

# Transition and Unification: Becoming Egypt

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## Abydos and the Naqada III period: Political unification





Siltstone palettes in the Naqada III period







Themes of domination on siltstone palettes



Flint knives (and their ivory handles) from the Naqada III



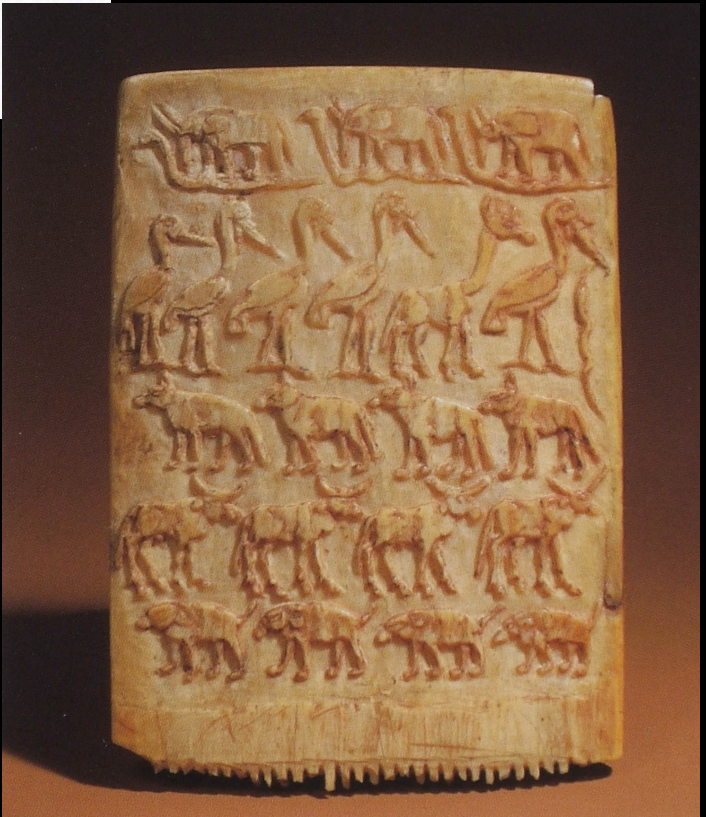


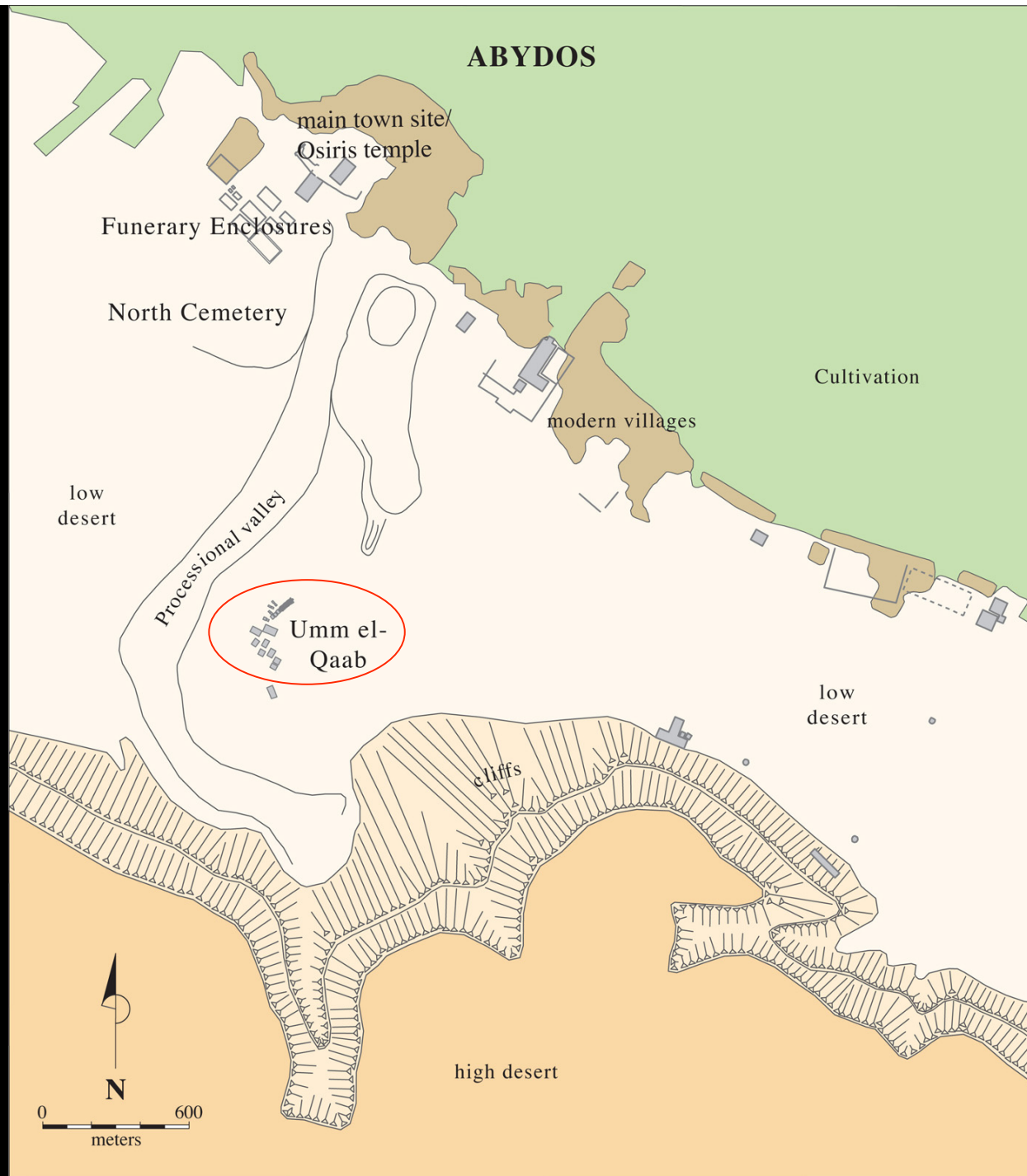
The Gebel  
el Araq knife





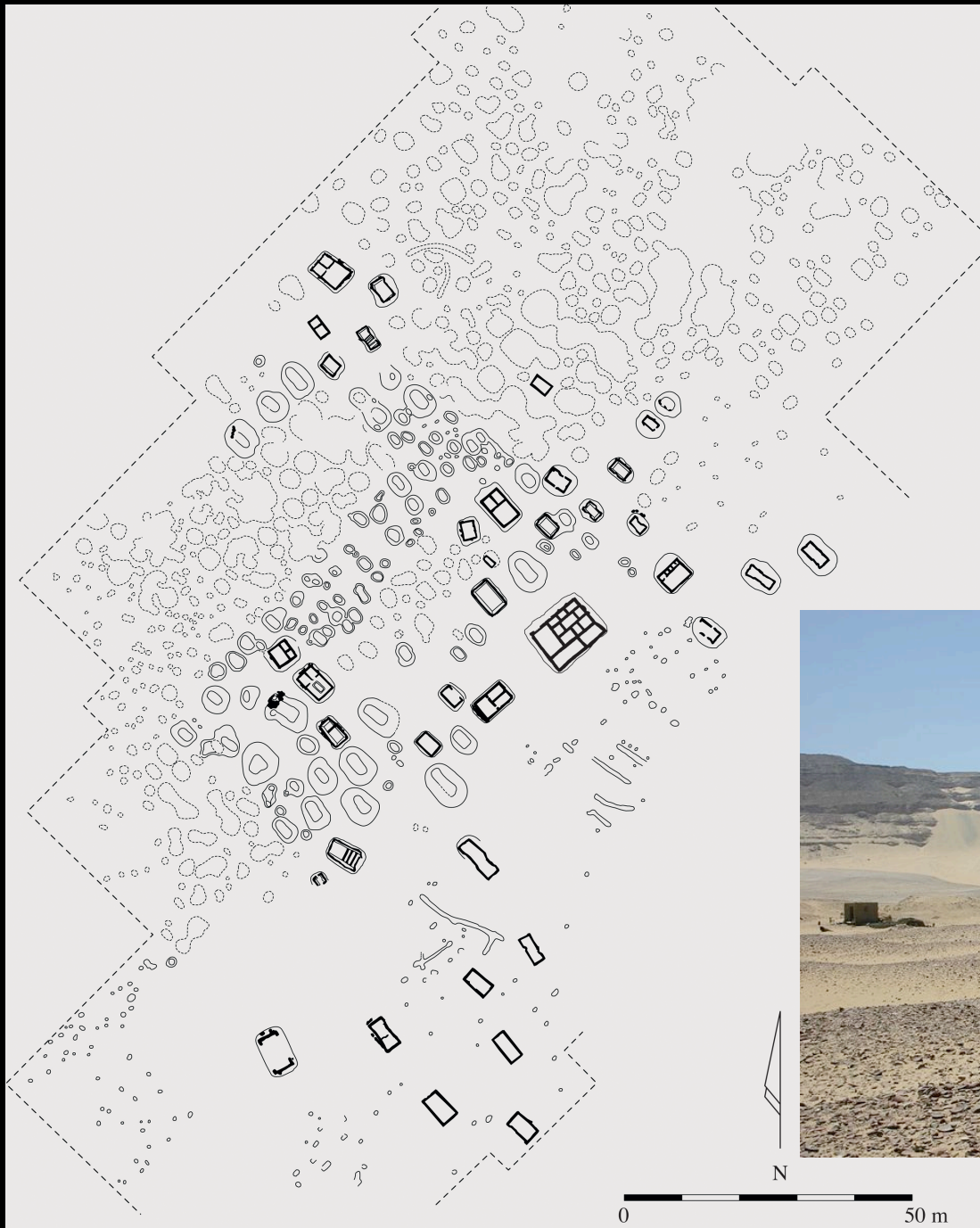








Umm el-Qaab  
Cemetery U  
Abydos



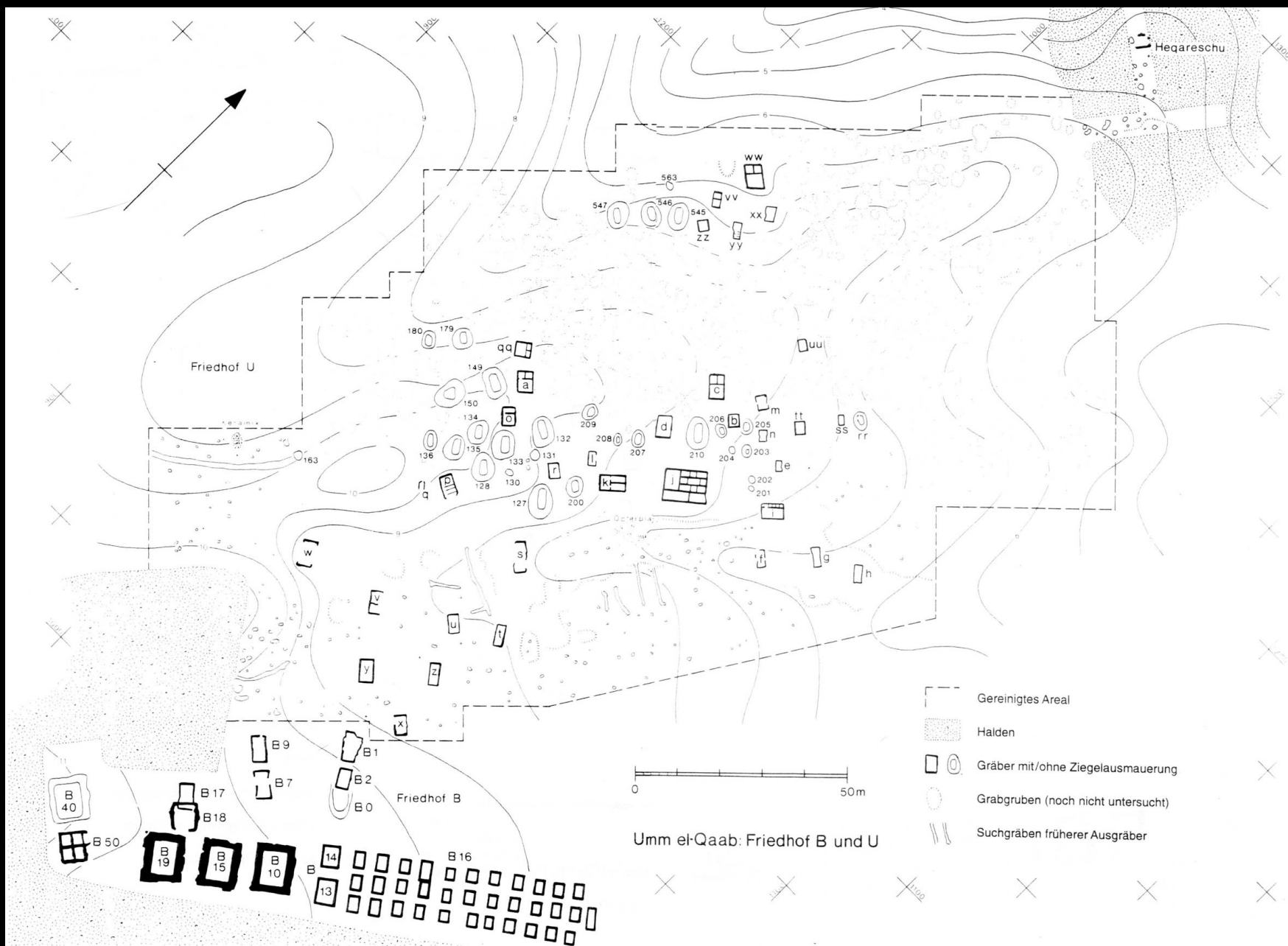




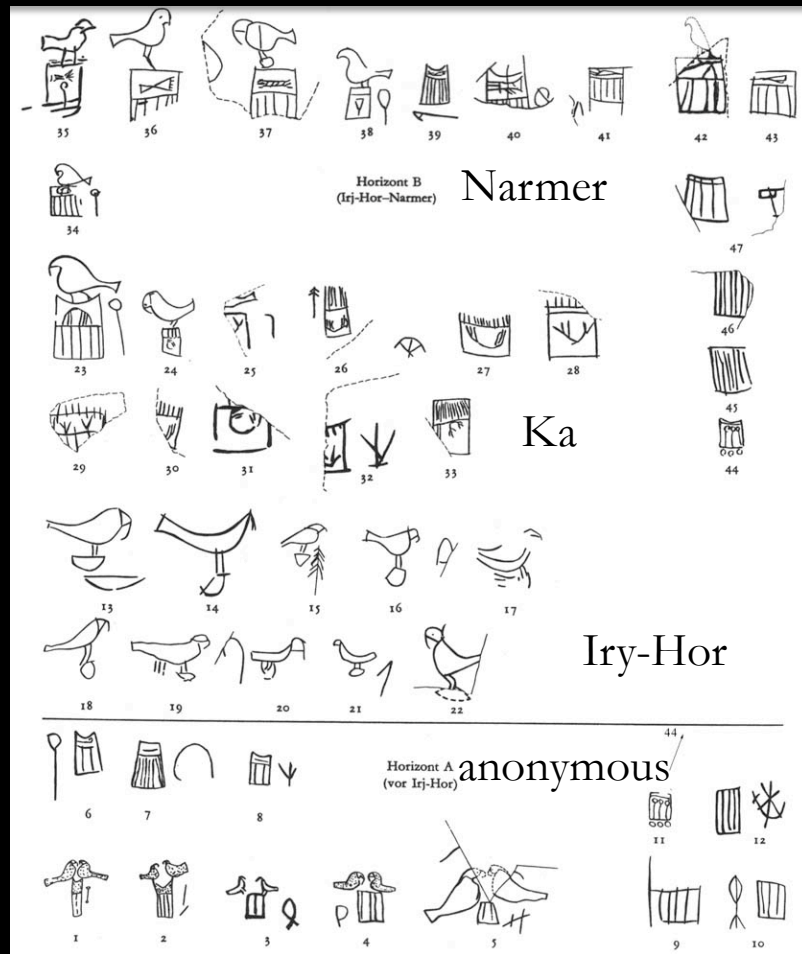
Abydos tomb U-j  
Substructure and ivory tags







# The Serekh: Horus on a palace façade



Serekhs of Dynasty 0



Serekh of Djet  
Dynasty 1

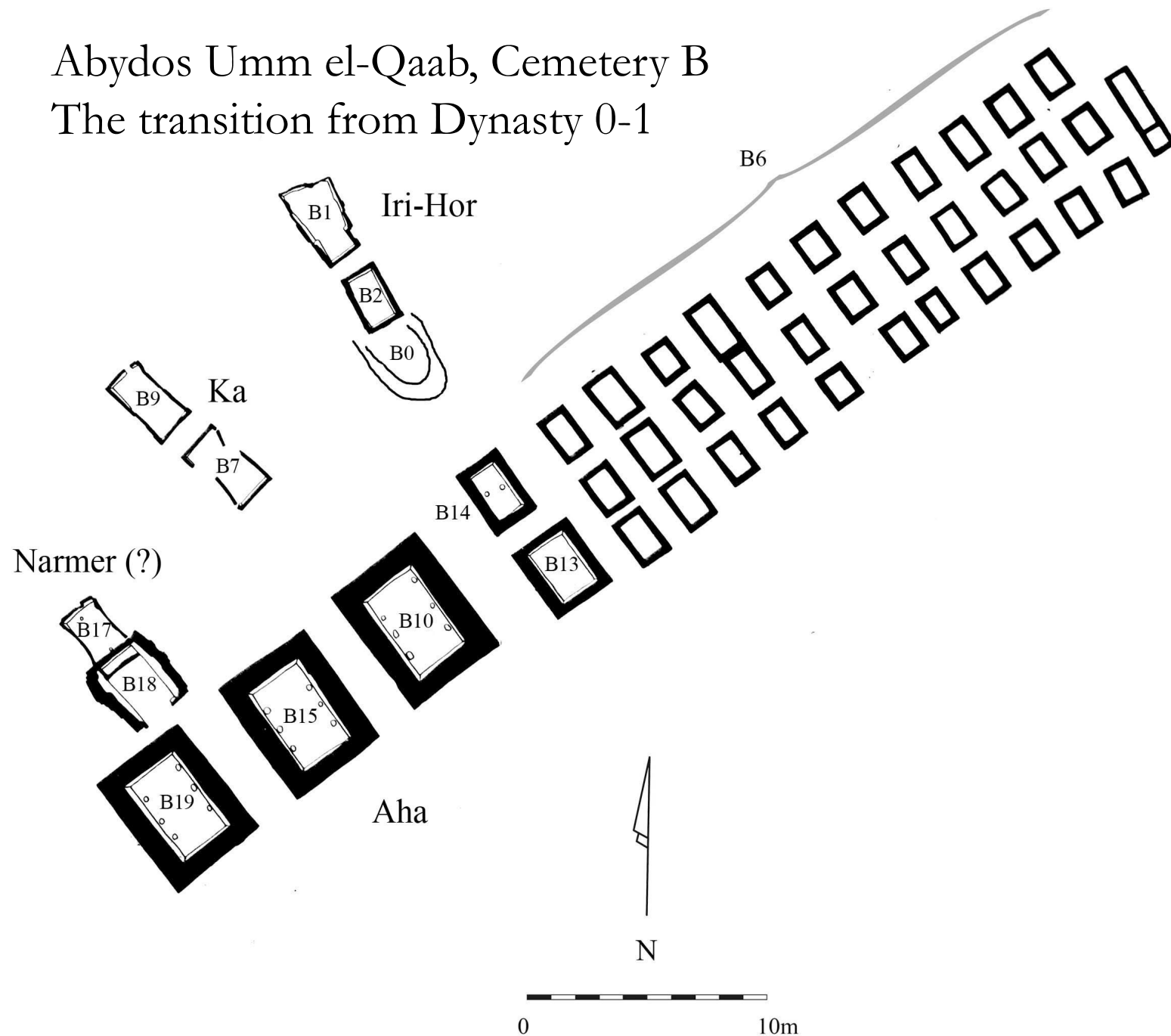


Ptolemaic serekh



