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Where is he?

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Well, that is the big mystery.

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This is like a key.

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This could lead to his burial.

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I understand you have some sort of artifact I need to see.

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Yes, I have something very, very special.

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You Vikings can't hide forever.

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Somebody actually dug into this mound,

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and we would like to find out why.

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All right, well, let's see if there's something down here.

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This is extraordinary.

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This is a Viking rune stone.

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Oh, big hit.

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Are these mounds?

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They are man-made mounds.

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Whoa, what is this?

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Hey, Josh, we have something.

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Please come.

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Look at this.

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Are you kidding me?

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What George Washington is to the United States,

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the Viking king, Harold Bluetooth Gormson, is to Denmark,

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a founding father who shaped the history of Europe.

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In the bloody game of thrones that defined the Viking Age,

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Bluetooth united warring tribes, conquered Norway,

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and brought Christianity to a place where the Vikings

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were not only the kings, but also the kings.

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He was so influential that the wireless technology

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we all carry around with us today bears his name.

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Yet despite his unprecedented power,

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Bluetooth is violently deposed by his own son.

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According to legend, the king and his royal treasure

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flee to a distant fortress known as Jamsborg,

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where Bluetooth dies of wounds sustained in battle.

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But the saga of the Viking King,

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the King of the United States,

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is to say that the King's treasure is the treasure

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of the Viking King, where Bluetooth dies of wounds

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sustained in battle.

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But the saga of Harold Bluetooth is unfinished.

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Neither the King's tomb nor his treasure have ever been found,

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and Jamsborg itself has been lost in the mists of time.

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But now, over a thousand years later,

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a mysterious golden artifact is leading experts

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to a hidden crypt,

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a place where you can find the hidden treasure

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in a forest.

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So put your wireless devices in airplane mode,

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as we take off to connect with the original Bluetooth,

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hunting his tomb and his treasure.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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Hello!

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Explorer.

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There goes nothing.

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Adventurer.

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Woo-hoo-hoo!

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Oh, that's a long way down.

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And a guy who ends up in some very strange situations.

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I'm alive for now.

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With a degree in archaeology and a passion for the unexplained,

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I travel to the ends of the Earth,

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investigating the greatest legends in history.

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May your rock and roll.

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This is Expedition Unknown.

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Welcome to Denmark.

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Today, vessels like this aren't exactly a common sight,

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but back in the 10th century,

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when Raskilda was a major trading port

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at the heart of Bluetooth's kingdom,

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this harbor would have been filled with Viking ships.

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These vessels were always on the move,

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assuming the Vikings put their backs into it.

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Josh, roll fast on.

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Doing the best I can.

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This is supposed to be a safe workspace.

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What we call Vikings were not a single people from a single place.

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Rather, tribes spread throughout Scandinavia.

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What today is Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

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But the Vikings weren't content to stay there.

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As Christianity spread through Europe,

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Scandinavia, home of the Vikings,

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was north of the Wall,

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seen as a wild, dangerous land of myth and legend.

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Vikings strived for Valhalla, feared Ragnarok,

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and worshipped colorful, mercurial gods,

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including Odin, Loki, and Thor.

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Fortunately, before Marvel had a chance to copyright them.

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From the 8th century, the Vikings conquered

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and settled an impressive swath of Europe,

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even reaching North America hundreds of years before Columbus.

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They were famously fierce explorers,

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and with swift, adaptable ships,

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wherever there was water, there were Vikings.

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As my ship sails to the docks of Raskilda,

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I make my way ashore into a city that was once the capital of Denmark,

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as well as a major Viking stronghold.

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Among Norse leaders, one name is legendary.

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The Uniter of Denmark, Conqueror of Norway,

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Son of Gorm, Father of Forkbeard,

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Deposer of Grey Cloak,

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Founder of the Minnesota Vikings.

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That might not be right.

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The Viking King, Harold Bluetooth Gormson.

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Harold Bluetooth Gormson is born into a Viking dynasty

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around the year 910,

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one of three sons of King Gorm the Old.

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Once in power, he immediately sets out

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to radically reshape the Viking world,

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uniting the warring tribes of Denmark,

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minting the nation's first coins,

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and overseeing massive civil engineering projects,

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including a series of immense ring-shaped fortresses.

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But when it comes to Bluetooth,

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the greatest mystery is the whereabouts of the King himself,

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because his grave and royal riches are lost.

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Or maybe not.

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According to my guidebook here,

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Bluetooth is actually buried right here in Raskilda Cathedral.

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If so, this is going to be our shortest episode ever.

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Come on.

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Magnificent Raskilda Cathedral was built in the 12th century.

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Legend has it, it's on top of an older wooden church.

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Here, in the back of the church,

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we have this painting of Bluetooth,

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and beneath it, we have an inscription that says,

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Harold, King of Denmark, England and Norway,

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and the first founder of this church.

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And local legend says that Bluetooth is buried right here.

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So that's it, folks.

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Case closed. Thanks for coming.

