

Archaeologists find suspected Trojan war-era couple

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ANKARA (Reuters) - Archaeologists in the ancient city of Troy in Turkey have found the remains of a man and a woman believed to have died in 1,200 B.C., the time of the legendary war chronicled by Homer, a leading German professor said on Tuesday.

Ernst Pernicka, a University of Tübingen professor of archaeometry who is leading excavations on the site in northwestern Turkey, said the bodies were found near a defense line within the city built in the

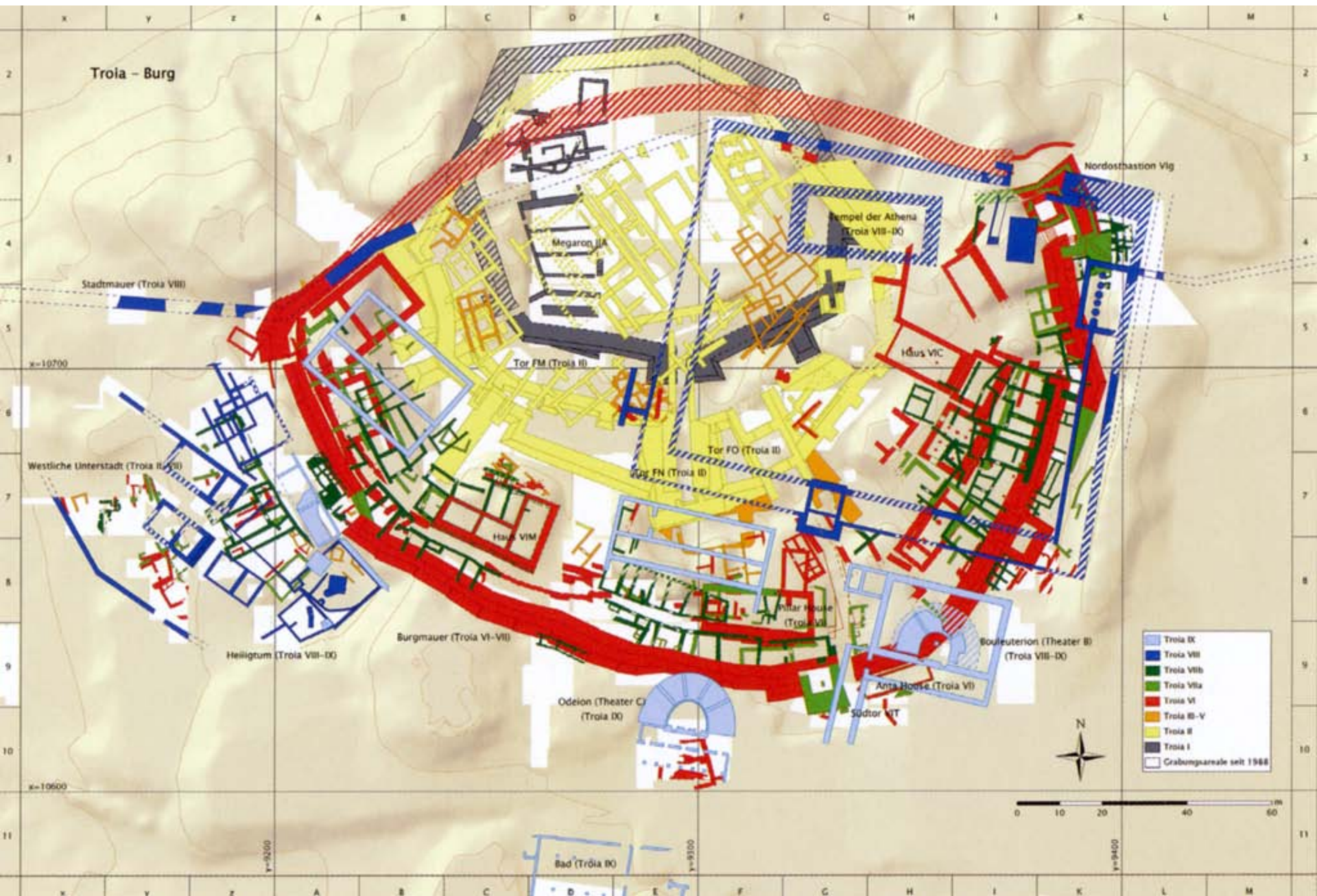
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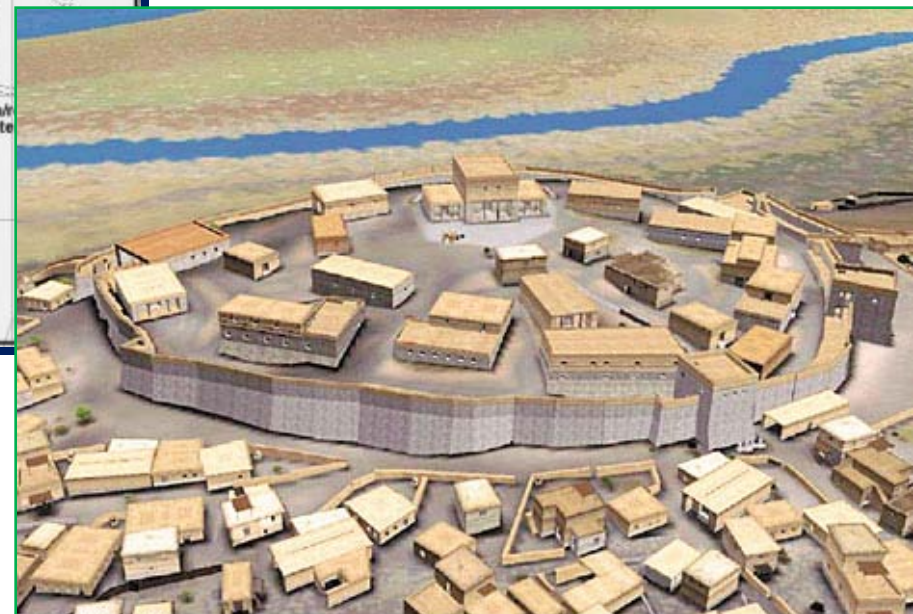
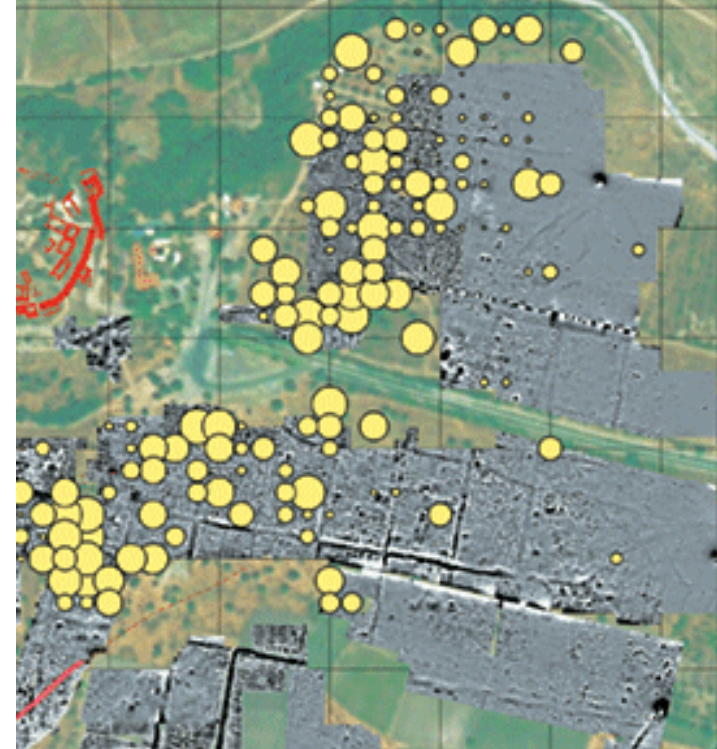
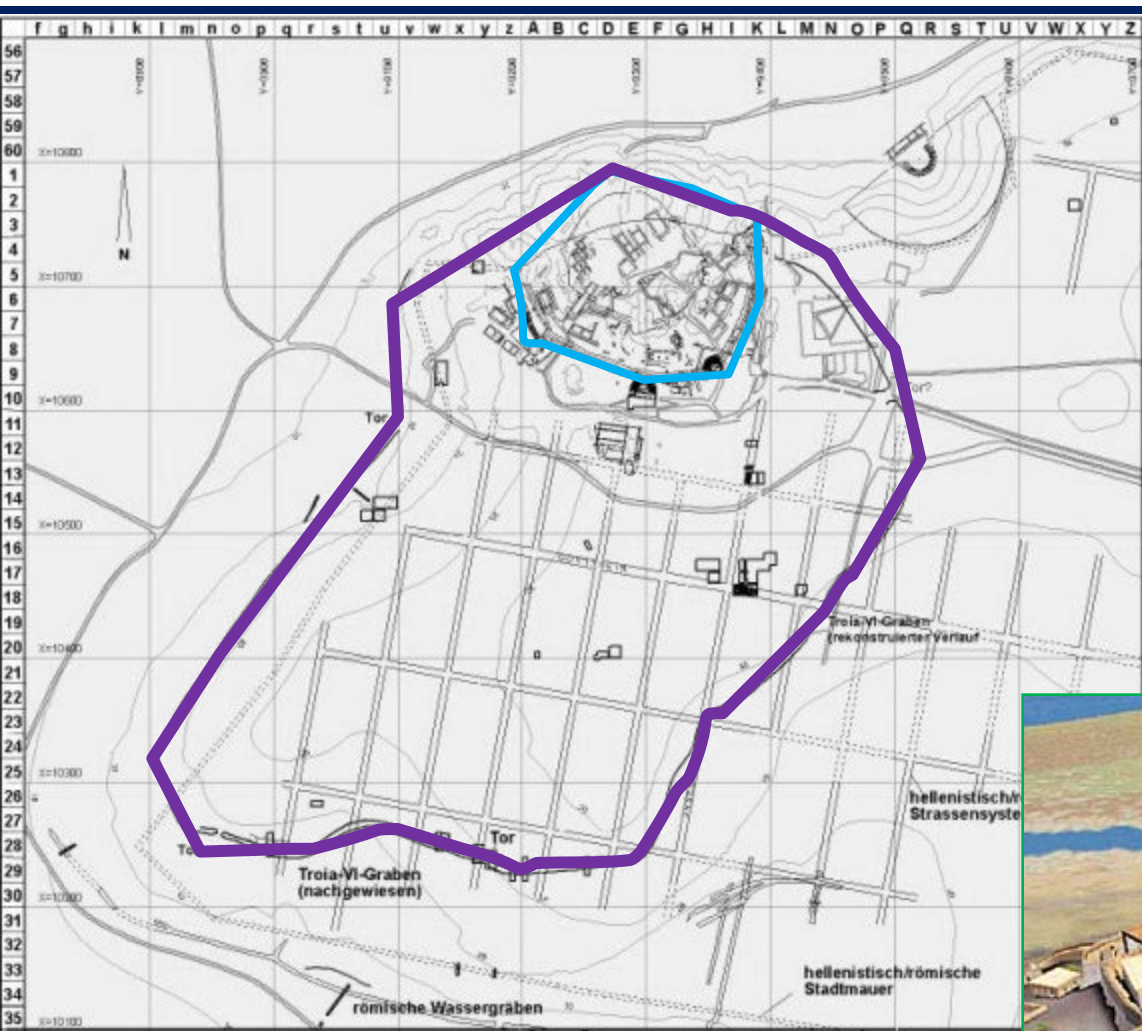
The discovery could add to evidence that Troy's lower area was bigger in the late Bronze Age than previously thought, changing scholars' perceptions about the city of the "Iliad."