# Abydos Umm el-Qaab, Cemetery B

## The transition from Dynasty 0-1



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## Serekhs of Ka

Z.Y. SAAD - Royal Excavations  
at Helwan (1941-1945)  
p. 111-2, pl. 60.



Two pottery jars bearing the name of King Ka.

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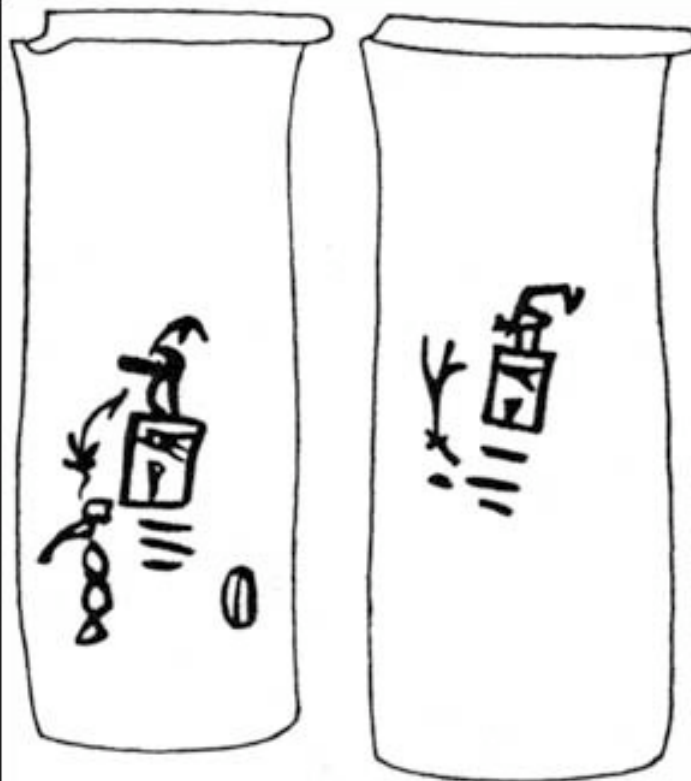
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# STONE VESSELS INSCRIPTIONS – NARMER



Kaplony I.A.F. S. 1061, 1062 Tarkhan



P.D. IV n.1  
Porphyric stone  
Saqqara Djoser Gal. B

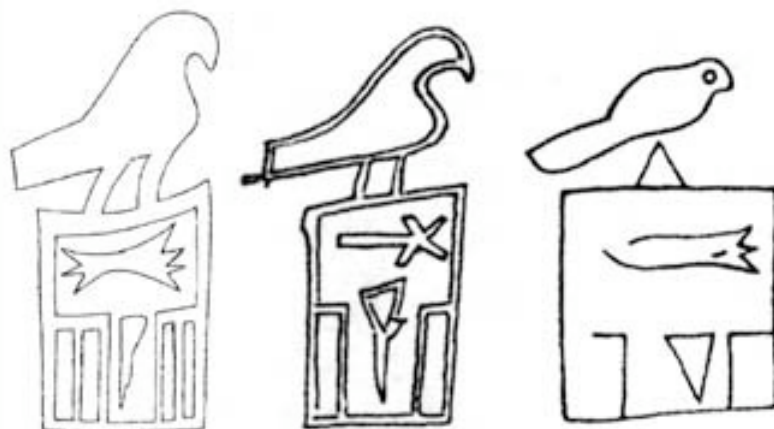
R.T. II pl. 52  
Abydos Tomb B5



R.T. II pl. 2.3  
Alabaster  
Abydos Tomb B13

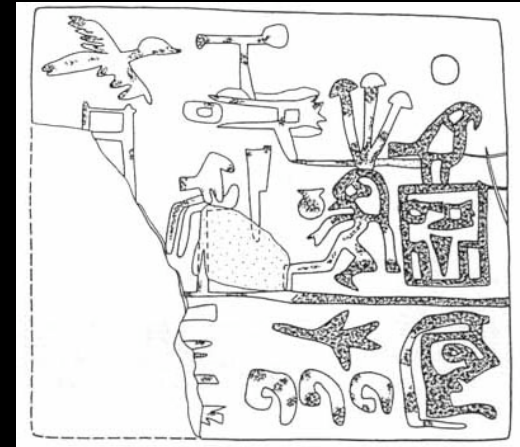


R.T. I pl. 4.2  
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Abydos Tomb Z