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Oh, there is one small problem.

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It's almost certainly not true.

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You see, in 1911, there was a major restoration of the church,

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and when archaeologists tore up the floors,

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well, they found nothing.

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No Bluetooth, no treasure, nada.

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So where is this Viking King of Kings?

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And you might be asking yourself,

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why would a pagan Viking be buried in a church in the first place?

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Didn't these guys worship Odin?

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Well, something is definitely rotten in the state of Denmark.

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That's a Hamlet reference.

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Alas, poor Bluetooth isn't in Raskilda,

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but my next stop to find him is close by.

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I drive 150 miles to the sleepy Danish town of Yelling.

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You'd never suspect that this quiet place

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was once the whole city of the city.

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The first place was once the heart of the Viking kingdom,

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but in Bluetooth's day,

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it was one of the most sacred places in their empire.

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At the Yelling Necropolis, I meet an old friend,

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archaeologist Soren Sindback,

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who leads me to a historic Viking document,

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one that isn't written, but rather chiseled.

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So here we are, Josh.

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This is the Yelling Rune Stone.

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Rune stones are a Scandinavian tradition

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that, back to the 4th century,

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elaborately painted monuments built to stand the test of time.

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Not just any Viking Rune Stone by Harold Bluetooth.

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Bluetooth himself erected this.

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He had this put up. Do you want to have a closer look?

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Behind the glass. We can go in.

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We can? Yes, surely.

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Yes, I do. How do we get into this thing?

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Well, come along.

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Soren has gotten us ridiculously special access to the Yelling Stone.

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This is the equivalent of getting to ring the Liberty Bell,

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so we unseal the door and pass into what feels like a very large fish tank.

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You're kidding me?

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Look at this.

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Can I touch it? Yes, sure.

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It's just a thousand-year-old monument.

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Okay, this is in Old Norse and runes, yeah?

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So you can recognize. Do you recognize this shape?

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There's a line, and then there's a little cross across here.

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A line with a cross through it.

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This is... You've seen that before?

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That is your phone?

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Oh, this is the modern Bluetooth.

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Exactly. So this is the H. This is the H, and then it's combined with a B.

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And we've got a B over here, and this is the B.

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Yeah, right here.

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You put them together, you get Harold Bluetooth.

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Bluetooth technology was originally developed by the Scandinavian company Ericsson,

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and so they layered the two initials of the great ruler who united the Vikings

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as the symbol for the standard that brings us together today.

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So these runestones serve what purpose?

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Because you find them all over the Viking world.

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They were commemorating dead relatives or friends.

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These are like ancient Wikipedia entries.

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Yeah, you could say that. Right?

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Very brief, but it's got the essential detail.

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So, obviously, we have his name on here.

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Yeah. It says,

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who won for himself all of Denmark.

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This monument is really like the foundation of Denmark is happening right here.

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Yeah, this is the birth certificate of Denmark.

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Okay, and there's more on the other side?

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Yeah. So it continues here. We've got to come around here.

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Okay.

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There's this magnificent animal figure here,

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and then at the bottom here it says,

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And Norway.

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And this is important because it says, I'm not just the king, I'm expanding the empire.

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I'm the strong king. Right. Exactly.

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And on the final face of the stone is something shocking.

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And on the third panel is a figure.

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Yeah, this is Christ.

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And it comes with this inscription down here,

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and made the veins Christian.

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Because that was Harold's last great deed.

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He converted his kingdom to Christ.

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No more Odin. No more Thor.

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This is our guy now. This is our guy. He's our protector.

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This is a really big deal here, right?

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This is like casting off these pagan gods that we see as so ingrained in all aspects of Viking life, right?

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I mean, it's breaking with all the past.

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All of the Vikings' powerful neighbors to the south are Christian.

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So whether he converts his people as a political calculation to keep the peace,

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or because of a genuine conversion of faith, remains an unknown.

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The amazing thing is that he actually pulls it off.

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You would think that there would be riots coming on.

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But this conversion is very expedient to him at the time.

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He gains a very strong ally in heaven, but he also gets a very strong ally on earth.

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So how does this monument help us understand where Bluetooth might be buried,

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or where his treasure might be hidden? I mean, how does this help us in that search?

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If we want to understand where Bluetooth was buried, we have to understand where his father was buried.

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Gorm? Gorm, yes.

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And where was he buried? I'll show you.

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The answer is this huge burial mound, where Gorm was interred in 958.

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But when scientists looked inside, neither he nor a treasure was there.

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Dating timbers inside the tomb, they determined the mound was reopened in the year 964,

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and that Bluetooth had moved his father's body while keeping it very close by.

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So just welcome to Yelling Church.

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So this has been here for how long?

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This building is from the 12th century.

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Down here under the floor in the middle of the building, there was another burial chamber.

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So the idea that we have is that Harold took his pagan father,

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pulled him from the mound, and reburied him here in his church right in front of the altar.

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So understanding where Gorm is probably does tell us a lot about where Bluetooth is.

