

A Trip to Egypt

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This is a firsthand account of North and Harvey's trip to Egypt, explained by North and well - written down by North too. We just fixed some grammatical errors. Since this is mentioned in the issues, be sure to read those issues too, and enjoy!

I shielded my eyes from the glare of the hot Egyptian sun after I stepped out of the plane. Harvey put on some sunglasses, and came out behind me. I was in Egypt, on a business trip for Behavior and Co., the company I work for. I also plan to do some sightseeing, though, when I am not busy with work.

All expenses are paid for by Behavior and Co., and there is even a little extra money I can use to go sightseeing. I plan to take Harvey to see the Great Pyramid of Giza, when I have time. Harvey also has plans, but most of the things he wants to do involve going to lots of restaurants and trying lots of food.

Most of my work involves interviewing a few Egyptian citizens, and learning about their traditions and how they do things here in Egypt. I have one long conference near the end of my stay here in Egypt, but otherwise I am pretty free to do what I please.

Right now, I am unpacking while Harvey is going to pick up some food for us. We have not eaten since Stripy's casserole on the plane eight hours ago, and I can hear my stomach growling loudly. I hope they have good food here in Egypt.

Harvey is back, with food from at least two restaurants. But all I can see is a feast - falafel, hummus, rice stuffed vegetables, kebab, and bush okra stew. I can tell you that it is one of the best meals that I have ever had, and I plan on taking leftovers with me back to Pawsville.

Now, Harvey and I are starting our second day in Egypt, and it may be the best one - we are going on a special tour to see the Great Pyramid of Giza. We have left and are taking a tour bus to meet our tour guide outside of the Pyramid.

When I get out of the bus and see The Great Pyramid of Giza for the first time for real, I am speechless. Standing at over 450 feet, the Pyramid is a marvel to look at. I can see how this pyramid took twenty seven years to build, as it is massive. I am still gawking at it when our tour guide calls to say that we will be moving along.

As I approach the Pyramid, Harvey in tow, our tour guide tells us and the rest of our group about how this was the tallest structure in the world for nearly four millennia, and about how it weighs more than five million tonnes. We are now approaching the visitor's entrance, and I am excited to see what is inside this great pyramid.

I listen to our tour guide talk about Khufu, the great Pharaoh who the Pyramid was built for. His tomb is near the top of the pyramid, but is not open for visitors.

I learn about how I am in the Robber's tunnel, the only access point into the Pyramid for tourists. I look around at my surroundings, all of the stone blocks that must have been placed so carefully. It feels odd, being in a structure constructed around 2600-2500 BCE, more than 4000 years ago.

Our tour guide continues telling our group about the history of the pyramid, the king's chamber, and how five more chambers were built on top of that just in case the roof of the pyramid collapsed. Smart, I would think, cats back then must have been competent.

I hear more facts, about how at some points more than 40,000 cats were working on the Great Pyramid of Giza at one time. This really was a historic place, and I cannot even begin to imagine the time and amount of labor that it would have taken to build something this massive.

Finally, after about an hour, the tour was done. I was a bit disappointed it wasn't longer, but I felt really honored to even go in a structure as historic as that. Harvey had gotten a bit impatient near the end, though, and seemed happy when we walked out of the Pyramid.

I take a bus home with Harvey, and we part our separate ways. I have an interview scheduled with a randomly chosen Egyptian citizen, to talk about their culture and what kinds of traditions they have. However, I am very happy I got to tour The Great Pyramid of Giza, as it may be a sight I can only see once. I took a bunch of photos, too, and even a video showing the inside of the pyramid. It'll take a while to make the slideshow for this.