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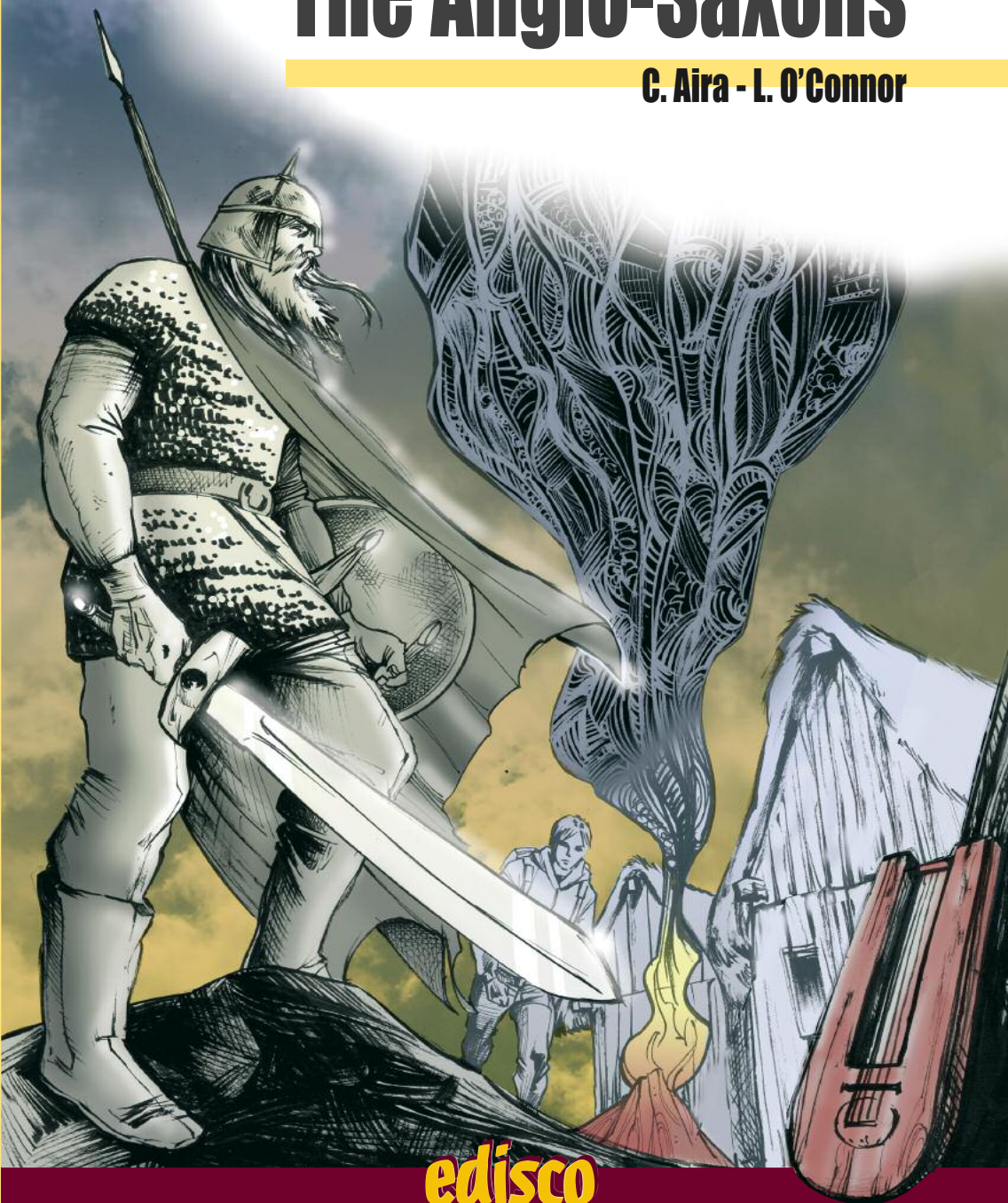


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400 A.D.

The end of Roman rule, the Anglo-Saxons arrive



625 A.D.

King Redwald buried at Sutton Hoo



800 A.D.

The Vikings raid Lindisfarne



954 A.D.

The Vikings defeated in York



597 A.D.

The Pope sends Augustine to Britain as a missionary



750s A.D.

King Offa's reign, Bede writes History of the English Church and People



871 A.D.

Alfred becomes King of Wessex



1066 A.D.

Battle of Hastings, beginning of Norman rule

BEFORE READING

- 1 How do you imagine a Saxon? Read the following adapted extract from *The Lord Of The Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, where he describes the Anglo-Saxon tribes, then fill in the chart below.

They are proud and determined, but they are fair and generous; brave but not cruel; intelligent but ignorant. They don't write books but sing many songs.

Positive aspects	Negative aspects

- 2 Choose the right alternative.

- a. What is an archaeological site?
- ☐ A place where you can buy antique objects.
 - ☐ A school where people study archaeology.
 - ☐ A place where people look for archaeological finds.
- b. What is a grave?
- ☐ A place where people are buried.
 - ☐ A box where there are old objects.
 - ☐ A place where ancient people lived.

- 3 Look at the timeline on p. 4 and answer the following questions.