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Yes. If he goes to the length to have his pagan father reburied in his church here,

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you can bet that he wants to be buried in a church.

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Exactly. But not in Raskilder?

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No, not in Raskilder, not in any of the other great feed wolves that's been excavated.

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But somewhere in a church?

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Yes. Just recently, something very strange came up which might relate to the Bluetooth story.

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Which is?

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Well, it's an artifact that came up in Sweden, so you'll have to go there.

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It's in Sweden?

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It's in Sweden.

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Okay, but it might have something to do with Bluetooth.

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Well, the juror's out. It's something you have to go and see for yourself.

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Okay. To Sweden.

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But to see it, I have to travel 175 miles of immaculate highways, tunnels and bridges.

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As I go from Denmark to Malmo, Sweden.

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Malmo has been voted the happiest place in Sweden, though that might have something to do with the fact that they created

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absolute vodka near here.

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I didn't travel all this way just to do shots, though.

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I am here to meet with a guy named Thomas Silsky, who's in possession of an artifact that may write the final chapter in the Bluetooth saga.

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Tomas believes the artifact to be so precious that he's taken heightened security measures before agreeing to show it to me.

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Upstairs at a discreet location, I find the man I'm looking for.

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Thomas.

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Hello.

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Nice to meet you.

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Nice to meet you too, Joe.

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So I understand you have some sort of artifact I need to see?

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Yes, I have something very, very special.

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A Viking artifact?

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Yes. Let's bring it in.

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The object, whatever it is, is accompanied by security who transported it here from a vault.

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Hello.

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Hello.

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It's kept in a lock box.

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Yes, it came from the bank.

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Okay. Please.

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Whoa, what is this?

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Whoa, what is this?

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In Malmo, Sweden, Tomas Silsky has revealed an artifact normally kept under lock and key that may lead to the treasure-laden tomb of the Viking king, Harold Bluetooth.

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This is curbsome disc.

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Curbsome disc? May I?

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Yes.

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This is a Viking artifact?

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Yes, a thousand-year-old disc made of gold.

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This is unbelievable.

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Speechless?

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Yes.

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Honestly.

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The curbsome disc looks like it fell out of an Indiana Jones movie.

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It's only a couple of inches across, but it feels heavy in my hand.

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One thing is certain. This is no simple piece of currency.

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So we have our Christian Latin cross here.

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And it is covered in writing.

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The top line I can read clear as day.

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That's Harold.

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Exactly.

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And then the word you just said, curbsome disc.

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It's a Latin translation of the name Gormson.

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Oh, so this is Gormson. This is...

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Harold Bluetooth.

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So this is definitely Bluetooth.

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This is definitely... And when you read it here, it's...

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Rex, which is king?

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King.

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What's after Rex?

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Ad Tanner. This is the king of the dance.

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Of the Danes.

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So Harold Gormson, king of Denmark, and...

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Yes, it's it's human.

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That it means Jomsgård, the legendary Viking fortress.

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Bluetooth reigns for about 30 years and makes significant campaigns abroad.

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The Viking sagas, written a couple hundred years after Bluetooth's death,

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tell of a fortress called Jomsborg on the southern shore of the Baltic Sea.

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It reportedly housed Bluetooth's fearsome battalion of loyal Jomsvikings,

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merciless warriors gathered from all over Europe.

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According to that legend, this is where Bluetooth is killed, right?

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Yes, and buried.

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Bluetooth's son, Swain Forkbeard, objects to the Vikings' conversion to Christianity,

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and in a stunning act of betrayal, raises an army to usurp the throne.

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According to legend, Bluetooth is struck with an arrow in the ensuing battle.

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He and his men withdraw to Jomsborg.

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There, Bluetooth dies and is buried by his loyal followers.

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But his tomb has never been located.

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Okay, so where did this come from? Where did you find this?

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In our attic at home.

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No.

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My daughter found it in a box with my grandmother's stuff.

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She just waltzes down from the attic with this?

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Yes.

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And did you have any idea that it was significant?

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Nothing. Not at all.

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I just sent her to the school with this.

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You let her take this to school?

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Yes.

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Sure.

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Her teacher got very interested and actually eventually also a Swedish archaeologist.

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And the analysis from the archaeologist is it's authentic?

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Yes, it's authentic.

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As for where it came from, Tomas has a story about that.

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And it starts in a churchyard in Poland in the town of Volland.

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Who finds this first?

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It was originally found in 1841.

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A little German boy, Heinrich Bold.

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Okay.

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In 1841, Bold is playing near the construction site of a new church in Voland when he comes upon loose earth.

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He digs into it and makes a remarkable discovery, an ancient crypt.

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Climbing inside, he finds a collection of Norse artifacts and this, the Kermsen disk.

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Out of respect for the dead, the priests of the church order the crypt sealed with the disk and artifacts inside.

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So, help me understand this.

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How did this get from Poland to your attic in Sweden?

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My grandfather in 1945, at the end of the World War II, gets in the same crypt and finds the disk.

