

CoOI S12 E21 The Solution Solution

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War Room

The team is meeting to decide how to proceed with their search in the Money Pit. Marty says they had hoped to find the “one thing” this year in the Shaft 6 caissons. Rick tells the team they did find an indication of two different types of construction, suggesting there was a collapse. All three caissons in the Shaft 6 area produced wood, but no indication of treasure. The collapse of the area around the TB1 caisson led the team to believe that there is a solution channel 200 feet deep below the area and that the Chappel Vault could have fallen into it. Marty tells the group they need to dig deep to reach the solution channel. To do this, repairs will need to be made to the Money Pit area to support the equipment needed for the dig. The team looks at a map of the Money Pit area and the solution channel and decides on a spot over seven feet south of TB1. Scott says it will take some time to get the pad ready for more than 300 tons of equipment. Marty says they should name this shaft “The One Thing” or TOT.

Swamp

Rick, Tom, Gary, and Alan are continuing to work in the northern part of the Swamp. As Gary scans the area, he gets a hit, and Tom digs out a metal tip that appears to have something stamped on it and a metal plate on it. Gary thinks the piece might be gun-related, such as a ram rod guide. As Tom continues the search, he finds a brick and calls Gary over to take a look at it. Gary says the brick reminds him of the ones found at the vault. The next day, Peter is preparing to run the OKM near the line of boulders in the northern part

of the swamp. When Peter scans the area, it shows an object buried four feet deep and that measures 14 feet long. They will have Moya look at the information and then decide what should be done next.

Lot 5

Fiona and Jack are working at the round feature on Lot 5. Fiona tells Jack that the test pit she is working on is very interesting and she has gotten down to the artifact layer. She says the artifacts they have found have given them a general range that gives them an occupation for the majority of what was happening, but they are also finding artifacts that do not fit this range. As they continue to work on the test pit, Fiona finds an old nail that is square and tapered. When Jack asks about its age, Fiona tells him that the bubbling effect on the nail indicates the metal is older. They continue to search, and Fiona finds a green glass bead. Fiona points out the striations on the bead and says this bead is a wound bead and was made by winding the glass around a metal rod. Fiona says these beads could date back as early as the 1400s.

Lab

Rick, Scott, and Doug are meeting with Emma and Laird to hear the results of testing done on the glass bead found yesterday on Lot 5. Laird explains that the beads they had found earlier on Lot 5 were drawn beads, and this bead is a wound bead, which predates the drawn beads. Emma tells the group that when she scanned this bead and compared it to the other beads, this bead has a potassium content of 26%, and it lacks sodium. Next, she tells them it is derived from greenery like ferns found in the forest. The bead is called a forest glass bead, and this technique for making beads is only known in northern Europe and dates from the medieval period to the 1700s. Laird tells Rick it is rare to find these in North America. The group discusses how this could relate to the Templar theory and where the bead was found.

War Room

The team has gathered in the War Room to hear a follow-up report from Doug, Corjan, and Emiliano regarding the Knights Templar and the Knights of Malta. Doug shows the group some slides regarding symbols that are in the 19th-century books that John Edwards researched over the past couple of years. Doug explains that the symbols seem to connect Oak Island, Holy relics, and Malta. Next, Emiliano and Corjan tell the group what they found on a recent scouting trip to Malta. Emiliano tells about a manuscript from 1630 titled “The Treasure of the Holy Relics Which are in Malta”. Emiliano also tells the group that the Knights of Malta had a strong presence in Canada during the 1600s. Corjan tells of clues and symbols they found in Malta that connect to Oak Island. The team decides that a group should go to Malta to search for information regarding the mystery