



# TALES OF ANCIENT EGYPT NEWSPAPERS

**Learning Objective:**  
**To gather information for, and plan, a  
newspaper report.**

# Terrible news!



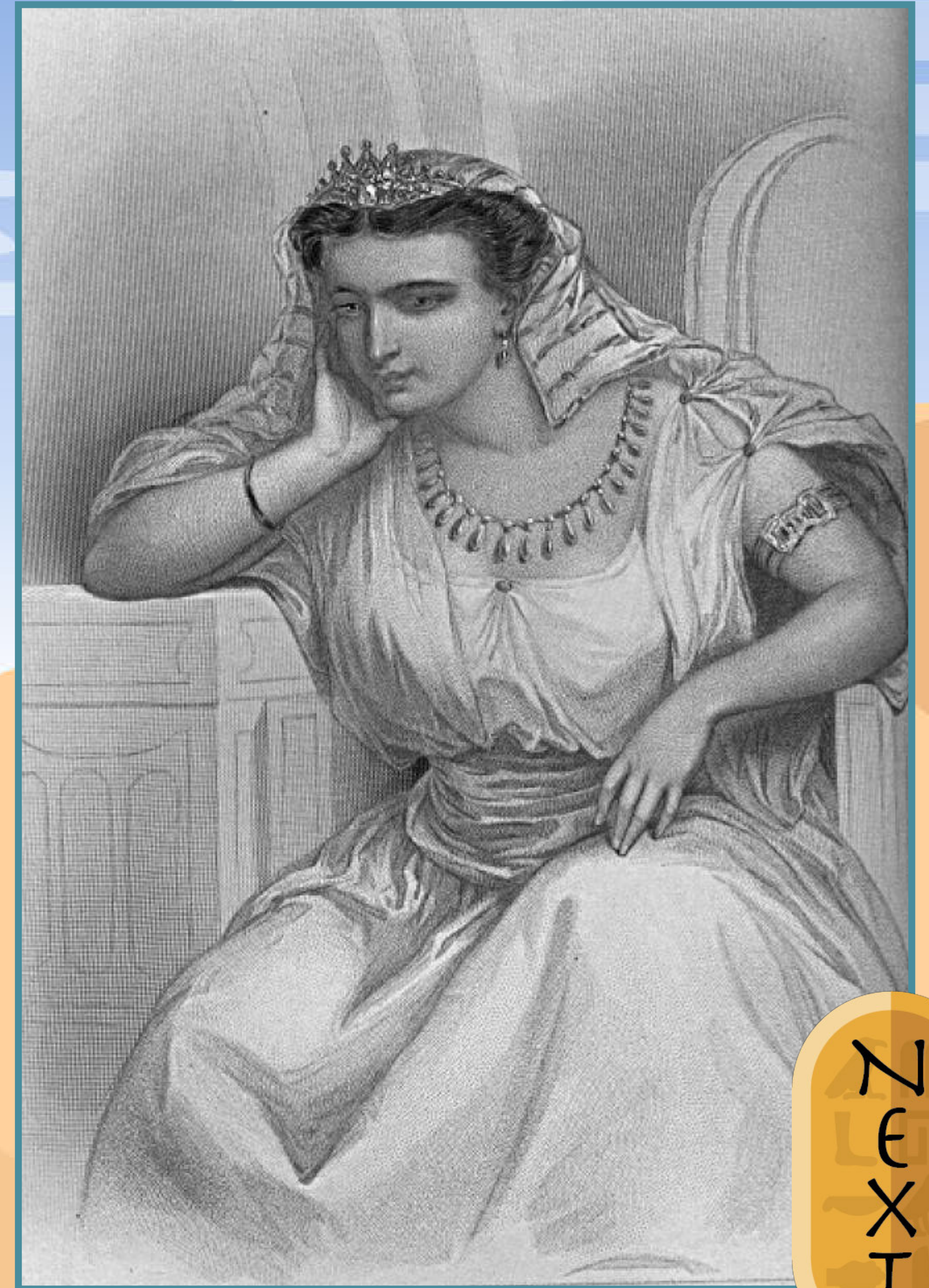
**Pharaoh Cleopatra  
has been found  
dead!  
This is horrible news  
for the Egyptian  
people!**

