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Look at this place.

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Oh my God.

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What is this?

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Whatever it is, it's big.

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That's huge.

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Does anybody hear heartbeat?

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Listen, can you hear it?

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He may not be a household name in the West,

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but Suleiman the Magnificent is perhaps the most beloved leader that the East has ever known.

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In the 16th century, Suleiman ruled the Ottoman Empire for a staggering 46 years,

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and he very nearly conquered all of Europe.

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In 1566, Suleiman died during a battle in Hungary.

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His body was carried back to his capital of Istanbul,

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but not before a strange ritual was performed.

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His heart was removed, placed in a golden container and buried beneath his command tent.

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His followers claimed the heart is a magical and mystical relic.

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Legend says the heart continues to beat, waiting to be reunited with its host.

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An entire town, called Turbek, was built over the burial site to honor the Sultan.

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But less than a century later, invaders wiped it off the face of the earth,

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and the location of Suleiman's heart vanished with it.

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With the 450th anniversary of Suleiman's death fast approaching,

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interest in the lost city, the heart, and the golden box buried there has reached a fever pitch.

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The container alone could be worth millions.

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And there's been a break in the case.

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Archaeologists have recently uncovered long lost documents that may point to the heart's location.

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So I'm beating a path to where east meets west.

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I'll follow the clues and retrace the legend with one goal in mind, to win the Sultan's heart.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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With a degree in archaeology and a passion for exploration,

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I have a tendency to end up in some very strange situations.

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God, lord have!

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My travels have taken me to the ends of the earth, as I investigate the greatest legends in history.

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We're good to try, let's go.

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This is Expedition Unknown.

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I begin my hunt for the Sultan's heart in his capital city of Istanbul.

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Once the center of the Christian world, and later the core of Suleiman's Ottoman Empire.

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It is a city straddling two continents, and the crossroad of the ancient and modern worlds.

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Though very much a part of the 21st century, Istanbul has lived past lives as Byzantium and Constantinople.

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The Sultan's top copy palace still shines as if ready for a new king.

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The soaring blue mosque sends out the call to prayer as it has for hundreds of years.

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Yet for some reason, Istanbul feels small to me.

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This is Miniaturk, an inexplicable attraction which takes famous Turkish landmarks and makes them tiny.

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Everything here is miniaturized. Trains, airplanes, and this guy's dignity.

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People are coming to Istanbul visiting fake miniature versions of real landmarks.

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And I am one of those people.

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Why? Who cares? I can see every important site in Istanbul in ten minutes flat, and pretend I'm Godzilla at the same time.

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Having taken in the small sites, I'm ready to tackle a big mystery.

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Though dead for almost 450 years, Suleiman the Magnificent doesn't seem like a figure of the past.

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The truth is, he's one of the most beloved leaders in Islamic history.

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There is even a hit Turkish TV show about him called Magnificent Century.

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It's sort of like the West Wing except with less Rob Lowe and more beheadings.

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To find out why Suleiman was such a rock star and why there's such a frenzy over his missing and magical heart,

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I'm going to meet with an expert to reach him on cutting through Istanbul's Grand Bazaar.

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When it comes to malls, it's pretty tough to beat the Grand Bazaar.

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For more than 500 years, this has been the place to shop in Istanbul.

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More than 3,000 vendors selling just about every item imaginable.

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Oh, there's a tiny woman living in there.

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Totally unexpected.

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As happens a lot here, someone randomly offers me a cup of Turkish tea.

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Not sure what type this is, but I will say that it tastes a little stiff.

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Let me help you to spend your money.

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Sure, okay.

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This is almost certainly going to break something in here.

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So this is Tiger Woods.

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That smells like a lot of bad choices.

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After winding through seemingly endless tunnels, I emerge back onto the open streets.

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So the search for Suleiman's missing heart is like a historic CSI cold case.

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And like any good detective story, you have to follow the body.

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And in this case, we can do that because Suleiman is actually entombed right here in Istanbul.

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Suleiman's body, minus one blood pumping muscle from the sternal area,

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is buried at an Istanbul mosque that bears his name.

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It's an understated affair.

