with dog teeth. The entire burial had been wrapped or lined with a layer of bark cloth, and positioned on top of a layer of broken pottery.

Now in early April and working at an all-out pace to beat the coming rains, Mason and his team continued to excavate and found a third and lower burial layer, which included three individuals. The central male rested on his side and was accompanied by one large gold plaque, ear rods, a bat effigy pendant, an array of ceramic vessels, and stone celts.

After completing the excavations on April 8, Mason and his team took another eight days to complete their documentation and wrap up. The workmen quickly back-filled the trenches. They packed three tons of ceramic and stone artifacts allowed by the contract with Conte, which were loaded onto oxcarts sent to the town of Penonome, where they were transferred to trucks and delivered to Panama City for shipment to Philadelphia. After weighing and dividing the gold with Conte, Mason and his crew packed their bags and set sail for Philadelphia.

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