"If the remains are confirmed to be from 1,200 B.C. it would coincide with the Trojan war period. These people were buried near a mote. We are conducting radiocarbon testing, but the finding is electrifying," Pernicka told Reuters in a telephone interview.





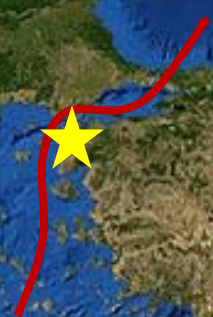


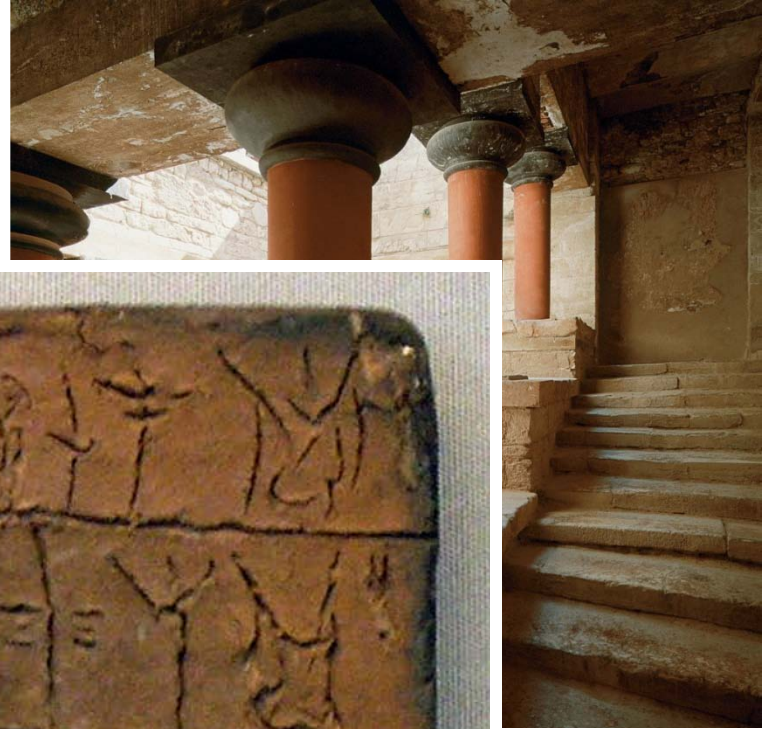


TROIA PROJEKT

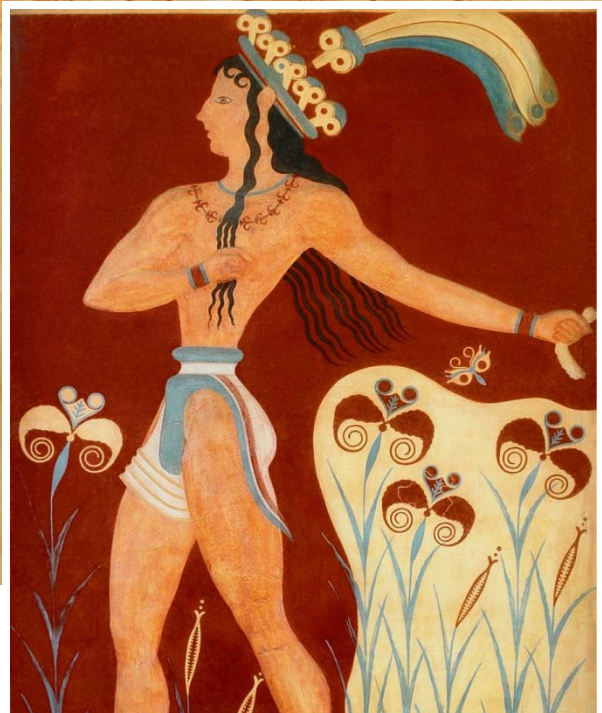


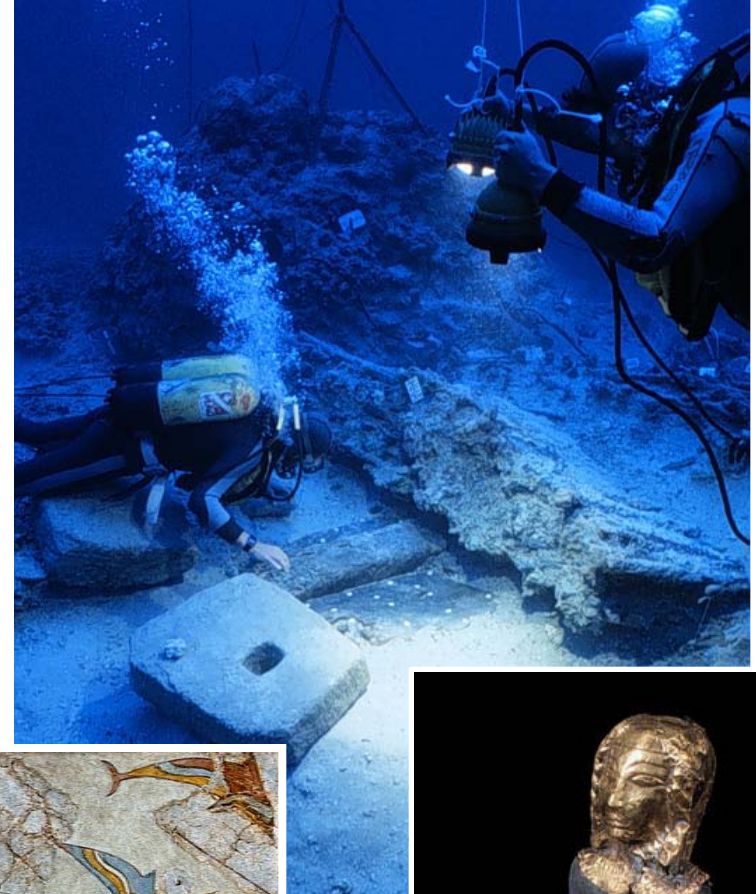
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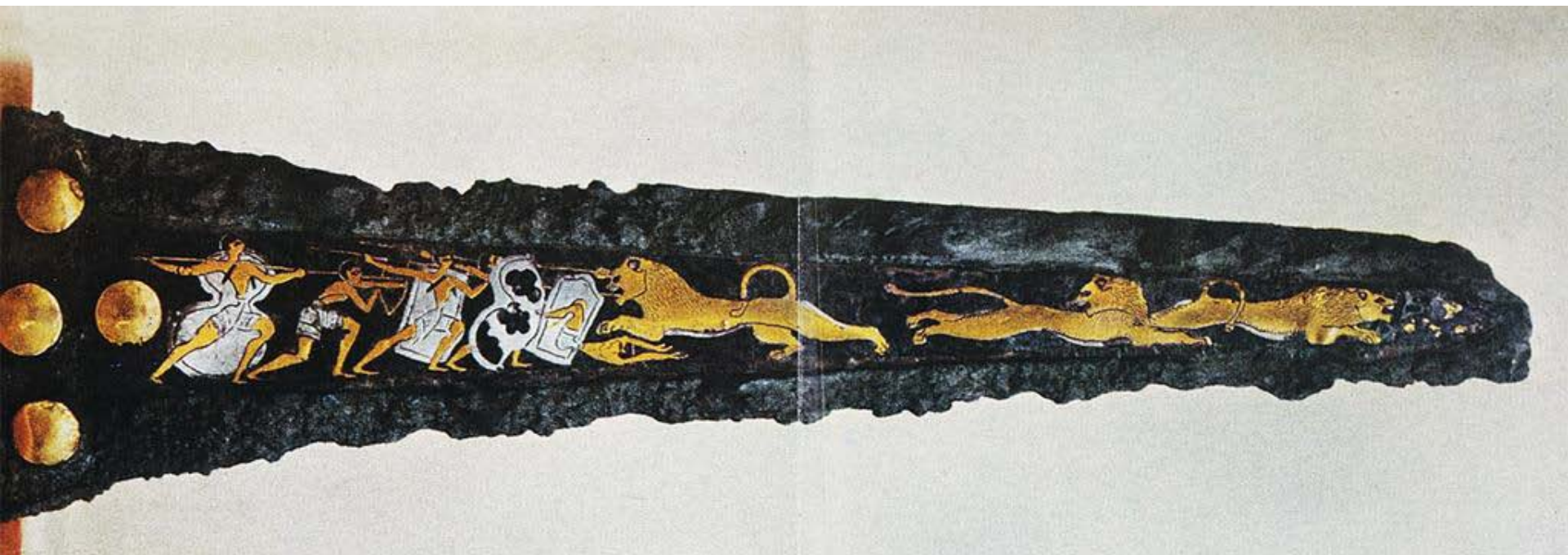




