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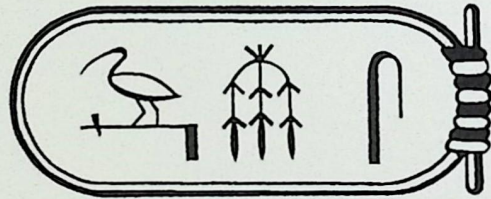
The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphs



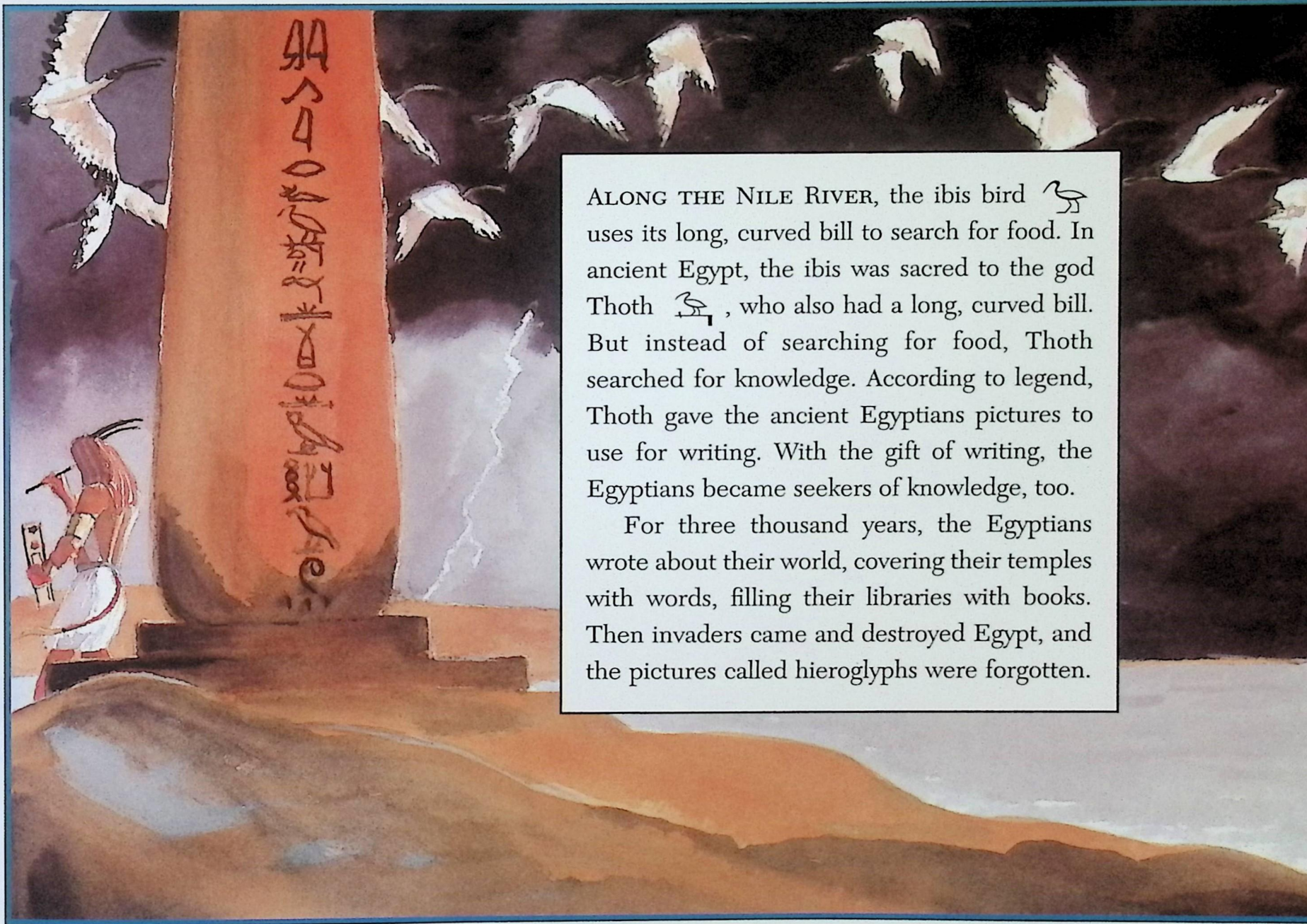
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In 1802, Jean-Francois Champollion was eleven years old. That year, he vowed to be the first person to read Egypt's ancient hieroglyphs. Champollion's dream was to sail up the Nile in Egypt and uncover the secrets of the past, and he dedicated the next twenty years to the challenge.

James Rumford introduces the remarkable man who deciphered the ancient Egyptian script and fulfilled a lifelong dream in the process. Stunning watercolors bring Champollion's adventure to life in a story that challenges the mind and touches the heart.

