

CoOI S12E3 The Saga Continues

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Money Pit

Alex, Terry, and Charles are supervising the drilling of borehole EN14, located in the Golden Egg and five feet east of EN13. The group hopes to find more soft material which could indicate they are near a feature. Terry checks with Mike to see how the drilling is going, and Mike tells Terry the material is soft, and he thinks they are in disturbed material. Rick arrives as Adam brings over a core sample from 79 feet, and there is some soft material in the sample. Next, a sample from 89 feet is brought over, and again, the material is soft but not as soft as the material from EN13. The next day, drilling of FN14 begins, and they have reached a depth of 99 feet. A core sample is brought over, and the material is firm.

L'Anse aux Meadows

Marty, Doug, Emiliano, Laird and Emma have traveled 625 miles to L'Anse aux Meadows to meet with Loretta Decker and Kevin Smith. L'Anse aux Meadows is the first evidence of European presence in North America and is almost 31 square miles. It is also the only verified Viking settlement in North America. It was discovered in 1960 by Norwegian explorer and writer Helge Ingstad. Around the year 1000, the Norse arrived from Greenland, and nearly 800 artifacts have been found there. On the site are the remains of eight buildings, including a forge. The team hopes to find evidence at L'Anse aux Meadows that could connect the Vikings to Oak Island. Loretta tells them that the Sagas tell of another place called Hóp where the Vikings worked in the summer. The Sagas were written during the 13th and 14th centuries and describe historical events related to the Vikings that took place between the 9th and 11th centuries. Loretta then tells the group they know the Vikings went further south because they have butternuts and a butternut burl in their collection. The furthest north that butternuts grow is in the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia areas. Ragnar, whose real name is Mark Pilgrim, was trained in Viking blacksmithing and has worked there for 25 seasons. Doug then shows Mark

the iron arrowhead from Robert Dunfield he is said to have found on Oak Island. Mark says he has made arrowheads using Viking techniques that looked the same, and the arrowhead is probably made from bog ore.

Lot 4

Gary and Peter are searching through the spoils that were removed from the circular stone feature on Lot 5. Gary begins to scan and gets a hit. Peter digs out the spot, and they find a coin, which Gary says is copper. Gary soon gets another hit, and they dig out another copper coin.

War Room

The team is meeting in the War Room to hear about the trip to L'Anse aux Meadows. They discuss that the Norse had the means to travel to Oak Island, that the Roman Catholic Church probably knew about North America before Columbus made his journey, and that the Catholic Church was trying to acquire land.

Lot 5

Rick, Doug, and Emiliano are meeting with the archaeology team at the stone foundation to see the new features recently found. Emiliano suggests the feature could be a church, a ritual place, or a place of worship.

War Room

The team is meeting with Dr. Michel to hear the results of water testing from the Baby Blob and Golden Egg. Dr. Spooner tells them that most of the wells they tested showed no metals in the water but that two wells, GN10.5, and B.5N11, did contain metals. Dr. Spooner feels the metals they are finding in those two wells are not naturally occurring. Dr. Michel says the strongest anomalies they have seen have been in the southern part of the Baby Blob area and where the egg overlaps with that. He then tells them that in July, DN12 gave them one of the highest silver values at 0.7. Dr. Spooner then tells the group he feels there is a tunnel or shaft in that area.