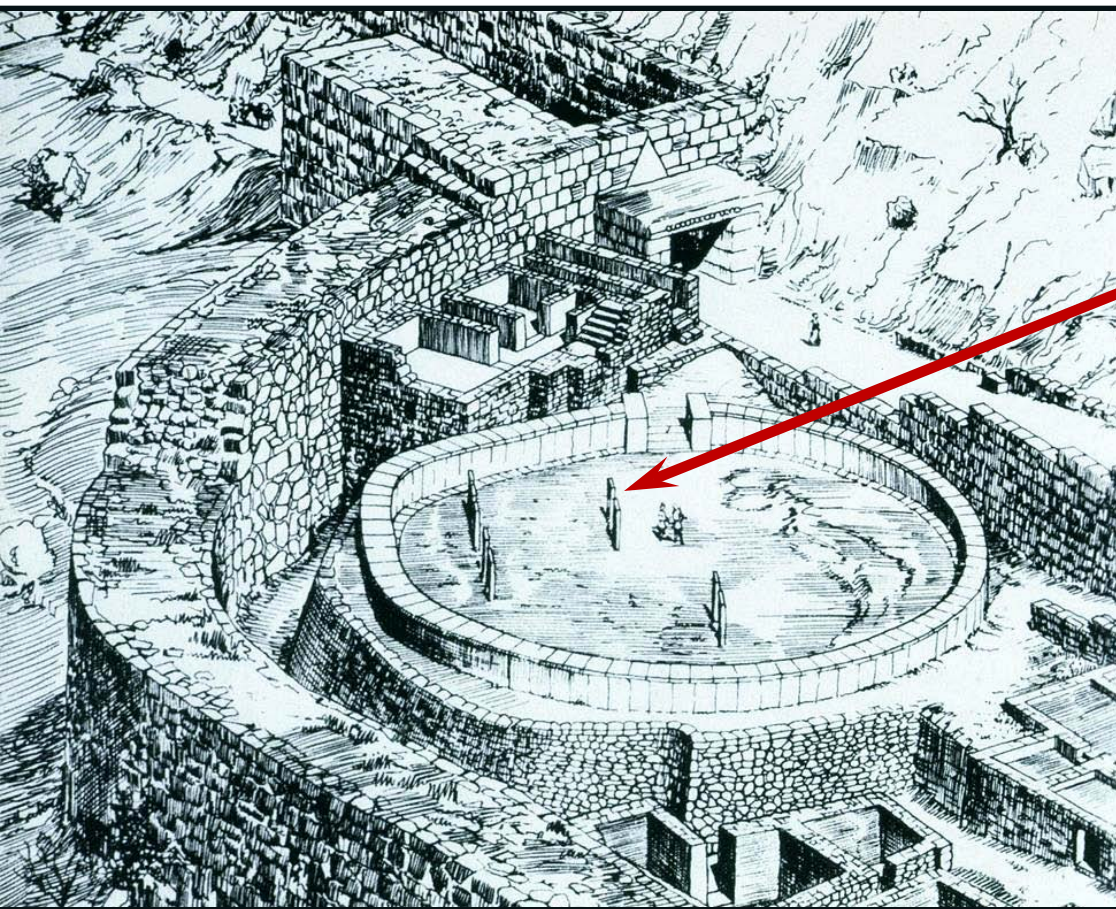












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GRAVE CIRCLE A
(ca. 1550-1500, 1300)





