

IBIS

THE INVINCIBLE

IBIS, MAN OF MIRACLES, WHOSE POWER OF WHITE MAGIC HAS FOUGHT AND CONQUERED SO MUCH OF EVIL AND CRUELTY AND CRIME—WHERE DID HE COME FROM? WHAT IS THE STORY OF HIS ORIGIN, AND WHENCE CAME THAT MAJESTIC MARCH BEARING SO MANY WONDERS?

The MYSTIC... WHICH MAKES HIM MASTER OF GOOD SORcery!

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE LITTLE-KNOWN STORY ARE IN ANCIENT EGYPT, 4,000 YEARS AGO...

HONORED UNCLE, YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH OF WISDOM—WHEN WILL THE PROMISED POWER OF GOOD BE MINE?

YOU ARE A PRINCE, AND A GOOD MAN. BUT YOU MUST PROVE YOURSELF IN A CRISIS BEFORE I CAN PROCURE FOR YOU THE FAMED **IBISTICK**.

I WILL PROVE MYSELF AS YOU COMMAND, UNCLE—I NEED ONLY TO DO GOOD, AND BE WORTHY OF MY LOVED ONE, THE PRINCESS TAIA!

JUST AT THAT MOMENT, THE LOVELY PRINCESS BEGINS IN THE THOUGHTS OF ANOTHER THE GREAT BLACK MARCH.

TODAY I INHERIT THE THRONE AND EGYPT—ALL GOOD THINGS SHALL BE MINE—EVEN THE BEAUTIFUL TAIA!



TARA MAY NOT BE YOURS, REPLENISHMENT ONE-- SHE IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF OSIRIS, THE GOD OF JUSTICE!

OSIRIS, AND ON JUSTICE TOO!

THEY SHALL NOT STAND IN MY WAY WHEN I WANT SOMETHING.

THE BLACK PHAROAH'S EMPEROR ANSWER IS ANSWER, A RAISE PRIEST BANNED FROM THE TEMPLES FOR BLACK MAGIC.



YOU MEAN THAT, INCOMPARABLE PHAROAH? YOU WILL FORSAKE THE WORSHIP OF OSIRIS AND THE HIGH GODS?-- SO WHAT? THERE ARE OTHER GODS-- THE DWELLERS OF THE DEPTHS!

YES, YES! I FORSAKE OSIRIS! I'LL WORSHIP ANY GODS WHO GET ME MY DESIRES!

GREEDY HEARTLESS, THE POWER FORSAKE THE GOOD SPIRITS THAT MADE EGYPT GREAT AND HAPPY.



AT YOUR COMMAND, THEN, I SUMMON-- SET, THE MASTER OF INFERNO!!



KNOW YOURSELF, O SET!!

IS THIS DANGER Y OSIRIS OFFEND ME!



Set APPEARS BY PERSON!

USELESS TO NAME THE UPPER GODS, PHAROAH! YOU HAVE ABANDONED THEM! I AM THE ONLY ONE TO HEAR YOUR PRAYERS HENCEFORTH!

IS IT SO? I WANT POWER TO ENSLAVE ALL EGYPTIANS AND TO WIN TARA, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF PRINCESSES!



AS YOU SAY, O PHAROAH! YOU NEED AN ARMY-- LET IT APPEAR!



THESE MEN ARE YOUR FOLLOWERS? THESE MEN CANNOT WITHSTAND THEM?

I WILL SEE IF EGYPTIANS DARE REFUSE TO BE SLAVES!



ALL MEN ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE PALACE--- THE NEW PHARAOH WILL MAKE A PROCLAMATION!

GO, PRINCE IRI, MY NEPHEW. YOUR DUTY IS OBEDIENCE TO THE RIGHTFUL RULER OF EGYPT.

THE YOUNG PRINCE JOINS THE GREAT CROWD BEFORE THE PALACE



WHAT HAS THE PHARAOH TO SAY?

PROBABLY HE WILL RESTORE THE FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE OF ALL TRUE SUBJECTS. MOST PHARAOHS BEGIN THEIR RULE WITH SUCH A STATEMENT.



BEHOLD, MEN OF EGYPT! YOUR PHARAOH WILL NOW SPEAK TO YOU!



I AM HERE TO LEARN IF YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR DUTY! I RULE YOU--- YOU OBEY ME!



MY FIRST ORDER IS THAT YOU ALL WORK TO BUILD ME THE GREATEST PYRAMID OF ALL TIME!

IT WILL BE MY MONUMENT FOR FUTURE AGES!

BUT, PHARAOH, THAT MAKES US SLAVES! TRUE EGYPTIANS ARE FREE MEN! WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT COMMAND!



WHAT LANGUAGE IS THIS TO ME? OF COURSE YOU ARE MY SLAVES! LET HIM SERVE IF WHO DARES!





THE PRINCESS MOVING ALONE IN HER PALACE WHEN...



CAN THIS TELLY BRING GOOD THINGS--- FOOD, FOR INSTANCE?



