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Cerberus' Sealed Tomb Discovered in Italy

Archaeologists have uncovered a well-preserved chamber tomb in Giugliano, Italy, adorned with intricate frescos, including a depiction of Cerberus, the three-headed guardian of the Underworld. The tomb was discovered during an archaeological investigation in the Flegreo Domitiana area and has been named the Tomb of Cerberus. The site is known for its various burial sites from the Roman Republic and Roman Imperial Age. The tomb was initially believed to be a boundary marker, but further examination revealed it to be a sealed chamber tomb. The Cerberus fresco shows the hound standing between a naked man, likely Heracles, and the messenger god Hermes, possibly depicting the last of Heracles' twelve labors. The tomb also contains other mythological scenes, such as ichthyocentaurs holding a shield. The tomb's inhabitant remains on the funeral bed and is surrounded by objects, while an altar with vessels for libations is also present. The discovery has been described as "indescribable" by Mariano Nuzzo, Superintendent of Archaeology, Fine Arts and Landscape for the Naples metropolitan area. ☐

