

## HINTS

These tips will help you assemble the Mystery of the Pyramid Jigsaw Puzzle

- 1. The fit between the corner pieces and the face pieces of the pyramid is "tighter" than the fit of a traditional jigsaw puzzle. This is normal and gives the pyramid its structure.**
- 2. Be sure that the corner pieces are well creased. If you give them a good bend, the pyramid will keep its square shape. See the diagram on page 2.**
- 3. Once you've figured out how the puzzle works, group the pieces needed for the pyramid structure with the side on which they will be placed. Keeping them organized this way makes the logic of the puzzle more clear.**
- 4. Work on each side, or face, of the pyramid singly. When you've completed a side of the pyramid, set it aside and proceed to the next. Lock the four sides together only after you've solved the mystery.**

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## MYSTERY OF THE PYRAMID JIGSAW PUZZLE

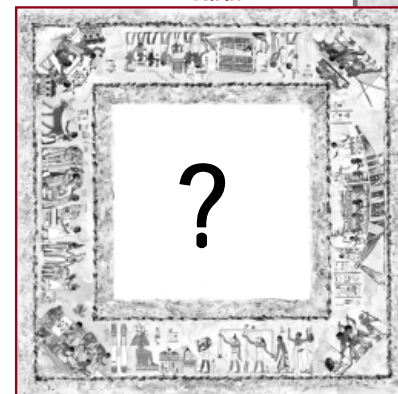
### Explorer's Book

Use the selected excavation notes in this book as clues to construct the pyramid. Can you solve the mystery without using the solution (see pages 4-7)? Before you start, check out the hints on the back cover of this book.

1/18 - a routine student expedition to an area outside Luxor has uncovered a heretofore unknown Egyptian dig. Wisely assessing the importance of the discovery, the expedition's leader has called us to aid in the excavation. We are amazed by what we've found.

**Phase 1 of our project will be to completely uncover and catalog the site.**

North



South

2/4 - our first aerial photos of the area reveal incredible detail. The site is nearly exactly square with a center site which has been levelled and appears prepped as though for a building site, but there is no ruin or partial construction. What was to go there? A tomb? A Temple?

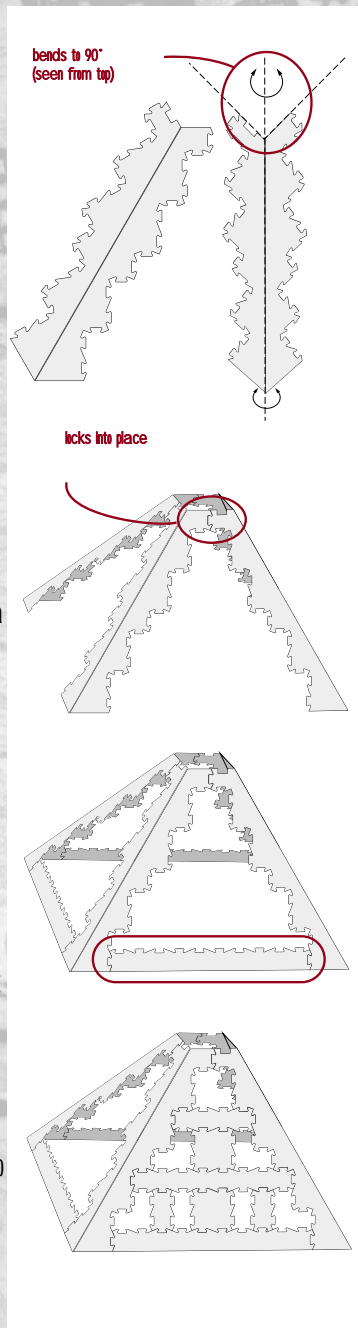
3/22 - found a broken tablet today - it describes a second site, nearly ten miles away. Sent a team.

3/23 - reports from 2nd site suggest a huge number of precisely cut stones. Though impossible to be sure, it appears initially that they were intentionally buried, as though to hide or preserve the blocks. Why?

6/1 - We've completed the catalog of blocks at site 2. there appear to be 4 sets of stones identical save for symbols on their faces - symbols which exactly match many of those at our base site. We believe that they are the structure which was never completed in flattened area here. With permission, we've begun carefully transporting them here.

