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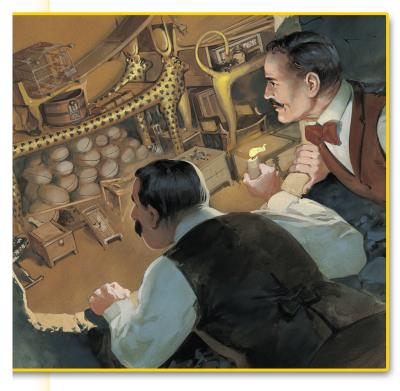




Opening the tomb

In ancient Egypt there was a secret valley among rocks and cliffs on the edge of the desert. It was a burial place for the **pharaohs**, the rulers of ancient Egypt. This was the Valley of the Kings.

In 1922, an **archaeologist** was looking for tombs in the valley. His name was Howard Carter. One day, he found a hidden door, buried by stones and earth.



The ancient Egyptians buried Tutankhamun's treasure thousands of years ago.