

# Red Team



As the starting klaxon sounded, Sheila pounded out the Cadence of Assembly on the big bass drum. At once, the members of Red Team poured out of the Waiting Corral, raced into the center ring and began to form their human pyramid. They clambered over one another in what, to the untrained eye, looked like total chaos. Muffy never did get her balance, and she had the misfortune to fall onto the poison-tipped spears, a disqualifying action. But she was the only casualty. With impressive speed, a lifelike representation of the Great Pyramid of Giza took shape. Oh, it was touch and go as Ben and Norma had trouble replicating the escape shaft to the King's burial chamber, but the Team pulled together and qualified just as the 30-second timer bell rang. Several team members raised their arms in triumph. But victory wasn't yet in the bag, and Group Leader Raffles tried to calm his teammates as Chief Inspector Wiggins surveyed the pyramid. Hmm, the sloping angles were all precisely 51 degrees, 51 minutes, good; the sarcophagus was a lifelike red granite; there were no posture irregularities. Everything looked fine – indeed, excellent! But then he ignited his torch and brushed it against the rumps of the Outer Ring Guard. With a great *WHOOMPH*, they all caught fire and the pyramid collapsed in flames! Oh no! To Red Team's howling dismay, they'd forgotten to lather up with fire retardant! Let that be a lesson to all you team-builders – never overlook the obvious!