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Beneath the towering minarets, I link up with noted history professor Gunhan Boreci

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to better understand the Sultan and the power of his missing heart.

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Suleiman the Magnificent.

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This is a big character in Ottoman history.

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Yes, he's a big one.

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And he's really presiding over the height of the empire.

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How was he remembered in Turkey today?

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Well, first of all, he is remembered as one of the greatest sultans of Ottoman history.

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Second as a great ruler in world history who had achieved and left behind so much.

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Suleiman was the longest ruling Sultan in Islamic history.

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Under his nearly 50 year reign, art, law and culture flourished.

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He was even an accomplished poet.

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But he was also a brutal military genius with a very big hat.

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By the year 1385, the Ottoman Empire has reshaped the map of the world,

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taking more than half of Europe under their control.

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And Suleiman wants more.

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Suleiman is a guy with real global ambition, right?

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Suleiman, yeah, wanted to take the whole chessboard, yes, yes.

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And he almost did.

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In 1566, Suleiman's army is pushing west toward Vienna.

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If he can take this strategic city, he will likely take all of Europe

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and snuff out Christianity behind him.

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Standing in his way, however, is a fortress in the small Hungarian town of Sigitbar.

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Suleiman thinks it will be an easy battle. He's wrong.

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He dies of old age in his command tent before the fighting ends.

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Why is his heart removed?

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He's far away from home, from his eternal resting place, so his body had to be preserved.

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In order to preserve the body, you have to remove all the organs.

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Of course, the heart is removed, and the heart should be having left in Hungary.

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The Sultan's body is embalmed, and his heart buried underneath the tent in a lavish gold box.

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In time, the body is moved back to Istanbul, but the heart is left behind.

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Nearby, we enter the mausoleum of Suleiman the Magnificent.

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So this is it?

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This is where he's buried?

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Wow, the final resting place of Suleiman, or most of him.

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The tomb is stunning, but technically incomplete.

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It's missing one very mysterious heart.

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According to local tradition, the heart is more than just an organ.

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It's a divine relic with the power of the Sultan himself.

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But people believed that, you know, he was the shadow of God.

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He's representing the justice, you know, of that divine power on earth.

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So in terms of this mystery of what became of the Sultan's heart, what do you think the next step is?

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There is a team of experts, archaeologists, historians from Hungary, our colleagues,

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and also a Turkish team are looking, you know, for his heart.

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So that's your best bet, you know, go to Hungary and talk to our friends, colleagues there.

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Two nations that haven't historically been very close allies have come together to try to recover the heart.

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So to join the hunt, I'm going to have to leave Suleiman's capital and head to the country where he died.

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It's a quick trip over the Balkans to Budapest, and when I get off the plane, I'm hungry.

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Sorry, wait, I'm in Hungary.

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Budapest was officially formed in 1873, but its roots run much deeper.

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It's an easy city to navigate with historic cobblestone streets and affordable public transportation.

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Or free if you know where to sit.

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Today we think of Budapest as one of the real gems of Eastern Europe.

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This graceful old city filled with stunning churches, beautiful buildings all shouldering the Danube River,

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but things haven't always been so peaceful here.

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Just about every army that's been in the neighborhood has taken a swing at this place, including Suleiman the Magnificent,

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who in 1541 occupied the city and made it part of the Ottoman Empire for the next hundred and fifty years.

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A few miles outside the city, I've arranged to meet with a researcher with a new theory about the location of Suleiman's missing ticker

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and its very valuable gold container.

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He's only a short train ride away, though it turns out everything on this train is short.

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Hello, how are you?

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Here?

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Here, thank you, very young conductor.

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Turns out this is the Geyer-McVashit, or Children's Railway, which is run entirely by kids aged 10 to 14.

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I am officially in a Wes Anderson movie.

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Are you enjoying the train ride?

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Yes, it's very pleasant, thank you.

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Running since 1948, it was designed specifically for youngsters to learn how to run and manage trains.

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How long have you been working for the railroad?

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One whole year.

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A year? Pretty good pay?

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There is no paying, it's a volunteer.

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We do it because we like it.

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And how long is your shift?

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Twelve hours.

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Twelve hour shift with no pay?