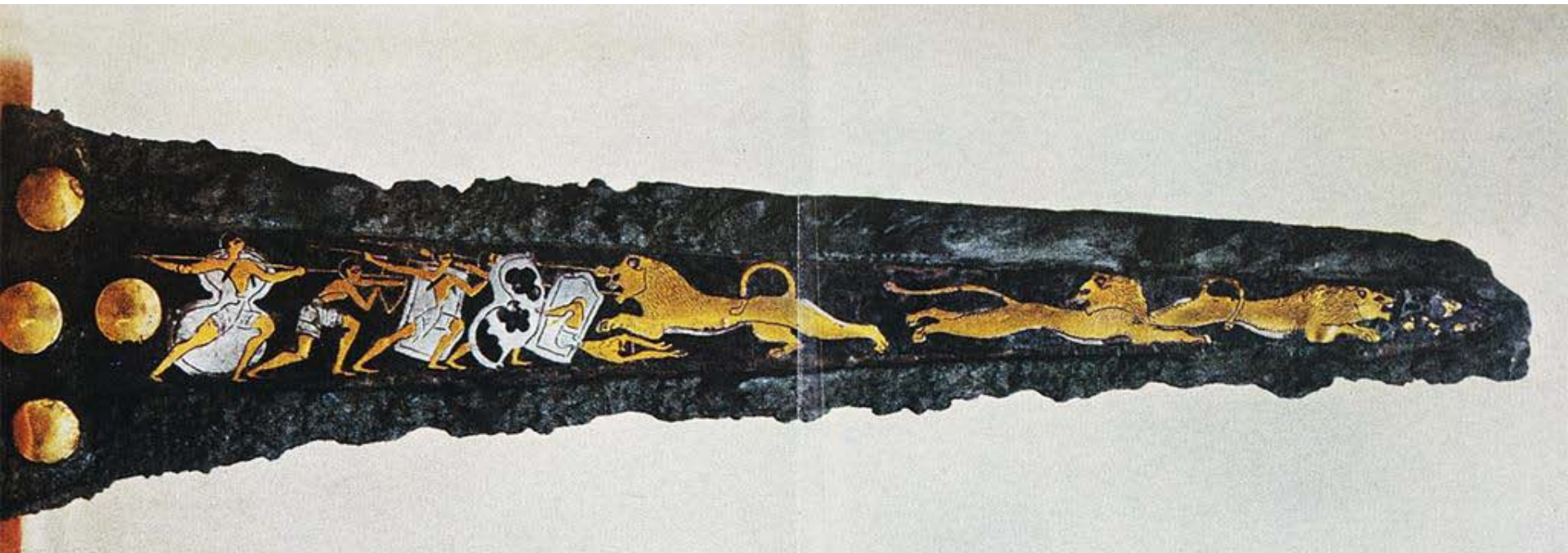
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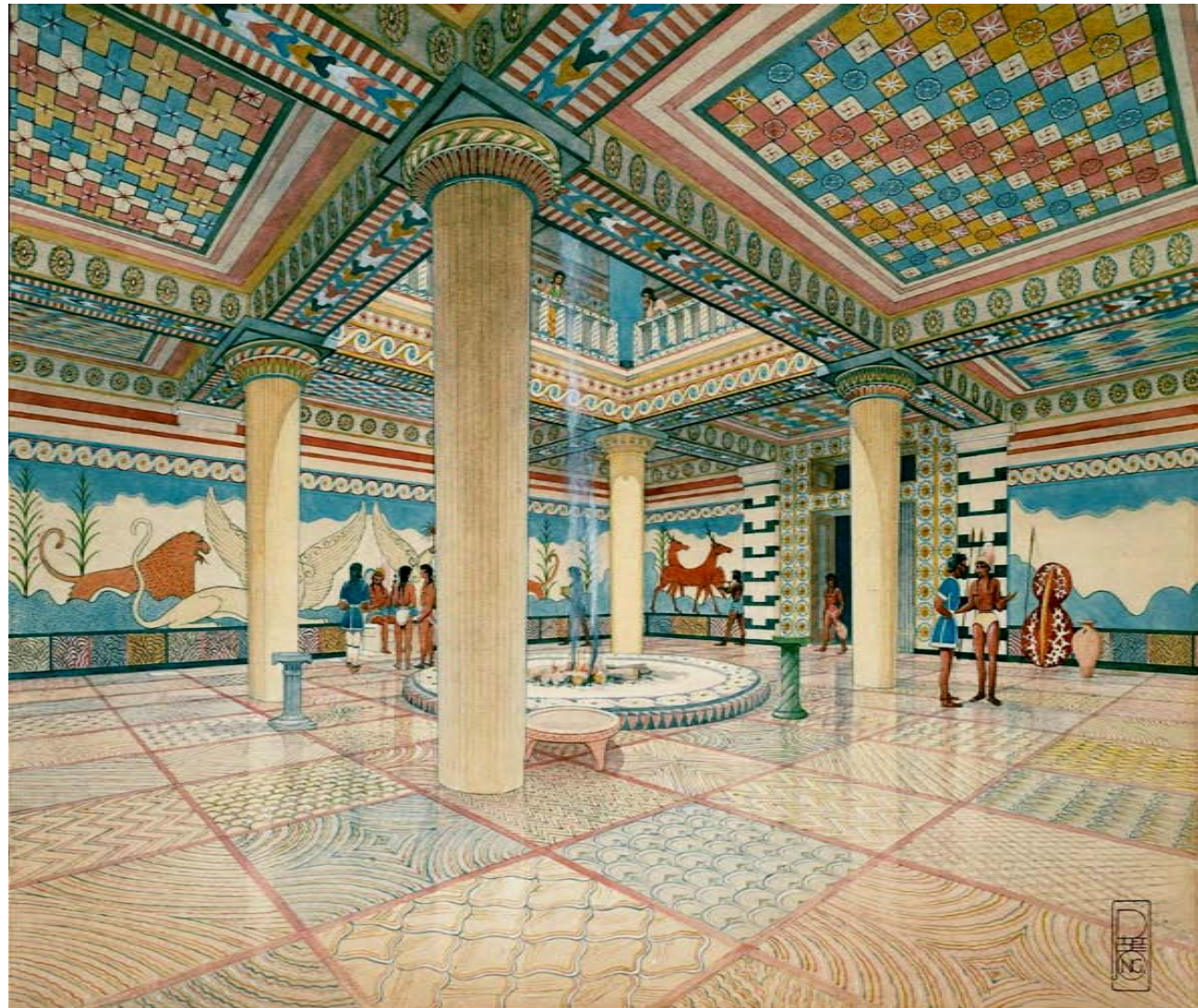
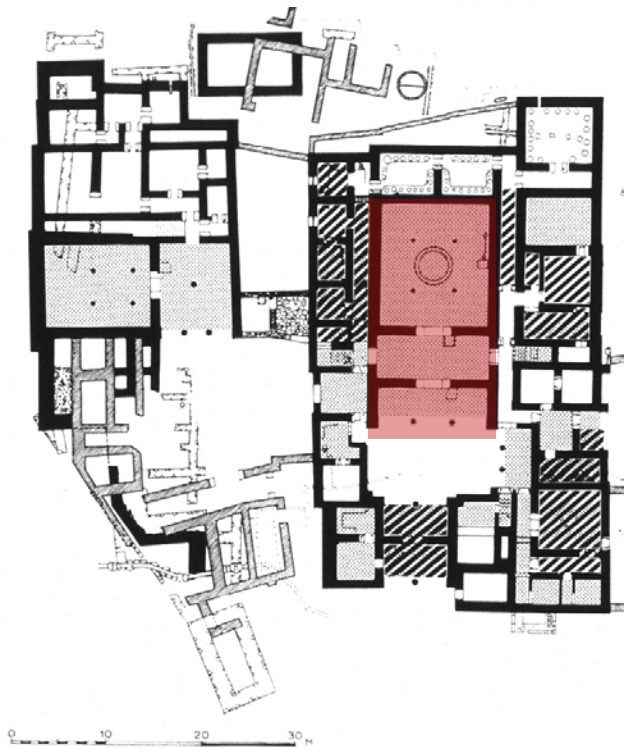


