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About the group X² in the middle of the floor are a few beads also, and a quantity of gold foil. The objects appear to have been wrapped in gold foil, including the ^a ~~inlets~~ and the slab. ^{gilt} ~~gilt~~. We have ^{seen} ~~seen~~ not complete plundering as in Nabia due to Kenna and ~~not~~ ^{not} at Napata to the search for gold. The wrapping of all objects in gold leaf lead to the removal of all objects by the thieves to the surface for examination, and scattered on the surface, the objects have disappeared. It is only the odd chance of this fallen roof in VIII which has saved for us the objects in room A and those dropped there by the thieves ^{precisely} when they fled from the falling roof. Whether they returned and descended through the cave-in hole is not yet clear. The men are of the opinion that the thieves did return. We shall see next winter. At VII, the thieves cleared the whole stair, so they were quite capable of the amount of work involved in clearing A.V. VIII a second time.

Lammot broke down on the way home and we limped back after 7 o'clock in two cybindas.