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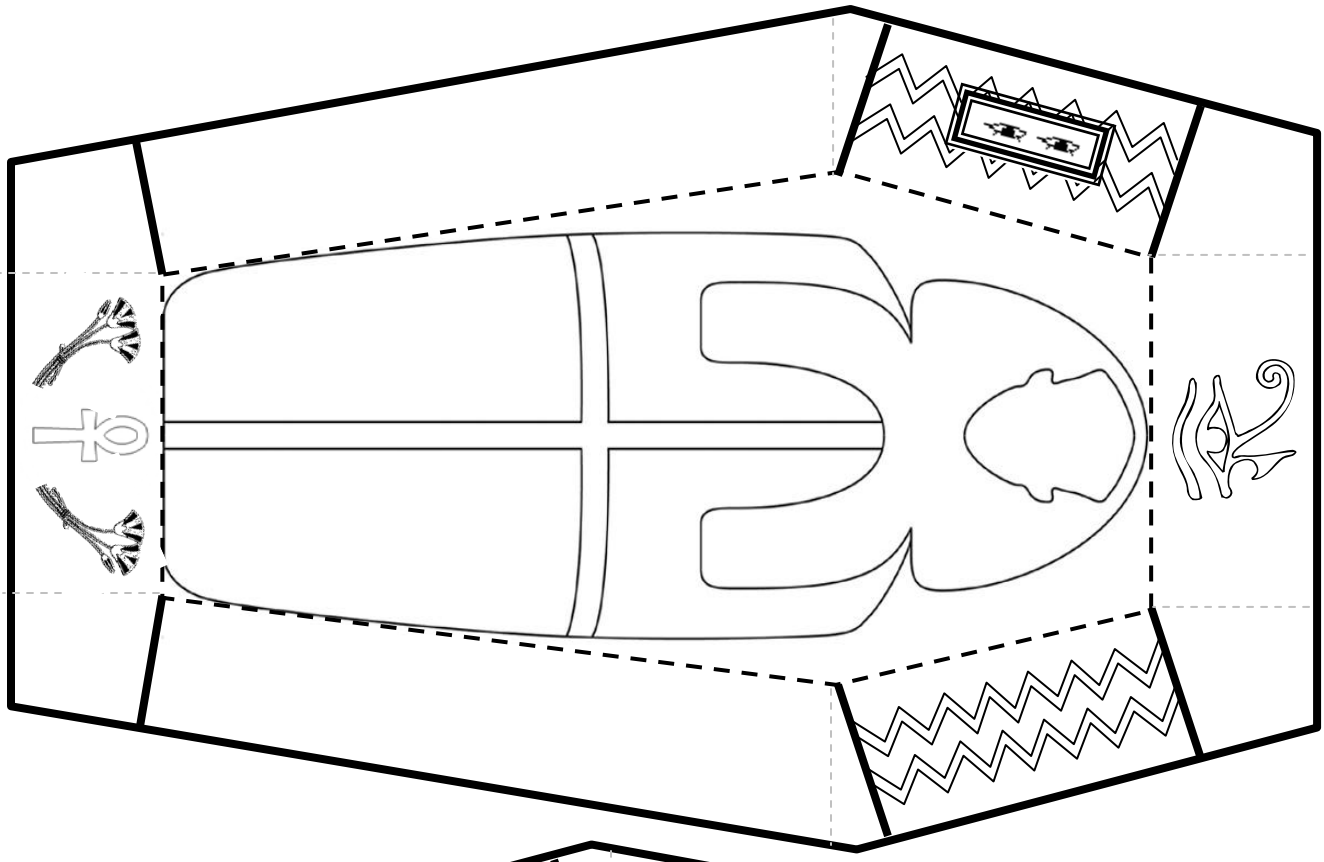

