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The Great Sphinx is disappearing. It would not be the first time in its nearly five-thousand-year history that the sands of Egypt have buried this wonder of the ancient world. But today, the Sphinx confronts a threat far worse than being blanketed by dunes. The face of the mysterious Pharaoh is being sand-blasted to oblivion—its lips, chin, nose, and eyes eroded beyond recognition by whipping winds; its limestone lion's body, dissolved into paste by rising saltwater and sewage, and trembled apart by planes, cars, and construction.

Now, an international team of archaeologists, architects, and engineers, led by Zahi Hawass and Mark Lehner, are racing against time to save the Sphinx. With the aid of the most advanced digital 3D model ever constructed, they hope to save the Sphinx before it is too late. Along the way, they'll also solve the riddles that have eluded the rescue missions of Pharaohs, Caesars, and Emperors for more than 3000 years. Who is the Sphinx and what did it symbolize? How was it built, when, and by whom? NOVA follows the rescue team to find out if they can reverse the destructive forces of man and nature to save this wonder of the ancient world.

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