

Calendar Reading the Calendar Glyph

Reading Maya Hieroglyphs

Essentially this is the story of the life of Pakal, who came to the throne when he was 13 years old at the time when the city had been destroyed by Calakmul, which is a great city in the jungle. They came here and burn the city and they destroyed the gods. When Pakal became king his great task was to summon the gods back to Palenque. His great power was his spiritual power, that's what this panel is telling us.

And the final one, which tells us, that it ends with his burial. Let me try to see, well here is the glyph for Palenque, I just found it: it's a bird, a cormorant with teeth and in this middle panel, here is Pakal, means sun shield and here is the shield.