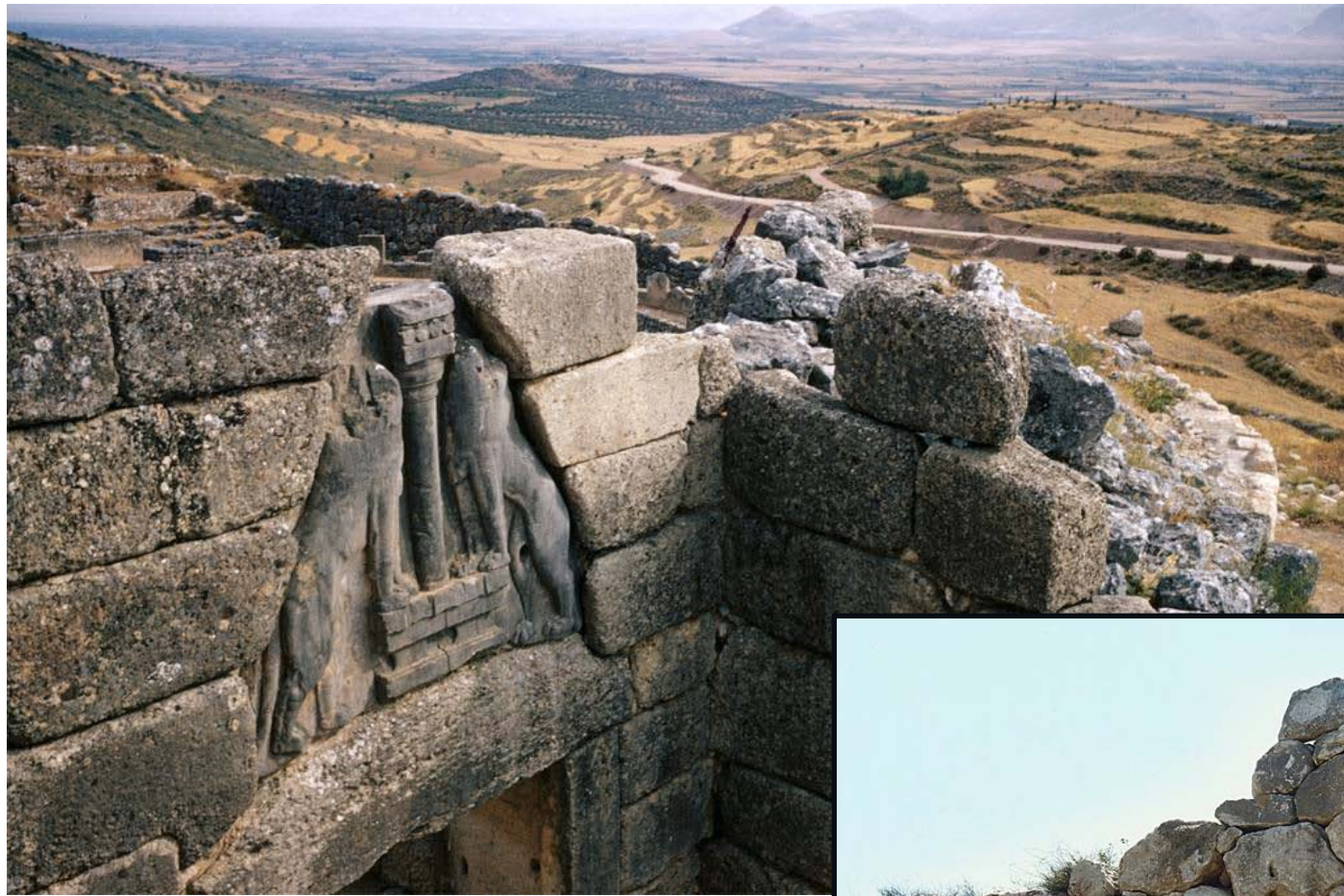
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SPOOL HANDLE**