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I believe that's called child labor.

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Something about that doesn't seem right.

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My short ride on the Liability Limited ends in the center of Buda Castle, where I meet with Zoltan Heji,

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a conservationist who thinks the Sultan's heart was taken from its burial site and brought here to Budapest.

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So I understand that you are a guy who knows a lot about what's underneath Budapest.

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Underneath there is a mystic and dark world, tunnels, corridors and chambers, approximately two miles altogether.

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More than two miles apart?

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Yes, yes, yes.

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Tunnels beneath Budapest are older than the city itself, and when Suleiman was controlling the city, the passages were used to store precious items.

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After Suleiman's death, his body was moved back to Istanbul, but some believe that his heart and its golden chest were stashed beneath Budapest.

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Have all the tunnels been mapped and explored?

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Not, absolutely not.

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People believe that in these tunnel systems there are great valuable objects and that Suleiman's heart in his golden container could be hidden here, yeah?

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I think so.

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Maybe they hide it in the cellars or in the bells.

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Is it possible to see what's down there?

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We just go down.

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Oh, okay.

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That's called a manhole.

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Zoltan has exclusive access to a sealed off part of the tunnel system, leading to never before excavated chambers.

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So we waste no time in strapping on our repelling gear and preparing for our descent.

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Oh my God.

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I'm in the nation of Hungary on a mission to find a golden box containing the sacred heart of a powerful Sultan.

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The priceless and some say magical relic has been missing for hundreds of years, and one theory is that it ended up beneath the streets of Budapest.

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Explorer Zoltan Heggy is leading me on a mission down into the city's underground cave system.

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Oh my God. Holy s\*\*\*.

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That's way deeper than I thought.

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Who goes first?

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I'll be with the first.

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That's the right answer. Good choice.

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Thank you.

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If I'm not right behind you, I'm just over at that pub.

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Okay.

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Okay, I'll just be right down then.

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Should I come down this pit of death?

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Hi, how are you folks doing tonight?

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00:13:53,000 --> 00:13:55,000

Hello. Good to see you.

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Oh man.

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00:13:57,000 --> 00:13:58,000

Okay.

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00:13:58,000 --> 00:13:59,000

Coming down?

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Oh God.

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Why do I do this?

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I'm down.

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This is incredible down here.

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These tunnels wind for more than two miles.

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Some passages are natural caves.

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Others chiseled out over the centuries.

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But one thing is clear, none of it was built to code.

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Watch your step here.

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This is not a good sign.

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The tunnels show a long timeline of habitation.

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Some residents were prehistoric.

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So that is a mammoth tooth.

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The tooth?

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Yes.

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There?

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00:14:41,000 --> 00:14:42,000

Yes.

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00:14:42,000 --> 00:14:44,000

Wow. Some were from the Middle Ages.

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00:14:45,000 --> 00:14:46,000

Oh my God.

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00:14:46,000 --> 00:14:48,000

Yes, they are really human bones.

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And other occupiers were here more recently.

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In these chambers, the German soldier was here during the Second World War.

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That was the telephone center for them.

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Wow. So cool.

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I can't believe how many different tunnels there are.

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Huge room.

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Yes.

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So look at this little chamber.

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00:15:11,000 --> 00:15:12,000

Whoa.

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00:15:12,000 --> 00:15:16,000

It is in this area that Zoltan believes the Sultan's army may have camped

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and buried his heart in the cavern floor.

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Just look at these chambers.

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The ground is very soft here.

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It is very easy to bury things here.

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Alright, let's hit it.

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To arm ourselves with the best chance of finding the golden box,

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he brings out metal detectors.

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And together, we carefully search the chamber.

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Wow.

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00:15:39,000 --> 00:15:41,000

Okay, hold on something here.

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That's a nail.

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00:15:50,000 --> 00:15:51,000

Okay.

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00:15:51,000 --> 00:15:53,000

Nobody said it was going to be easy.

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00:16:00,000 --> 00:16:02,000

Hey man, I got something over here.

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00:16:04,000 --> 00:16:05,000

I got a big hit here.

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00:16:07,000 --> 00:16:09,000

Should be something here.