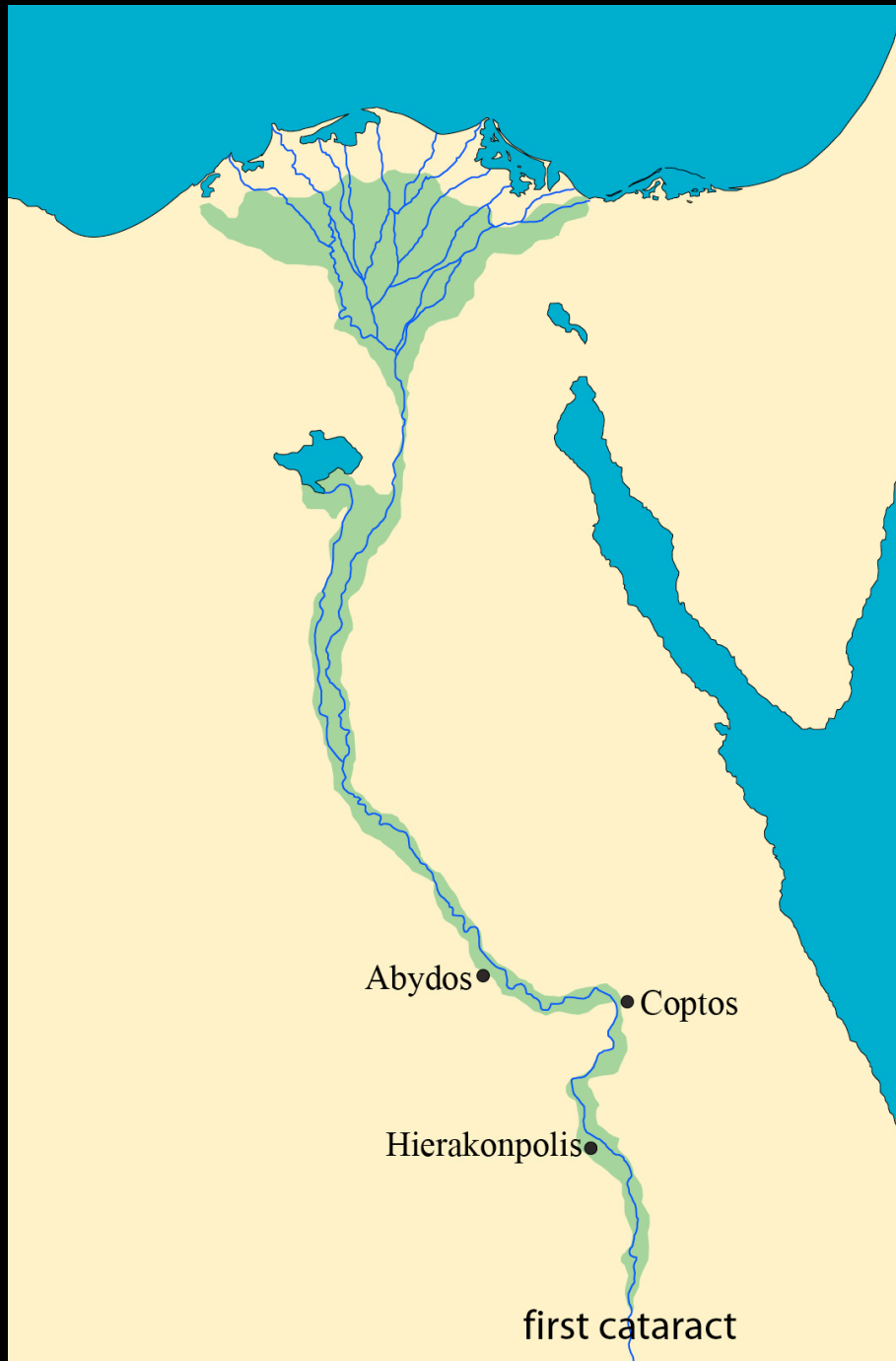
Kaplony M.D.A.I.K. 20 p.7 n. 1, 3, 2 unprov.

## Narmer: other inscribed objects



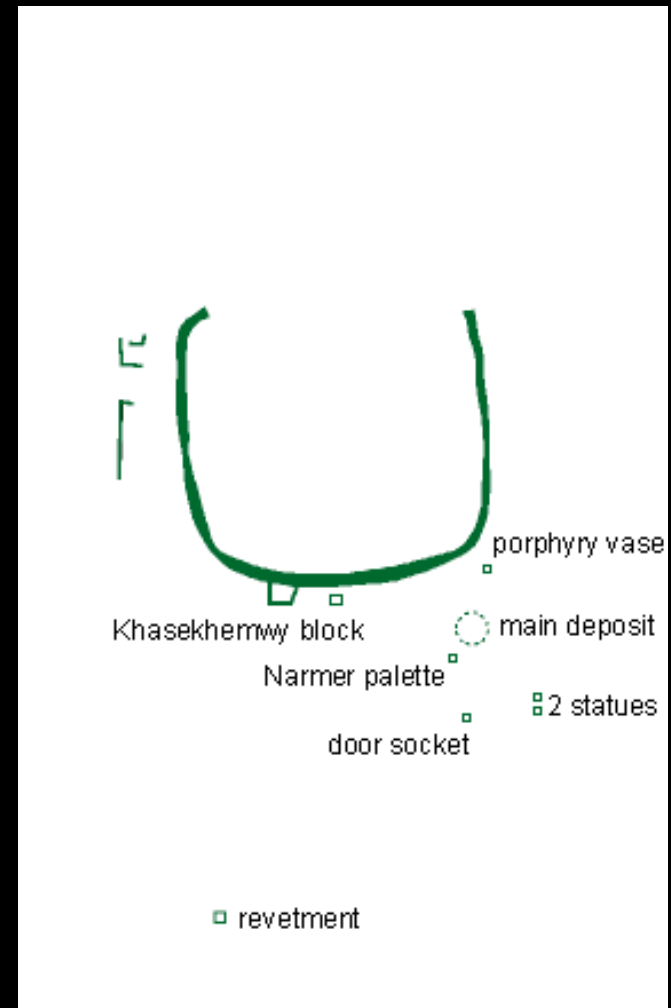
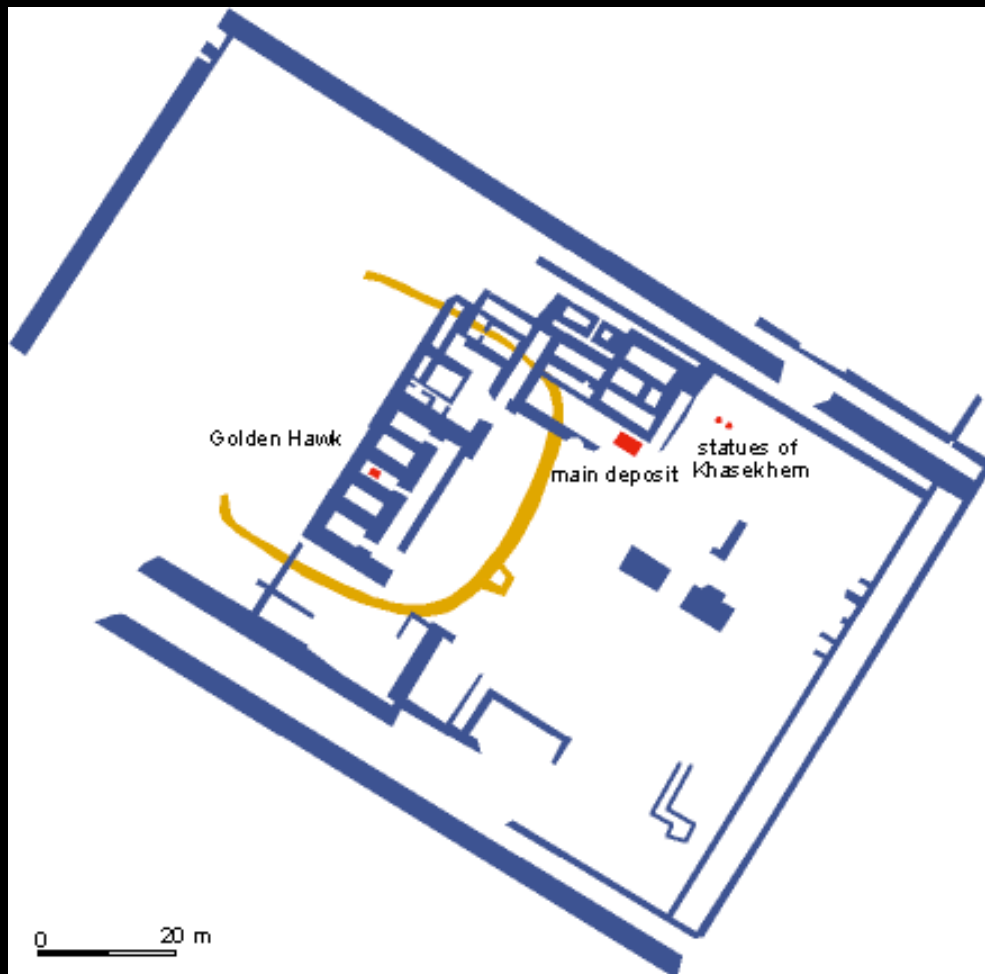


## Important Temple Sites Naqada III/1<sup>st</sup> Dynasty



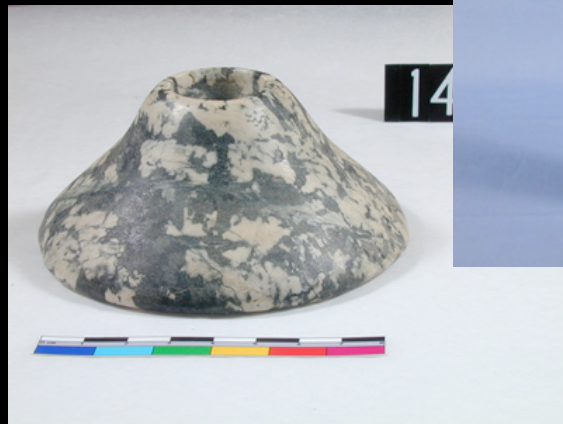
Colossus of Min  
Coptos, Naqada III

# Hierakonpolis at the transition between Dynasties 0/1

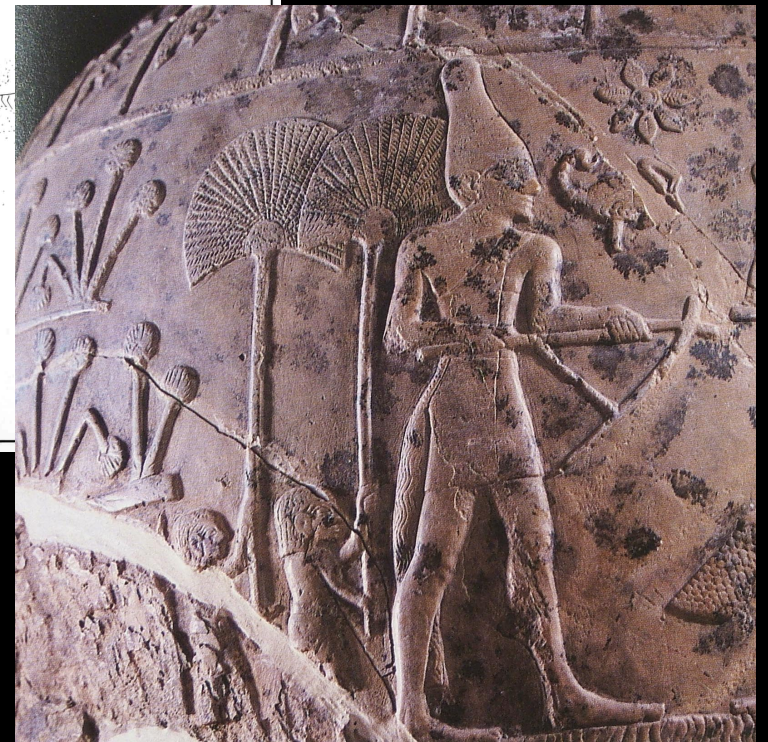
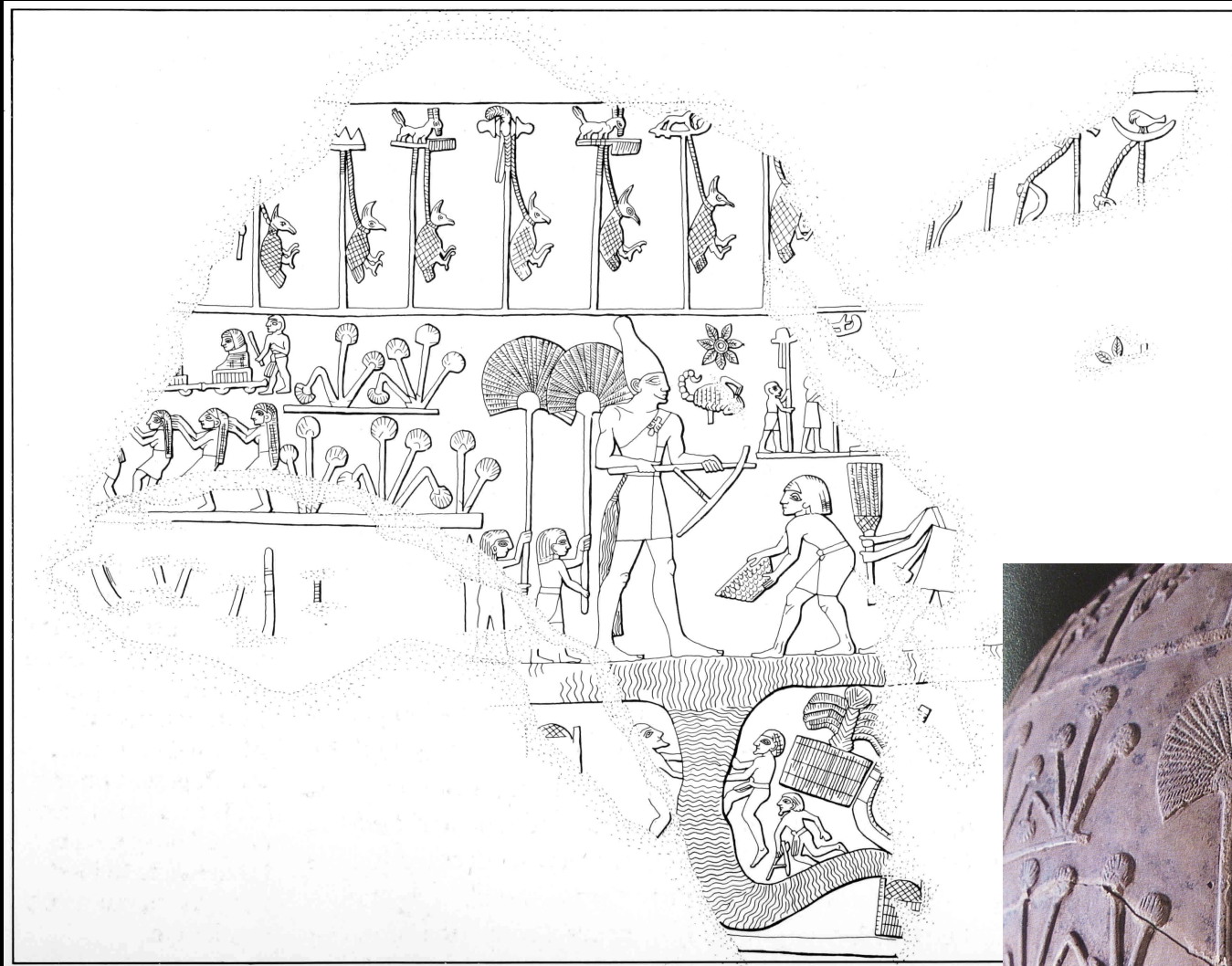