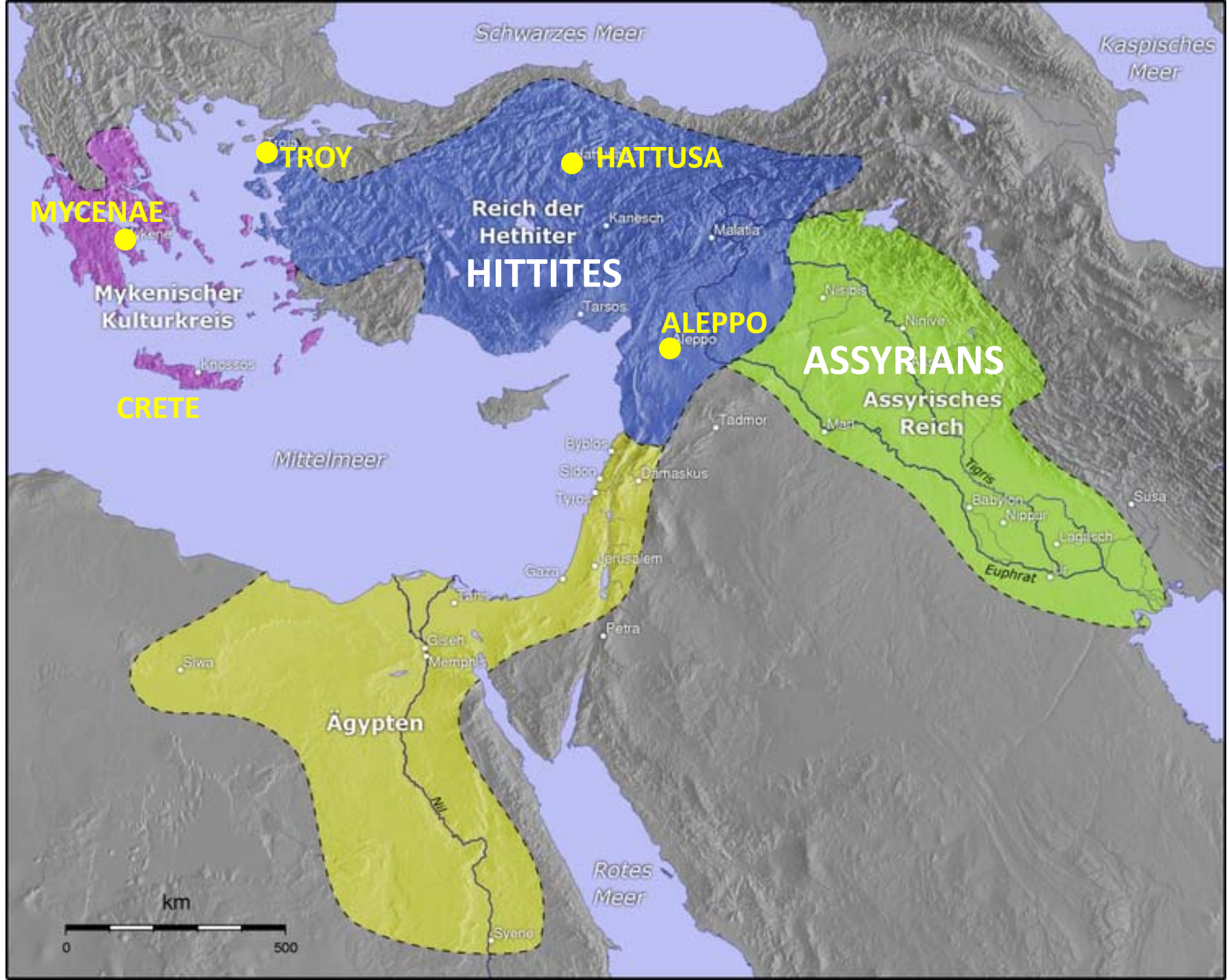
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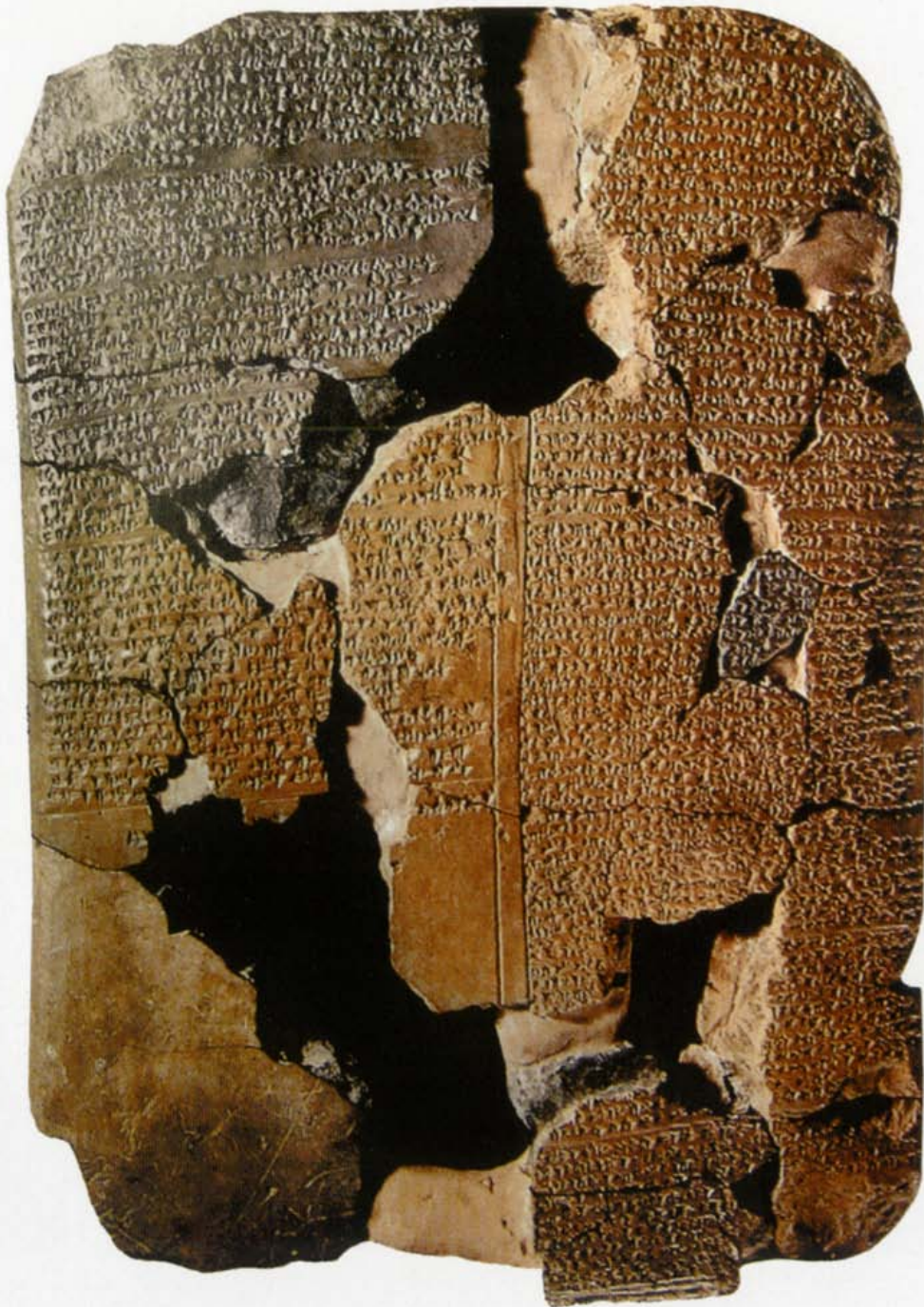