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If this is authentic, this disk is like a key that could unlock this mystery.

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This could lead to Bluetooth burial.

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Do we know where this church is today?

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Yes.

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And what about the crypt?

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Do we know where that was?

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We suspect that the crypt is under or near the new church.

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And there is the team there trying to find it.

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Can you connect me with them?

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Yes, of course.

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Can I keep this?

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Nope.

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Okay, worth a try.

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The disk stays in Sweden.

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But not me.

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I'm off to rediscover the crypt where the Kermesen disk was hidden, where Harold Bluetooth and his royal treasury may be interred.

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To get to the church on time, I drive aboard a ferry in Easted Sweden.

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Okay, here we go.

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I'm in a car, on a boat.

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For a 175-mile journey across the Baltic Sea to Poland.

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1,200 years ago, to take to these waters was to risk your life, as the Vikings ruled the seas with an iron fist.

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Today, it's another kind of gamble.

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Okay, come on.

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Come on.

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That's three Aladdin's.

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How's that?

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Not a win.

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If this keeps up, I'm going to need to find Bluetooth's treasure just to buy a plane ticket back home.

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Come on!

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Last bet.

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Here we go.

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Totally rigged.

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Is there an ATM on this ship?

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A couple hundred euro later, we arrive in Poland and drive just outside of the town of Wolen.

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I'm here to meet the lead members of the team searching for the crypt where the mysterious Kermesen disk was reportedly unearthed.

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Jacek Godlewski and archaeologist Wojciech Mazurak.

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Jacek?

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Oh, hi.

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Hi.

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I'm Josh.

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Wojciech, nice to meet you.

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Nice to meet you.

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Good to meet you.

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Welcome.

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Nice to meet you.

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What a beautiful church.

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This is the church.

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Stunning.

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So, okay, this building dates from what year?

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1841.

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1841.

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So this is when this golden disk gets found by this kid.

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And he finds this disk in a crypt, but we don't know where that is today.

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We don't know where it is.

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It could be under the church or it could be adjacent to the church.

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We presume there was an older church standing somewhere.

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We don't know exactly where.

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Right.

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And this area does have a Viking connection.

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I mean, they were here.

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This was a significant place for them.

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Bolin was the center of trade here.

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Right.

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In this south part of Baltic Sea.

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Right.

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And another place that comes up a lot, and especially on this disk, is this idea of Jamsberg.

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Yes.

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It's a legendary Viking location.

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Yes.

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And we now have it associated on this disk with the name Bluetooth.

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Could we be in the area of what was Jamsberg?

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It is for sure around here somewhere.

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We are in the heartland of the Norse called this Vendland, the land of the Wends.

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And there is this story also that Bluetooth has a Slavic wife, right?

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Yes.

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We know Bluetooth had a real connection to this area because he married a Slavic princess.

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Right.

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This is beyond any doubt because it's actually written in stone.

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The Kermesen disk and the crypt in which it was found could be part of this remarkable story.

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The only questions left to answer now are, can we find the crypt once again?

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And does it belong to Harold Bluetooth?

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So how do we figure this out?

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I presume we're not going to tear down this beautiful church.

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No.

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That wouldn't be a good idea.

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No.

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So what do we do?

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We should do some georadar of the church on the inside and the premises and see if we find any anomalies.

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To look beneath this hallowed ground, we go behind the church where a geophysical team waits to get to work.

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Stefan and Stefan from OKM Detectors, our friends from Germany.

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You're both named Stefan?

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Yes.

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Okay.

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Two, two Stefan's for the price of one.

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Nice to meet you guys.

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Great to meet you.

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Okay, this I kind of recognize.

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This is a GPR unit?

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It is.

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Okay, I'm used to more of the lawnmower style.

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00:23:02,000 --> 00:23:03,000

Yeah.

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00:23:03,000 --> 00:23:04,000

So what is this?

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This is a portable ground penetrating radar system.

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Okay.

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So basically this is a system you can use everywhere on the globe and not just on flat surfaces.

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Got it.

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And how powerful is this?

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It's very powerful.

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It can detect anomalies in up to 120 feet.

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This can see 120 feet underground?

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Exactly.

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Okay.

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And it's guaranteed to find a Viking king.

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Is that correct?

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Well, let's see.

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We'll see.

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00:23:26,000 --> 00:23:27,000

Okay.

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But if there is something under this mound?

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Then we will see it.

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All right, let's do it.

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We split up.

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Jacek and one of the Stefan's will scan in the churchyard.

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While Wojcak, the remaining Stefan and I will scan beneath the church floor itself.

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Okay.

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Wow.

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00:23:45,000 --> 00:23:46,000

Here we are.

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So start with the aisle?

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Yep.

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And where should we be?

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Out of your way?

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Well, would be better.

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Should we pray?

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We could pray.

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You can pray that it works.

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00:23:55,000 --> 00:23:56,000

Yeah.

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00:23:56,000 --> 00:23:57,000

Okay.

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00:23:57,000 --> 00:23:58,000

You ready?

