

Tombs & Treasure

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Why did it have to be snakes?

Lily gritted her teeth and gingerly stepped around the wriggling mass on the floor. She held her wand aloft to illuminate the dark crypt.

Two stone sarcophagi took up most of the vast chamber that had been dug deep into the Brazilian ground. It was cold down here, and though the air was stale, it was saturated by the humidity of the rainforest above. The preservation spells had all but faded over time, and Lily could see roots dangling from the ceiling which had wormed their way through cracks in the stone.

She had dreamed about becoming a curse-breaker ever since she'd been little and hanging on to her uncle Bill's every word about the adventures he'd had while working for Gringotts. Unlike Bill, however, Lily had never had any desire to work for the Goblins, as it was her opinion that treasures, such as the tiara, were better kept in museums rather than vaults.

The breaking of half a dozen curses had left its mark on her. Her hair was singed, and her left arm had been tightly wrapped with a torn strip from her robes—a levitating sword had escaped her attention, and she had only just managed to avoid decapitation.

However, all of these trials had been worth the effort. She had reached the crypt, and her prize, the lost water-lily tiara of the Acre sorceress, was within reach.

She just had to get past the bloody snakes first.

The End