

4th Dynasty

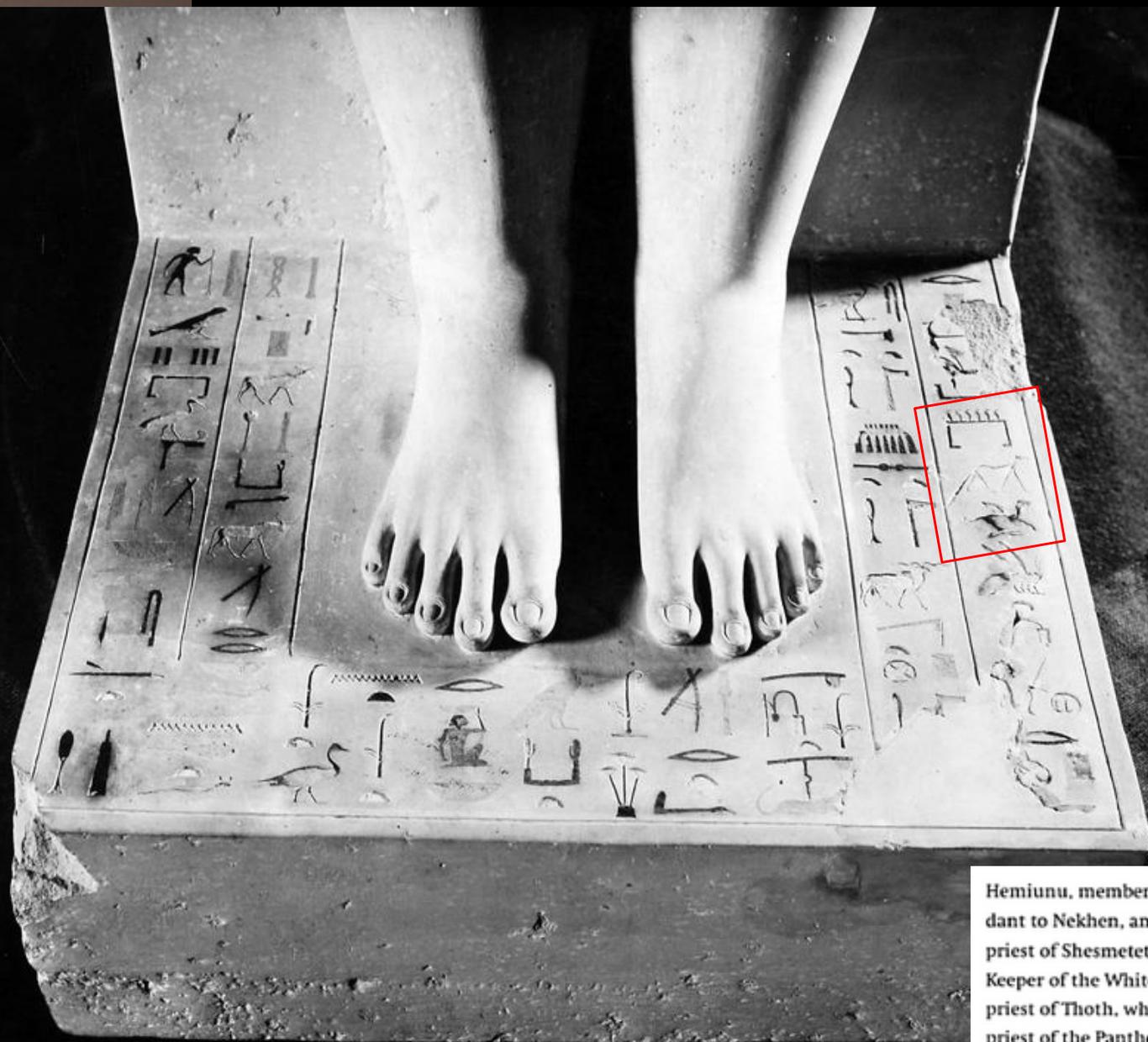
- Sneferu
- Khufu
- Djedefre
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- (Nebka II?)
- Menkaure
- Shepseskaf
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5th Dynasty

- Userkaf
- Sahure
- Neferirkare
- Shepseskare
- Raneferef
- Nyuserre
- Menkauhor
- Djedkare
- Unas

6th Dynasty

- Teti
- Userkare
- Pepi I
- Merenre
- Pepi II
- Queen Nitigret



Hemiunu, member of the elite, high official, vizier, king's seal bearer, attendant to Nekhen, and spokesperson of every resident of Pe, priest of Bastet, priest of Shesmetet, priest of the Ram of Mendes, Keeper of the Apis Bull, Keeper of the White Bull, whom his lord Loves, elder of the palace, high priest of Thoth, whom his lord loves, courtier, Overseer of Royal Scribes, priest of the Panther Goddess, Director of Music of the South and North, Overseer of All Construction Projects of the King, king's son of his own body, Hemiunu.

