# The Story of Wenamun (P. Moscow 120)

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*Glossing Conventions*

(May not match the conventions in my older notes)

( ) text omitted by the scribe, but implicitly understood

< > addition to fix a scribal error

{ } deletion to fix a scribal error

[ ] addition to fix lacuna, or addition uncertain

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**1/12/25**

(1.1) [Hsb.t] 5 Abd 4 Smw sw 16

hrw n wDy.(t) iir smsm hAy Wn-Imn n Pr Imn (1.2) [Nsw.t Nb] &Awy

r [ini.t tA] T.t n pA WiA aA ^psy n Imn-Ra Nsw.t Ntr.w nty Hr tp […]

(1.3) […Imn]-Wsr-@A.t

**(1.1)** [Regnal year] 5, month 4 of summer, day 16:

Day of the departure that the elder [of the] portal [*idaafa*], Wenamun, made [*relative*] from the house of Amun, **(1.2)** [Lord of] the Two Lands,

to [bring] the timber for the Great Venerable Bark of Amun-Re, King of the Gods, which is at the head […]

**(1.3)** […Amun]-Userhat:

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hrw n spr iir=i r +an.t r pA (1.4) [nty Ns-%w-BA-Nb]-+d &i-nt-Imn im

iw=i <Hr> rdi.t n=w nA wxA.w n Imn-Ra Nsw.t Ntr.w

iw=w (1.5) <Hr> rdi.t aS.tw m-bAH=w

iw=w <Hr> Dd

ir.y sp-sn m pA Dd Imn-Ra Nsw.t Ntr.w pA- (1.6) [-y.n nb]

Day of my departing [“departing that I made”] to Djanet [Tanis], to the **(1.4)** [place] in which Smendes [Nesubanebdjed, “He of Banebdjed”] [and] Tentamun are.

I am giving to them the dispatches [L 110] of Amun-Re, King of the Gods.

They **(1.5)** are causing them to be read [L 78] [*passive*] in front of them.

They say:

Yes [L 37] (said twice), as the speech of Amun-Re, King of the Gods, ou- **(1.6)** [-r lord.]

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iw=i <Hr> iry.<t> <r>-SAa-<r> Abd 4 Smw

…

I am staying until [TLA r-SAa-r] month 4 of summer

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