7/15 - lengthy consultation with an expert on Egyptian architecture has convinced us that what we have here is a pyramid. We've made drawings of how it would be assembled using the blocks from the second site. Strangely, this pyramid lacks a burial chamber. We think it may not be a tomb. The symbols lead us to think that it is some kind of ancient message.

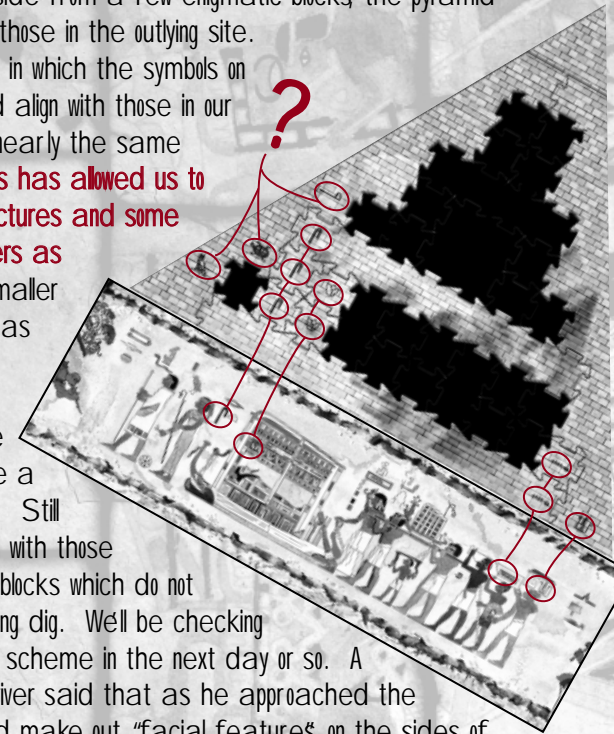
7/25 - It took us a long time to figure out that the corner assemblies needed to be worked until they formed a right angle when seen from the top. **Then these 4 corner structures can be locked together forming the square base of the pyramid.** The next pieces were combinations of blocks which have a support function in the overall assembly. Long Blocks along the pyramid's base maintain shape and other smaller blocks provide the rigid framework needed to complete construction. Each panel has the same arrangement,



8/19 - major breakthrough - We're sure that the outlying site is a key to building the pyramid. Aside from a few enigmatic blocks, the pyramid symbols match exactly those in the outlying site. The whole site is a grid in which the symbols on one side of the pyramid align with those in our outer dig. They are in nearly the same orientation as well. **This has allowed us to place the 4 corner structures and some of the supporting members as well.** We believe the smaller blocks will fall into place as we continue.