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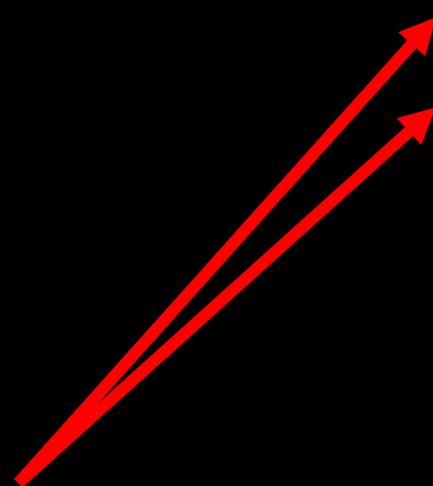
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Beginning of the 5th Dynasty

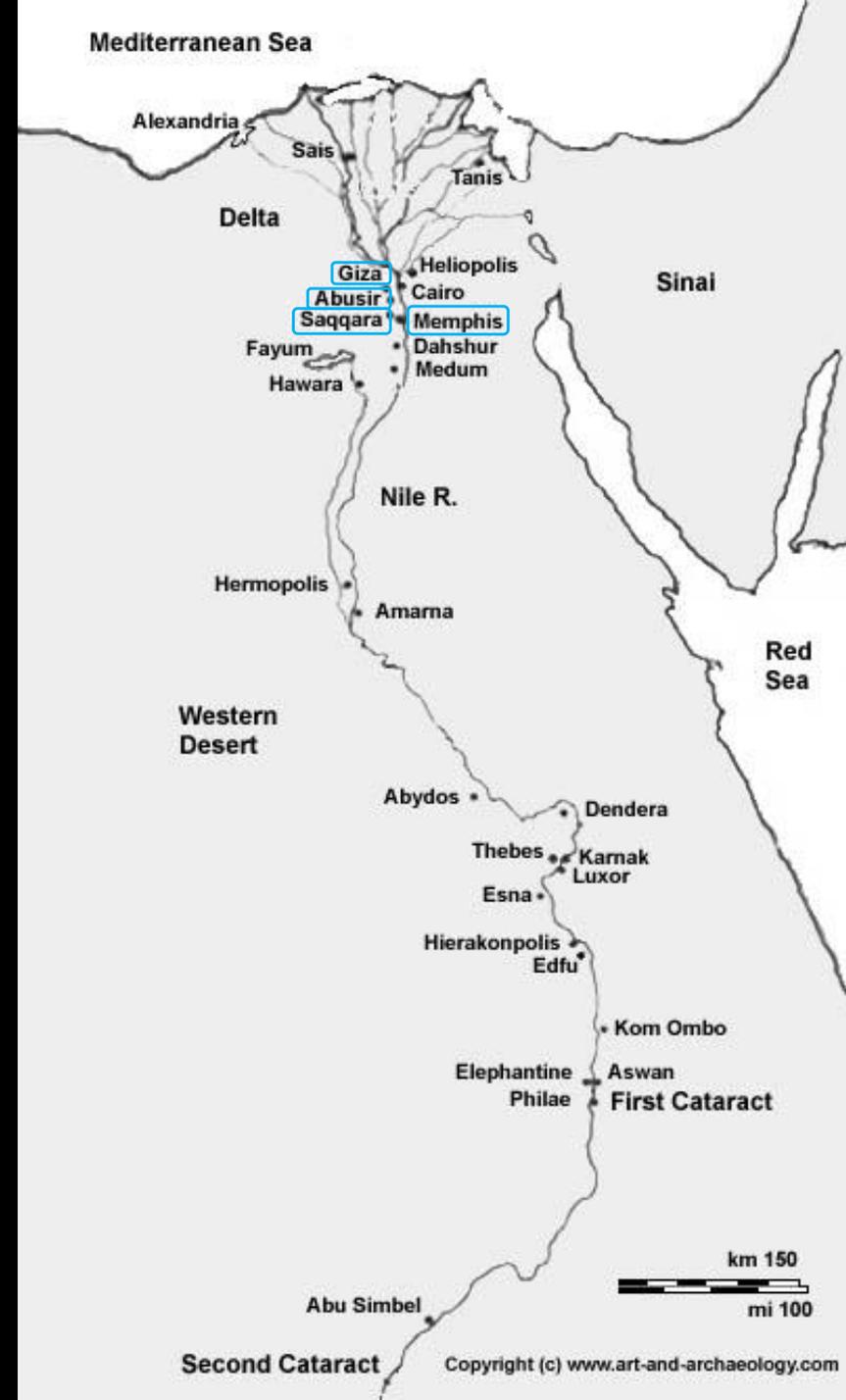
Userkaf, son of Khentkawes?

Sahure, son of Khentkawes?



4th Dyn → 5th/6th Dyn

- **Non-royals** begin to take admin positions/titles
- Officials' tombs move **away** from the locations of royal pyramids
- Provinces administered by **nomarchs** (district governors), buried in **provincial tombs**
- “**Overseer of Upper Egypt**” to complement the office of Vizier in Lower Egypt
- Private tombs get **texts and decoration**

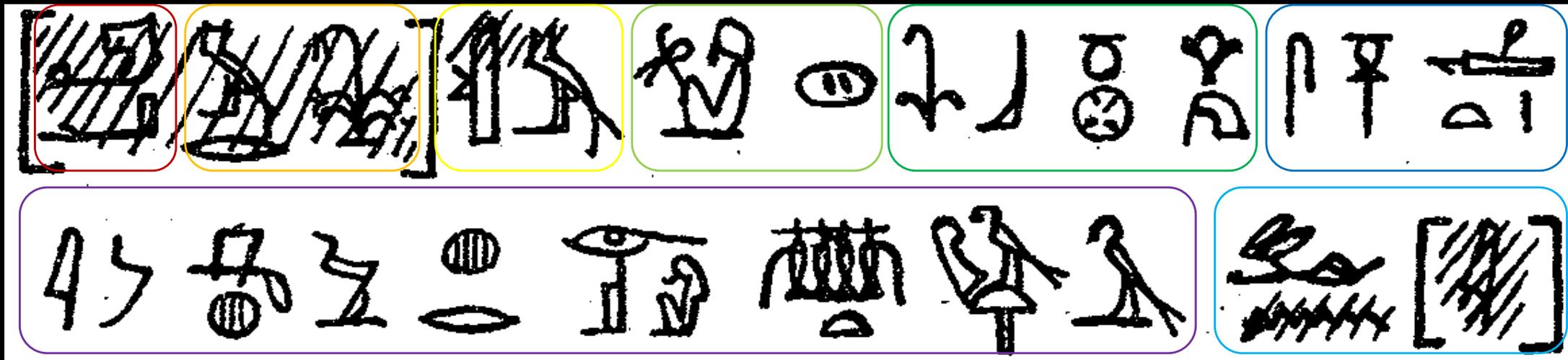


Some functional titles of the Old Kingdom:

