

Ötzi the Iceman: A Journey Through Time

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A long, long time ago, in the Alps Mountains along the Austrian-Italian border, lived a man named Ötzi. He lived before our grandparents were born, in fact, even before their grandparents were born. His special story was hidden in the cold mountains, waiting to be found.

One sunny day in 1991, many years after Ötzi lived, some brave people explored the mountains. They wanted to learn about the mountains' secrets. And guess what? They found something amazing! Ötzi was there, frozen in ice like a time traveler.

Ötzi looked different from us. He had long hair and wore clothes made from animals and plants. His clothes kept him warm in the cold mountains. He wore a special hat and carried a small bag. He was good at hunting, and he had a bow and some arrows to catch animals.

Scientists used special tools to learn more about Ötzi. They found out that Ötzi was very, very old—5,300 years old! He was like a secret

from the past. They called him a "mummy" because he was frozen in ice.

They learned more things about Ötzi. He ate deer meat and bread as his last meals. He had several tattoos on his body, arms, and legs. Ötzi wore a cloak made of woven grass. His clothes and shoes were made of various animal skins. The shoes were waterproof and wide, specially designed for walking across the snow. This was like solving a puzzle from the past.

Ötzi's story traveled all around the world. People learned about the frozen man who shared his secrets with us after many, many years. He showed us how people lived long ago, and he became a special friend from history.