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00:23:58,000 --> 00:23:59,000

Oh, wait.

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00:23:59,000 --> 00:24:00,000

Hold on.

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00:24:00,000 --> 00:24:01,000

Turn my Bluetooth on.

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00:24:01,000 --> 00:24:03,000

That raises the chance.

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00:24:03,000 --> 00:24:10,000

Yeah, here we go.

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This isn't just a fact-finding mission.

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The archaeologists here have exclusive access to excavate this floor if we find something.

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We're going to do the whole room.

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We're not giving up.

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We make a final push to cover the church floor without any disturbances to report.

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The team working outside, however, may have a different story to tell.

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Josh, you there?

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Go for Josh.

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Listen, I think we found something.

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I think we've got a hit.

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You better get out here.

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You got a hit on the GPR?

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A definite anomaly.

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You've got to see this.

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We don't know what it is yet, though.

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Check it out.

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00:25:00,000 --> 00:25:02,000

Paul, big hit.

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00:25:02,000 --> 00:25:03,000

Yeah.

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00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:04,000

This is where?

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This is just right.

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In a churchyard outside of the Polish town of Wolen, I'm working with a team searching for the lost tomb of the Viking King Harold Bluetooth.

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And our ground penetrating radar is indicating there's something large beneath us.

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How deep down is that?

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Well, it's six to ten feet down.

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Oh, it's huge.

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Here it is.

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So this runs this whole area here?

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Exactly.

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How wide is it?

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It's about a meter.

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It's about a meter.

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It's about a meter.

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It's about a meter.

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It's about a meter.

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Exactly.

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How wide is it?

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Well, it's three feet wide and three feet high.

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Ten feet's a pretty big hole.

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You think we can dig out of that?

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I think we can.

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We can bring in the equipment.

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Equipment?

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Equipment.

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We have a kaparka.

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Oh, I love a kaparka.

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A kaparka is what the locals call an excavator, and it just so happens to be the only word I know in Polish.

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Hey, not my first rodeo here, people.

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The kaparka goes to work next to the anomaly.

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Believe it or not, as I watch, the only word for this I can come up with is gentle.

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So even though we've got this piece of heavy equipment here, he is using the excavator like a scalpel,

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just shaving off an inch or two of topsoil at a time so that we carefully go down,

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creating a profile, and not damaging whatever's buried here.

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While this hole is being dug, let's assume that Bluetooth is here.

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Yeah.

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What would we be looking for?

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What do we expect to find here?

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Well, first of all, we're looking for a crypt.

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Right.

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He's not just going to be laid out in the ground.

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No.

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Ideally, he'd be in a chamber of some kind.

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In a chamber, we would expect to find a place with treasure.

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We would expect that he would probably be in finery and armor.

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He would have his sword on his chest.

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Right.

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Other weapons.

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In other words, I think we'll know it when we see it, yes?

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Absolutely.

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The excavator slowly digs deeper and deeper, but nothing is visible in the profile of the Earth

until...

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Stop the jump.

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Hey, stop.

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Whoa, wait, wait, wait.

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Is that ceramic?

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Okay.

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Something.

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Is that ceramic?

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No, I think so.

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It's a skull.

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It's a skull.

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It's a skull.

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This is part of a human skull.

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Wait, check.

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A skull, yes?

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Yes, skull.

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We're not in a burial here, though.

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These are not preserved graves.

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The layers of soil near the surface have been churned like a laundry machine for centuries,

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and bone fragments, both animal and human, are littered all over the area.

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Okay, but we may find more bones then.

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Yeah, we could expect.

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I mean...

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We could expect more.

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All right, let's continue.

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As we move deeper, we continue to find scattered remains from long ago.

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So, we got another bone here, it looks like.

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This is arm bone?

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Yeah, this is for the arm, yeah?

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This is humerus.

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There's nothing funny about this, for sure.

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Sorry, that's a little skeleton humor.

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The GPR disturbance we're following lies several feet further down.

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We keep digging in the hopes of finding Bluetooth script.

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Stop, stop!

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We have wood here, yes?

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Yes, and we have wood.

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Is coffin, do you think?

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I think so.

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I think so.

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I think we're certainly at the top of the coffin, it looks like.

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We have a corner here, for sure.

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You can see the edge of this right here, and it goes up that way.

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So, we're coming down on the top of the coffin, it looks like.

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What's the alignment here?

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This is the alignment of the east and then the west.

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We've reached a new layer that is clearly the church's graveyard,

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one that is very old, but more modern than the Vikings.

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It means we can't excavate further without disturbing these preserved burials.

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Our GPR hit, however, is still a few more feet down.

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So, to make sure we're not missing a crypt below our feet, we bring out an auger.

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Okay, we're going for 10 feet, guys, we got this.

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To drill a minimally invasive hole outside the coffin and down to the target.

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One, two, three.

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When we hit the 10 foot mark, we bring up the auger.

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Okay, so we are at 10 feet.