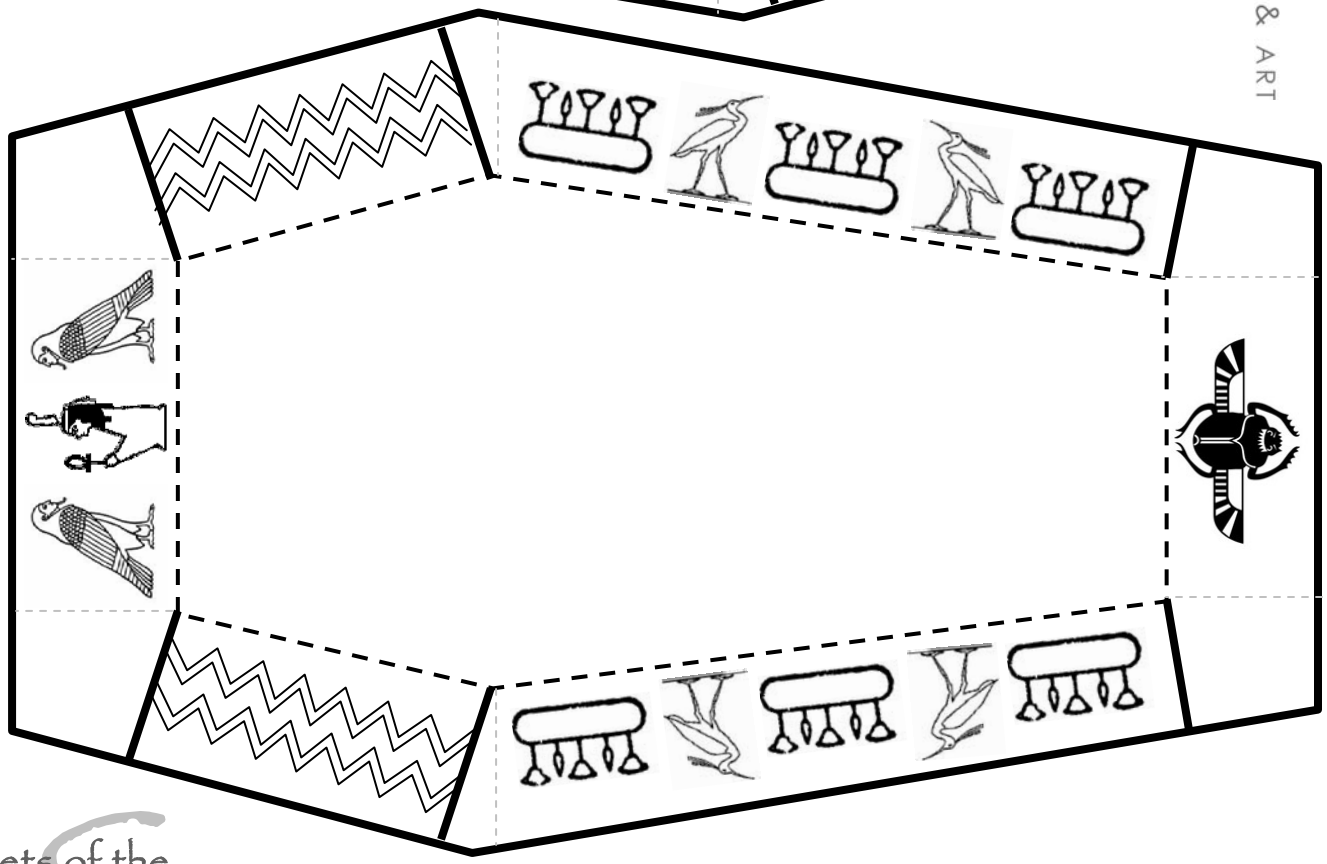

Secrets of the Sarcophagus

A sarcophagus (a word originating from the Greek term meaning "eater of flesh") was a coffin made of stone, wood, or a paper, that the Egyptians used to house the mummified remains of all types of people – not just the pharaohs. Sarcophagi were covered with carvings or paintings depicting the person entombed, important symbols, and hieroglyphics, all which were to help the individual enter and peacefully reside in the afterlife. To make your own sarcophagus, color in the pattern, cut it out following all dark lines (including the flaps). Fold along the dotted lines, and tape or glue the flaps in place. What secrets will you store inside?