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and contents of the tombs is absolutely amazing. » Dr Kohler said archaeologists usually had to make do with the « scraps » left by grave robbers. She said the tombs were constructed during a period which marked the end of Egypt's prehistory and the beginning of the age of the Pharaohs.

n Found among the tombs were the remains of a mature woman believed to have been a wealthy matron of Memphis, Egypt's first capital city. She was buried with numerous stone and ceramic vessels and a perfectly preserved flint knife.

n The team also discovered the skeleton of a young woman, who was aged between 16 and 18 when she died, possibly in childbirth, Dr Kohler said. The young woman was buried with jars and bowls for scented oils and cosmetics, indicating she wanted to be well-groomed in the afterlife.



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