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This text is about how archaeologists deal with the dead, and how the ancient dead in turn have a lasting affect upon us. It questions the purpose of working with human remains, not just in the UK, but wider afield on the Continent and in the US. Above all, it brings to the fore the many personal and professional challenges of working with the dead.