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We are at our target depth, we got nothing.

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We have this white featureless sand here, and we have this looser sand above.

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So the anomaly is not an object, it's a change in the soil.

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Yeah, exactly.

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The GPR has done its job, but there's no crypt to be found.

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As to the Kermson disc, it is a terrific story.

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But without physical evidence to connect it to a specific site, that's all it is.

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So in terms of the location where this disc was found, this supposed burial area, still a mystery.

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Still a mystery.

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So where does that leave us?

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Well, we still have the forest site.

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What forest site?

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It's a site we started investigating about 10 minutes away from here, which could be the ancient mythical fortress of the Jomsviggings.

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And you're working out there?

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We have people digging there.

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Jacek and Wojcik think they're on the trail of the legendary Jomsborg.

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Bluetooth stronghold mentioned in the Viking sagas, which has never been found.

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This is potentially huge.

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And it's how far from here?

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It's not far, it's 10 minutes.

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Okay, if it is a Viking site, that would be hugely significant.

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That would be groundbreaking.

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That would be very significant.

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We quickly pile into my car and head to the site.

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In moments, we're driving into dense forest and away from civilization,

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in search of GPS coordinates that Wojcik hopes are part of Harold Bluetooth's legacy.

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Until finally, we arrive at our destination.

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Okay, perfect.

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In the middle of nowhere.

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Let's go.

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Welcome to the circle.

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The circle?

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Yeah.

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Okay.

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I do not see a circle.

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No, you can't see it from here. You actually can't see it from above.

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From above?

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Okay, so if I was up above, what would I see?

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You would see a almost perfect circle in the forest.

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From above.

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I'm in a forest in Poland where archeologists believe they may have found a legendary Viking fort

known as Jamsborg.

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To get a bird's eye view of the site, we launch a drone through the thick canopy,

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and what we see from on high is astounding.

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That is a huge circle. Incredible.

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A circle this size could represent a ring fortress,

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which would be a major clue that this is the lost city of Jamsborg,

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where King Harold Bluetooth is said to have died.

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And a recent Lidar scan may give Jacek and Wojcak even more to be excited about.

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This is clearly a huge circle here.

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Clearly, look inside of it.

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More circles.

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Are these, are these mounts?

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They are man-made mounts and...

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I mean, there's like what, like a dozen of them here?

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I think over a dozen, but some of them are hard to see or detect.

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And the thing that really jumps out is they are perfect circles.

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These have to be man-made, yes?

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Yes, yes, I'm sure.

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This forest is a treasure.

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Within the massive hidden ring are circular mounds that have blended with the landscape for centuries.

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Without the Lidar, they may never have even been discovered.

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And so where are these from here?

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300 meters, so it's not far away from here.

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Can we go?

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Yes, let's go.

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Okay.

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This is what archaeologists call a target-rich environment.

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The ring could not only be Jamsborg,

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but the smaller mounds inside may contain a wealth of Viking artifacts and treasures.

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We quickly head over to where their dig team is excavating,

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between two of the larger mounds at the site.

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You guys are obviously hard at work here,

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so you've done a trench here from one mound to the other.

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In the large mound over here, have you found anything significant?

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No, nothing significant.

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Okay.

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But it is a man-made mound.

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Yes, it is man-made.

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The Ritchack has managed to date the mounds to the Bronze Age, or about 2000 BC.

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But that doesn't mean they weren't later used by the Vikings.

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And what about in the smaller mound?

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It seems like you've dug a much larger trench.

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Yes, yes.

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Why is that?

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You know, this mound was disturbed.

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Disturbed?

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You mean somebody has already dug into it?

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Yeah, exactly.

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Can you show me?

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Yes, of course.

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Please.

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Let's see.

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Once again, someone has dug a hole in the ground,

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and I can't wait to get in it.

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I have a very strange job.

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Okay, so the mound is from the Bronze Age, originally?

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Bronze Age, yes.

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The Bronze Age is this big period of time,

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way before the Vikings.

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Yes.

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So we're talking nearly 4,000 years ago.

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So we are 1,500 years or more before the Vikings.

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Before the Vikings, yes.

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Right.

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If that's the Bronze Age, why are you digging even deeper?

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Well, at some point after the Bronze Age,

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somebody actually dug into this mound,

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and we would like to find out why.

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Could it be that this is a Bronze Age mound

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that the Vikings then came to use,

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which is something that happened, right?

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And then they dug into it?

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It's possible.

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What we know now is that somebody dug into it,

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and it was a long time ago.

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All right, well, let's see if there's something down here.

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Yeah.

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Yeah.

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Vojcek and his team carefully carve away layers of the mound,

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hoping to find evidence that it was repurposed in the Viking Age.

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While they work, Jacek and I fan out with metal detectors,

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capable of sensing up to 10 feet into the smaller mounds at the site.

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So as you can see here,

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or maybe you can't see here because it's really discreet,

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there is this slight mound,

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and it looks natural when you're standing on it,

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but on the lidar, it comes up as perfectly circular,

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so definitely worth searching.

