

no play

xyzzy > For some reason you remember the computer games you played as a kid. What if that's all this is? A game? What if that's all anything is?

The Thorn [Professor Wilkens' Study] about. (desk, window, dr E, prof) i { timber of scotch }

ask prof abt thorn x fence x scotch x me x prof x desk x window
- E rooms only @ knos outside Gloucesterbury Abbey, ~~at~~ ^{scot} bush at abbey in Pens, where Joseph of Arimathea thrust his staff. } ask prof abt Abbey { few miles south of a dead valley; directions in desk? }

ask prof abt Christ { as real as Father Christmas } ask prof abt scotch { Laphroaig, Italy; ~~and~~ Virgin's Girdle } ask prof abt shunt bible { he leaves for Logarwin }

open desk { map } take map, read map. (catch case desk) e -> [Beside the Road] locked van. bank N, ditches, church E. x van (ditch) x ditches/fence. x church

e [In Front of the Vicarage] flagstone? garden yard, church E x flagstone x snow.

n [The Churchyard] gravestone, main yard N, church E. x gravestone. touch it.

n [The End of the Churchyard] monuments, main W. x monuments. touch it.

w [In Front of the Abbey] wall contains W, brush, x wall. x brush (sticks) take sticks.

[The Ruined Wall] wall, trash, weeds, rubble, bush. x trash (bottle) x weeds. x bush. (it looks open?) x re. e.e.s.e. [Inside the Church] stairs U, windows, door W.

e (if another door, it's in darkness) u [Inside the Church Tower] window, book. { a monk slashed thorn + fled; cutting grew i different supernatural properties } take book. z^4 { Rev. Owen appears }

-> [Inside the Vicarage] fireplace, window, oven. put sticks in fireplace. save.

ask oven abt thorn { buds never opened here; cursed } ask oven abt God, x fire. x vicar

ask vicar abt book. ask vicar abt Christ. ask vicar abt beliefs.

ask vicar abt abbey. (dates before King Lucius; church built from stones from cursed abbey

-> dream: Wilkens tells of Abbot Worgan; for every soul who stayed in the abbey, a bud appeared, it blossoms on his death. Worgan became ill on St Luke's Day; he loped his bud off (don't look directly at the bud = mortality; he lived on in waiting body; soul escaped from right heel. He (or son) wanders abbey)

-> [Inside the Vicarage] wall, shape of ~~cross~~, door W, fireplace, window.

w -> [The Ruined Wall] do you look? exit S, bottle. ① S -> Have you won or lost? take bottle. cut bud. (end) ③ x bud (end)