good news and bad news. The good news is that you'll discover how to make a mummy. The bad news? The plan is to turn you into a mummy unless you can escape.

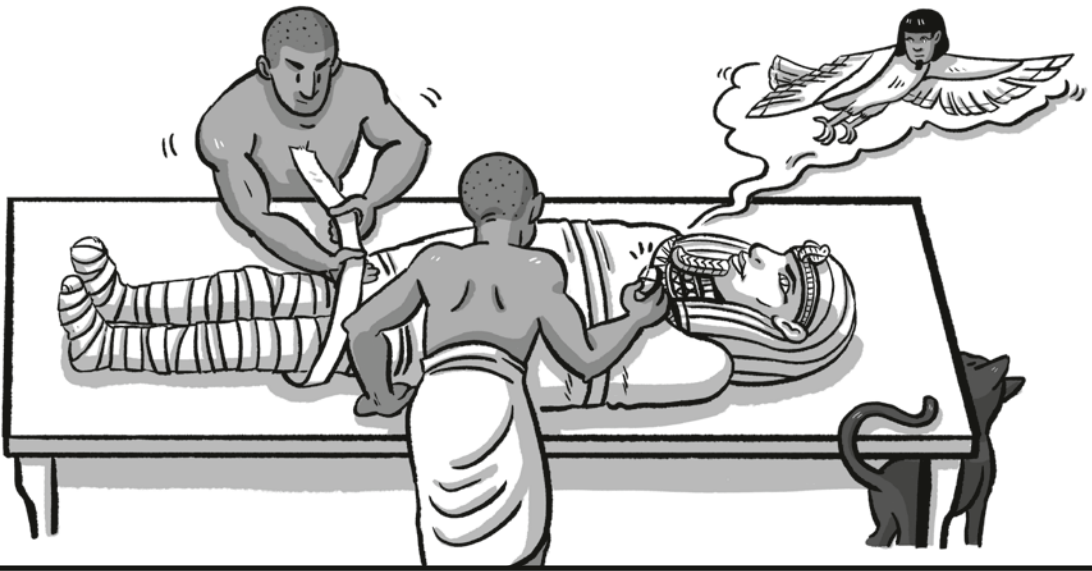
I get a little woozy thinking about mummies and organs. Can you finish this drawing for me? Use your hieroglyphics decoder to figure out which organ to draw.



Some letters use the same symbols because they indicate a similar sound. If your message is confusing, try a similar symbol on your decoder.



Once you are finished, go to the next page.



Did you know that the linen strips wrapping a mummy can be up to a half a mile long? Imagine that the pencil in your hand is a mummy. Tear off the strip at the bottom of this page and then wrap it around the mummy like the example below.

*You should see the missing part of the instructions you need to make your escape.*



TURN TO \_\_\_\_\_ . Do you turn to page 3 or page 9? Go there now!

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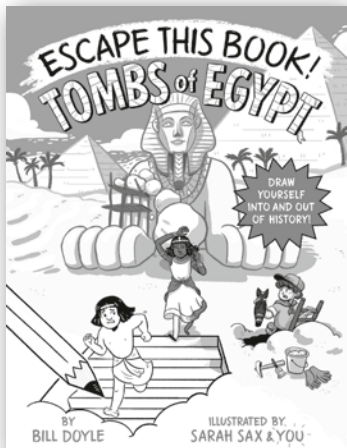
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# WELL DONE, MY FRIEND!

Congratulations! You've completed several tricky challenges . . . and now you're ready for even greater ones! Come with me on adventures that will boggle your mind, tickle your funny bone—and test your escape skills.



Join me on the Titanic,  
in Tombs of Egypt, and on  
a Race to the Moon!



Make every escape great.

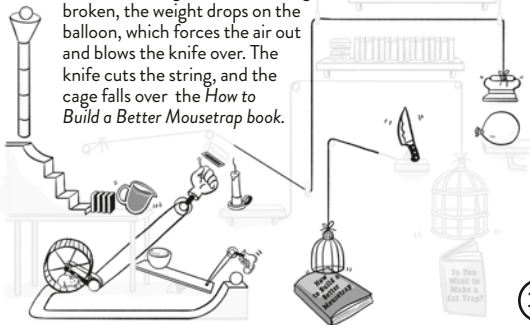
The Master Escapologist

P.S. As a sign of my gratitude, please accept my gift  
of a well-earned certificate!