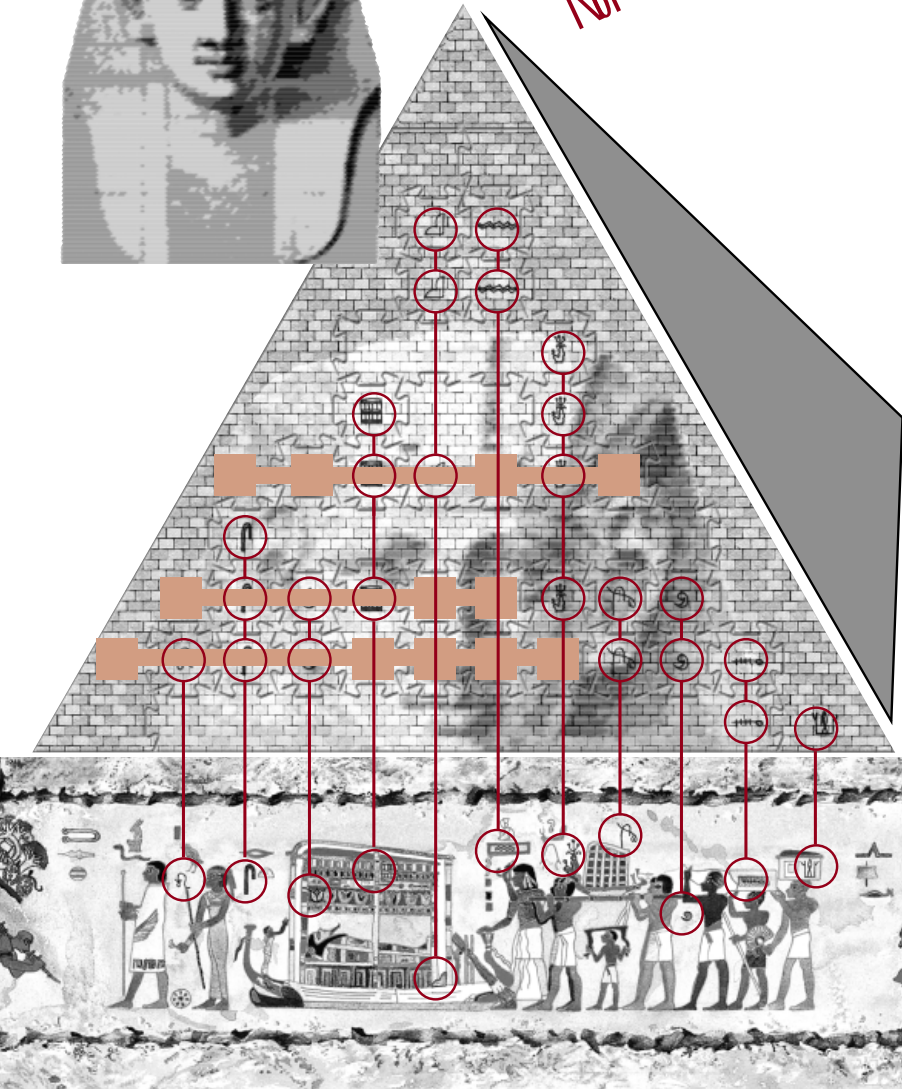
11/4 - Through round the clock effort, we've made a great deal of progress. Still untested is how to deal with those symbols on the pyramid blocks which do not appear in the surrounding dig. We'll be checking out a cross referencing scheme in the next day or so. A side note - our supply driver said that as he approached the site, he thought he could make out "facial features" on the sides of our partially constructed pyramid. We've been so close to the structure for so long, we've never noticed, but could this be the pyramid's secret message?

11/8 - the mysterious symbols are a mystery no longer. **Interior blocks match with those on the corner structures (which have already been placed).** This has provided the crucial information we needed to complete each face.