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It is, as always, a process that requires patience.

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Are you sure you're on?

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Of course it's on.

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That's great.

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But then, our patience is rewarded.

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Maybe something here.

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Aha!

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Look at this.

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We have a shell casing.

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So you can see here, a firing pin right there,

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probably a rifle.

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This could be from a hunter or from the war,

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or the war before that, or the war before that.

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It's been a lot of wars around here.

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Plus, that is definitely not Viking.

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So far, so meh.

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Beer can't.

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Until some good news finally arrives.

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Hey, Josh!

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Yeah?

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We have something!

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Yeah?

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Yes! Please come!

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Find something?

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Yeah!

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Please.

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Iron and pottery.

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Pottery?

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Yes.

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Iron, did you say?

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Iron and pottery.

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Yes.

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Can I go down?

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Yes.

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Yes?

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Okay.

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This is amazing.

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There appears to be both pottery and metal artifacts

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resting together inside the mound.

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I climbed down to see what they might be.

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So, oh, that is metal.

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Look at that.

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Is this maybe like a knife?

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Like a small knife, like a small sickle.

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A sickle?

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Yeah.

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For what purpose?

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Probably for shaving.

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For shaving?

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Yeah.

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A very personal item.

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Yes.

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But somebody dug all the way down to place this here.

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This feels like it must be ceremonial or an offering, yes?

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Maybe a small hoard also.

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A hoard?

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Now you're talking.

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So, keep cleaning?

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Yeah.

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All right.

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With some careful work, I'm able to gently free the blade from the earth.

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Look at that.

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So, you can actually see the blade here underneath all that rust.

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And this would have slotted into a handle.

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I'm not sure I'd like to shave with that, but beautiful.

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This is coming out very carefully.

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Vojcek isn't ready to speculate about the blade's age,

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so we begin to clear the earth from around the pottery,

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hoping that it can pinpoint when this mound was reused.

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Wow.

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Look at that.

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Beautiful.

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So, based on the pottery type, what do you think?

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How old is this?

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This is earlier than the Vikings, yes?

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It's much earlier than the Viking Age.

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It will be probably about three centuries before, of course, BC.

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300 BC?

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Yes.

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This is a 2300-year-old vessel.

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Yeah, yeah, exactly.

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And what culture is that?

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This is the Jastorf culture.

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The Jastorf culture thrived during the Iron Age

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in what is today Denmark, Germany, and Poland,

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meaning the blade and pottery come from a thousand years

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before the Viking era.

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But wait, there's more.

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Mystery objects.

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Beneath the pottery is another artifact.

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Whatever it is, it's out.

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We gingerly remove it from the earth and bring it up for examination.

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It was placed underneath the vessel.

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It looks like something organic, like leather.

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With a closer look, we see that the leather is wrapped

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around something even more mysterious.

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What do you think this is?

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It's iron.

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It's iron, but what we don't know.

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It's not ornamental.

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It's not jewelry or anything.

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No, like a tool, but what is it?

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A tool or something.

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Still a mystery.

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Still a mystery, yes.

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The items we've uncovered are so fragile,

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they'll need to go to a lab for further analysis.

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But it's clear that this Bronze Age mound

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was considered a sacred place.

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So they came here hundreds of years after this mound was built,

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dug down, and made this offering.

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Yeah, it's exactly what has happened here.

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Whatever this is, it's very purposeful, intentional,

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an offering or a burial.

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No question.

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It's not Bluetooth and the Vikings.

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It's more than a thousand years earlier.

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History upon history here.

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So the question is, is there more here?

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There is more.

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Toward the outer edge of the ring,

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there's another trench that the team has been carving out,

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which contains potential evidence of a Viking-era structure.

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Okay, so what do we have here?

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So you can see here in this corner, the fireplace.

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Oh, where the stones are?

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Yes, exactly.

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And we can see all that charcoal material there.

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Yes.

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It means it could be the fireplace from the house, from the pit house.

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Pit houses sat partially beneath ground level

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to keep them warm in winter and cool in summer.

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These remains mean that there were people living inside

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the protection of the ring.

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The question is, were they Vikings?

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So this might have been a habitation right where we're standing.

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Yes, the part of the settlement.

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Okay.

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When?

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This is a good question.

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We have to find something here, some sherals or something like this.

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Okay.

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And then we can date it.

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Okay.

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Can we dig?

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Yeah, we can continue here.

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Let's get to work.

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Come on.

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I joined Wojcak's team in the trench

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to see if we can find evidence from the Viking Age.

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Pottery?

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Pottery, yes.

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Look at that.

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Yes.

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You can see its illustrations on it.

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Yes.

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Wojcak.

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What do you think?

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Yes.

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We have luck.

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It's the Viking Age, pottery.

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Viking Pottery, for sure.

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Yes, I'm sure.

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You know, for the time of Harrow the Bluetooth.

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That is amazing.

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The Vikings are often painted as grungy barbaric marauders,

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but it turns out they loved bathing in hot springs

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and they even invented the comb.