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**What do you know  
already about  
Pharaoh  
Cleopatra?**



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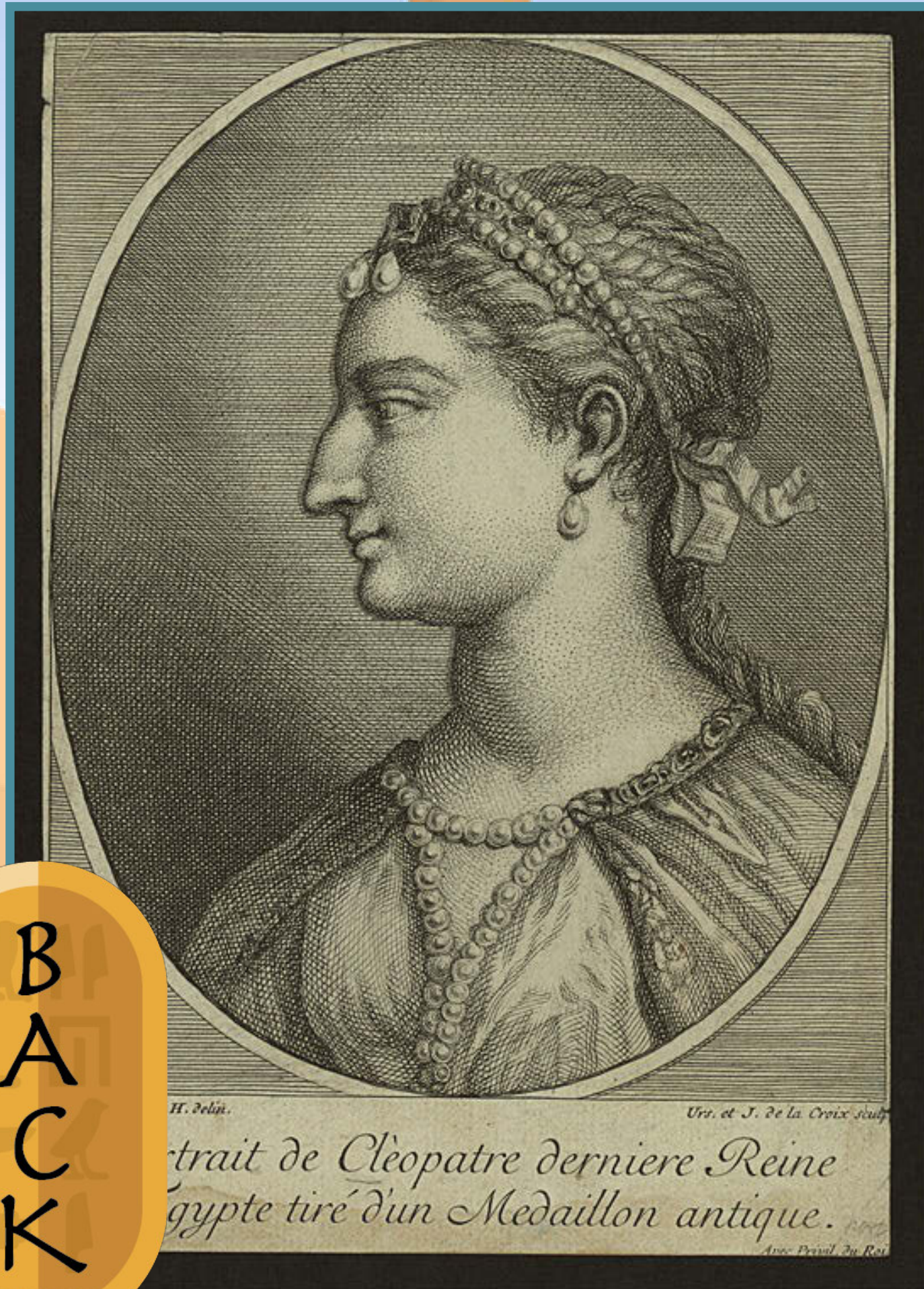
# Cleopatra VII

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Cleopatra was the last Pharaoh of the Ancient Egyptian era. She was a popular and successful leader who was ruthless when trying to get what she wanted.