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00:16:16,000 --> 00:16:17,000

What is that?

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00:16:17,000 --> 00:16:18,000

What is that?

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00:16:19,000 --> 00:16:20,000

Here look.

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00:16:21,000 --> 00:16:22,000

A ball.

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00:16:22,000 --> 00:16:23,000

It's heavy.

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Lead?

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A masquered ball.

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That is so neat.

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Yeah, it's very unique.

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This cave is its own treasure box of history.

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At least, yeah.

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And to discover a bullet that's hundreds of years old is an amazing reward.

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You are a real treasure hunter.

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Oh, I got very lucky.

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But this isn't the artifact that we're looking for.

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Congratulations, man.

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Thank you.

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And despite another few hours scanning these dank tunnels,

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the Sultan's heart remains at large.

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And we have to call it a night.

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New day, new lead.

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With no sign of the heart under Budapest,

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the most likely bet is that the heart is right where it was originally buried,

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under the Sultan's command tent.

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And I've learned that a historian at the National Archives

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may have cracked the code on its forgotten location.

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I grab a set of wheels and head for the city center.

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Even by expedition unknown standards,

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my whip is a little unusual.

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This is a two-stroke 350cc Valorax.

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It is a Czechoslovakian made.

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I'm going to use the word vehicle pretty loosely.

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It's three wheels, canvas, some tubing, an engine,

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and a brake pedal, though it doesn't appear to be attached to anything.

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I don't know if this is a transsignal or an ejector seat.

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Transsignal.

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This is the perfect vehicle if you want to feel like you're in a car,

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but have all the safety features in a circus cannon.

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Stop, stop!

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Stop your butt!

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At the National Archives of Hungary,

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I meet Matej Kitanic, the archivist who may have just made

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a major breakthrough in the case.

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Oh my God.

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Wow, that's a lot of paper.

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This building has 16 million pages of material about Hungary

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from the Romans, Ottomans, Mongolians, and Soviets.

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Wow, okay. How do these materials help us

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with the search for Suleiman's heart?

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We've recently found a dog that's been found

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in the Suleiman's heart.

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We've recently found documents and a map that may identify the spot

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where the Sultan's command attempt was located.

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We may have just found the key to recovering the Sultan's heart.

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At the National Archives of Hungary,

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a researcher is about to show me newly discovered documents

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that could point to the location of Suleiman the Magnificent's missing heart.

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All of these documents I have here were just recently found.

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So what do we have?

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This is from 1692.

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There's a lot of information about the location of Turbek written in here.

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A place known as Turbek has long been considered critical

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to the search for the Sultan's heart.

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After the Sultan died in his tent at the Battle of Sigurdvar,

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his heart was buried in the ground.

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Then, a small pilgrimage town called Turbek

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sprung up on top of the grave.

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It was a shrine to worship the divine heart.

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There's just one problem.

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A hundred years later, crusaders wiped Turbek off the face of the earth.

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Its location has been lost ever since.

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And where did this manuscript come from?

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Believe it or not, it was hidden behind a bookshelf of a monastery in Sigurdvar.

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Someone just found this behind a bookshelf?

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That's crazy.

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That's like something out of the Da Vinci Code.

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This is an actual eyewitness description of where Turbek and the tomb were located.

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Where does it say Turbek is?

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This details the location of a vineyard on a hill

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about an hour's walk from the fortress in Sigurdvar.

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This is where Suleyman was buried.

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So the vineyard in this hill, this is the location of the town?

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Yes.

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This is what we would call a smoking gun.

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This could really crack this thing wide open.

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Mate has more than a description, though.

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He's also uncovered a one-of-a-kind 17th century blueprint of the city.

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This is one of the most exciting finds we've ever made.

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A parchment from 1664.

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This is the only proper drawing of Turbek that exists.

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You can see the perimeter of the town and the buildings inside of it.

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That black circle there is the exact spot where they buried Suleyman.

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So if you know where Turbek is and you could match it to this map, you could find the heart.

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This could be it.

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And the Hungarian government has wasted no time in dispatching archaeologists

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to find the sultan's heart at the site of his last stand.

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Speaking of hearts, mine is pounding as I hop a train bound for the excavation.

