I am Anubis, the Ancient Egyptian god of mummification. I will take you on a journey to Africa to explore Ancient Egypt and beyond!
The Egyptians believed that when you died you continued your life in the Afterlife. Ramesses would continue being the king by transforming into the god Osiris, king of the Afterlife.

Find the enormous sarcophagus lid of Ramesses III. These objects tell us he is a pharaoh. Tick off the ones you can see.

- Crook and flail
- Ram’s horns
- Ostrich feathers
- Sun disk

**WHAT IT MEANS**

- The pharaoh will guide his people and provide them with food
- The pharaoh is strong
- The pharaoh is truthful and fair
- The pharaoh is like a god: never-ending and extremely important

**WHAT YOU CAN SEE**

The body was covered in natron salt to dry it out and preserve it. Then it was wrapped in linen bandages. Lucky charms called amulets were placed between the layers of cloth. A scarab, shaped like a beetle, was placed near the heart. The mummified body was put into a protective coffin and buried together with everything a person might need in the new life.

**CAN YOU FIND...**

- Things to help you look good
- Things to eat and drink
- Things to protect you

But how did people move from this life to the next? Well that’s where I come in. Go to the back of gallery 19, and we will find out.

You need your body and your spirit in the afterlife. To stop the body rotting after death, certain organs were removed and then the whole body was mummified. The stomach, liver, lungs and intestines were placed into four specially-made jars with animals’ heads, for protection. These are called canopic jars.

Can you find 4 canopic jars?

This Ancient Egyptian symbol is an Ankh – the hieroglyph meaning ‘life’. You can find it in lots of places in the galleries.
So far, so good: the body’s preserved, the coffin’s made, the tomb’s full – you’re nearly there!

But now for the moment of truth – the final test. Only those who have led good lives will pass. I, Anubis, must weigh your heart against the feather of truth.

If the heart and feather were not in balance, the heart would be eaten by the Devourer – a lion – hippopotamus – crocodile.

Which scary animals can you combine to make a monster?

If you look carefully you might be able to find this picture of me weighing the heart on the painted coffin of Nespawershefyt.

If the other gods are waiting to welcome you to the afterlife. Can you recognise them on the coffin or in case 11?

THOTH
God of wisdom and writing. He has the head of an ibis.

OSIRIS
The ruler of the afterlife who is often shown in mummy form or sitting on a throne.

ISIS
His wife. Goddess of fertility.

HORUS
Their son. He has the head of a hawk.

Well done. We have now completed our journey together. Enjoy the rest of the Museum and come back soon!
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