# Objects from the Hierakonpolis “Main Deposit”







The Scorpion Macehead (also  
from the Main Deposit)





The Narmer Palette

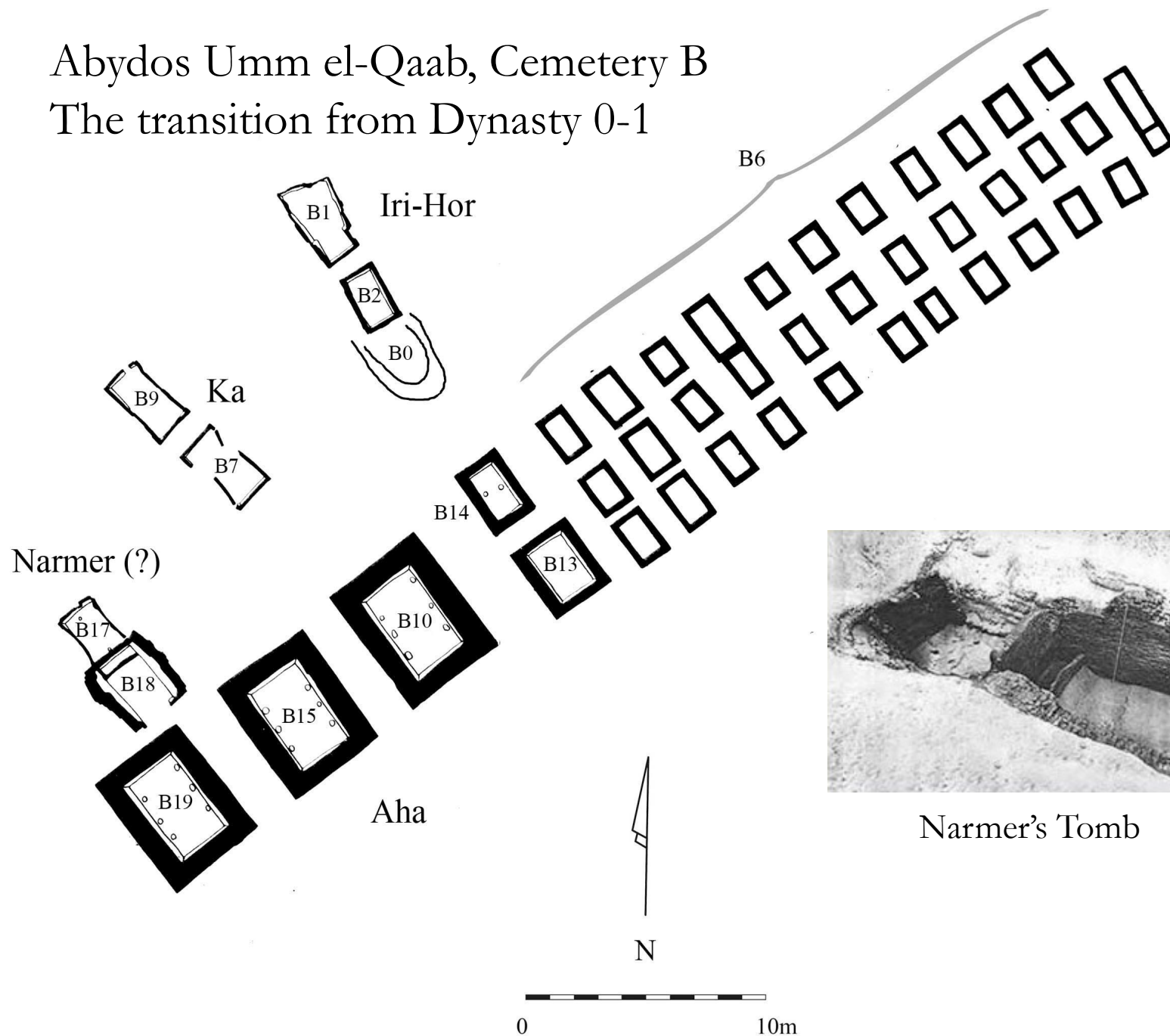






# Abydos Umm el-Qaab, Cemetery B

## The transition from Dynasty 0-1



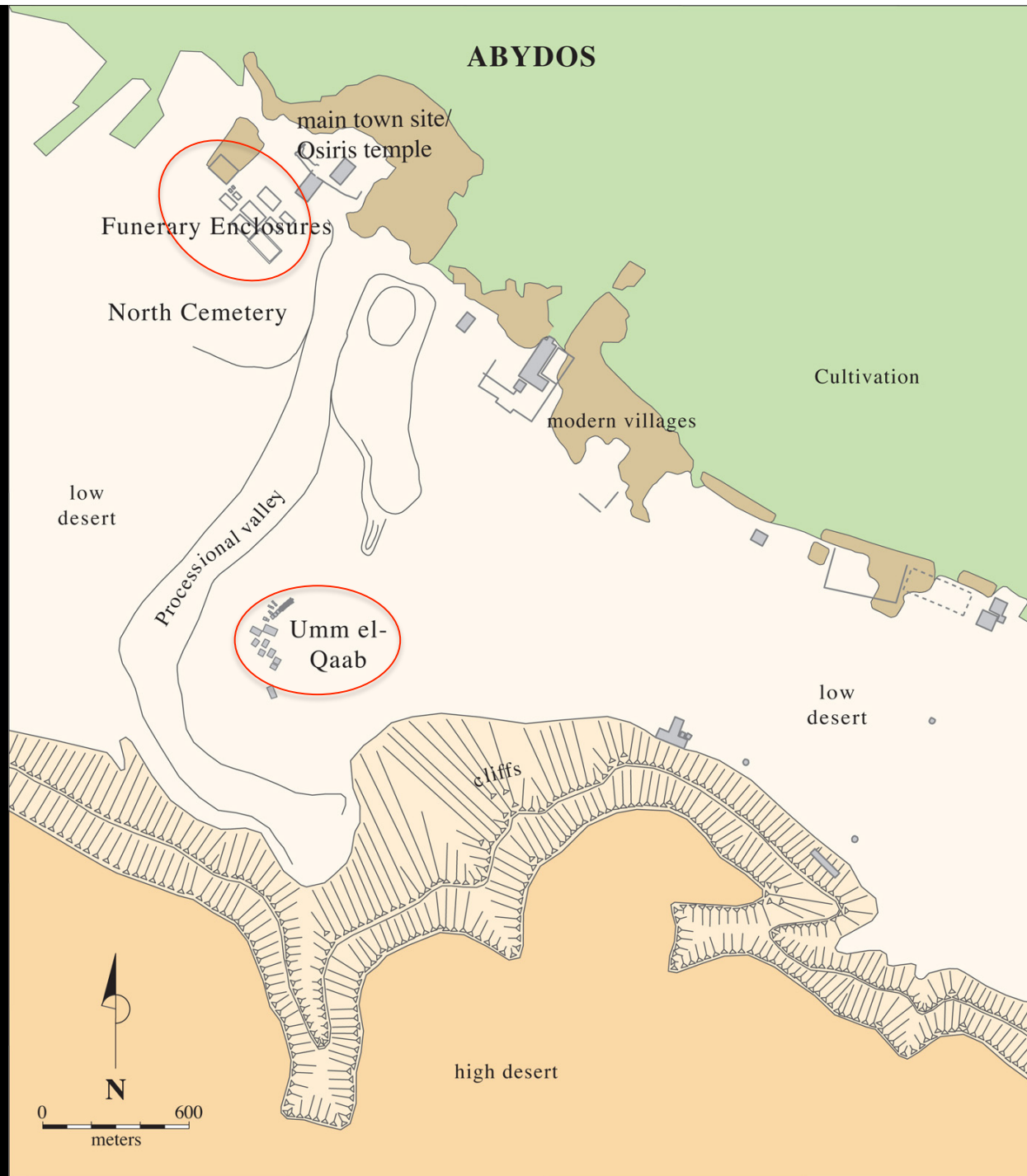
Narmer's Tomb



Tomb of Aha:  
Main chambers (above)  
Subsidiary graves (right)





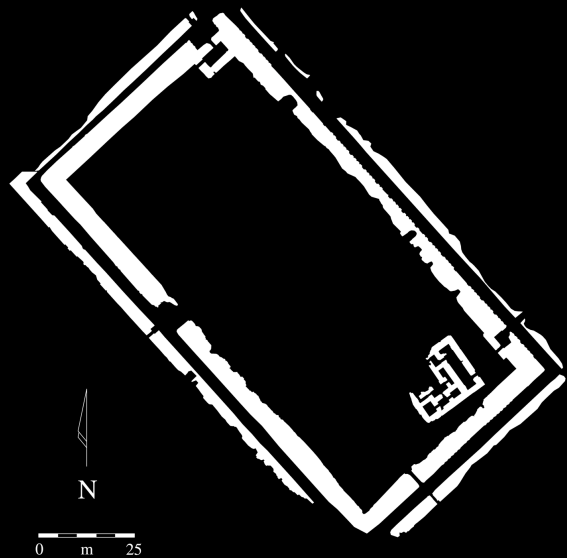








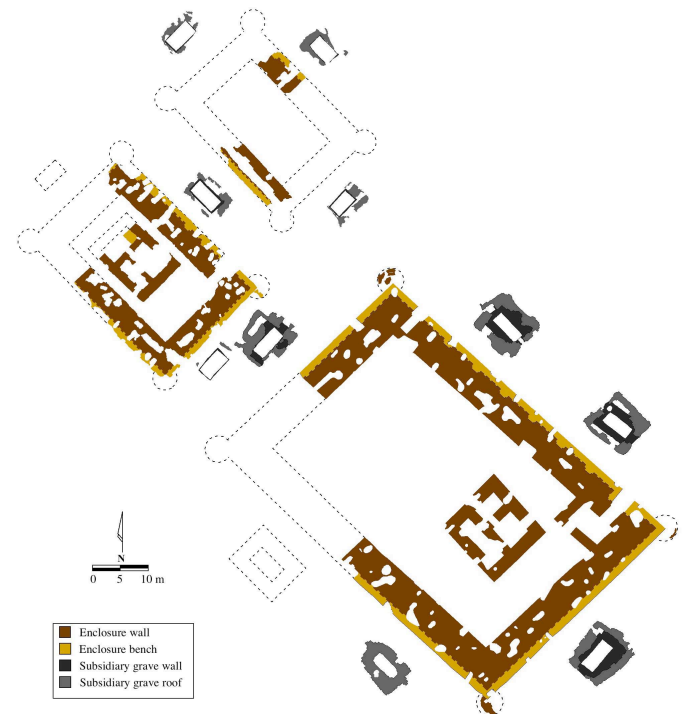
“Funerary Enclosure” or  
temple of Khasekhemwy,  
Dynasty 2