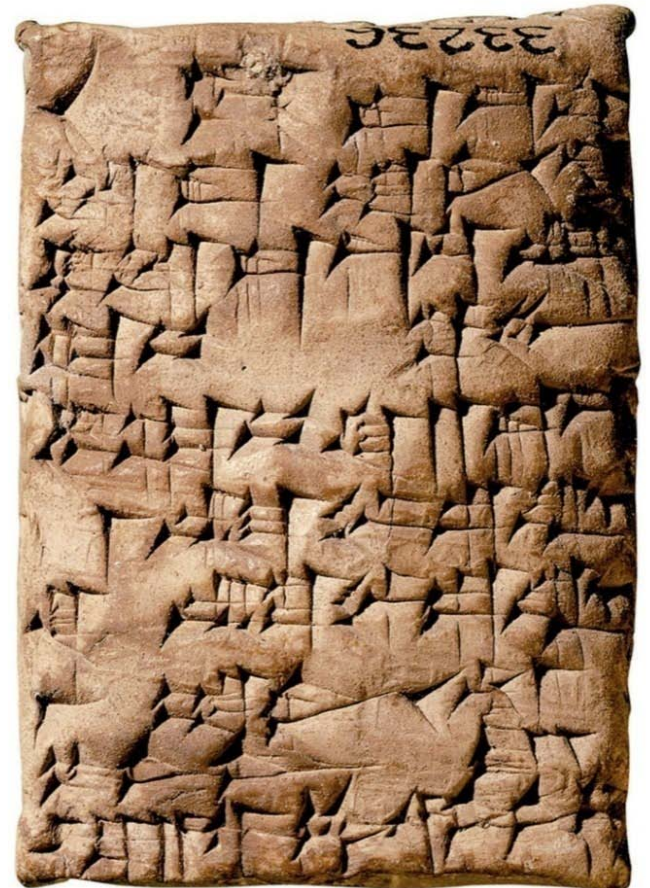
LION GATE
(ca. 1300-1250)







CUNEIFORM



ALAKSANDU of WILUSA
treaty with
HITTITE KING MUTAWALLI II
(r. ca. 1295-1272 BC)