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I board the Danube Express, a stately old train that carries me in style

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140 miles south of Budapest to the very small town of Sigetbar.

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I can say this, I find the Sultan's heart.

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Because I'm never getting off this train.

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After taking a much needed break from roughing it, we pull into the station.

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This ancient city is rich in monuments and memories of the historic siege that unfolded here in 1566.

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And the people are considered the friendliest in Europe.

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Or they would be if I could ever find one of them.

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This town has no people in it.

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Literally I can't find one person.

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Hello?

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Looking for a nice quiet place to retire?

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May I recommend Sigetbar?

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No, but the only one here.

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It's just the two of us.

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450 years ago, this was the site of one of the most pivotal battles in European history.

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This is where not only did Suleiman the Magnificent die,

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this was the end of the Golden Age of the Ottoman Empire,

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but it prevented the Ottomans from moving forward into Hungary and possibly Western Europe.

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This has been referred to as the battle that saved Western civilization.

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But all armies march on their stomachs and mine is rumbling.

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What can I say, the tea and scones aboard the train didn't quite cut it.

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So before meeting with the archaeologists, I find a cafe where I can grab a real bite.

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Big piping hot bowl of goulash.

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Here we go.

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This is of course one of these signature dishes here in Hungary.

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This is what shepherds would eat.

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It comes from an old Norse word meaning whatever you've got cook it.

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Mmm, it's so good.

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I have no idea what I'm chewing.

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But it's delicious.

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And that's kind of the beauty of goulash.

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You don't have to be confused with goulashes, which is a soup out of two rubber boots.

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It's a different dish.

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Down the road from the seemingly abandoned town square,

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I finally come upon the reason for this entire search, the catalyst for Suleiman's death.

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The Fortress of Sigetvar.

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This stronghold was among the last things that the sultan ever saw.

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As for me, I'm hoping the inside this castle is the key to finding his heart.

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I'm on the trail of one of the most sought after and strange relics in history.

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The long lost heart of the sultan Suleiman the Magnificent.

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My journey has led me here to the fortress at Sigetvar Hungary,

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site of the battle that became the sultan's last stand.

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So this is it, this is the fortress.

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Yeah, that's where it all happened.

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Using newly discovered documents from the archives,

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archaeologist Gabor Bertak has been excavating the fortress and surrounding areas

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in an effort to locate Suleiman's camp.

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Would it have looked like this in Suleiman's time?

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Well, there was a bridge originally, which was partly destroyed during the siege of course,

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and also there was a big moat.

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So a pretty formidable place, tough place to take.

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It was tough.

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Yeah.

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Suleiman is headed to Vienna with aspirations to take over all of Europe.

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But he has to get past this fortress in Sigetvar.

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On paper, it's an easy win.

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Suleiman's 100,000 man army versus a Hungarian force of only 2,300,

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led by Croatian general Nicola Zerini.

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But to the sultan's horror, the determined Hungarians hold back the Turks for more than a month.

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Was anybody left alive in the end?

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Only handful of people.

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There was a final charge out of the castle, and that's where the remaining people died.

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The battle is nothing short of a bloodbath.

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Zerini and most of the Hungarian men decimate the sultan's army.

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But in the end, they are overrun.

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And when did Suleiman die during the siege?

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Right towards the end.

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Right towards the end?

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Yeah.

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And so then Suleiman's forces have the castle, they control it,

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and they start building projects in here?

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Well, one of the most important buildings that we had sources on is Mosque.

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To commemorate the great sultan who died here.

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The stone mosque was built in 1568.

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It is one of the only original buildings in the area that has survived over the years.

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Wow, so what is going on here?

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Currently, Gabor is leading a dig right next to it,

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looking for Ottoman artifacts in an effort to narrow the search for the sultan's heart.

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We have one spot over there where we found lots of weapons.

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One of the most significant finds is a cannonball.

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Oh, man, that is heavy.

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This cannonball, though, is from Ottoman period.

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Yep.

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So this might have been used in the siege.

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It's could have been fired by the sultan's army.

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In terms of the attack here,

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Suleiman's army would have had some pretty fierce weaponry, right?