# Funerary Enclosures of Aha

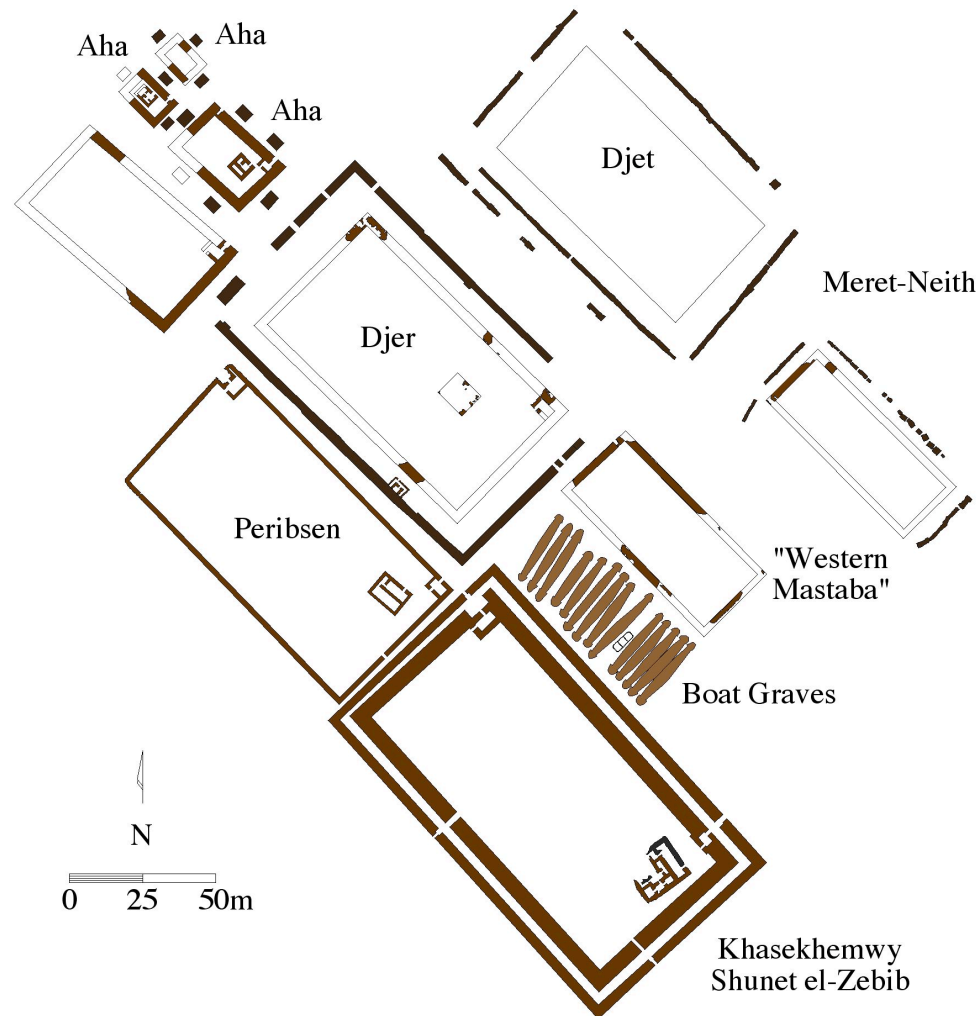


Abydos North Cemetery  
Three enclosures from the reign of Aha





## Abydos Early Dynastic Funerary Enclosures and Boat Graves



## Cult buildings in Funerary Enclosures (reign of Aha)





## Subsidiary Graves around Funerary Enclosures (reign of Aha)

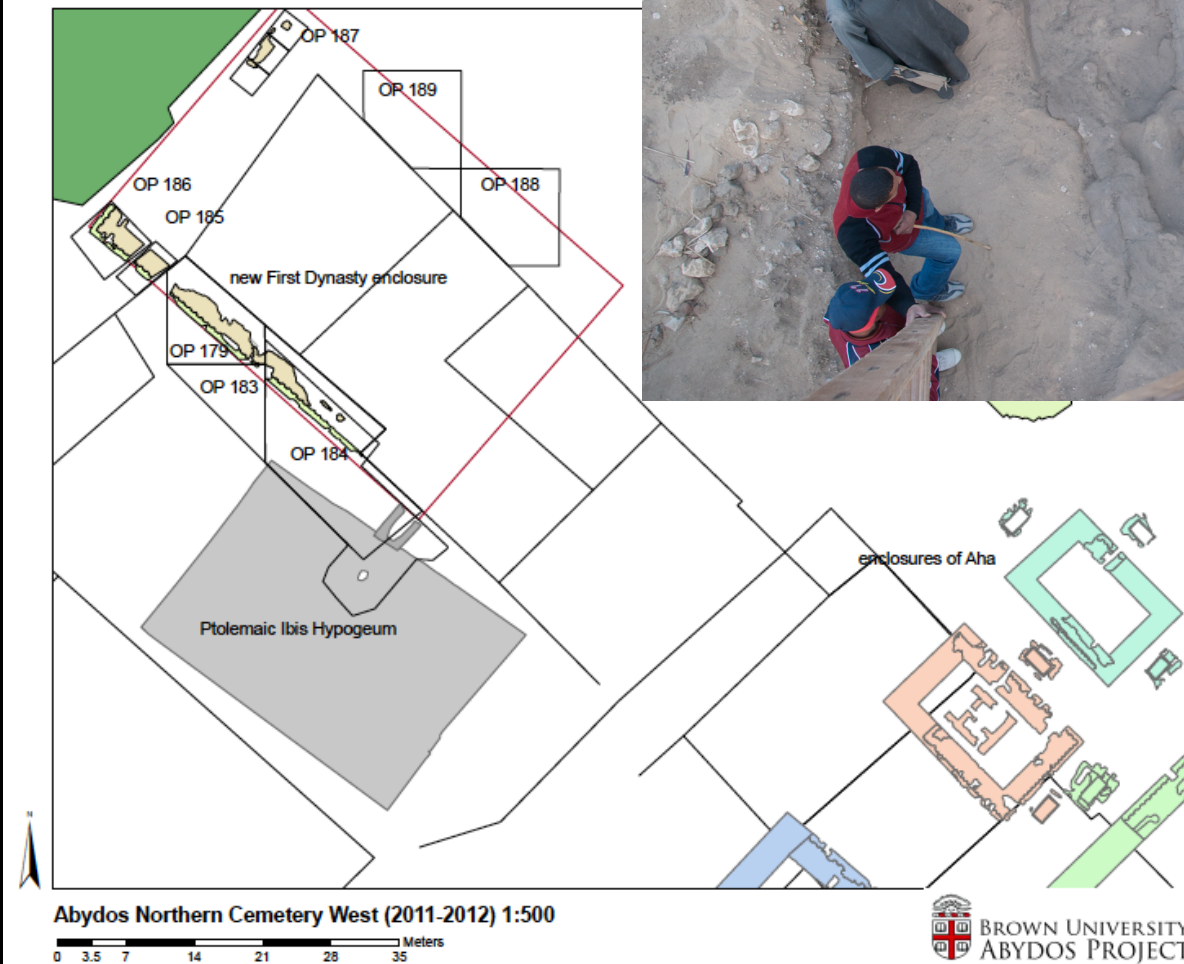


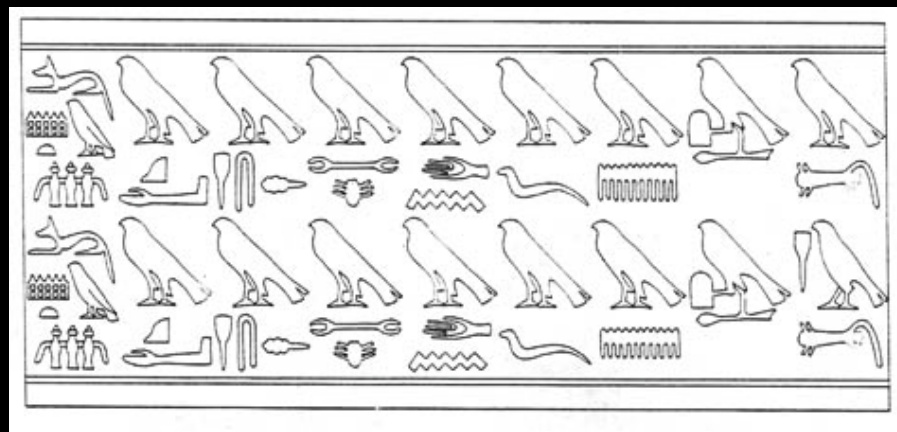
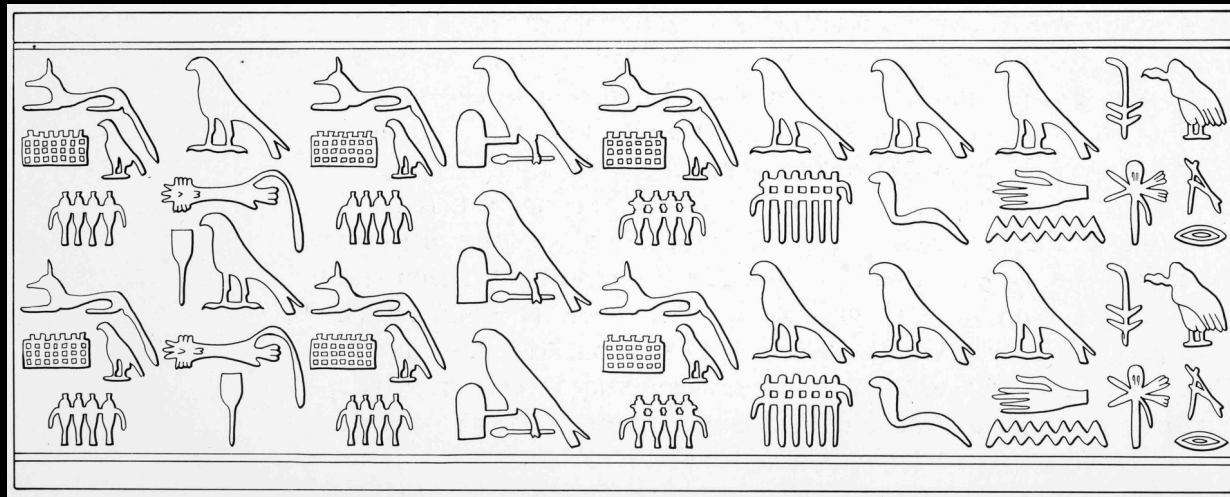






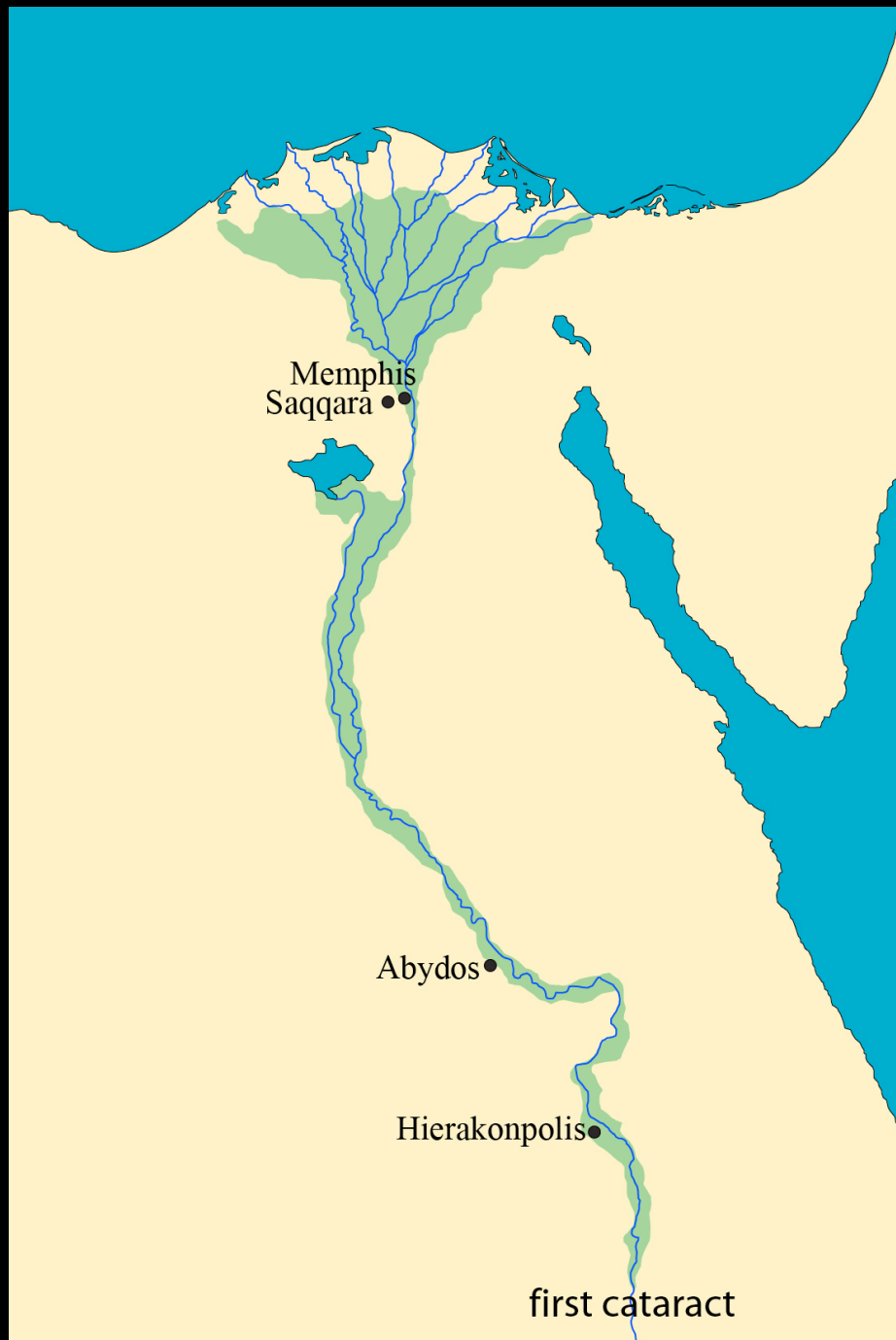
The newly discovered enclosure:  
Did Narmer build the first  
monumental royal building  
in Egypt?





