

“THE CURSE” Script

EXT. FOREST CLEARING - NIGHT

Helen and Edward are sitting close together near the campfire. The forest is getting chilly as night falls.

HELEN

Why do you think they took off like that?

EDWARD

(slightly drunk)
Probably late for a dentist appointment. Have you ever seen their teeth?

Helen giggles.

The sound of moving foliage and branches cracking. Helen and Edward turn around, startled. They are relieved to see James emerge from the bushes.

JAMES

It looks like the German expedition is having some trouble of their own. All their porters have disappeared too.

HELEN

Don't tell me... The curse.

JAMES

The curse.

HELEN

I can't believe it, you are grown human beings! How can you believe in some bloody superstition?

JAMES

Doesn't it strike you as odd that everybody who's seen the statue is dead?

EDWARD

(drunken interruption)
Except us.

JAMES

I'm very aware of that fact.

HELEN

Maybe they just tripped and fell.
Look, it's the same with the people
who uncovered the Pharaoh's grave.
There's always a perfectly sensible
explanation.

James gives her a look while he gets some large bullets and
begins loading his rifle.

EDWARD

(sarcastic)

Woohoo! Look, I am big ugly statue
of some guy who's been dead for
10,000 years.

Helen giggles.

EDWARD (cont'd)

Fear my wrath!

JAMES

Shhh!

EDWARD

What?

They hear intense wood-cracking from above. Louder and
louder. Suddenly, a massive log of rotten wood whooshes down
and SLAMS into the ground, scattering the campfire. It
becomes darker.

EDWARD (cont'd)

(leaps back)

Aaaaaa! Holy crap!

James looks intently to Helen.

HELEN

What? Oh, come on, branches break
all the time.

JAMES

Edward I told you not to harrass
the Gods.

EDWARD

Sorry.

HELEN

What, you can't seriously believe
this is caused by a curse?

(MORE)

HELEN (cont'd)
For Christ's sake Jim, you are a
civilized man.

James cocks his rifle.

JAMES
Not so civilized I've lost my
instincts.

James suddenly turns around. A beat. Then gunfire is heard
coming from the German camp.

JAMES (cont'd)
Stay here!

He disappears into the bushes. Helen stands for a moment,
then runs after him.

EDWARD
Helen, come back here. Didn't you
hear what he just said?

Edward realizes how dark it is, then runs after them, scared.

CUT TO:

"THE CURSE" Blocking Diagram

