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FOREWORD

Thousands of years ago, in the first great civilizations that man built, there ruled kings of power and wealth and majesty. They were called pharaohs, and their land was Egypt. These men did not believe in death as a thing of permanence, but merely as a hiatus on the trip from this world to the rich, full life of the next. In accordance with this belief, these ancient monarchs planned their tombs as monuments, as hagemansions as their family estates. They were proud kings of a proud people. Nothing but the very finest of materials would be used for their pyramids, the wonders of the ancient world, and, of course, the great foundation stones which would support the staggering weight of the tombs were given primary consideration.

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