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| In 1991, a pair of hikers in the Ötztal Alps along the Austrian-Italian border discovered a man's body. | The body was located extremely high up in the mountains at 10,500 feet. |
| When the body was discovered, it was half-buried in the ice. | Many mountaineers die in this area from falls and other accidents. |
| Next to the body were bits of leather, string, and rolled-up birch bark. | The body had no hair, fingernails or skin. |
| The body was missing its twelfth pair of ribs. | A string was found onto which was threaded several pieces of fungus. |
| A pencil-looking tool was found, with elk antler running through the middle of it. | Strangely, the body had not been touched by predators like wolves or eagles. |
| The body was covered with strange tattoos in the form of groups of lines and crosses. | High levels of arsenic - a poisonous substance - were found in the hair from the body. |
| The body had a number of fractured ribs at the time of death. | The body was situated in a gully between tw’;;o large walls of rock. |
| It was not immediately clear if the body was situated in Italy, or in Austria. | Further excavations uncovered a broken longbow and a bearskin cap. |
| The body's lungs were blackened with soot particles. | An archaeologist who inspected the body said it was "at least 4000 years old" |
| An axe was found with the body which appeared to be made of iron. | In life, the body would have been about 5 feet 2 inches tall. |
| One journalist suggested that the body had been 'planted' at the scene as a hoax. | The Viennese reporter Karl Wendl named the body "Ötzi". |
| The body's fingernails showed he had suffered stressful illnesses leading up to his death. | 30 different types of pollen were found on the body. |
| The man suffered from whipworm, a painful stomach parasite. | The bow that was found at the scene was completely covered in blood. |
| One of the man's hands had a deep, unhealed wound. | He had a quiver full of arrows - but only two of them were finished. |
| His stomach showed he had eaten a large meal shortly before he died. | A pot made of tree bark was found with the body; it was blackened with traces of charcoal. |