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The most important tool they used was not a weapon.

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They used their superiority in numbers.

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The key is to figure out where the sultan positioned his command tent outside the fort.

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By examining which side of the structure was being attacked,

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Gabor may be able to get a bearing on the sultan's position.

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Metal detector?

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Metal detectors help pinpoint weapons used in the siege.

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We both scour the site, carefully sweeping over the recently dug trenches.

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Metal detector?

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Got something!

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Come here, check it out.

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Okay, let's check it.

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I should have the location.

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Click right here?

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Yeah.

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Oh my god, this looks like Battle X or...

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Oh my god.

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This is something that could actually have been used in Suleiman's siege.

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Yeah?

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That is so wild.

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So this is probably four or five hundred years old.

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Yes, it is.

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Have you found any other axes in this pit?

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No, not axes.

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This is the coolest find in the dig so far.

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Yeah?

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Yeah.

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Look at that!

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I am so happy to have been here for it.

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Thank you so much, man.

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Really, that is incredible.

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You're welcome.

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To think that for hundreds of years this thing is hidden,

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and then to be able to be the next person who holds it.

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Yeah.

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You know, how cool is that?

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And thank you so much for letting me keep this.

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Why are you laughing?

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I'm the guy holding the axe.

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I don't know why you're dictating terms here.

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Gabor's work is literally unearthing history,

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and it's given him an idea of which direction the Sultan's army approached from.

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But in terms of the most probable place that the heart could be hiding,

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is where you think?

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Outside the walls.

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Yeah, outside the walls.

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On the hill to the east.

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That's the most plausible.

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To know for sure, though,

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we've got to get a look at the entire battlefield.

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At a nearby airport,

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we squeeze into a small airplane to continue the search.

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There is the fortress.

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Yeah, there it is.

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Okay, so what do we know about where Suleiman's camp was outside the fort?

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Because originally they were closer to the castle.

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So there were some shots coming out of the castle that landed here,

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the Sultan's tent.

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And then they disappeared.

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And then they disappeared.

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And then they disappeared.

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So the castle that landed here, the Sultan's tent.

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And then they decided to move it back to a place so the Sultan could see

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the progress of the siege, but from the same distance.

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The documents from the archive in Budapest

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reveal several critical clues about the location of Turbek,

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the town built directly above Suleiman's buried heart.

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It's been revealed that Turbek is four kilometers from the fortress,

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which gives us a radius to fly over.

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And Gabor's excavation has confirmed that it's likely northeast.

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So we adjust course to investigate.

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The document also says Turbek was on a hill and next to a vineyard.

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Now that we can see the whole stage, let's talk about where that heart could be.

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If you look beyond, did you see this hilly area?

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Yes.

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Oh, yeah, there it is.

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So that could be Turbek.

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And it is on a hill.

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And you've got vineyards on the slopes.

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Somewhere down there, maybe, is the heart of Suleiman.

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This is where it all happened.

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Yeah, that's where it all happened.

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Gabor isn't the only one to suss this out.

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In fact, he has colleagues searching for the ruins of Turbek

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in the area at this very moment.

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Back on the ground, I'm anxious to head for the hills where Gabor's associates

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are investigating these latest developments.

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Gabor tells me I can borrow an ATV from the fortress to help navigate up to the site.

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As I speed through the hills, there's only one thing going through my mind.

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I think these guys are about to make a major discovery.

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I'm on my way to a vineyard near the fortress at Sigitbar Hungry,

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which may be the location of the lost town of Turbek and the sultan Suleiman's lost heart.

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All of the evidence is really pointing to this hill outside of Sigitbar.

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It's the right distance from the fortress.

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It's the right geography.

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This is the most probable place to find Suleiman's camp.

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And if we find the camp, we find the heart.

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Hello!

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Hello!

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How are you? I'm Josh.

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Norbert.

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Norbert, hello.

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Hi, I'm Erika. I'm Matthew.

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Erika?

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Welcome to the site.

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Thank you very much.

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This is not what most archaeological sites look like.

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This is beautiful up here.

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It is a vineyard.

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Uh-huh.

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Which was a vineyard in the Merriva times also.

