

*Information from Faraz Najir:*

Roger Carlyle, according to Najir, sought information about the reign of the Black Pharaoh, a reign supposed to have been ended by Sneferu, first pharaoh of the Fourth Dynasty. Najir had come into possession of a number of items related to the Black Pharaoh, including an ancient scroll detailing the entrance to a hidden room in an unnamed pyramid, within which the Black Pharaoh was supposedly entombed; a bust of the Black Pharaoh; a small drum (a tambour) bearing odd symbols supposedly of mystical power; and a strange circlet with a large zircon which was said to be the crown of the Black Pharaoh and to be the key to his triumph over death.

With Carlyle's agreement, Najir sold the items to Carlyle's agent, Warren Besart. Najir had stolen the artifacts from the house of Omar Shakti, high priest of the Egyptian Brotherhood of the Black Pharaoh. Najir says that the Brotherhood is rumored to be involved in the recent theft of a mummy from the Clive Expedition, currently in Egypt. He has also heard that the Brotherhood wants an item located in the Mosque of Ibn-Tulun, but he does not know what it is or why the Brotherhood wants it.