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In other words, they were suckers for a spa day.

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And that tradition has led to the latest Norse invasion.

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It's called Huga.

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Huga doesn't really have an English translation,

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though the word cozy is close.

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It's where we get the word hug.

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And it is a way of life here in Copenhagen,

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defined by a relaxed, intimate comfort

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that I am trying to embrace.

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Like this wool sweater, which isn't at all itchy.

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Huga is a state of mind, free from stress

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and steeped in warmth.

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Of course, Huga is probably a lot easier in Denmark

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where they leave work at like 4 p.m.

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and have five weeks of paid vacation every year.

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All right, this is insane.

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I have things to do.

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I'm keeping the sweater.

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Go check.

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It's Viking Age pottery.

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Viking pottery for sure.

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Yes, I'm sure.

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You know, for the time of Harad the Bluetooth.

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Hey, nice work.

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At a Polish dig site searching for evidence

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of a 10th century Viking settlement called Jamsborg,

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we've just turned up a relic

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that finally puts us in the right era.

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All right, we dig. Here we go.

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The find also energizes us to keep digging in this trench,

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which we hope has more Viking secrets to reveal.

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Okay, so that ceramic came out of right in here.

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So just underneath this more modern dark soil here

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in this yellowish sand beneath, right in there,

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that's the Viking Age.

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Come on, Vikings.

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You Vikings can't hide forever.

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The only way to find more is to get our hands dirty,

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and the hard work eventually pays off.

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Hold up.

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Whoa, something here.

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Is this ceramic?

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It's like a stone.

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It's stone, yeah.

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What do you got there, Josh?

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Piece of stone.

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Oh, no!

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Look at this!

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It has a hole in it.

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This is drilled out.

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Look at this.

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This is not just a piece of stone.

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This is completely flat on this side.

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And it's worked.

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Look at this.

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Yes, yes.

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What is that?

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We have luck.

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What is this?

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It's wet stone from the Viking Age.

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That's a Viking wet stone?

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Yes.

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Are you kidding me?

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No, no.

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Look at this!

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Amazing!

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Amazing!

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Amazing.

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So this is for sharpening, yes?

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For sharpening of the knife, for example, yeah.

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And this hole would be like for a string, right?

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Yeah.

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No question.

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These wet stones are something that we really associate with the Vikings.

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100%.

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Right?

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100%.

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This is such a Viking thing.

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Absolutely.

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This wet stone is an intensely personal find, an essential item in the life of any Viking.

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This would keep their blade sharp and ready for action.

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It's strong evidence that this region was part of Bluetooth's kingdom.

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And the stone is really beautiful.

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This is like a kind of slate?

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Yeah, it's a kind of a kind

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of a slate with some kind of quartz in it.

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Right.

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And the stone is imported from Norway.

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This is not local?

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This is not local stone.

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And the owner of that piece must have bought it from someone who brought it from Norway.

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Someone lost it here.

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Yeah, somebody lost it.

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Yeah.

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Must have been looking for it.

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Yeah.

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Well, it's been found.

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It's been found.

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Yeah.

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So we don't have Bluetooth here, but we have Vikings here now.

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You think Jamsberg is close?

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I think Jamsberg is definitely somewhere in the area.

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Very close to this place.

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And getting closer.

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And Bluetooth?

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I think we are one step closer to Harald.

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Yes.

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One step closer.

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Oh, he's somewhere.

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He's close.

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We'll find him.

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Well, we still have a few perfectly good hours left in the day.

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Can we continue, guys?

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Should we dig?

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Yeah.

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Yes!

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Why not?

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Yes.

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Okay.

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Let's go.

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This is for you.

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Let's go.

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Let's keep working.

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Come on.

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We continue to work until dusk, somewhere in the western glare of the setting sun is Denmark,

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King Bluetooth's home.

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But is this ring in which we're working his legendary Jamsberg fortress?

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Only time will tell.

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Right now, though, I can be sure that in this moment we stand among the Vikings.

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And a few weeks after our visit, we learned that we may have been in the presence of Romans

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as well.

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X-rays of the object we discovered in the mound revealed wrapped in leather this, a

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small iron key, the kind frequently used in Roman chests.

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This one may date back to the first or second century, a stunning demonstration of how the

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Jamsborg mounds have been repurposed over and over for thousands of years.

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In a time when kings imagined themselves as giants looming over history, Harold Bluetooth

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was one of the few to walk the walk.

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A ruler of extraordinary importance, a uniter of men, and the agent of a momentous cultural

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evolution.

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To find him, his treasure, and his fortress city, I've traveled throughout his kingdom

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and met the descendants of his people.

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His researchers show signs of Bluetooth's wisdom, his ingenuity, and his determination.

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If anyone will one day discover his secrets, they will.

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For now, though, Bluetooth and his achievements live on in every one of our homes, offices,

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and pockets.

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His material remains may be lost for the moment, but with enough time, I know we'll make the

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connection.