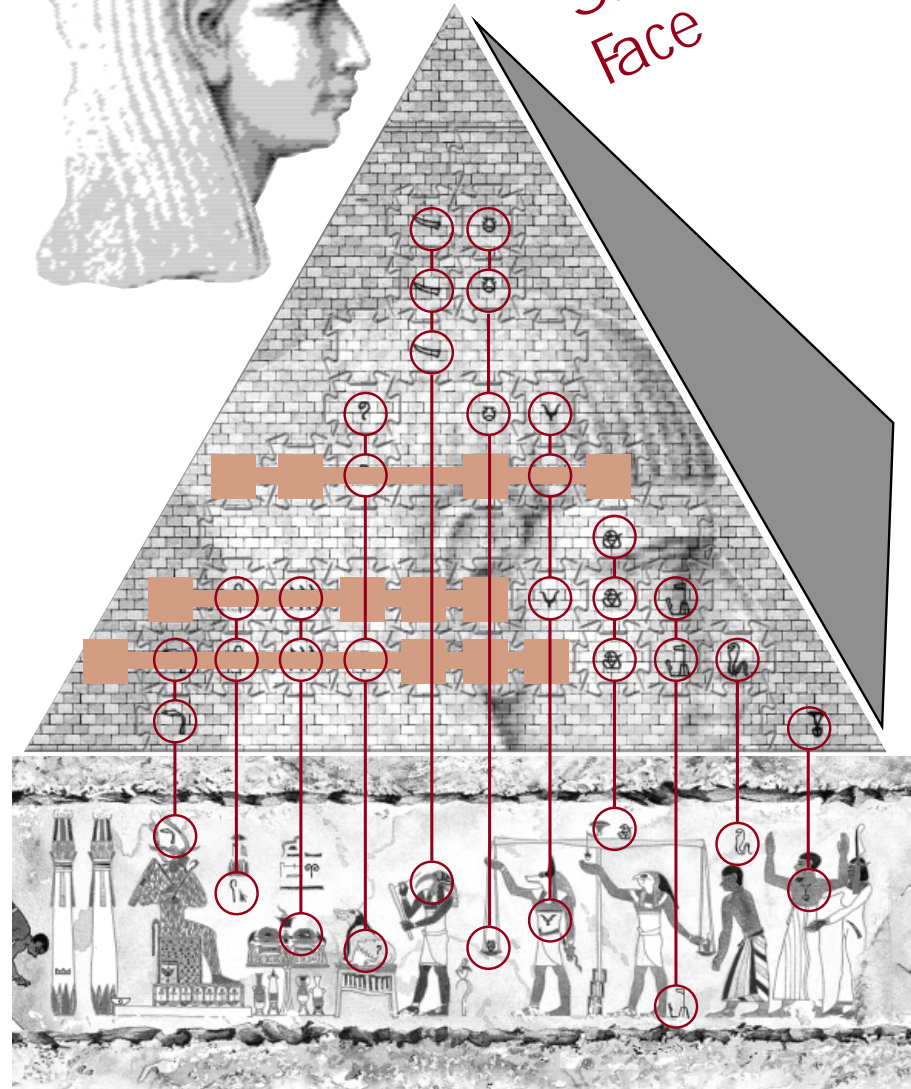




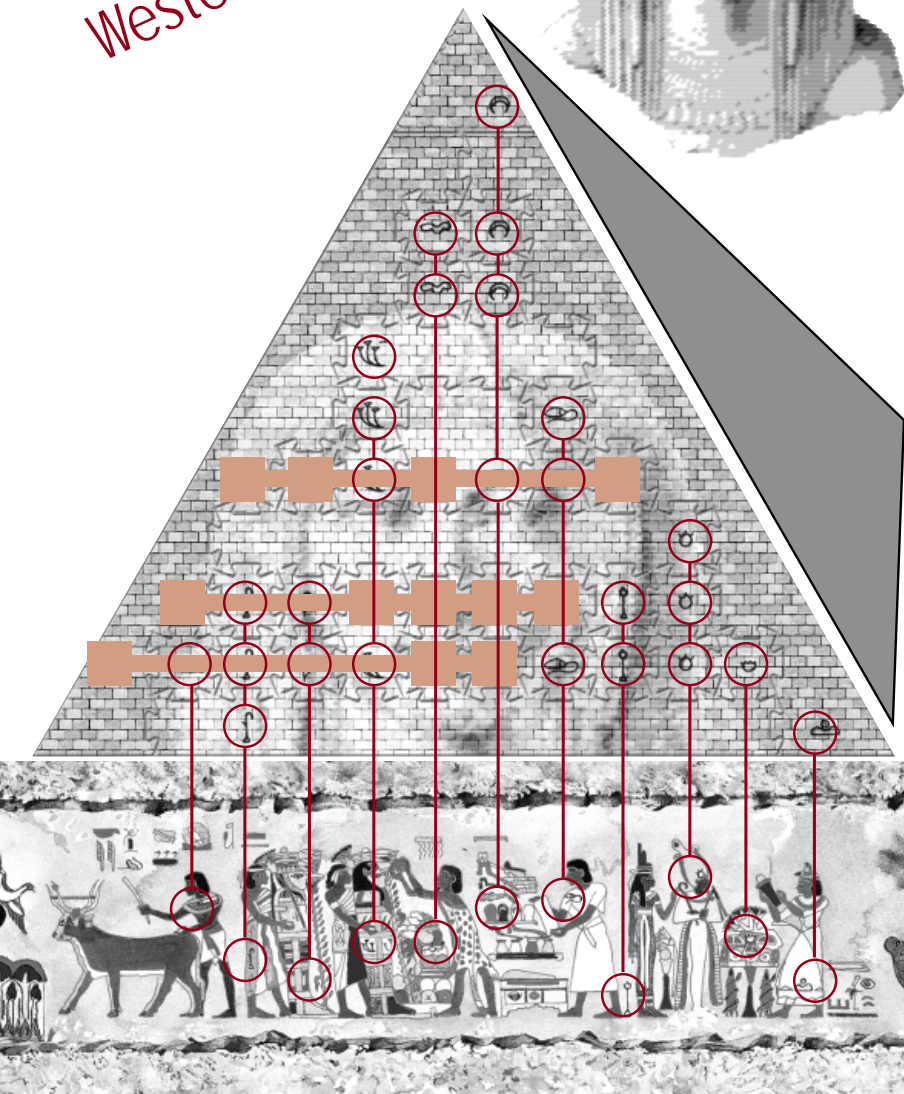
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