

# Unas the Magnificent

a hand



left arm



& pieces of skull



all that was found by G. Maspero  
in 1881

within the wrappings of linen  
in the mummy case

of Unas  
the Magnificent

who ruled thirty years  
2375-2345 B.C.  
the final pharaoh  
of the 5th Dynasty  
in the Old Kingdom

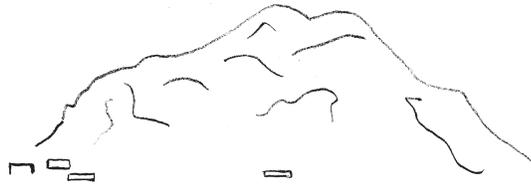
(The Old Kingdom had a 445 year run  
ca 2575-ca 2130 BCE)

Very few historical mentions  
trace the reign of wondrous Unas  
on the texts inside his fairly small pyramid at Sakkara  
on the high desert  
near Djoser's Step Pyramid

The village Sakkara  
is 17 1/2 miles south  
o' Cairo  
betwixt the remains of Memphis  
& the plateau  
where 20 + pharaohs & many noble people  
lie in a vast burial place  
4 1/2 mi in length

with thousands of years of  
thanato-temples, mastabas,  
mounds, causeways, and their  
sacred Glyphs of wow

Ahh Unas! your pitiful pitted & rounded-off  
pyramid fairly wrecked already  
just 4,350 years after its creation!



Yet still in place  
on the jumbled front edge of the 'mid



is the entrance way  
leading down to your  
burial chamber  
whose walls are filled  
with glorious vertical rows of Glyphs  
wow!

These are the 1st instance  
of the Pyramid Texts—

That is, his sarcophagus and its anteroom  
show bewildering arrays of Glyphs  
with imprecations  
to Thoth, Nut, Atum, Osiris, Horus, Neith, Geb, Re  
et al., to protect Unas  
in the Afterlife

For instance, Glyphs depicting Unas  
in the Form of a Goose  
flapping aloft to land in the Solar Barque  
next to Ra!

so that Unas  
can spend his time



The ancients thought your Glyphs  
actually wiggled with Life.

O Unas, beyond Ozymandias  
beyond dry desert 'yond the 'yond!

May your Glyphs  
keep you aloft even Today  
in the Sun Barque next to Ra!

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