She had relationships with the great Roman leaders Julius Caesar and Marc Antony. She had four children. Caesarion, the eldest and Julius Caesar's son, ruled Egypt with her from the age of three.



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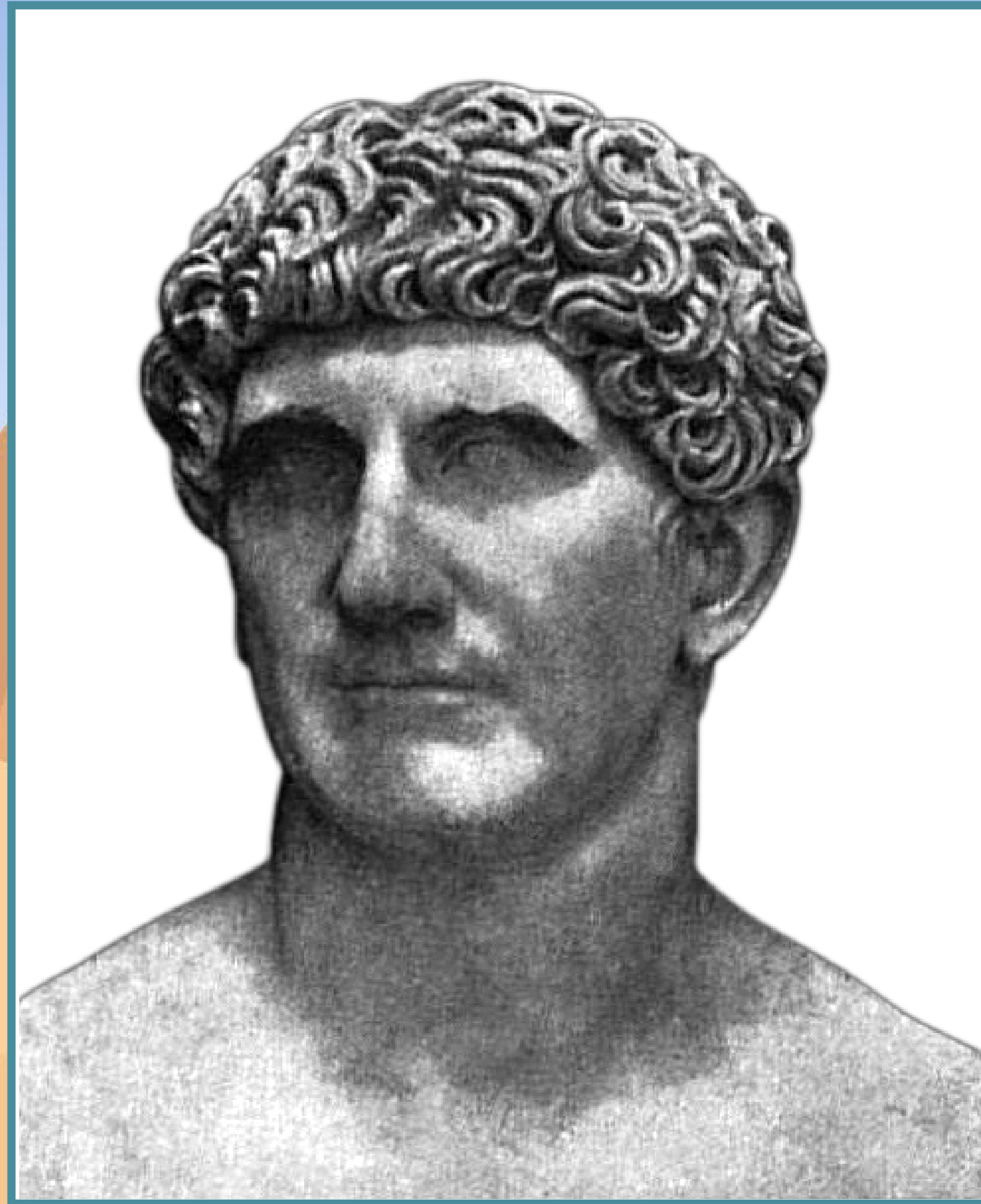
**In the years before her death, Cleopatra and Marc Antony were involved in a war against Octavian, the leader of Rome.**