SEE HIS HAND, THE MAGIC IS DONE-- A TABLE IS BORN, AND THE STARVING PRINCE IS CALMED.

I AM STRENGTHENED BY THIS MIRACULOUS FEAST! NOW, ASSUME THE POSITION, WILL SET ME FREE!



AGAIN, MY COMMANDS ARE CARRIED OUT! BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO EGYPT DURING MY ABSENCE?



WHAT IS IT, FRIEND? YOU ARE A SLAVE?

ALL EGYPTIANS ARE SLAVES THESE DAYS! DON'T HINDER ME-- WE MUST FINISH THE PYRAMID WITHIN A SET TIME, OR BE TORTURED!



WHAT NEED NOT TROUBLE YOU? AMERICA, COMPLETE THE WORK AT ONCE.



SEE ONCE THE MIGHTY STRUCTURE IS FINISHED!







SEE, BRAVE MEN CAN ALWAYS
OVERCOME COMMONLY DEMONS!
I SO HOPE TO SETTLE
ACCOUNTS WITH THE
BLACK PHOENIX!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
MEDU, BY INTERRUPTING
ME, JUST NOW?

A VISITOR
COMES, O
PHOENIX! ONE
WHO CANNOT BE
KEPT WAITING!



KNOW ME THAT
PHOENIX—THOSE
CALLED I AM
THE PHOENIX
AND...

YES, BUT I AM
A GOD!



PHOENIX, HEARTY ONE,
I DO NOT KNOW
HOW OR WHY
YOU SEE ME?

TO INFORM YOU
THAT I AM
DEPARTING FROM
YOU, YOUR LUCK
IS RUNNING
OUT.



SOMEONE HAS
LEARNED THE SECRET
OF ME—THAT IT CAN
BE OVERCOME BY
COURAGE! THE
SITUATION IS
TROUBLE SOME!
I GO!

NO, GREAT GOD
GET! YOU
PROMISED TO
UPHOLD ME!



DO NOT SPEAK
TO ME OF
PROMISES—
WE OF INFERNO
NEVER KEEP
THEM.
PHOENIX!

AT LEAST HE LEAVES ME
THE DEMON
ARMY! I
SHALL BE
VICTOR
YET!







MY NEPHEW! I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR VICTORY— THE PEOPLE OF EBRY WANT YOU TO BE IMMEDIATELY DEAD THEM.

NO, I HAVE NO WISH TO RULE— NO WISH TO LIVE.



IBSTICK! STRIKE ME DEAD, LIKE MY PRINCESS!

BUT NOTHING HAPPENS!



IT REFUSES TO OBEY! I STILL LIVE!

THAT IS THE WAY OF THE IBSTICK— IT WILL DO NO HARM TO ITS MASTER! IN THE HANDS OF AN ENEMY WHO SEEMS TO HARM YOU, THE IBSTICK WILL ONLY VISIT THE EVIL UPON HIM WHO PRONOUNCES IT!



IN ANY CASE, THIS IS NOT REALLY DEAD. MESU'S ARROW WAS ENCHANTED— IT ONLY PUT HER TO SLEEP FOR 4,000 YEARS.

IN THAT CASE, LET THE IBSTICK PUT ME TO SLEEP FOR THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME! SMALL HAND! WAG MY PRINCESS' WINKS!



THEY DO NOT MOVE NOR BREATHE! I WILL PUT THEM IN TOMBS OF HONOR TO WAIT FOR THE AWAKENING! WHAT WILL THEIR LIVES BE SAY? ON THAT FAR-OFF DAY?



SHATHED LIKE A MUMMY, YOUNG PRINCE AMBRY— CALLED ME— SLUMBERS AWAY THE CENTURES UNTIL THE ACCOTED TIME IS EAST.

"WHEN I'M WAKING, IT IS TO FIND MYSELF IN A MUSEUM OF A TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN CITY!"



"THE IBISICK DRESSES HIM IN MODERN GARMENTS — HIS FIRST THOUGHT IS OF HIS LOVED ONE."

"I WILL GO FORTH AND FIND MY BELOVED PRINCESS TAM."



"BY SWIFTEST SHIP HE SAILS THE PERILOUS SEAS TO EGYPT."



"IN THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH, HE FINDS THE MUMMY OF HIS BRIDE."

"TAM! BY THE POWER OF THE IBISICK, I COMMAND YOU TO WAKE!"



"WE ARE REUNITED, MY PRINCE! HAVE WE SLEPT LONG?"

"FOR 4,000 YEARS — THOUGH IT SEEMS BUT A SINGLE NIGHT."



"BETWIXT THIS WORLD SEEMS STRANGE AND TERRIBLE!"

"IT IS STILL FULL OF EVIL, SUCH AS WE NEVER DREAMED OF! BUT WITH THE IBISICK, WE SHALL DRIVE THEM AWAY!"



Suppose is the story of Prince Ibis... and how he comes to the modern world as the champion of right and justice.