



THE MONASTERY ON THE LINDISFARNE ISLAND, 8TH JUNE 793, WHEN HIGBALD IS BISHOP OF THE MONASTERY AND BENEFICIARY OF THE SPIRITUAL AND WORLDLY WORK OF HIS DILIGENT MUNKS. THE MONASTERY ON THE HOLY ISLAND OFF THE ANGLIAN\* COAST ACCOMMODATES SCT. CUTHBERT'S SOULLESS BODY.

\*ENGLISH

ANGLIA CONTAINS FIVE ANGLO-SAXON KINGDOMS, AND LINDISFARNE LIES WITHIN THE NORTHERNMOST, NORTHUMBERLAND, WHICH IS REIGNED BY KING AETHELRED. HE EXCHANGES GIFTS WITH KARL, THE MIGHTY FRANKISH KING. THE FRANKS ARE DOING ANYTHING TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN IT'S ROMAN-CATHOLIC ENTITY, AND TO FIGHT THE HEATHENS AS WELL AS DEVIATING BELIEFS.

ANGLO-SAXON MONASTERIES LIKE LINDISFARNE ARE PROVIDING MISSIONARIES TO KING CHARLES, AND THE ERUDITE MUNK ALCUIN HOLDS GREAT POWER WITHIN THE FRANKISH CATHOLIC CHURCH, AS WELL AS AT COURT.

WHILE THE SUN IS WARMING THE LEAD COVERED ROOF OF THE MONASTERY CHURCH, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE PEACEFUL AND IDYLIC, UNTILL THREE BOWS ARE SUDDENLY EMERGING OUT OF THE MIST. THEY ARE RAIDING HEATHENS FROM THE NORTH. BY THE TIME THESE WOLF-WARRIORS OF THE SEA WILL BE CALLED BY A FAMOUS NAME, THAT LL FREEZE EVERY CHRISTIAN HEART:

**VIKINGS!!!**



THE DAUGHTER OF SIGURD RING, THE KING OF THE DANES, IS SHOWING THE WAY ACROSS THE SEA, AND IS CALLED THE VÖLVE OF VIKEN. \*  
\*AT OSLO





THE KING HAS SENT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER GODFRED AS COMMANDER OF THE ATTACK.



RADULFS SAXONS WANTS TO AVENGE THE DOWN-PLUNGING OF THEIR HOLY COLUMN IRMINSUL.





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THE MUNK BYRHTFERTH  
BEHOLDS THE SAXON RADULF  
IN THE SCRIPTORIUM OF THE  
UNGUARDED MONASTERY.



THERE ARE THOSE, WHO WILL BE SACRIFICED TO THOR BY DROWNING. THERE ARE THOSE, WHO THROW THEMSELVES WIMPERING INTO THE DUST, BEGGING THE VIKINGS FOR MERCY, AND WHO ARE SPARED TO GO. THERE ARE THOSE, WHO ARE THANKING GOD FOR BECOMING MARTYRS IN THE NAME OF SCT. CUTHBERTH.



GODFRED TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DESECRATION OF THE LINDISFARNE MONASTERY BY HIS SWORD TYRBLÖTR.

SO THE MISFORTUNE SHALL STRIKE DOWN ON HIM INSTEAD OF HIS MEN, IF THIS DEED OBTAINS DISCONTENTMENT BY THE GODS.





THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS WAS SPILLED IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR. BISHOP HIGBALD WRITES THIS LATER ON IN A LETTER ABOUT THE ATTACK TO ALGUN IN THE FRANKISH EMPIRE



THE BOOTY IS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR AGAINST THE FRANKS IN SAXONIA. IT COSTS MORE THAN THE 100 HORSES, WHICH ARE DELIVERED ANNUALLY FROM THE SAXONS TO THE DANES.



LOOK AT HIM, GODFRED! HE IS A DECENT MORNING GIFT TO YOUR BRIDE, RURIK'S SISTER ÅSE. HE HAS GOOD TEETH AND CAN BE FED OF WITH ROUGH FOOD WITHOUT PERISHING.



DID YOU HEAR THAT, SLAVE? THE WEDDING SEALS THE PACT BETWEEN THE KING AND HARALD HILDETOOTH'S NEPHEW RURIK, WHO IS MY COUSIN, TOO. HE HAS BEEN A DEVIOUS ADVERSARY, WHO HAS BEEN HIDING IN SWEON\* FOR RAIDING SCONEG.\* HE GETS SILEND,\* AND 30 HORSES FOR THE BRIDE.



I'M A LAYMAN BROTHER, AND THE MEEK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH! WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IF I'M ENSLAVED BY A HEATHEN PRINCESS OR THE CHURCH? I HOPE YOU'LL GET A VIOLENT DEATH, HEATHEN, AND GO TO HELL, MAY IT BE YOURS OR MINE.



