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Preliminary assessments suggest the tomb dates back around 2,000 years to the Republican and Imperial Roman era.

A remarkably well-preserved chamber tomb was recently unearthed in cultivated land in the municipality of Giugliano in Campania, near Naples, during an archaeological study prior to the modernization of the town’s water supply system. city.

The first examinations made it possible to estimate that the **fall** dated about 2,000 years ago.

The entrance to the tomb was sealed by a slab of tuff, and upon entering the chamber revealed astonishing frescoes that adorned its walls.

Among these frescoes is a remarkable representation of the three-headed dog Cerberus, which has earned the tomb aptly nicknamed the “Tomb of Cerberus”.

Cerberus, also known as the “Hound of Hades”, guarded the gates of the Underworld to prevent the souls of the deceased from escaping.

The scene depicted illustrates the culmination of the twelve labors of Heracles, during which he succeeded in capturing Cerberus.

The tomb also contains representations of mythological scenes featuring ichthyocentaurs, beings whose upper body is that of a human, the front legs and lower part of the forepart of a horse, and whose tail resembles that of a fish.

Archaeologist Valentina Russo, who was present during the discovery, explains: “*the excitement was enormous... the shouts, the hugs, us, the workers, ... finding something like that doesn’t happen every day.*”

Full excavation of the chamber tomb is currently underway, and archaeologists intend to also explore the wider necropolis surrounding the tomb.