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Yeah, it's stunning.

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So, give me a lay of the land here.

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Show me the site.

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Come on.

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Sure.

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This is actually a functioning vineyard behind the home of a local winemaker.

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He's kind enough to let the team show me what they believe is hiding in his backyard.

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So, I think for me the first question is why here?

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Why not over on that guy's property?

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Or why not over there?

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Why right here?

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We are 4.2 kilometers from the castle, one whole walk, and the northeastern direction.

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So, we are exactly the right place.

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And so, once you identified this area as being really promising, what was your next step?

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We had some measure of physical examinations underground.

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And what did you find under the ground?

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Walls.

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Walls.

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Using advanced ground penetrating radar, or GPR, they're finding evidence of structures

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underneath the surface that may be the town of Turbeck that was built over the sultan's burial.

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So, here you can see clearly the walls which we found under the ground.

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Right.

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And if you compare this to now.

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Ah, yes, I've seen this map.

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I saw the original of this back in Budapest.

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And you can see that rectangular building maybe here, which was the mosque and the tomb.

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It does line up.

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That's pretty astonishing.

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It looks like it could be that corner.

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This is really, really compelling.

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So, you may have found not just Turbeck, but the actual tomb itself.

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And how confident are you that this is it?

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I can say 99 percent.

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Really?

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I'm convinced that we are a very optimistic, very promising place.

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Have you scanned this entire search area?

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No, of course not.

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It is a very huge area.

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The team agrees to let me join them on their ongoing search to identify exactly where to start digging.

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In the middle of the vineyard, it suddenly becomes undeniable that these people are onto something.

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What do you got?

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Brick fragments.

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You said brick.

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And how old do you think these bricks are?

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These are all common.

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You literally just pick this up from the surface.

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Here's more brick.

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It's incredible this is just laying around here.

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There is an otter-masceremic fragment.

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With glaze on it still.

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And just about everything you touch here turns out to be a piece of brick or a piece of ceramic.

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I mean literally like, watch, I'm not even looking.

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Ceramic.

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Brick.

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This is like the supermarket sweep version of excavation.

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This is my kind of archaeology, you just pick things up.

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I found something, I think.

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Got something?

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Uh-huh.

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Shovel, shovel, shovel.

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How cool is that?

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It's super heavy.

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It's lead, yeah?

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Lead, it's lead.

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What is that?

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It can be a spike.

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So like for attaching something?

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Yes, part of a door.

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Wow, that is so cool.

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Two inches below the surface.

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Nice job.

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Thanks.

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So where there's a spike there's a door, and where there's a door there's a building.

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Yes.

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The ancient spike, the brick, the ceramic, this place is clearly hiding something.

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So Erica and Norbert fire up the GPR scanner to put some high-tech eyes underneath the ground.

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Erica, I feel bad you're doing all the work.

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I will be very strong.

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Okay.

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Erica insists on piloting the machine, so I find other ways to make the track a bit sweeter.

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Sorry, you guys need some help?

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After scanning row by row in the vineyard, we finally get a sizable hit.

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Got something?

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Uh-huh.

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This black spot here, what do you think it is?

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Maybe the wall.

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Yeah?

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It's significant, Ottoman, maybe the tomb.

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We could be standing on top of the tomb of Suleiman, right here.

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Right here?

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Here?

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Get a shovel!

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Why is that funny?

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Why can't we do that?

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Because we haven't got permission.

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We have to wait for the permit.

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You have to wait.

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How much longer until you have a permit?

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One month.

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Ah, bureaucracy.

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Despite the fact that these two might be on top of a major find, without the paperwork in place, they can't dig large trenches.

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But maybe they don't need to.

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What are these things?

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They look like pipes.

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It's a sign of a cellar.

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Oh, you mean like wine cellar?

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Wine cellar.

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And have you gone down in the cellars yet?

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Have you excavated in there at all?

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We haven't excavated them yet.

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And do you think it's possible to get down there?

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Let's go and try the owner and let's ask.

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Okay, yeah, let's do it for sure.

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Because whatever this is is right underneath us and that's, you know, five, six feet from that shaft.

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I mean, who needs to dig when you've got tunnels?