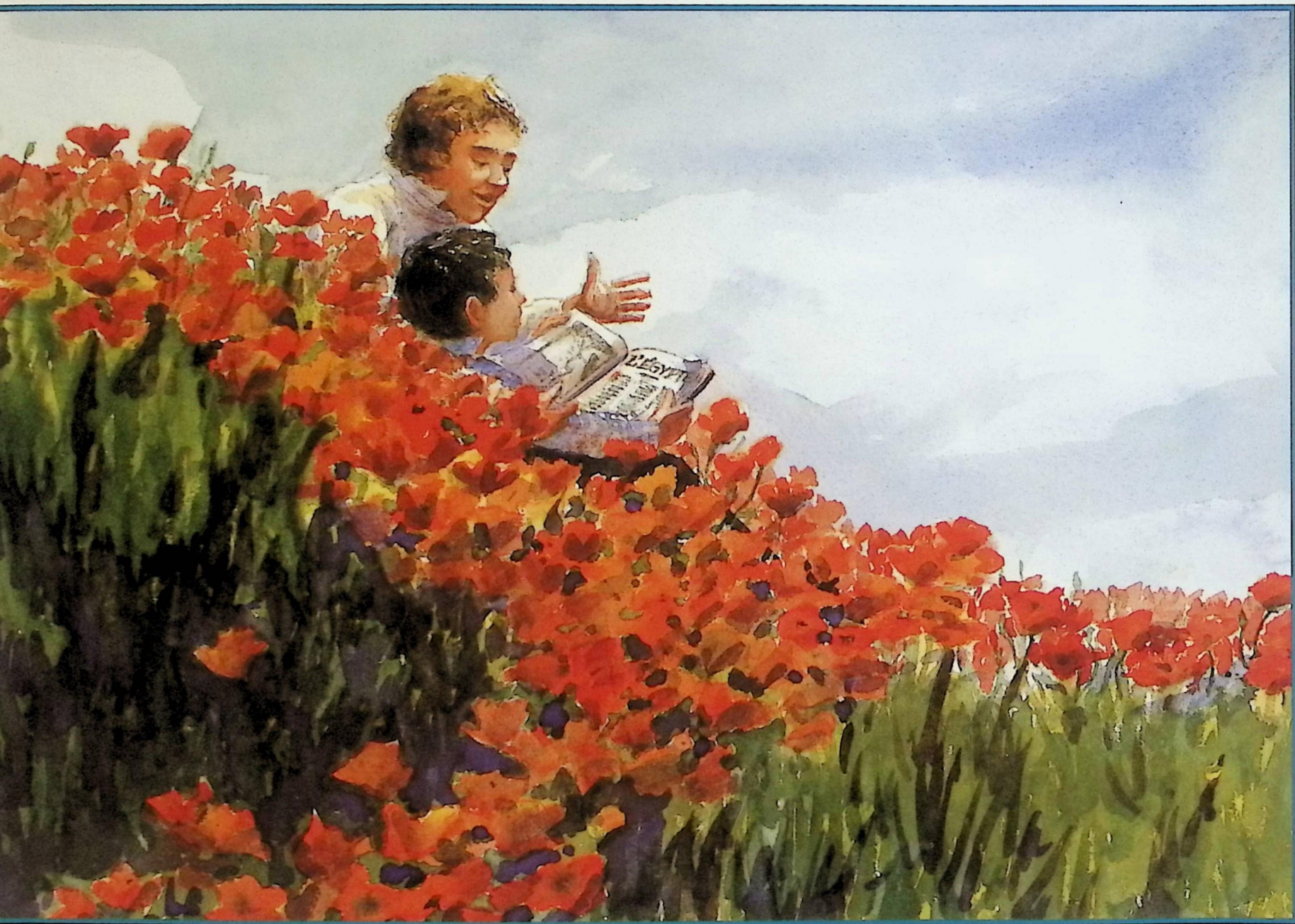


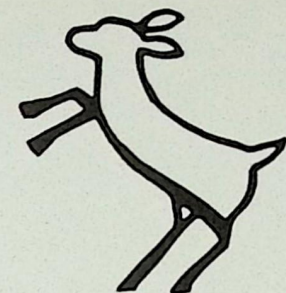
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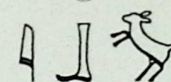
ALONG THE NILE RIVER, the ibis bird  uses its long, curved bill to search for food. In ancient Egypt, the ibis was sacred to the god Thoth , who also had a long, curved bill. But instead of searching for food, Thoth searched for knowledge. According to legend, Thoth gave the ancient Egyptians pictures to use for writing. With the gift of writing, the Egyptians became seekers of knowledge, too.


For three thousand years, the Egyptians wrote about their world, covering their temples with words, filling their libraries with books. Then invaders came and destroyed Egypt, and the pictures called hieroglyphs were forgotten.



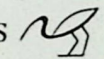


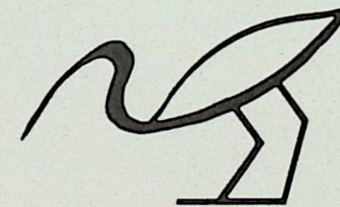
*There is a jumping,
free-spirited kid goat
in the Egyptian word
“imagine.”*



In 1790, a French boy named Jean-François Champollion was born .

