

King Tut Suffered “Massive” Chest Injury, New Research Reveals

A new study shows that Tutankhamun, Egypt’s famous boy king who died around the age of 18, suffered a “massive crushing, tearing injury to his chest” that likely would have killed him. New research has been done on Tut’s body by Dr. Benson Harer, a medical doctor with an Egyptology background. What may have caused Tut’s chest injury that killed him? One possibility that Dr. Harer ruled out is that of a chariot accident. Dr. Harer claims, “If he fell from a speeding chariot going at top speed you would have what we call a tumbling injury – he would have gone head over heels. He would have broken his neck, his back, or his arms or legs. It would not have gouged a chunk out of his chest.” Instead, Dr. Harer has suggested another more exotic possibility – that Tut was killed by a hippo. It’s not as far out an idea as it sounds, hippos are aggressive, quick and territorial animals, and there is an artifact in Tut’s tomb that appears to show him hunting one of them. It would also explain why there is no account of Tut’s death since being killed by a hippo would be a pretty embarrassing way for a pharaoh to die. It is also a proven fact that hippos kill more people than any other animal in Africa, if not the world. When a person is attacked by a hippo, the victim suffers a massive tearing injury and can actually be cut in half. Medical reports also indicate that even if the victim is running away from the hippo, they typically suffer a frontal wound. In Tut’s case, if the hippo charged, his body guards may not have been able to get to him in time. It is tempting to imagine the teenage pharaoh trying to hunt one of the most dangerous animals in the world!