- Vizier *t3yty z3b t3ty*
- Overseer of Royal Works *imy-r k3t nzwt*
- Overseer of Treasury *imy-r pr-ḥd*
- Overseer of the Granary *imy-r šnwt*
- Overseer of Upper Egypt *imy-r šm'w*
- Great Overlord of Nome X (Nomarch) *ḥry-tp ʿ3 n [X]*
- Various priestly titles (in the 6th Dynasty, nomarchs are increasingly assigned temple functions)
- Guard/Attendant in some form of service to the king, at all status levels *ḥnty-š*
- Overseer of the Great Mansions (a legal position) *imy-r ḥwt wrt*
- Overseer of the King's Documents (highest scribal title) *imy-r zš nzwt*

Some ranking/honorary titles of the Old Kingdom:

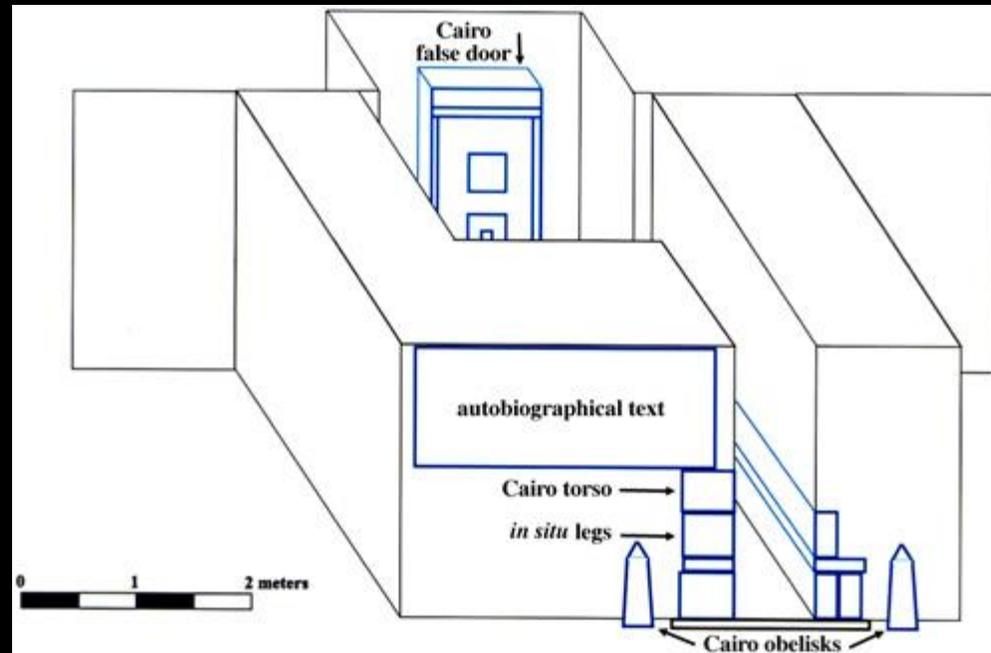
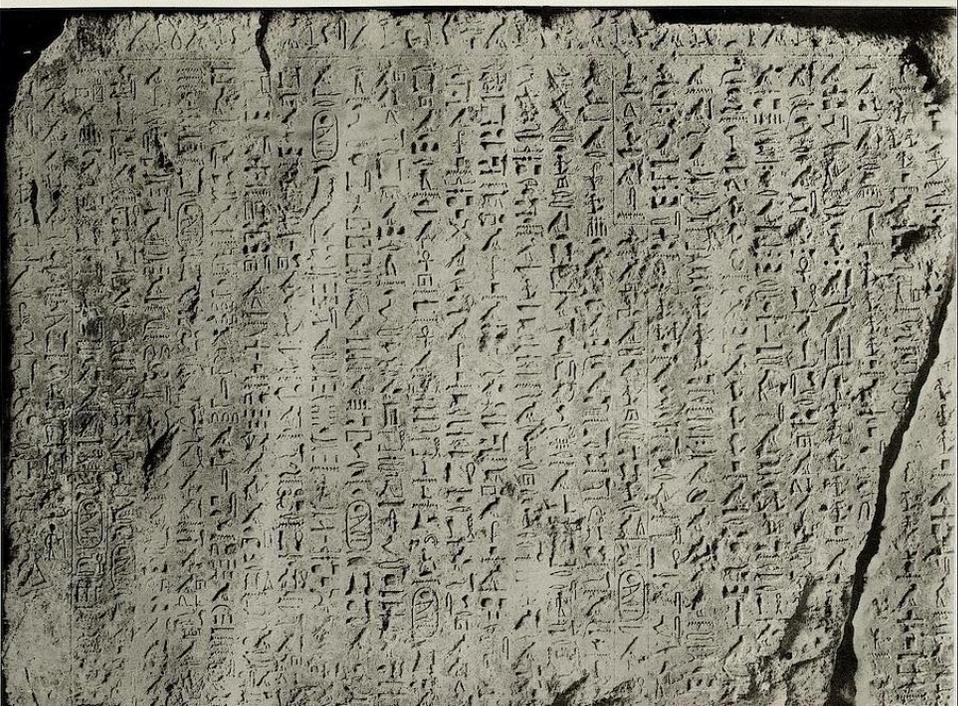
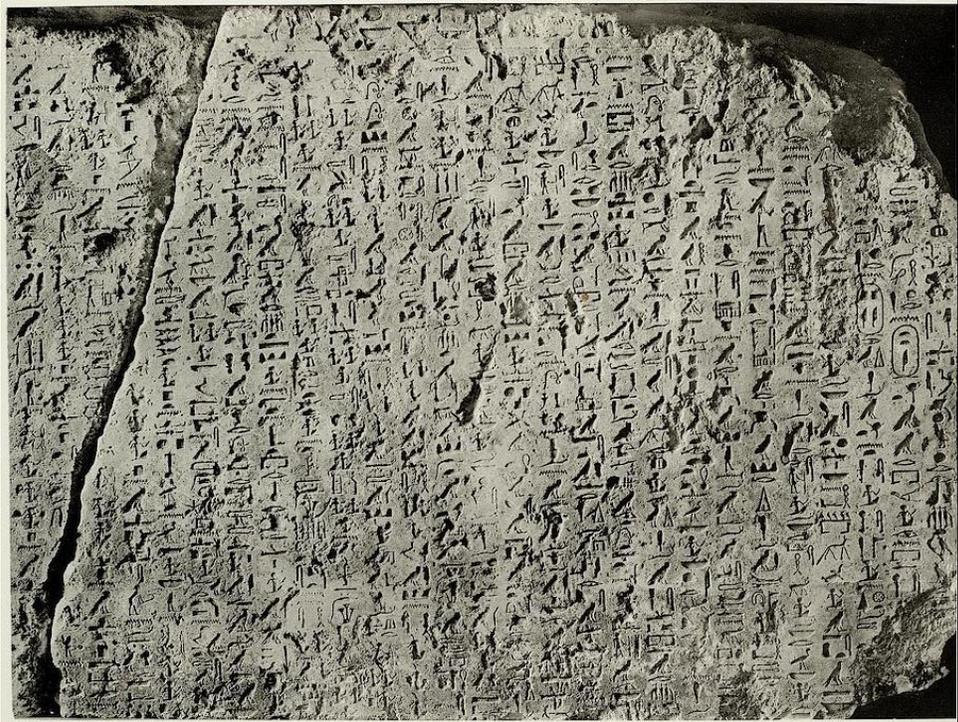
- Hereditary noble (the most senior noble rank) *iry-p't*
- Count (2nd highest rank; but w/ geographic location it's "mayor," and functional) *ḥ3ty-'*
- King's Son/Daughter (but + "of his body" might be a functional title) *s3-nzwt*
- Sole Companion *smr w'ty*
- Royal Acquaintance *rh-nzwt*
- Guard/Attendant as a ceremonial position for higher-ups *ḥnty-š*
- Revered One/One Who Has Been Provided for (in death) *im3ḥw*