Seal impressions from Umm el-Qaab with “king lists” of the 1<sup>st</sup> Dynasty



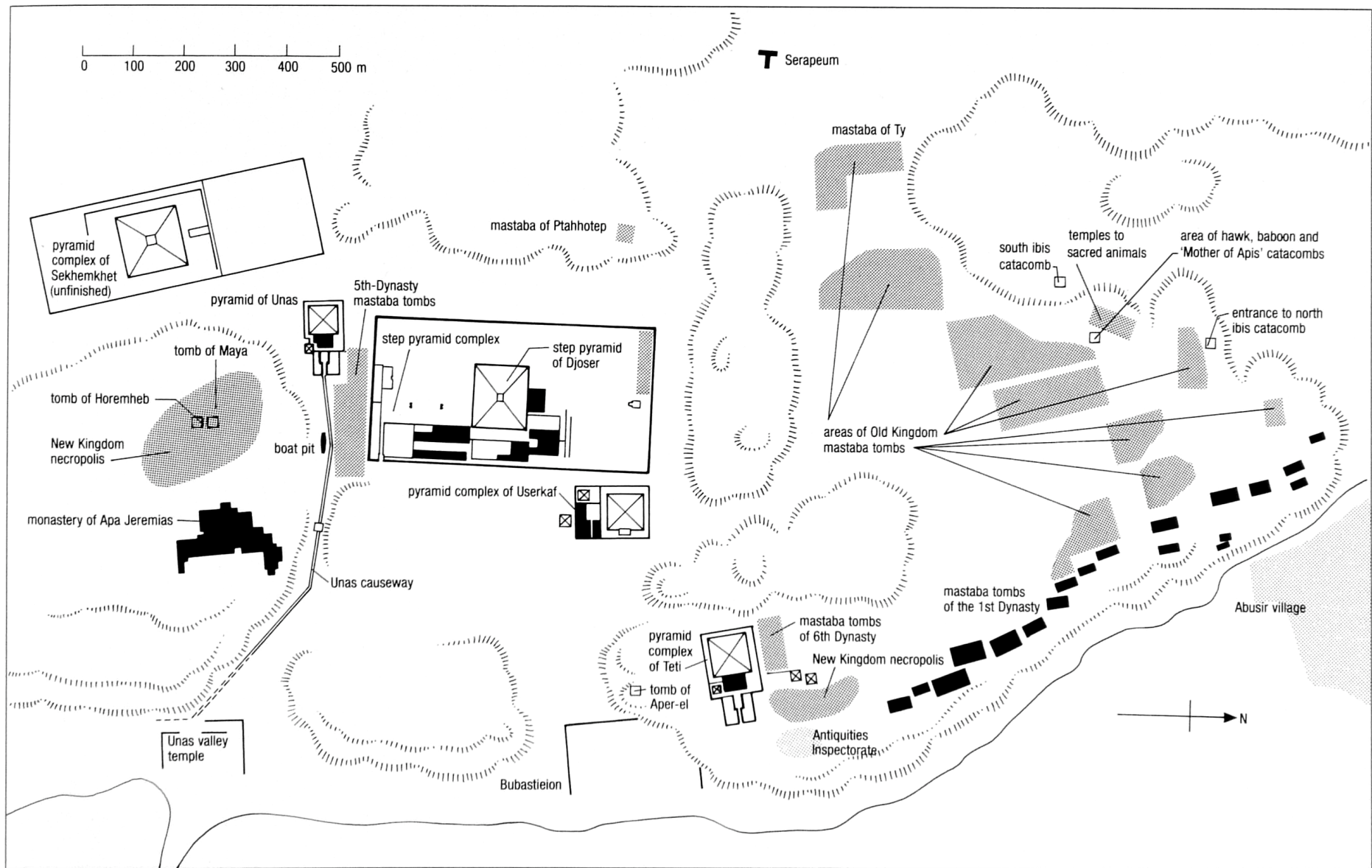


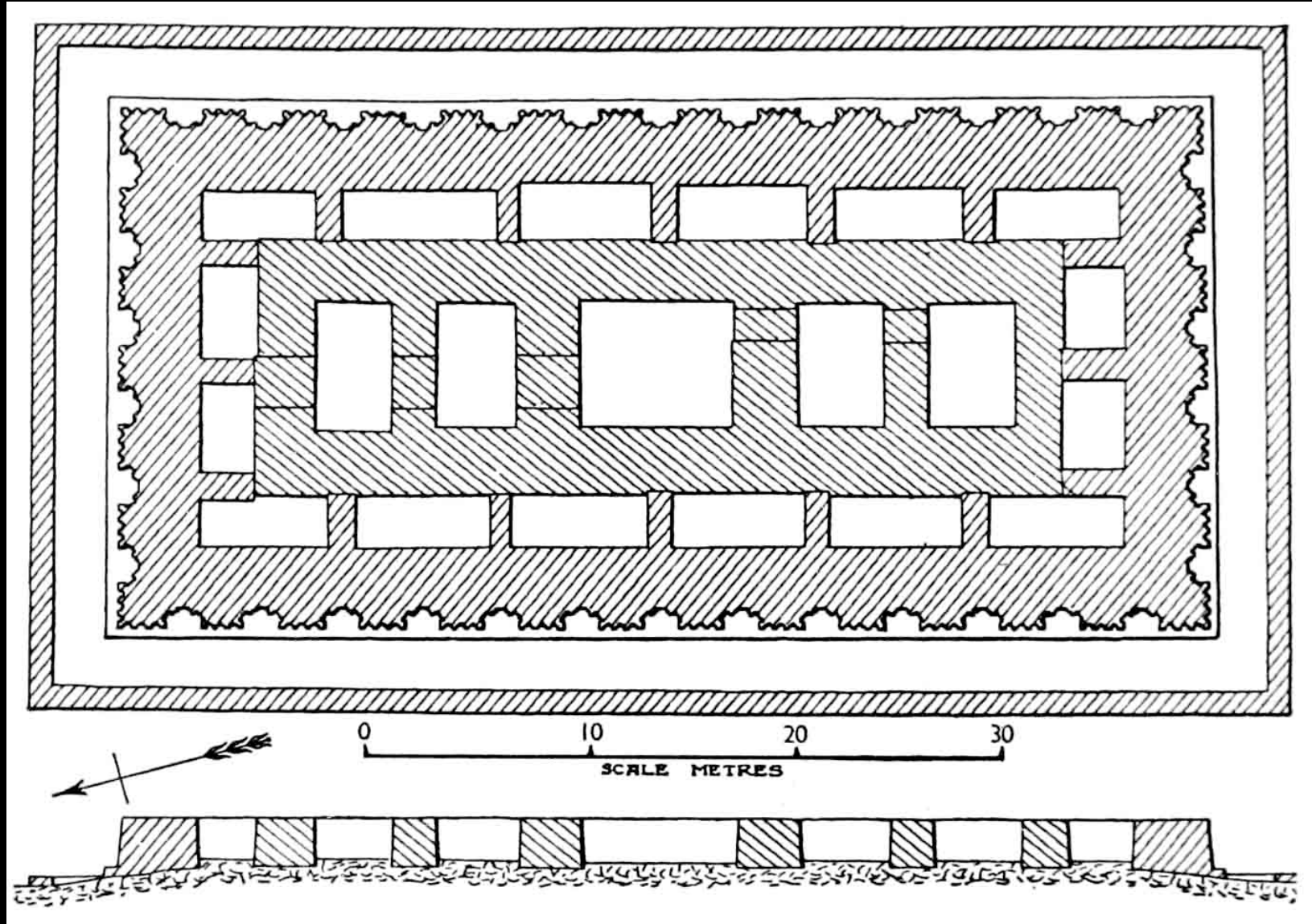
Important late  
Naqada III sites



Saqqara (the  
Necropolis of  
ancient Memphis

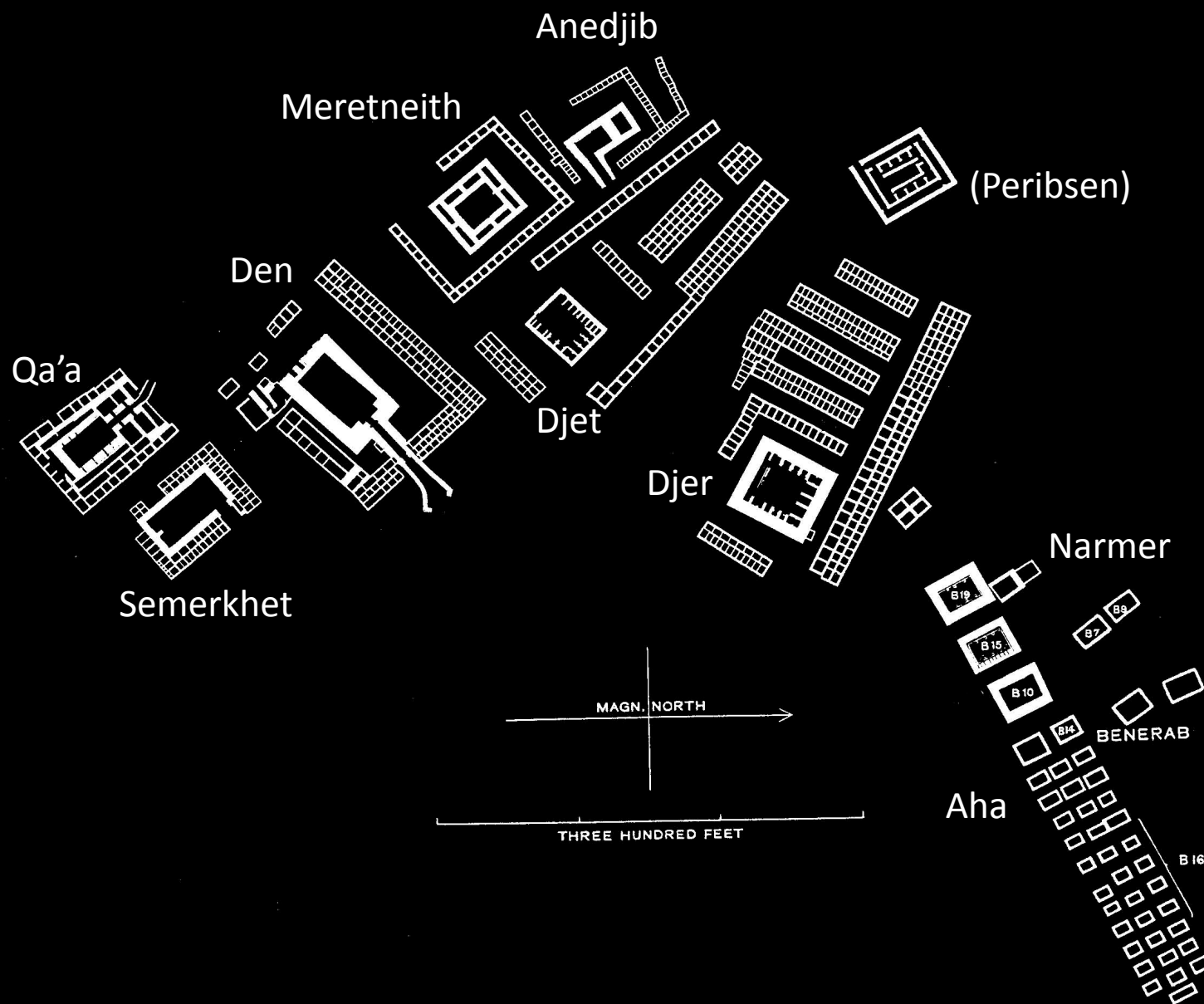






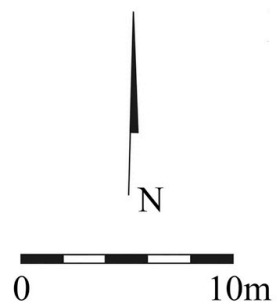




