

“Bowl of General Djehuty” video transcription

In the foreground, we see an army of Egyptian soldiers facing away from us. Behind them, two men ride along on a two-horse chariot. One wears a white tunic and leopard skin, and the other is an army general. There are palm trees and the high ramparts of a city in the background.

[Narrator]

One day, the Egyptian general Djehuty invented a ruse to capture the city of Joppa...

A line of men carry baskets—suspended on thick, long wooden poles on their shoulders—into the entrance of the city of Joppa.

[Narrator]

He hid his soldiers in baskets filled with food for the city.

Night has fallen. In the enclosure, we see the baskets sitting along terracotta walls. All of a sudden, armed men jump out. They sneak along the streets until they reach the city gates.

[Narrator]

At nightfall, the soldiers came out of hiding, killed the guards, and opened the city gates.

Back to the first scene: the general in his chariot and his soldiers in front of the entrance to the city of Joppa.

[Narrator]

By morning, the city had been conquered. Pharaoh Tuthmosis III rewarded his general with a magnificent golden bowl.

The real bowl appears. It is round and made of gold. The center is decorated with circular patterns of fish and palmettes.

[Narrator]

Over 3000 years later, it still shines bright, far from the din of battle.