I'M ONE OF THE WARRIORS, WHO HAVE DEFEATED MY UNCLE HARALD HILDETOOTH IN BRAVALLA. I'M LONGING FOR A VIOLENT DEATH, SO I'M ABLE TO DRINK MEAD WITH HARALD IN VALHALL. THE BARDS ARE STILL SINGING ABOUT THIS BATTLE.

\*SWEDEN, SCANIA, THE REGION SCHLESWIG

AIDED BY THE SWEONS,, MY BROTHER SIGURD RING HAS RECRUITED AN ARMY IN SM&LAND TO GO AGAINST HARALD HILDETOOTH, THE OLD KING OF THE DANES.

THE VÖLVE WAS UNIFIED WITH FRIGG FOLLOWING ANCIENT RITES, TO HELP THE ARMY GAINING VICTORY. FRIGG PROMISED TO INTERCEDE AT HER HUSBAND ODIN; THE KING OF THE ASES AND OUR WISE GOD OF THE DEAD. FRIGG HERSELF IS FROM THE LINEAGE OF THE VANES AND WAS MARRIED OFF TO ODIN AS A SIGN OF SUBMISSION.

UNCOUNTABLE WARRIORS WERE SLAIN BY MY SWORD TYRBLÖTR ON THE BRAVALLA PLAIN, BUT I'VE LOST ALL MY COMRADES FROM MY ENTOURAGE, EACH AND ONE OF THEM, BY HARALD'S BRAVE MEN.

HARALD HILDETOOTH WAS SITTING ON HIS WAGON AND WAS POSITIONING HIMSELF TO LEAD THE LAST ATTACK.

BOTH ARMIES CONTAINED THE PRIDE OF THE NORDIC WARRIORHOOD.

ODIN SEIZED THE BODY OF THE CHARIOTEER, AND PUSHED HARALD HILDETOOTH FROM THE WAGON. THIS DECIDED THE BATTLE, AND MY BROTHER SIGURD RING COULD BE PROCLAIMED AS KING OF THE DANES THE FOLLOWING SPRING.

BY SCT. PATRICK, NOW I'VE AVENGED THAT THEY'VE CHASED ME OFF THE YARD LIKE A MAD DOG. THOSE WHO HAVE RAVAGED MY BEAUTIFUL MONASTERY LINDISFARNE, DESERVE TO DIE.

THESE MEN, WHO ONLY ARE CHRISTIANS BY NAME AND NOT BY THEIR DEEDS, ARE PLOTTING TO PUNDER YOUR FARMSTEADS TO FILL THEIR OWN BELLIES. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE TO TAKE ONE OUT OF EVERY TEN FROM ALL CORN AND CATTLE, WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT OF THE FATE OF THE ELDERLY, WIFEMEN AND CHILDREN. THIS IS NOT WHAT'S BEEN WRITTEN IN THE HOLY GOSPEL AS SOMETHING, WE HAVE TO OBTAIN AS FATEFUL CHRISTIANS. IT'S THE DEED OF THE FRANKISH CHURCH.

THEIR PRIESTS ARE HIDING BEHIND SOLDIERS, BUT I HAVE BEEN HERE, WHEN WE STILL HAVE BEEN AS FREE AS THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE IONA MONASTERY IN ERIN.\*

THE OLD, IRISH MUNK IS READY TO DIE FOR HIS FAITH IN THE MONASTERY CHURCH.

\*IRELAND (LATIN)

WHY DO YOU HATE THEM SO MUCH, THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE IN ORDER TO TAKE REVENGE? YOU STILL BELIEVE IN THE SAME GOD, HIM WHO WE CALL THE ALLFATHER.



AT THE BEGINNING THERE WAS A SOLELY THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION, SEEN FROM THE SURFACE.



BEDA ESTABLISHED THE FRANKISH METHOD TO CALCULATE THE EASTER DATE AT THE SYNOD IN WHITBY, BUT HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH OF ALBION\* AND ALL THE THINGS, IT MEANT. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL.



\*ENGLAND'S (LATIN)



ABBOTS AND VILLAGE PRIESTS WERE REPLACED; THESE WERE MEN, WHO HAD TO PROVIDE FOR WIFEMEN AND CHILDREN!



WE'VE BEEN A SMALL GROUP, AND WANTED TO SECURE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OUR OWN CHURCH FOR BETTER TIMES. EVERY SUNDAY...



...WE'VE MET IN A BARN TO CELEBRATE SERVICE LIKE IN ERIN, BECAUSE THE ROMAN LITURGY IS GODFORSAKEN.