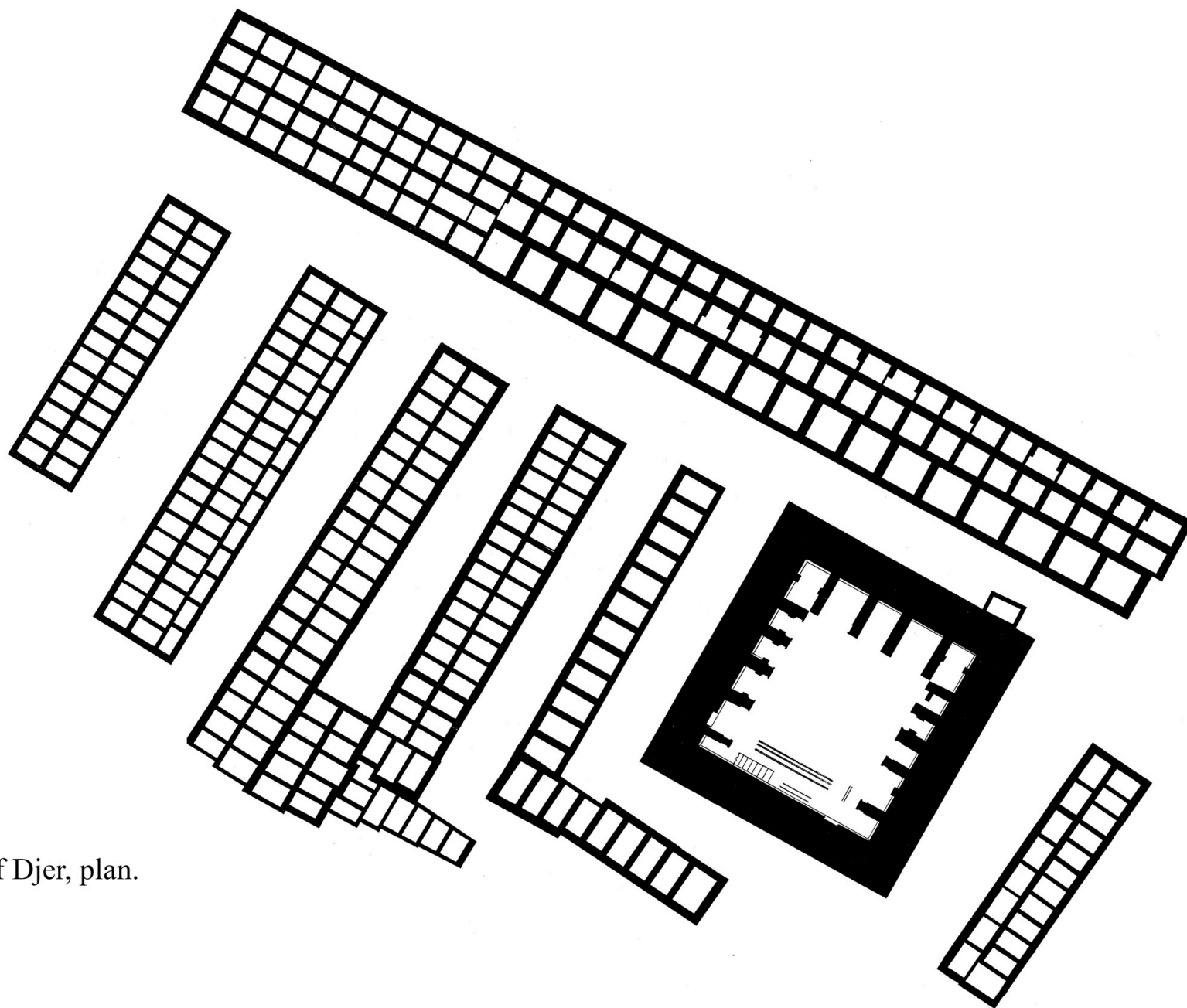


First Dynasty Royal Tombs at Umm el-Qaab





Tomb complex of Djer, plan.

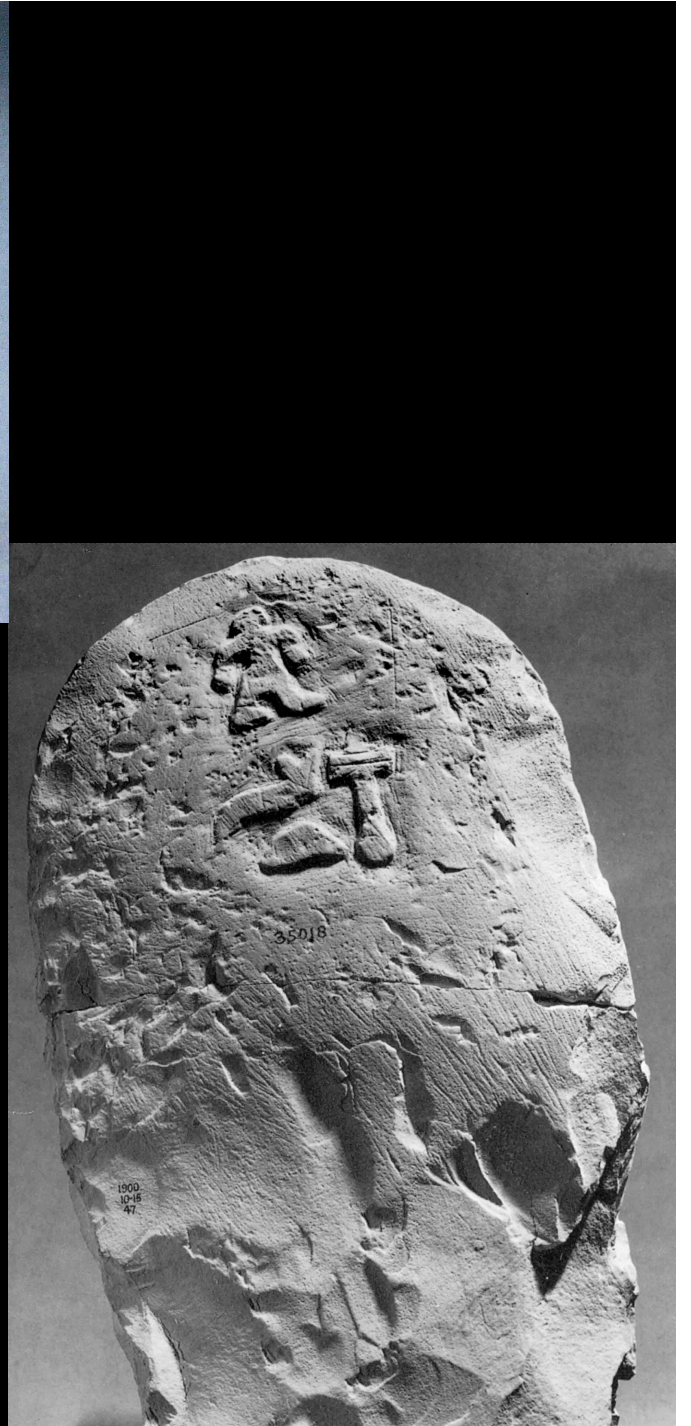




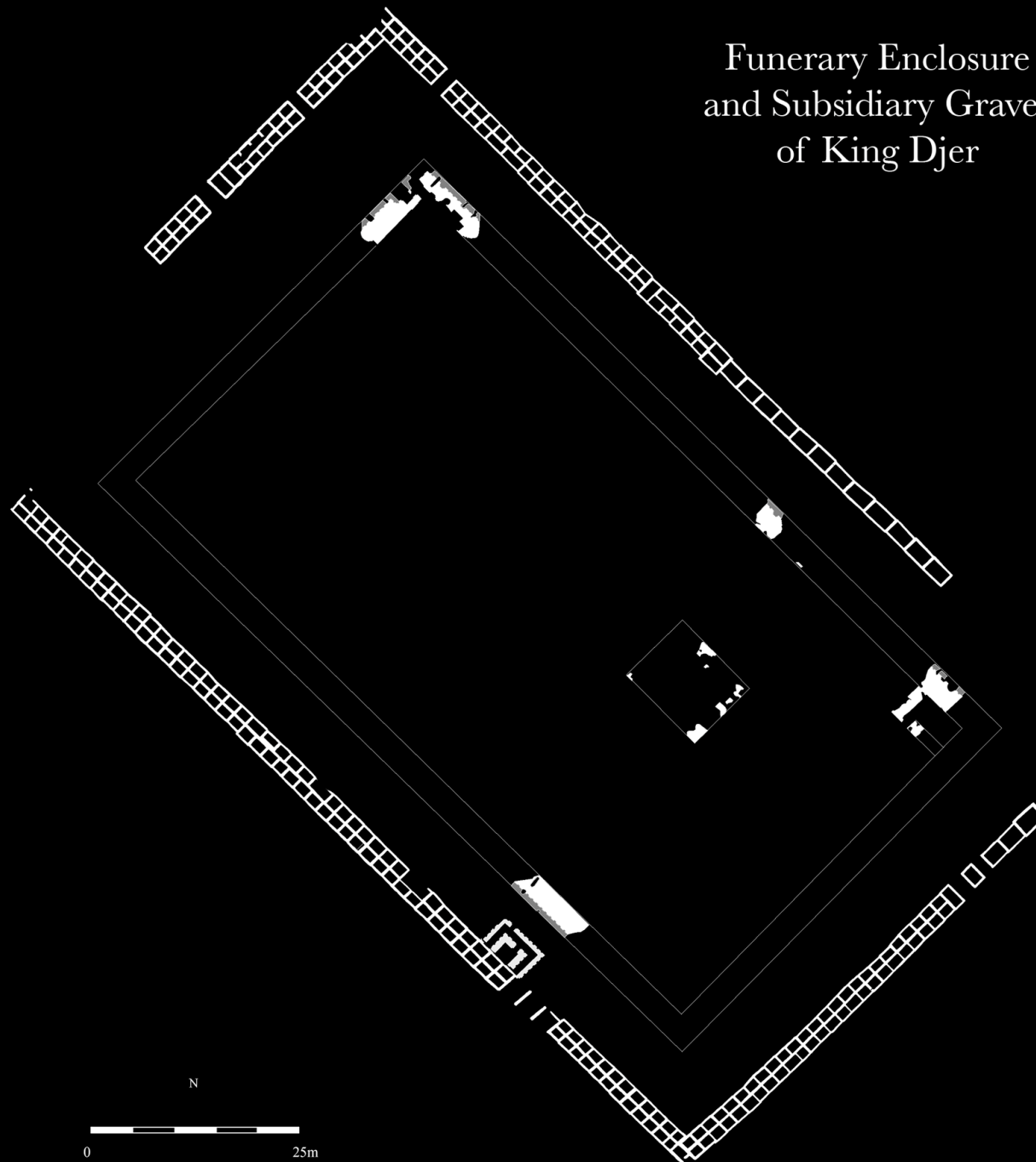
The arm of Djer







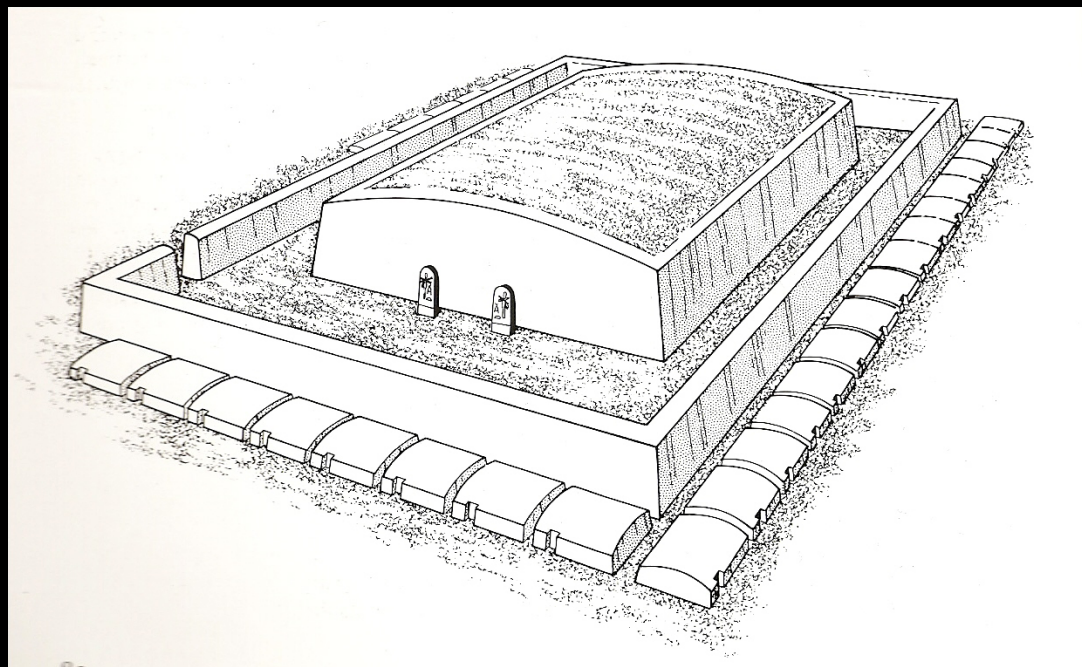
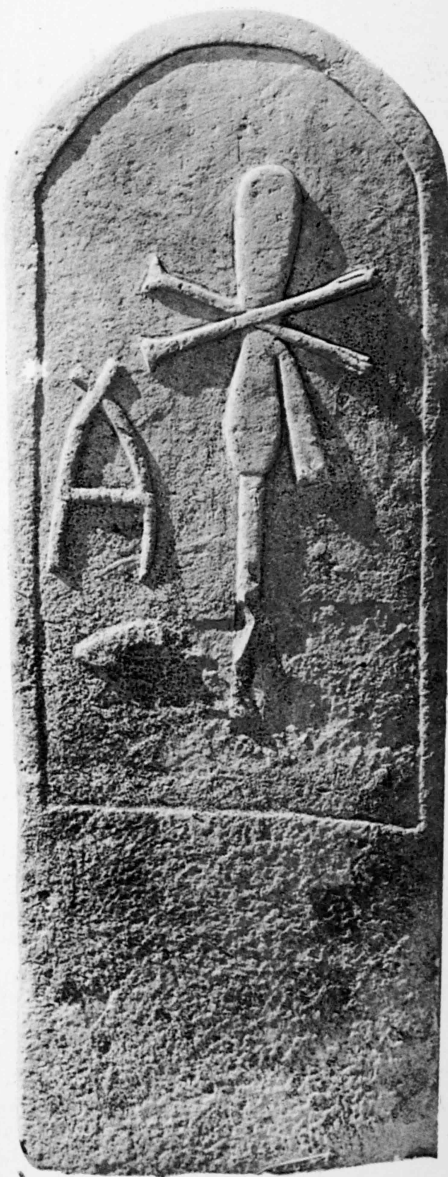
Funerary Enclosure  
and Subsidiary Graves  
of King Djer



