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Badir/<r> who had no camp bed but only a mattress & blankets, decided to sleep on top of the plinth, as he was scared of scorpions, we hinted that they were encroaching on hareem preserves but our remarks fell on deaf ears so we left it at that & all helped each other with the bed making & had great fun & arguments over the best way to fold blankets, then we had supper & after

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supper we amused ourselves making bonfires of the dried camel thorn & scrub that was growing in the valley, it was quite dark by then & we had a glorious blaze & we all got our hands scratched collecting the feul thorny bushes to build up the fire, then Hanafey got a bottle of paraffin & some car rags & some bandages from his first aid outfit & laid a trail from bush to bush & lighted the wind ward end & we had a line of blazing bushes all down the valley which looked most weird in the light of the flickering flames, we amused ourselves in this way until 10 o'clock & then decided to go to bed. Amice & I retired to the end of the column furthest away from

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seen. We completed our toilets & still Badr was fast asleep. he had wrapped himself head & all in his white blanket & was stretched out on the plinth, & Amice said he looked just like a patient on the operating table. so Hanafey got a large knife & dressed up in Amice's overall to look like a surgeon & a/<A>mice got her camera to take a photograph of an operation being performed, he was just posed with the knife ready when Badr sat up. you can imagine how astonished he was when he saw the scene we had staged, we made m/him lie down again while the photograph was taken, & then Hanafey rolled him off the operating table & we all set to work to prepare

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I have forgotten to tell you one incident on the road that day that caused some fun later. We were of course wearing our oldest clothes & had had rather a joke with Hanafey as to whose shirt was in the worst condition

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it had evidently caused his/<m> a lot of amusement he had Badr along with him, so our merry party was united again & we had a most uproarious supper together & did not go to bed until past eleven, we forgathered again for breakfast at 5.30. Hannafey & Badr were pushing on to Suez & Amice & I were staying on another day to visit a Monastrysic of St Antonious^{sic} in the neighbourhood, we took two of the lighthouse men along with us & spent the day with the monks who were most hospitable. we arrived back at the lighthouse in time for supper & went to bed early & continued our journey <early next day> & arrived at Suez quite safely Friday night & got to Cairo Saturday morning.

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18 + Gld Bano , gave us a lovely Time , we said good by to him facting we had made a very good filmed, I hope you will see him some Time as he has promised to com i stay will me next Time he comes To Ingland, We an leaven Bano Tomonow + are going to visit our find Olion al Boung il anal fac fas days, it will be lovely by the sca. The weather is hupping wordsfully cool for May but baino is very staffy the shall by glad to be off into the desate. Jucy is having a new Lood made so that he will be wata proof for the journay across Emops. Will you address the neet felle you write after receiving this to. PTO

& Old Cairo & gave us a lovely time & we said goodbye to him feeling we had made a very good friend, I hope you will see him some time as he has promised to come & stay with me next time he comes to England.

We are leaving Cairo tomorrow & are going to visit our friend Oliver at Bourg el Arab for a few days, it will be lovely by the sea. the weather is keeping wonderfully cool for May but Cairo is very stuffy & we shall be glad to be off into the desert. Joey is having a new hood made so that he will be waterproof for the journey across Europe.

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