**Cleopatra wanted her son Caesarion to be the leader of Rome, not Octavian. There were many battles but in 31 BC, one year before her death, Cleopatra's forces lost to Octavian's armies.**



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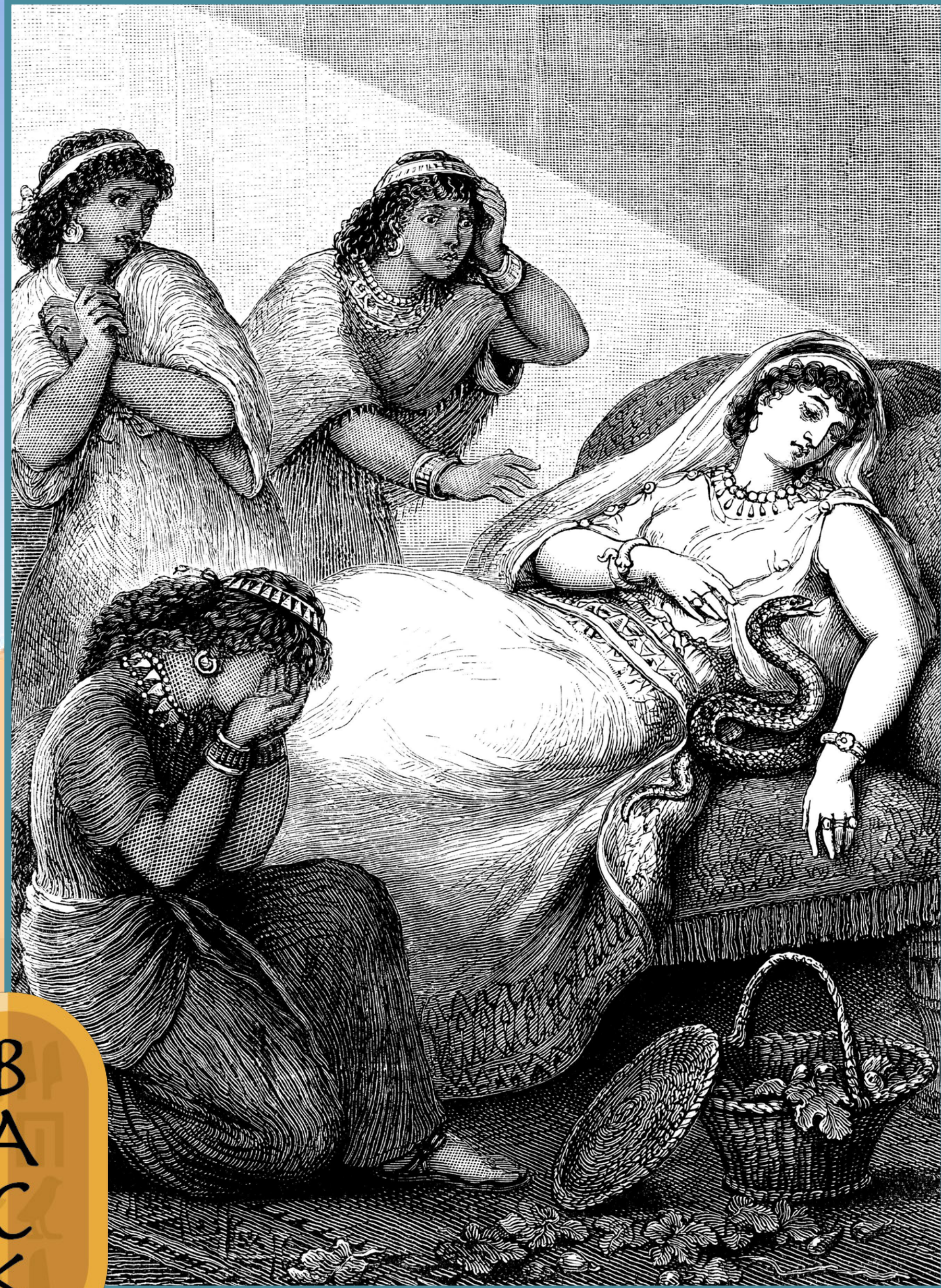