h3ty-^c *imy-r šm^cw* *imy-r izt* *z3w nhn* *hry-tp nhb*
 COUNT OVERSEER OF UPPER EG. COURTIER GUARDIAN OF SUPERVISOR OF NEKHEB

HIERAKONPOLIS

smr w^ct *im3hw hr wsir hnty-imntyw* *Wni*
 SOLE COMPANION PROVIDED FOR (DEAD) UNDER OSIRIS, FOREMOST OF WESTERNERS WENI



Weni, 6th Dynasty, Abydos

(4) I requested from the Majesty of my lord that there be brought for me a sarcophagus of limestone from Tura,² and His Majesty had a god's treasurer cross over together with a detachment of sailors under his charge to fetch for me this sarcophagus from Tura. It (the sarcophagus) returned with him in a great cargo boat of the (royal) Residence, together with its lid, a false door, a lintel, two door jambs, and one offering table.³ Never had the like been done for any servant of his, for I was excellent in the heart of His Majesty, because I was firmly rooted in the heart of His Majesty, and because the heart of His Majesty was filled with me, although my office was (only) that of senior warden of Nekhen.

(3) I am an *imakbu*, (4) beloved of his fathers,
(5) favored of his mothers, (6) who buries the aged,

I gave bread to all the hungry of the twelfth nome of Upper Egypt,
(12) clothes to the naked therein.
I kept its (*the nome's*) banks filled (13) with cattle, its pastures with
herds.

-- Henku, late OK nomarch

(1) The king of Upper and Lower Egypt, Neferirkare, appeared³² as the king of Lower Egypt on the day of taking the prow-rope of the god's boat.³³

(2) Now the *sem* priest Rewer was at the feet of his majesty in his noble office (3) of *sem* priest and keeper of ritual equipment. The *ames* scepter (4) which his majesty was holding blocked the way of the *sem* priest Rewer.

His majesty said to him, (5) "Be well!"—thus spoke his majesty. His majesty said: "it is the desire of my majesty (6) that he be very well, and that no blow be struck against him."³⁴

For indeed he was more valuable (7) in the sight of his majesty than any man.

His majesty then commanded that it be placed in writing (8) on his tomb of the necropolis, and his majesty had a (9) document about it made for him, written in the presence of the king himself, (10) in the workshop of the Great House, so that it was written (11) in his tomb of the necropolis in accordance with what had been [said].

-- Rawer, 5th Dynasty priest

(8) His Majesty sent me at the head of this army, there being counts, there being royal sealbearers, there being sole companions of the Great Estate, there being chieftains and estate rulers of the southland and northland, companions, overseers of foreign tongue speakers, overseers of priests of the southland and northland, and overseers of the work centers at the head of the troop of the southland and northland and the estates and towns which they governed, (as well as) the Nubians of these foreign lands. I used to effectuate (military) plans for them, my office being (only) that of overseer of the officials of the palace, through the rectitude of my position, so that not one of them struck his fellow, so that not one of them took away a loaf of bread or a pair of sandals from a wayfarer, so that not one of them seized a bolt of cloth from any town, so that not one of them took away a goat from anyone. I led them from the northern island, the gateway of I(m)hotep, the plateau of Hor-neb-Maat,¹⁰ this office of mine being (only) that of . . . everything. I inspected (?) these troops of mine. Never (before) had they been inspected by any (such) servant.

