Puzzled Pint
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HIS PRECIOUS EARTH

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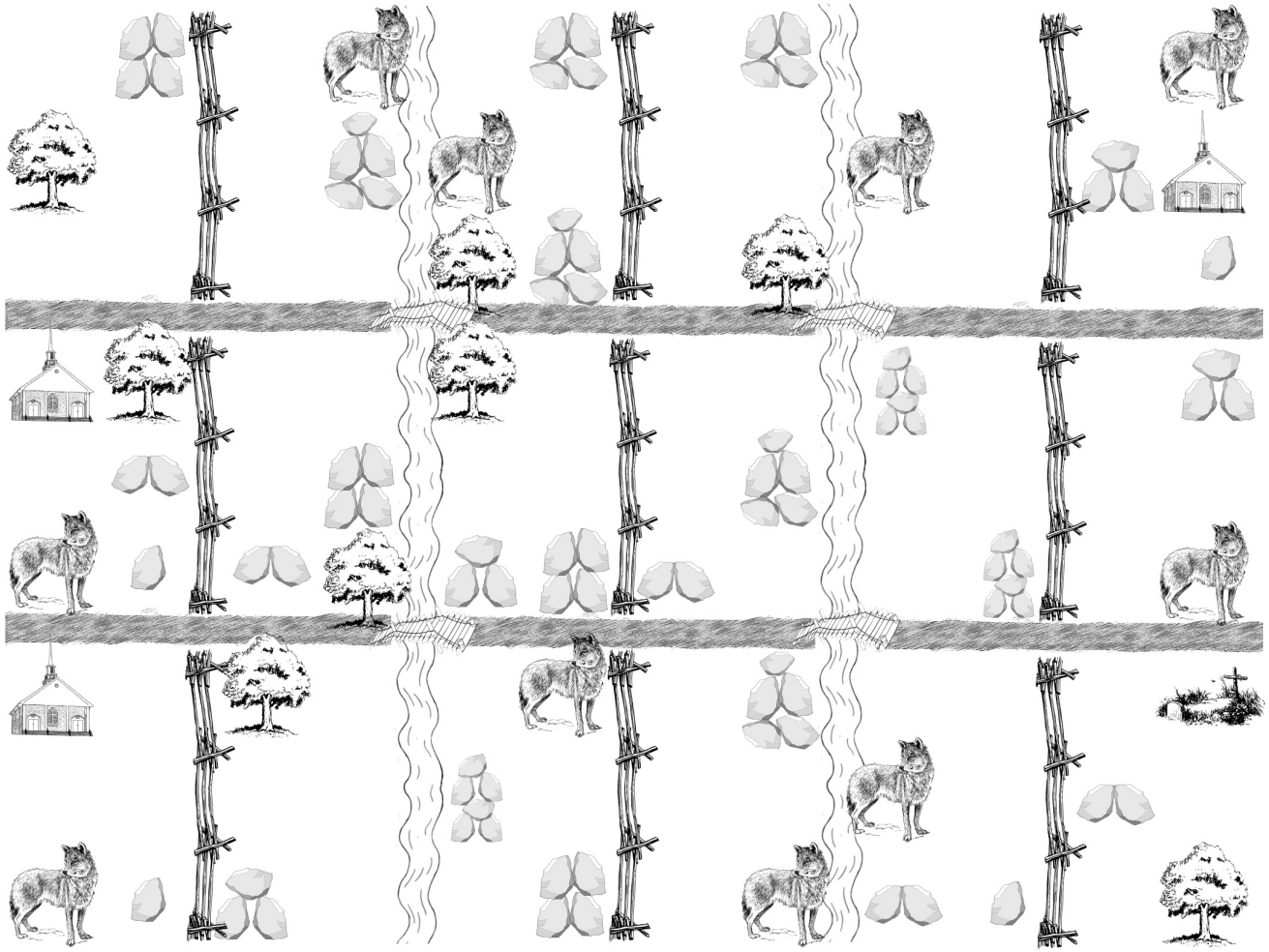
He may have intend to bury them deep in the ground...
and none may know these are his hiding-place!
—Abraham Van Helsing

Bury my boxes and fill the holes—mark them—in the expanse of fields bordered with rivers, paths, fences. Areas abound here where you with ease can hide boxes. Wolves—my children—are tasked to chase intruders but not reveal themselves unnecessarily. Avoid the three churches and graveyard, which, letters tell me, are nearby. Of course, disturb you not the tree of ash: these same are poison to my kind. —D

Good work, vampire killer! You have discovered a message from Dracula to his minions describing where to conceal his boxes containing precious Transylvanian earth. On a recce of the location, you notice they left stone cairns scattered about. Although you ***can't see very well*** *on the moonless night, you manage to make a map before being chased away by wolves. You plan to return in daylight with reinforcements and shovels to unearth and destroy the boxes. Who knows, you might also find something else that will aid in your quest to defeat the Count...*

These rules will help you to find all of Dracula's boxes:

- The number of stones in each cairn indicate the number of boxes directly surrounding the cairn.
- There is room for a maximum of eight boxes surrounding each cairn: one in each map position above, below, beside, and diagonally in four directions.
- Boxes do not occupy the same spaces as wolf dens, ash trees, or cairns.
- Boxes are not buried on holy ground or in any spaces touching holy ground, including diagonally.



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