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They contact the owner and fortunately, he agrees to let us venture into his wine cellar,

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a place that could hold mysteries even he doesn't know about.

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Want even more Expedition Unknown?

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You can check out my personal photos, deleted scenes, and more at [TravelChannel.com](http://TravelChannel.com).

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I'm heading down into a wine cellar underneath a vineyard in Sigitvar, Hungary with Professor Norbert Papp and his colleague, Eric Hans,

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who believe this could be the location of a box that holds the mystical and priceless heart of the Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent.

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In his dark.

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Oh my God, it must be 20 degrees cooler down here.

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I mean, this goes way deeper than I thought it was going to.

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How far back does this go?

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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There's barrels?

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Barrels.

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Old wine barrels.

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How old is this cellar, do you think?

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I think 200 years old or older.

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Okay, end of the line here, yeah?

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Is this the ventilation pipe?

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Ventilation pipe, yes.

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Right, so this goes up to the surface.

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And this is the back wall here.

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You can see the tunnel can be seen.

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The back wall here.

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You can see the tunnel continues there too.

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Let's see what's in here.

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Do you have those tools?

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While the team needs permits to dig archaeological trenches from above,

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those rules don't apply to the privately owned wine cellar below.

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It's a wall, but it's really just soft clay.

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It just sort of breaks apart.

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What's that?

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Something?

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Something here?

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Oh, something hard.

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I don't know what it is.

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Whatever it is, it's a big.

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That's huge.

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It's definitely not natural.

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It's all squared off.

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What is this?

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Carved.

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Carved stone.

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Carved stone.

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And what's it made from?

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That's sandstone.

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This is part of a wall or part of a building?

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A precious building.

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Because it's very fine stone, yeah?

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Yes.

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You know, this is carved out to slot into something,

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and this would have been used to attach to something, right?

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Yeah.

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Do you think this could be part of the wall in the town?

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Probably, yes.

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The main entrance, framed by stones.

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There's a hole here.

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Erika, what's this for?

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Is it a part of a gate, maybe?

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We could match.

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Okay, that's the lead spike, yeah?

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Absolutely incredible.

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I mean, that's exactly the type of fixture

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that would have fit into something like this, right?

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Yes.

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Is there any other explanation

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for why we would find something like this down here?

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No, no, there is no other explanation.

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It belonged to a big Ottoman building.

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Maybe the tomb, maybe...

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I'm actually kind of speechless.

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I mean, forget that there's ceramics up there

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that might indicate there's something here.

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There is something here.

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We're touching it.

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The Sultan's heart could be right here.

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It could be right here.

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Listen, can you hear it?

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Everyone's...

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Everyone listen, very carefully.

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Is anybody here heartbeat?

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Mine, my heart.

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It's mine.

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I'm excited, it's mine.

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Excited.

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Yeah, we've unearthed a piece

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of what is almost certainly the lost town of Tervek.

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Beyond this point is the unknown.

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Good luck with the excavation.

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Please call me when you break ground.

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Okay, thank you.

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I want to come back,

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and I have a funny feeling

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that you're going to find a lot more of these.

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Hopefully in the shape of a tomb.

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We hope so.

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Hey, let's go upstairs and find some wine.

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Come on.

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Many times, the search for historic truth

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proves impossible.

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The trail too cold to follow.

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But other times, like today,

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seasoned detectives are so determined,

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passionate, and perhaps lucky enough

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to have the puzzle pieces of their case

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fit neatly together.

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And these are the facts.

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In Hungary, dogged researchers

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have uncovered maps and diagrams

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that confirm the layout of the solid-state

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of the site.

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In the ruins of the fortress

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where he made his last stand,

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an archaeologist is reconstructing the battle

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one artifact at a time.

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And in a picturesque vineyard of all places.

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The rest of the team has found physical clues,

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digital fingerprints,

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and now a smoking gun.

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The work isn't done,

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and the case technically remains open.

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But back in Istanbul,

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where a nation and a sultan

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have waited patiently for 450 years

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to find the remains of the site.

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And for 450 years,

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the case of the missing heart is,

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I have no doubt,

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about to be solved.

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