

How to mummify people

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Remove the brain

- First you need to wash the body.
- You put a stick up their nose and find the brain because the brain will rot first.



Make a cut

- Next cut on the left side.
- Take out the heart and weigh it to see if they were good or bad to go to the afterlife.



Remove organs

- Take out the liver, stomach and intestines. You also need to remove the lungs from the body.
- Take out the heart and weigh it.
- Decide if it's a heavy or light heart. A heavy heart is a bad one.



Place organs in canopic jars

- Take the lungs, liver , intestines and stomach and place them in canopic jars.
- Fill the jars with natron which is a natural salt. It helps stop anymore rot.



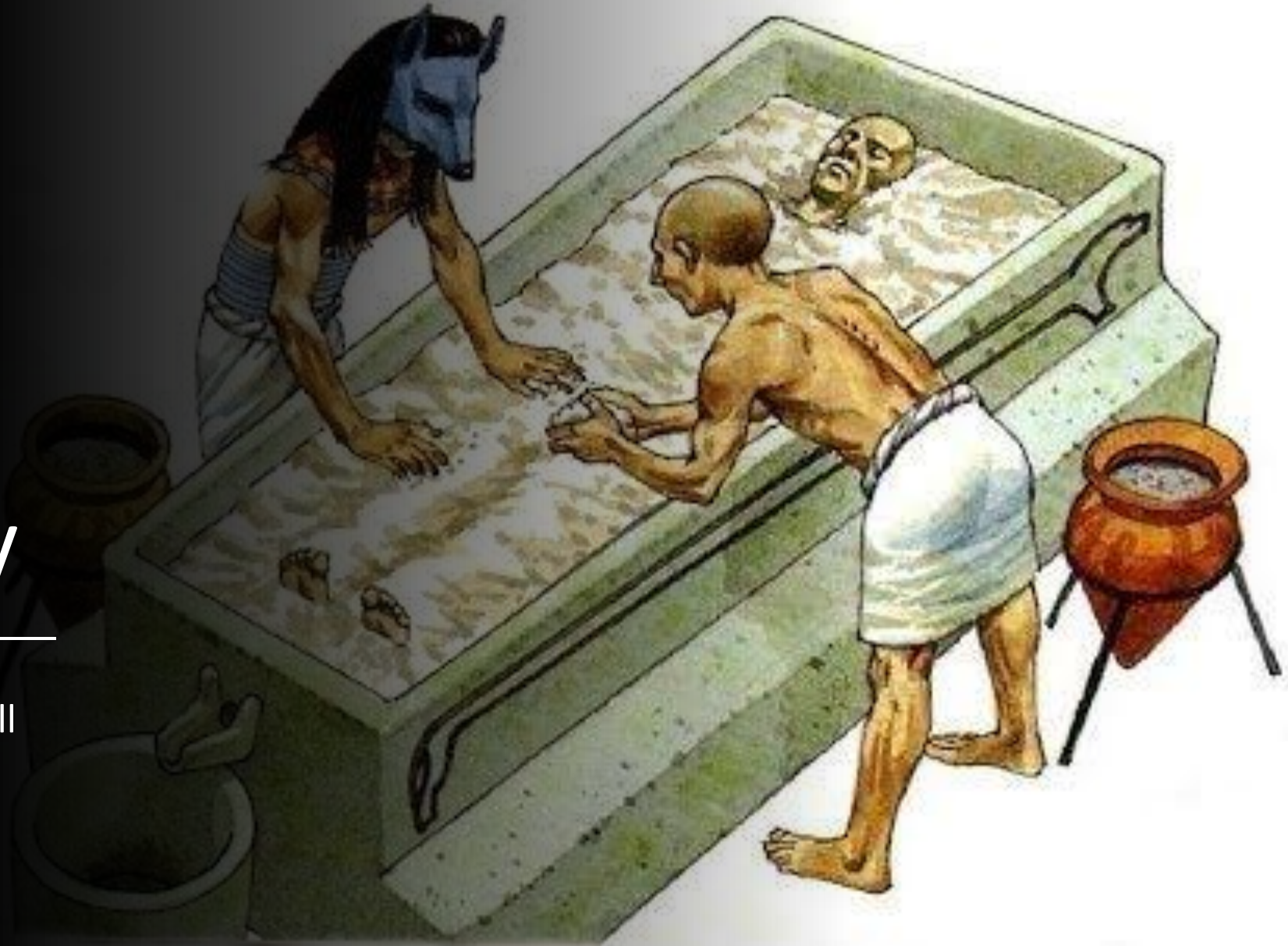
An ancient Egyptian painting on a yellowish background. A black-headed figure, likely Anubis, is shown from the waist up. He wears a striped red and green shawl over a yellow garment. He holds a green heart-shaped object in his right hand. To his left, there is a small red heart-shaped object on a shelf. The painting is framed by simple black lines.

Replace the heart

Put the heart back in the body after you have decided if they are good or bad.

Rinse the body

Wash the body and then pack it full of more natron.



Cover the body in natron

Then you cover the whole body in natron then keep it for between 35 and 70 days.



Stuff it!

- The body is now very dry and dehydrated so it needs to be stuffed!
 - Use linen, sand or sawdust so the body keeps its shape.
 - Use tree resin to seal it.
 - Give it a wig and false eyes.
 - Add a face mask.
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Wrap the body

Then get some bandages to
wrap it.



Put into the sarcophagus

- Move the body into a wooden coffin or if the person was rich enough, then a stone sarcophagus.
- Put clothes, jewellery and furniture into the sarcophagus as they will need these in the afterlife.
- You could put in a mummified pet cat or dog to keep them company.

