

Ancient Tool Project

Liam MacGabhann

50,000 years ago, a group of homo sapiens journeyed miles away to hunt at least one elephant. After a two mile trek the group sees a huge elephant, desperate they run towards the beast. But what they do not know is that there was another creature eyeballing the elephant, but now he has an appetizer! The lion leaps off the rock taking two of the homo sapiens to the ground. Desperately, they try to escape the grasps of the large cat by hitting it with their hand axes. They were too late their tools and their bones lost to the abyss of time, never to be seen again.

49,900 years after the ancient lion attack, in Niger, a small city is being built. Everyday the excavators and backhoes dig up more and more of the rich African soil. Every once in awhile the city planners retrieve a bone or two, but they always end up being animal bones and teeth.

On March 24, 1967, a human jawbone was discovered on the site where the city was trying to build a storage composite. When they realised what it was, they stopped building right away. Carefully, professionals dug up the rest of the bones, they also found a couple of spear heads and other tools. Anthropologists studied the death of these ancient creatures. The tooth markings in these thousand year old human bodies were not from tiger or a lion they were from a whole different species. No one knows what the beast was that killed the hunting party, but if you want to see the remains of our ancestors, they are in a museum in their home country, Kenya!