-- from the biography of Weni, 6th Dynasty

(15) His Majesty sent me to excavate five canals in the southland and to fashion three barges and four towboats of acacia-wood of Wawat (Nubia) while the chieftains of Jrtjet, Wawat, Iam, and Medja were felling wood for them.¹⁵ I carried it out entirely in a single year, they being launched and laden with granite very greatly destined for Kha-nefer-Merenre. Now an (economic) saving (or shortening of the distance?) was made for the Palace with these five watercourses in their entirety through the worthiness, through the renown, and through the awe of the might of the King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Merenre, living forever, more than that of any gods. It was according to the utterance of the command of his *Ka* that everything comes to pass.

(6) When proceedings were instigated in the Privy Palace against the queen,⁵ “great of scepter,” in private, His Majesty had me go down to judge, my being singled out, there not being any vizier or any official there except for me, because of my excellence, because of my being rooted in the estimation of His Majesty, and because of His Majesty’s heart being filled with me. It was I who put it into writing alone together with a single senior warden of Nekhen, while my office was (only that of) overseer of the officials of the palace. Never before had the like been heard in a private matter of the Privy Palace, except for His Majesty’s having me judge, because of my excellence in the estimation of His Majesty more than any official of his, more than any noble of his, and more than any servant of his.

O you who live on earth and who shall pass by this tomb,
do you desire that the king favor you
and that you be *imakbu* in the sight of the Great God?
Then you shall say
“a thousand of bread and a thousand of beer for Nekhebu, the
imakbu.”
You shall not destroy anything in this tomb,
for I am an [excellent] and prepared *akb*.
With regard to any man who shall destroy anything in this tomb,
I shall be judged with them by the Great God.
For I am speaker of perfection and a repeater of perfection.
I never spoke anything evil against any man.

-- Nekhebu, 6th Dynasty Overseer of the
Royal Works

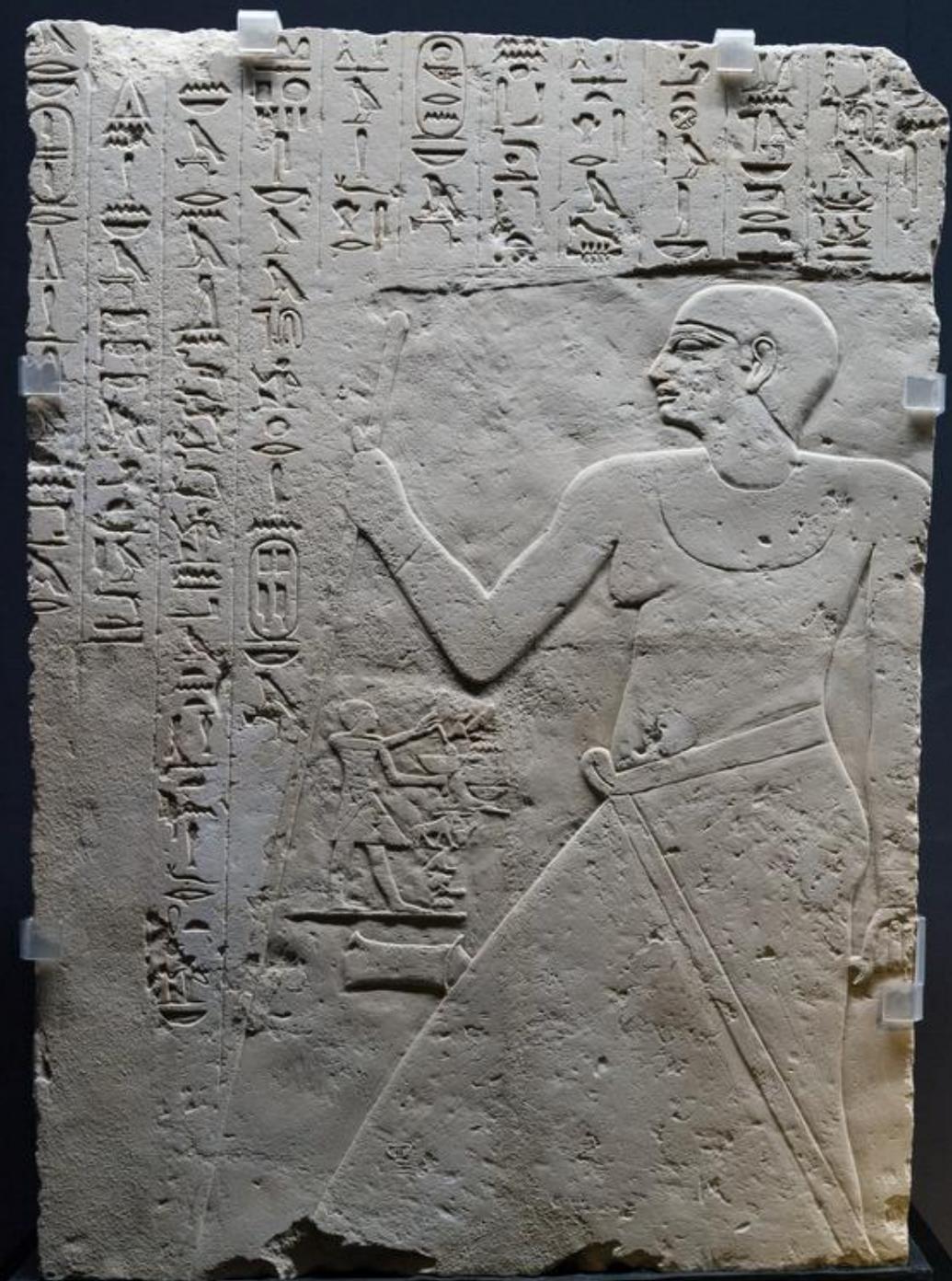
(2) An offering which the king and an offering which Osiris, lord of Busiris give
that he may travel doubly in peace
upon the ways which are made holy of the West,
upon which the *imakhu* travel,
that he may ascend to the Great God, the lord of heaven,
to make offerings and to seek the state of *imakhu*.