**Marc Antony, knowing that he would be killed by Octavian for betraying Rome, and believing Cleopatra to be dead, killed himself using his own sword in the year 30 BC.**

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Cleopatra was sure that Octavian would parade her around Rome to celebrate his victory. She refused to be humiliated and committed suicide in 30 BC. It is a popular belief that she used an asp snake to poison herself, as she was found with puncture wounds in her arm.

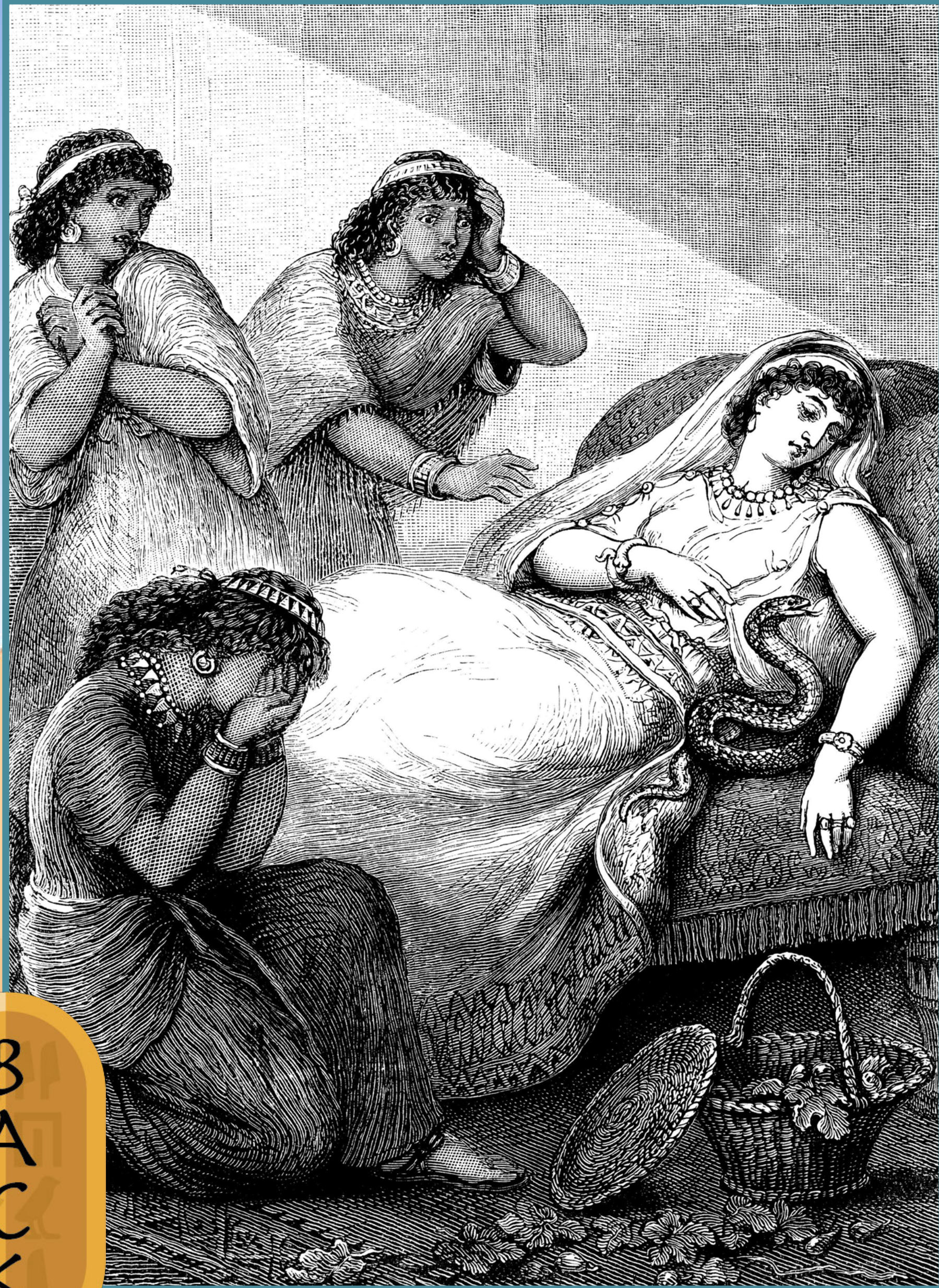
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Before she died, Cleopatra made plans for Caesarion to carry on ruling Egypt.