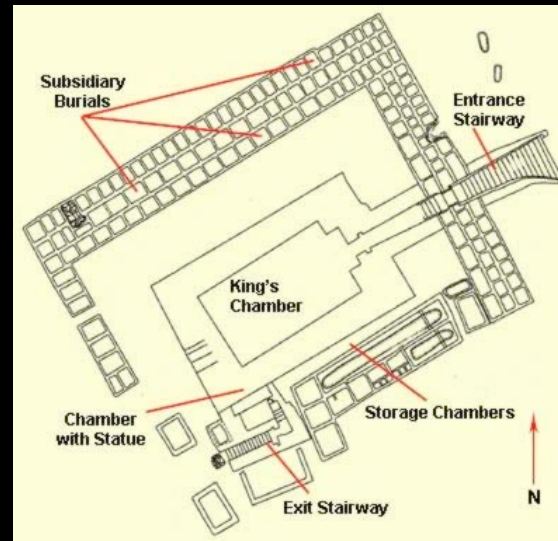






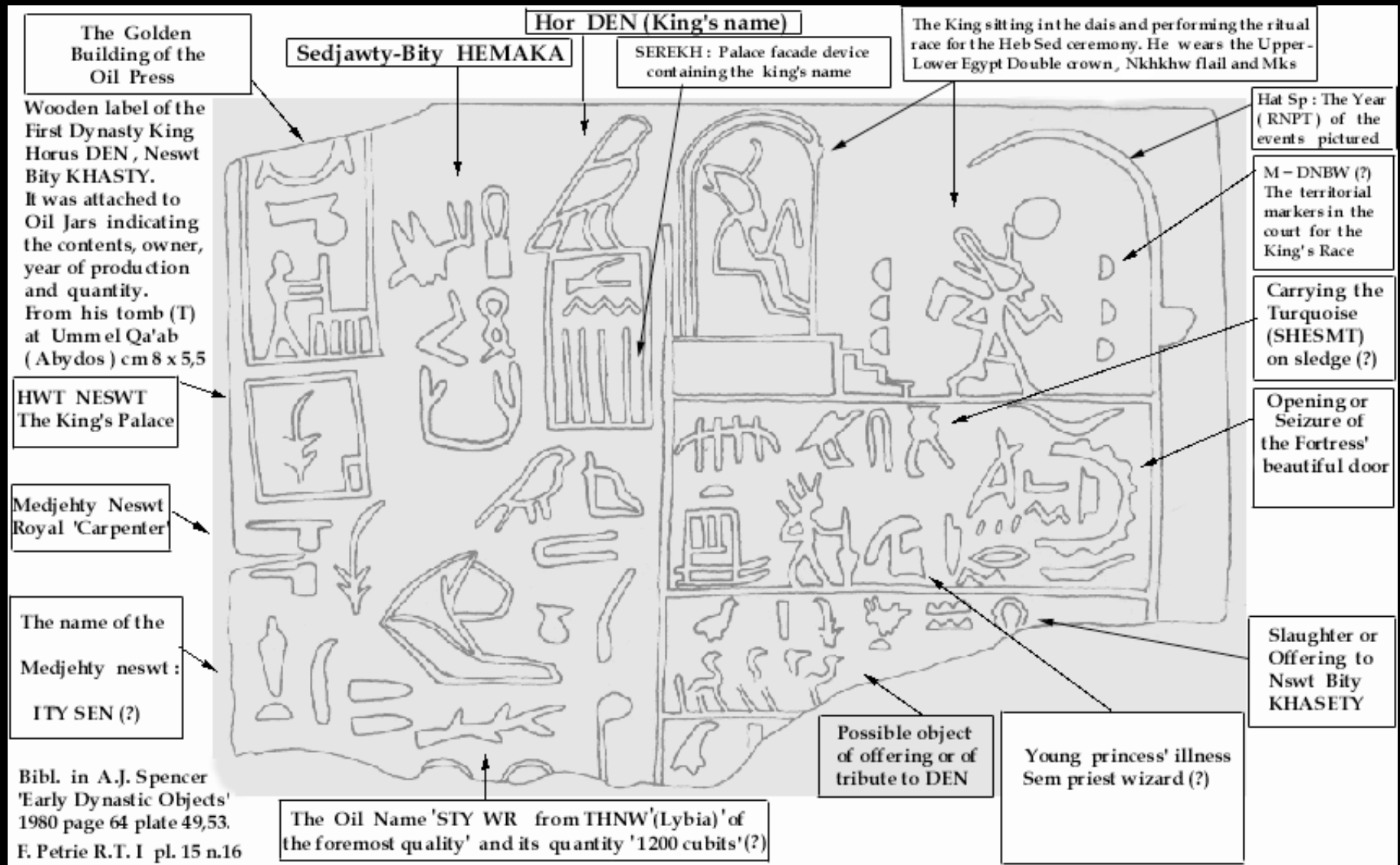






Tomb of Den,  
Umm el-Qaab



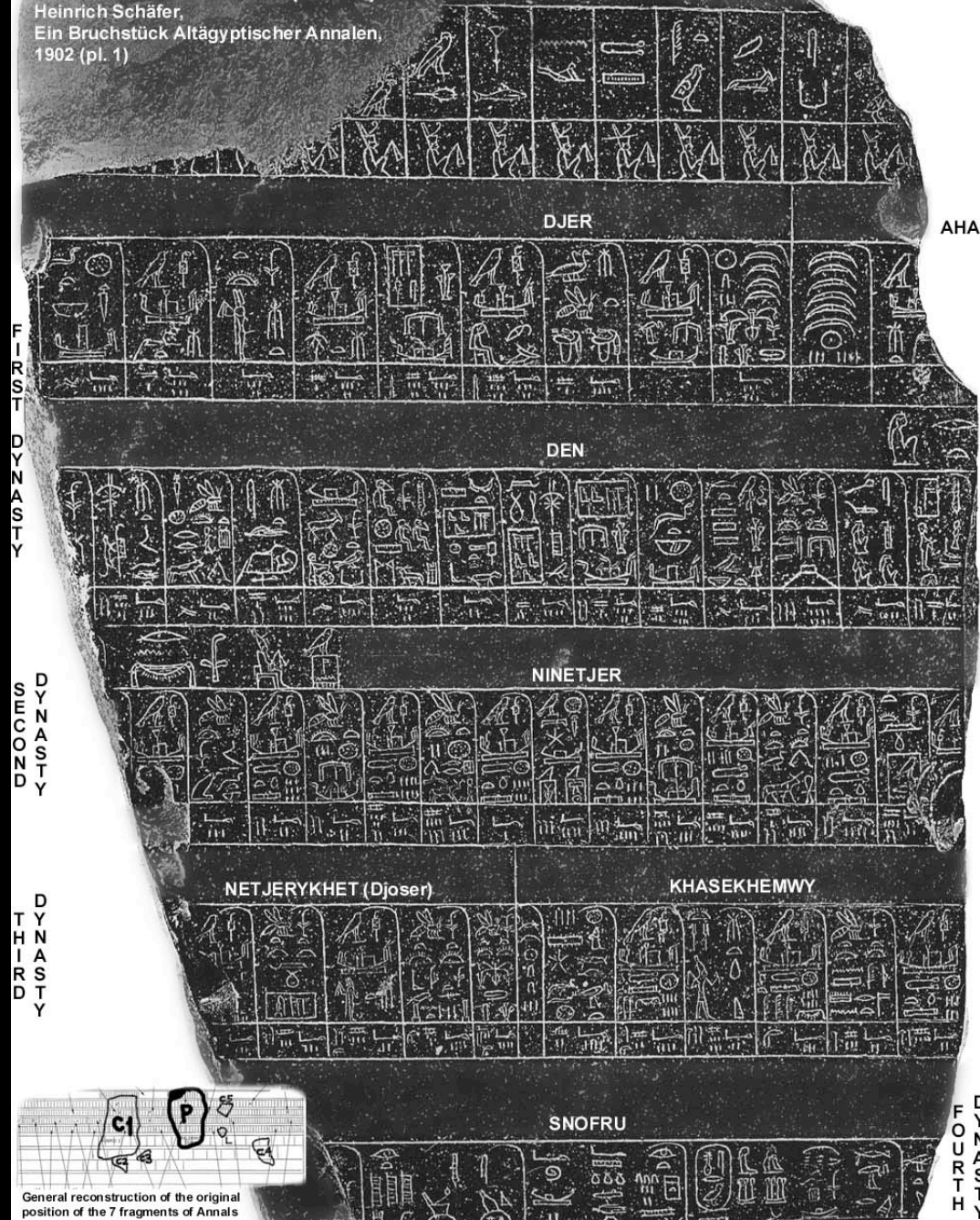




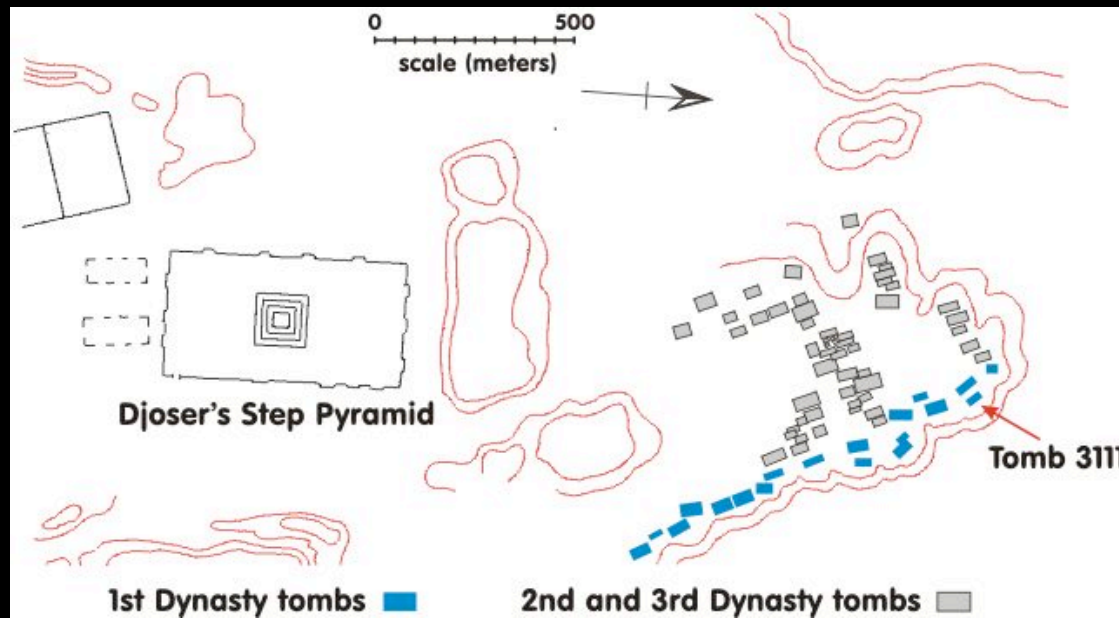
# PALERMO STONE (recto)

Heinrich Schäfer,  
Ein Bruchstück Altägyptischer Annalen,  
1902 (pl. 1)

## LATE PREDYNASTIC KINGS



General reconstruction of the original  
position of the 7 fragments of Annals



Mastaba of Sabu, mid 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dynasty Saqqara (S3111)

