

WORLD WONDERS THE PYRAMIDS!

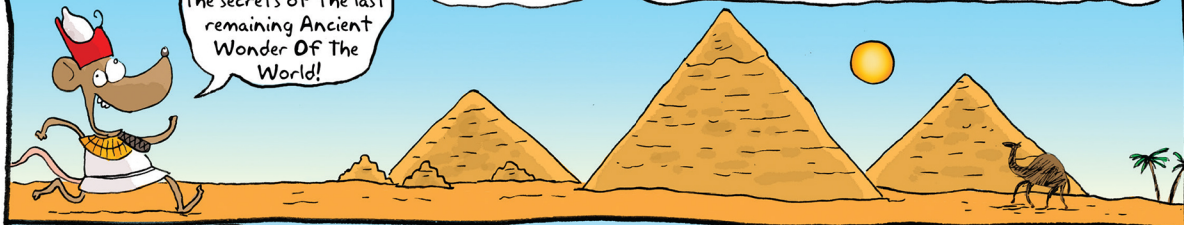
This month, NG Kib's time-travelling mouse, Max, zooms back in history to investigate the mysterious secrets of the Great Pyramids!

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Come with me, readers, as I uncover the secrets of the last remaining Ancient Wonder Of the World!

The Great Pyramid Of Giza, in Egypt!

Over 4,500 years ago, a group of these amazing structures were built as tombs for the Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt, and his wives.



The largest pyramid, known as the Great Pyramid Of Giza, is over 146m tall and took about 20 years to build using 2.3 million blocks of granite.

The Pyramid's capstone has disappeared. People think it was stolen as it was probably made of gold.

O! My capstone!

Egyptian pyramids are triangular to represent the sun's rays shining on the Earth!

The largest blocks weigh about 80 tonnes and were transported more than 800km!

Arr! My tail!

The heavy blocks were dragged up ramps encircling the Pyramid.

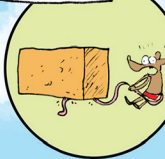
Leg it!

King's shaft: this is believed to be a passage for the Pharaoh's spirit to ascend to heaven.

The Great Pyramid was the tallest structure for 3,800 years! Lincoln Cathedral beat it in 1311.

Bah!

Ha ha! All right down there?



Once in place, the blocks were covered in smooth limestone to make the Pyramid look shiny!

King's chamber: home of the Pharaoh's tomb.

The gallery

Mysterious queen's shaft.

After an earthquake, much of the limestone fell off. People stole it to construct new buildings. Cheeky!

Willing workers, not slaves, built the pyramids. Believed to be the son of a god, people were very happy to work for the Pharaoh!

Queen's chamber: probably not a chamber for the queen at all, but maybe an abandoned king's chamber.

Another abandoned chamber below ground.

The pyramids are amazing engineering marvels. They're so mysterious that some people in the 1960s decided that they weren't tombs at all, but spaceships to the stars!

EEK!

The Pharaoh was sealed in his tomb with his favourite furniture, weapons and jewellery, so he could take it with him to the afterlife.

Hardly any treasure remains due to looting over the centuries.

Or maybe he DID take it with him! Ha ha!

It's amazing to think these ancient structures still stand today. A testament to the skills of the Ancient Egyptians.

Even now, scientists are discovering secret passages in the catacombs inside. Who knows what secrets are still hidden in the Great Pyramid Of Giza?