This didn't work out. Eighteen days after Cleopatra died, Octavian had Caesarion killed because he was Caesar's son and was therefore a threat to his rule over Rome.



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**Egypt was then under Octavian's control as part of the Roman Empire.**

**Octavian changed his name to Augustus and became the first emperor of the Roman Empire.**





**You need to report the death of Pharaoh Cleopatra  
as if it were the day after it happened.**




**Who do you think will  
be reading your news  
report?**

**Who do you think  
needs, or wants to  
know?**

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# How do you think the Egyptian people felt about Cleopatra's death?

What would this have meant for them?

What do you think they would have wanted to know?

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**In a news report, the first paragraph will give an introduction to what has happened, when and where it happened, who was involved and how/why it happened.**



**Reporters call these the '5Ws' of the report:**

- **What**
- **When**
- **Where**
- **Who**
- **Why/How**

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Look at this example with your partner.

Think, pair, share...

Can you find the information on the 5Ws from the first paragraph of this report?

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Queen Cleopatra VII named her son Caesarion the joint ruler of Egypt after the mysterious death of her brother Ptolemy XIV.

What:

When:

Where:

Who:

Why/How:

*Ptolemy = (tol-ah-me)*

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# Did you find the correct information?

**On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Queen Cleopatra VII named her son Caesarion the joint ruler of Egypt after the mysterious death of her brother Ptolemy XIV.**

**What:** A joint ruler is named

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Where:** Egypt

**Who:** Queen Cleopatra VII and Caesarion

**Why/How:** ... after the mysterious death of her brother Ptolemy XIV

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Let's have a go at writing a 5Ws paragraph.

Write an introductory paragraph using this information.

**What:** Cleopatra and her brother Ptolemy XIII inherit the throne

**When:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Where:** Alexandria, Egypt

**Who:** Cleopatra and Ptolemy XIII

**Why/How:** after the death of their father Ptolemy XII



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# What did you come up with? Did you use all the information?



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**What:** Cleopatra and her brother Ptolemy XIII inherit the throne

**When:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Where:** Alexandria, Egypt

**Who:** Cleopatra and Ptolemy XIII

**Why/How:** after the death of their father Ptolemy XII

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Let's try another...

Write an introductory paragraph using this information.

**What:** Ptolemy XIII dies

**When:** 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Where:** The River Nile

**Who:** Pharaoh Ptolemy XIII

**Why/How:** After his forces were defeated by Caesar's in the Battle of the Nile, Ptolemy XIII drowned in the river

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# What did you come up with? Did you use all the information?



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**What:** Ptolemy XIII dies

**When:** 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Where:** The River Nile

**Who:** Pharaoh Ptolemy XIII

**Why/How:** After his forces were defeated by Caesar's in the Battle of the Nile, Ptolemy XIII drowned in the river

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**Why  
do you think  
that Cleopatra's  
death was so  
significant?**



**What happened to  
Egypt after she died?**