(3) An offering which the king and an offering which Anubis, who dwells in Sepa, give
that invocation offerings may be made for him
in the necropolis in the Western Desert,
that he may be transfigured by the lector priest
through the secret writings of the house of the god's words

-- Hezi, 6th Dynasty Vizier

“Leave (everything) and bring with you the pygmy which you have brought from the land of the inhabitants of the horizon, alive, in good health and strong so that he may dance for the God and make cheerful and rejoicing the heart of the king of Upper and Lower Egypt...If you come with him in the ship, set well-advised men about him on both sides of the boat and take care that he does not fall in the water. If he lies down to sleep during the night, have wise men to sleep beside him in his tent; go and check, ten times in the night. Because My Majesty wishes to see this pygmy more than all the tributes of Sinai or Punt.” – Pepi II as a young boy

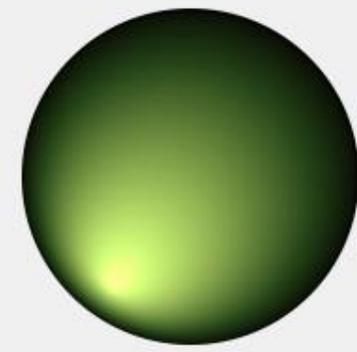




Iny, a 6th Dynasty official







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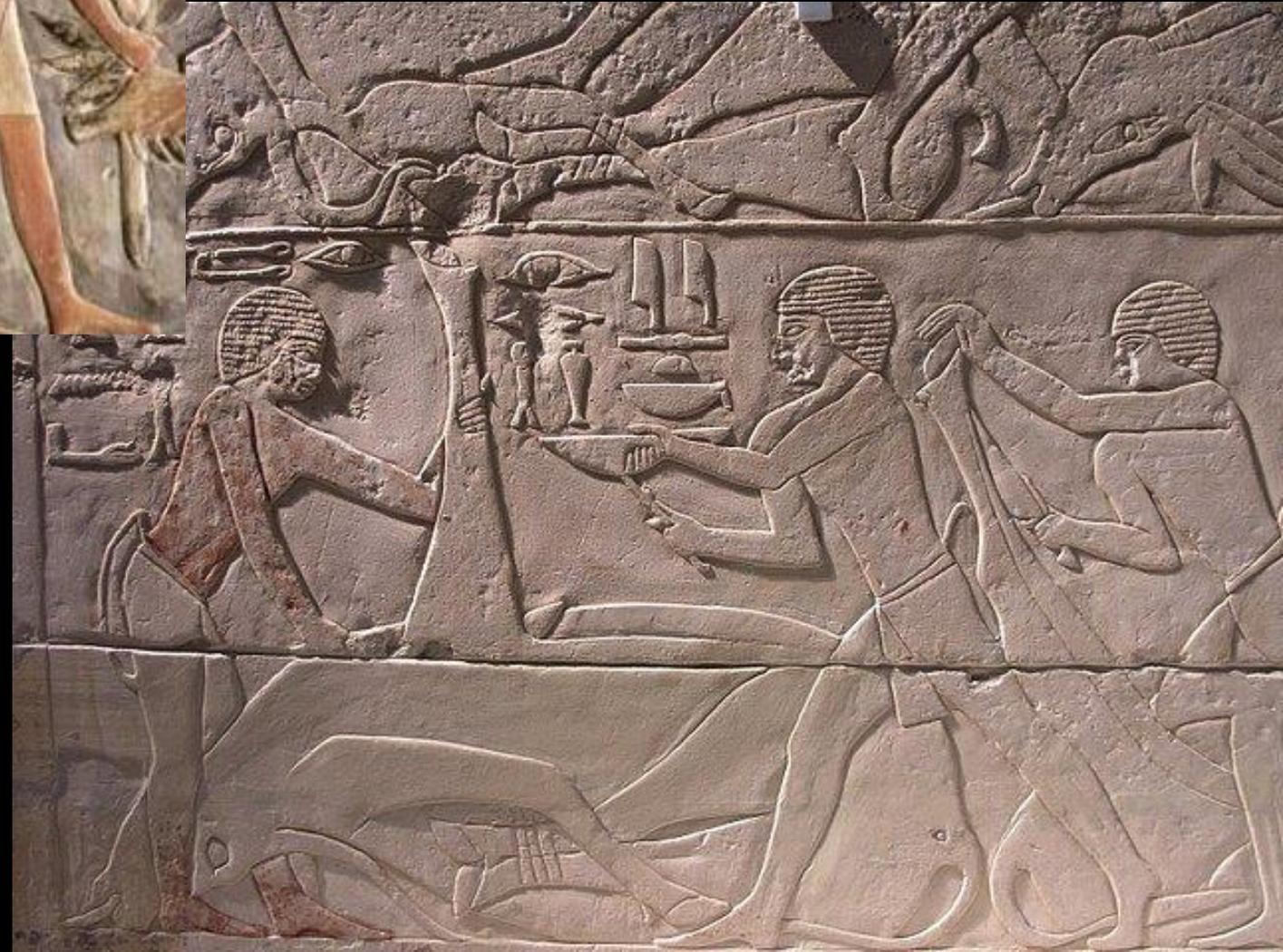
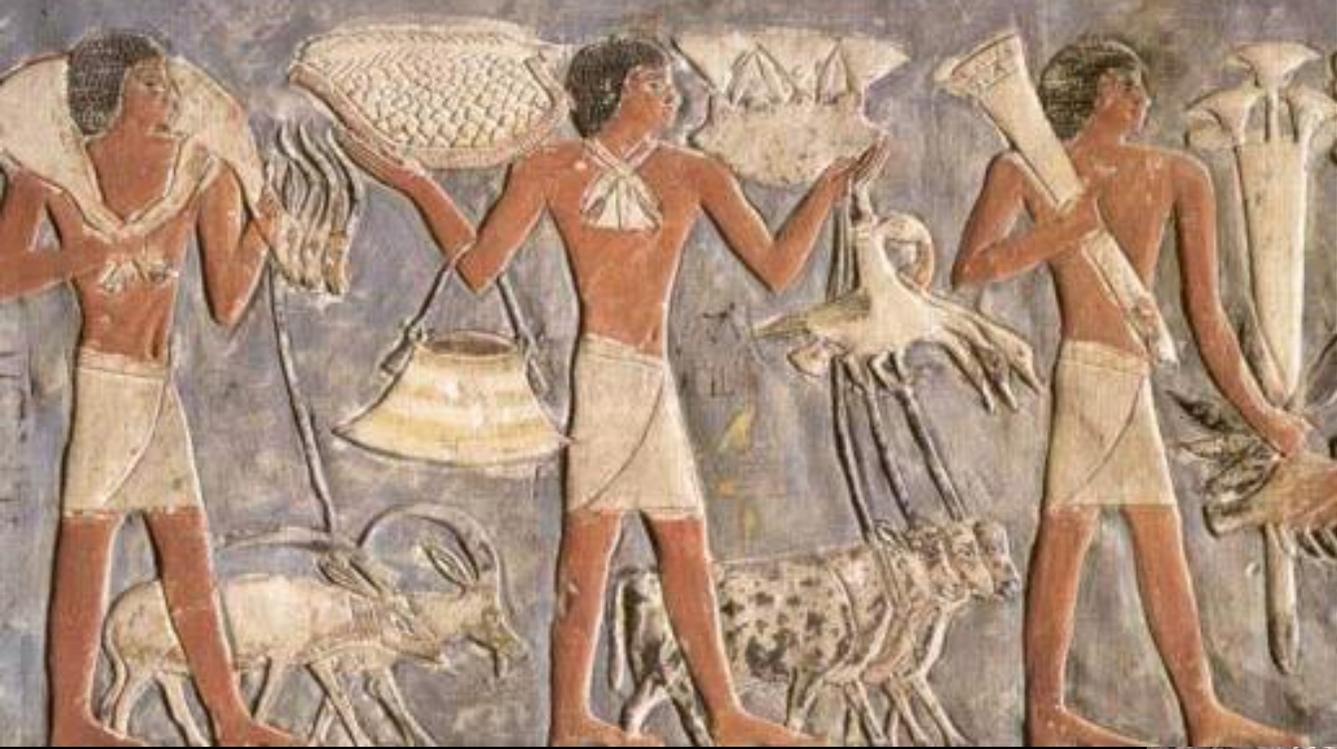
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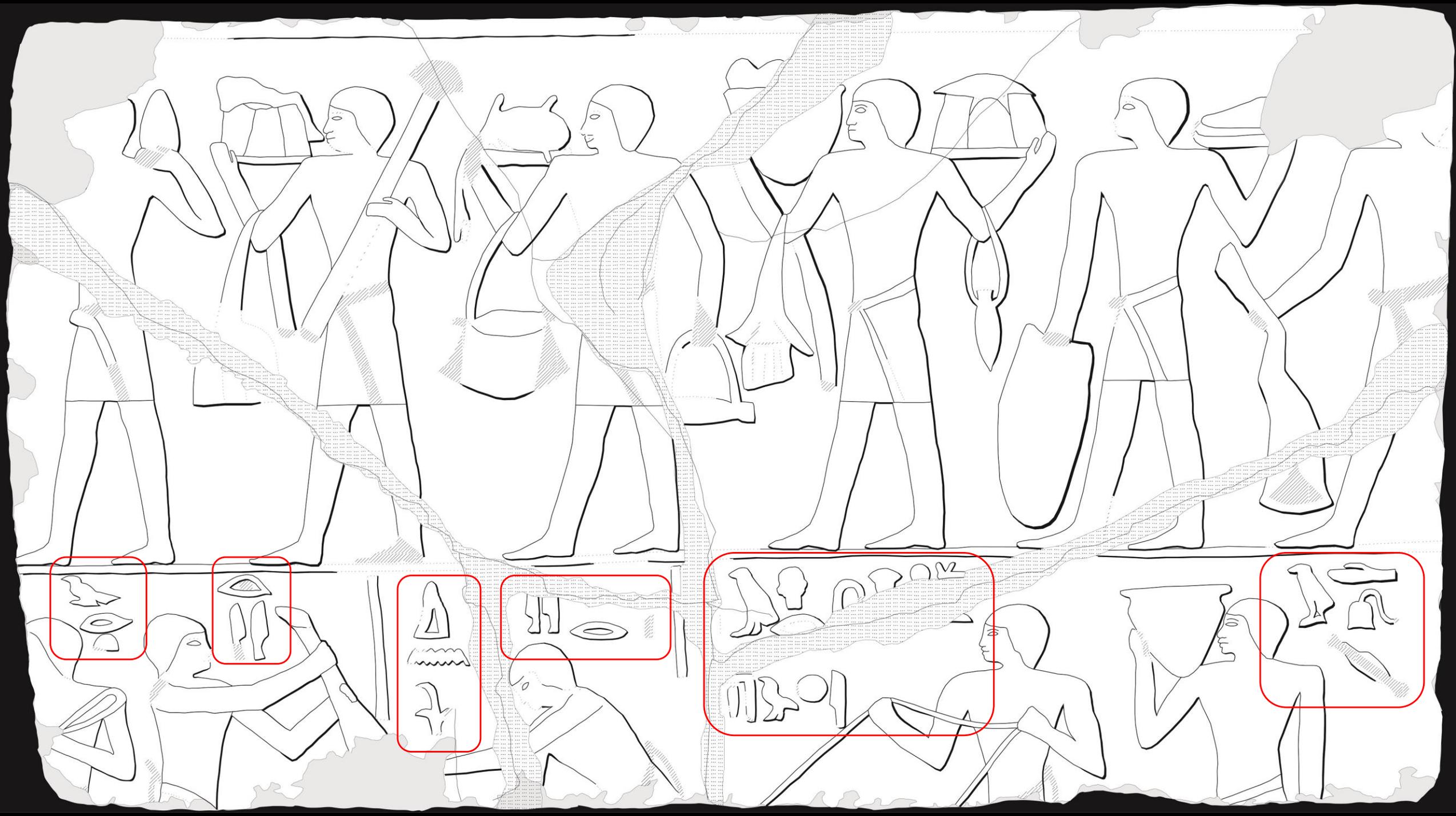
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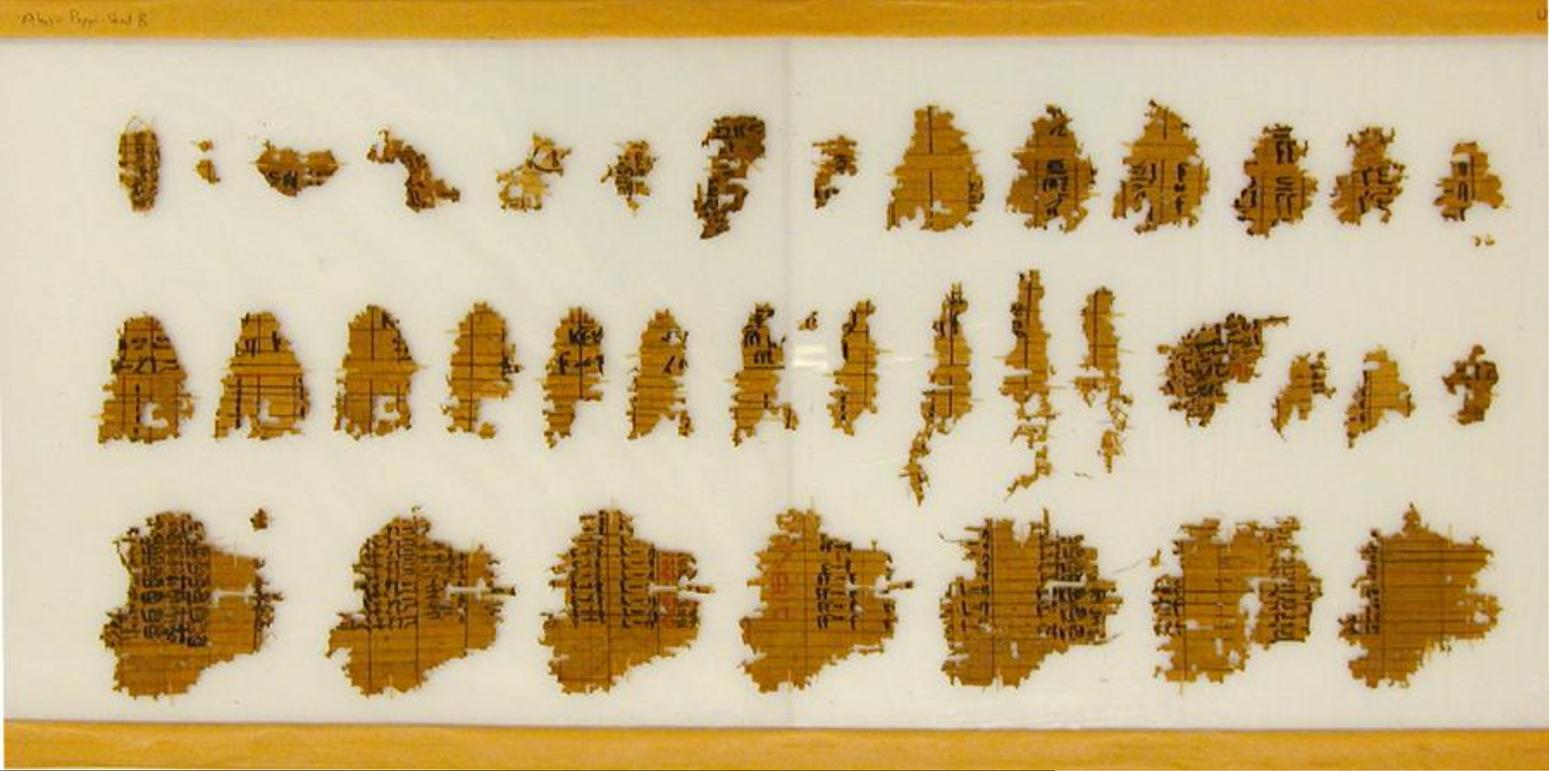
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