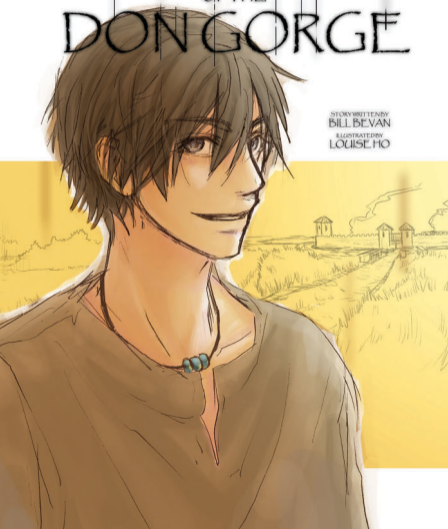
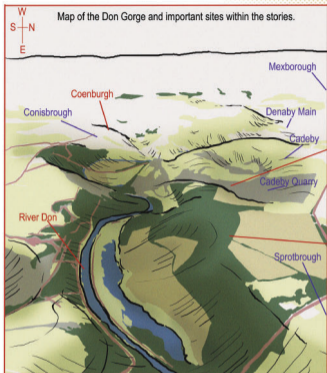


ANCESTORS OF THE DON GORGE

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Travel back in time to the Don Gorge. Here, we have 2 stories from 2 periods of its history. The first story starts during the Roman rule in Britain, nearly 2000 years ago in the year 196 AD, the other during the Viking invasions of Anglo-Saxon Britain in the year 866 AD.

Both stories are based on archaeological finds made in the Cadeby area before the works of the aggregates quarry began.



Edwin the Saxon and Niamh the Briton move to the Don Gorge in 866AD to escape Danish attacks.



Roman Eagles on the Don

DANUM + FORT 196 A.D.

ALBINUS, GOVERNOR OF THE ROMAN PROVINCE OF BRITANNIA, HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF EMPEROR IN DEFRANCE OF EMPEROR SEVERUS.

CIVIL WAR LOOMS DARK ACROSS THE LAND.

FROM DANIELA



COMMANDER SIR ?

CENTURION ?

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ALBINUS ...

EMPEROR. HE'S EMPEROR NOW. TELL ME IN THE WALLS!

WALLS - A WALLS WAS A CIVILIAN RELIGION THAT CELEBRATED A ROMAN FORT



SO WHAT'S THE NEWS ?

THE MESSENGER SAID THAT THE GOV... EMPEROR ALBINUS WILL BE COMING HERE SOON.

IS HE GATHERING THE LEGIONS ?

HEY LAD, CAREFUL WITH THOSE COWS ...

YES, THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEVERUS IS GOING AHEAD.

MORE RECRUITS ?

WE'LL NEED ALL WE CAN GET.



10 DENARII FOR THEM ALL.

15 DENARI

SEVERUS!

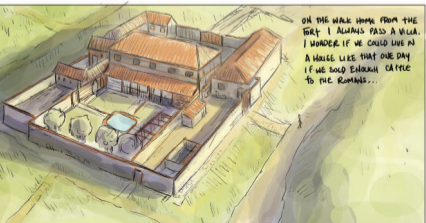
I'VE ONLY 13 COINS

NEEDS COWS

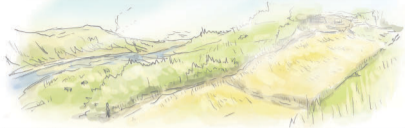
NEEDS MONEY

13 DENARI ... AND THAT BROOK.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DENARI, THROW THAT BROOK IN, AND WE'LL MAKE A DEAL.



OUR FARM IS ABOVE THE RIVER VALLEY. HOME OF THE GLOOPESS DANU. THAT IS WHY WE ARE BLESSED WITH SUCH GOOD LAND.



FINALLY I ARRIVE HOME MY SISTER GREETES ME AT THE GATE.



YOU'RE
BACK
LATE.

HAD TO
DRIVE A
HARD
BARCAH



TAKE A
LOOK AT
WHAT
WE GOT.

YOU DID WELL
WE CAN HARVEST
THE SPILT CORN
THANNOON AS WELL.
ROMANUS ALWAYS
TRADE WELL
FOR THAT.



HOP, THIS
IN THE
USUAL
PLACE.

OK.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE ONLY A SMALL FARM
WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE A SMALL
AMOUNT OF MONEY AND JEWELLERY.



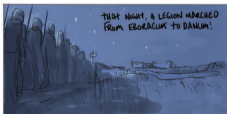
IT'S CATTING
FLAK...



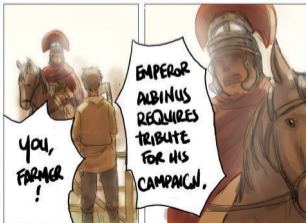
THESE WE HIDE IN A POT IN THE BARTER.




USING A BEEHIVE OVERN.



1. ROMAN YORK 2. ROMAN FORT.







FEBRUARY 197 A.D.
ALBINUS FINALLY MET
SEVERUS NEAR LUGDUNUM¹ IN GALLI²
AFTER A FERCE BATTLE,
THE CIVIL WAR WAS WON - AND LOST.

ALBINUS, DEFEATED,
COMMITTED SUICIDE.
SEVERUS TRAMPLED
THE CORPSE BELOW HIS HORSE,
AND ALBINUS' SEVERED HEAD
WAS SENT TO ROME,
HIS BODY THROWN INTO THE RIVER.

NONE OF HIS SOLDIERS WERE SPARED.
SNOWDROPS BLOSSOMED RED
WITH BLOOD THAT YEAR.

1. Lugdunum
2. Gallia