## ANSWER KEY

**Page 4:** Find the key to your escape inside a book.

**Page 5:** Starting with the marble at point A, the path is as follows: The marble rolls down the stairs and hits the dominos, which tips the cup of water. The water fills the bowl, which tilts the plank and makes the boot hit the ball that's waiting on the step. The ball rolls until it hits the hamster wheel, causing the hamster to run, which moves the belt. The belt pulls the hand down and strikes the match and lights the candle, which burns the string. When the string is broken, the weight drops on the balloon, which forces the air out and blows the knife over. The knife cuts the string, and the cage falls over the *How to Build a Better Mousetrap* book.



**Page 7:** What ancient Egyptian symbol is on a U.S. \$1 bill?

**ANSWER:** A pyramid

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**ANSWER:** You'd shave your eyebrows.

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**ANSWER:** Toothpaste. Their version was made of ox hooves, ashes, and burnt eggshells.

What was one reason that ancient Egyptian food was kind of crunchy?

**ANSWER:** Sand

How many mummies were found in the Great Pyramid of Giza?

**ANSWER:** None. They were all stolen by grave robbers!

**Page 8:** The mummy belongs to RAMESSES II.

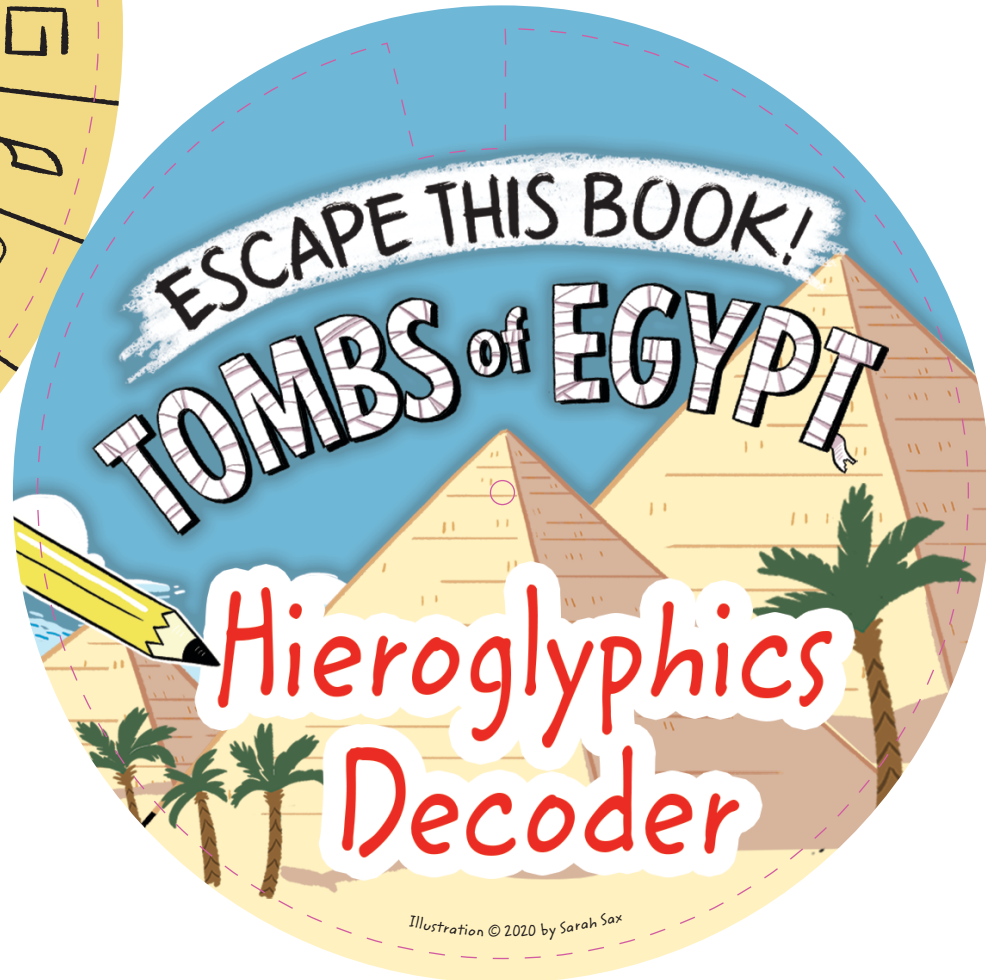
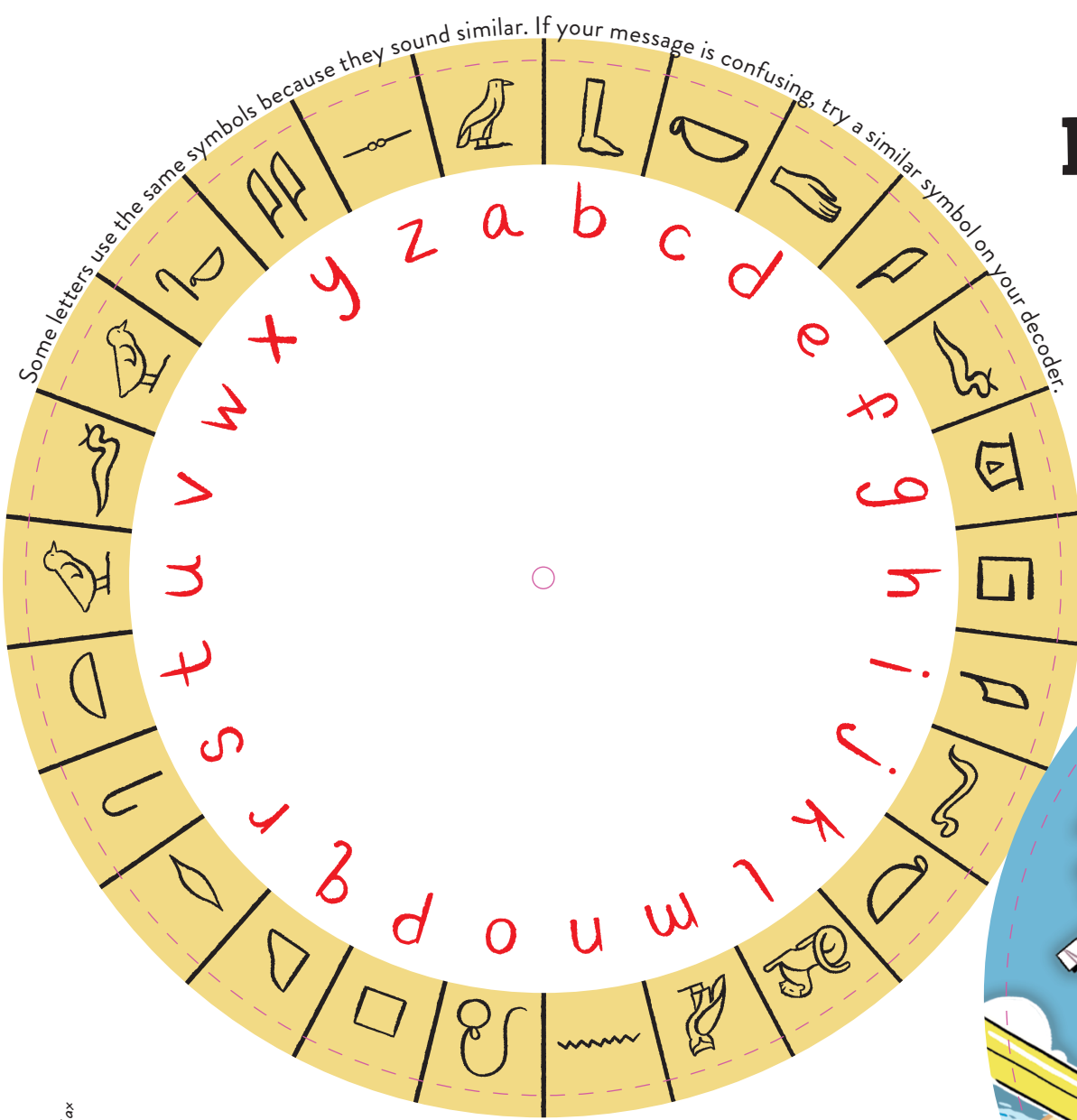
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**Page 10:** The correct answer is LUNGS.

# How to Use your Hieroglyphics Decoder:

Are you ready to unlock the secrets of the great tombs of Egypt? To prepare your Hieroglyphics Decoder, pop out both circles and connect them with the clip provided, then decode your messages by turning the cutout to each symbol.

*Good luck, Master Escapologists!*



# I ESCAPED THIS BOOK!

Today, \_\_\_\_\_, is the day \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Name

successfully completed the  
*Escape This Book! Tombs of Egypt Challenge.*

Use your Hieroglyphics Decoder to decipher the below.



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