- a. Who were the first inhabitants of Britain?
- b. When did the Anglo-Saxons land in Britain?
- c. Who sent Augustine to Britain as a missionary?
- d. Where was King Redwald buried?
- e. Who wrote *History of the English Church and People*?
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- f. What peoples attacked the Anglo-Saxons?
- g. Where did the Vikings first land?
- h. When did Alfred become King of Wessex?
- i. What happened in 954 A.D.?
- j. Why is 1066 a very important year in English History?
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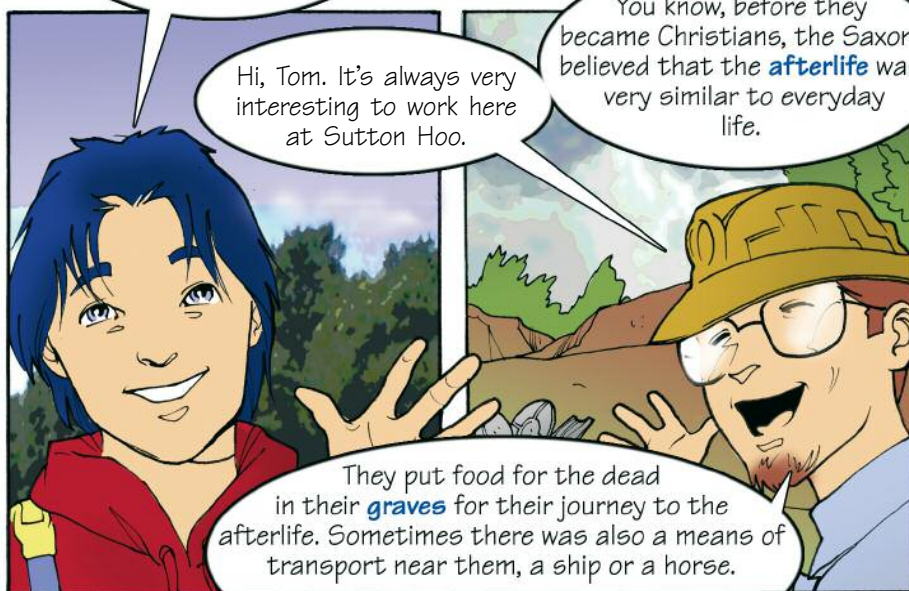
The Anglo-Saxons

A mysterious and precious find

It's Saturday morning. Thomas Anderson – but his friends call him Tom Matrix because he likes computers a lot – is at Sutton Hoo. This is a place in East Anglia where archaeologists found a wooden ship from around the year 600 AD. Tom is here to meet his friend David Lane, an archaeology student.



Dave, what are you **digging out**? Are you looking for something particular today?



Hi, Tom. It's always very interesting to work here at Sutton Hoo.

You know, before they became Christians, the Saxons believed that the **afterlife** was very similar to everyday life.

They put food for the dead in their **graves** for their journey to the afterlife. Sometimes there was also a means of transport near them, a ship or a horse.



That's interesting.

What are these?

You can find many things they liked. In the graves there are **weapons** for men and **jewels**, dresses or objects for women.

Come, I'll show you something great. Look!

It's a metal object. It's quite big. And there are figures on it. Do you know what it is?



... or a big **coin**. But I can't see the figures clearly. They look like symbols... Anglo-Saxon symbols.

It is very precious. I think it is made of gold. Look, it is not perfectly round. **Perhaps** it is part of a weapon...



I don't know. The Anglo-Saxon period... Let me see...

Dave, can you give it to me for a few hours? I would like to show it to...

... Mr Jones, an expert **antique dealer**. He can help us to understand what this object is.





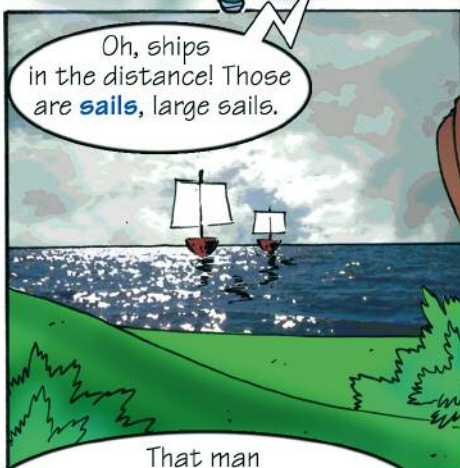
The boy takes a strange helmet out of his rucksack. It's a VR (Virtual Reality) helmet.



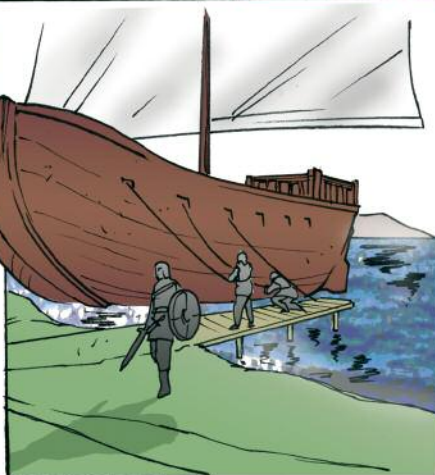
Tom **lands** in another time and in a strange place.



Oh, ships in the distance! Those are **sails**, large sails.



That man is coming near me; he looks quite strange and **self-confident**. But he can help me.



The two look at each other with suspicion.