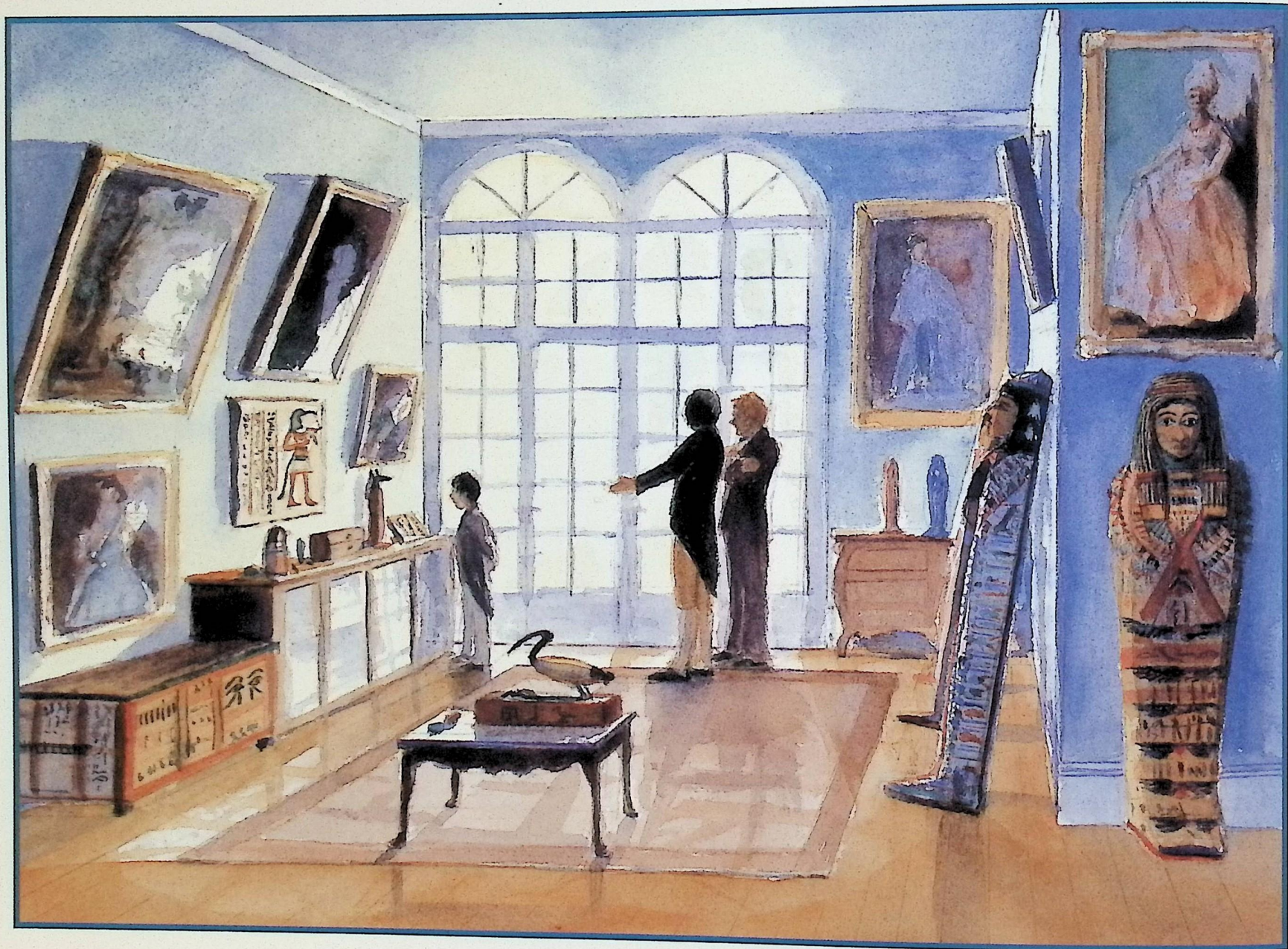
When he was seven, his older brother told him about General Napoleon, the great leader of France, who was in Egypt uncovering the past.


“Someday I’ll go to Egypt, too!” Jean-François told his brother as he sat spell-bound, imagining himself with Napoleon, making his own discoveries .



*There is a sharp-eyed
ibis bird in the word
“discover.”*





When Jean-François was eleven, he went to school in the city of Grenoble. There, his brother took him to meet  a famous scientist who had been in Egypt with Napoleon.

The scientist's house was filled with Egyptian treasures. Each one captured the boy's imagination.

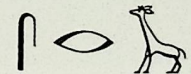
"Can anyone read their writing?" asked Jean-François.

"No. No one," the scientist replied.

"Then I will one day," said Jean-François, and he left the house full of enthusiasm, sure that he would be the first to discover the key to Egyptian hieroglyphs.



*There is a long-necked,
far-seeing giraffe in
"predict."*





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