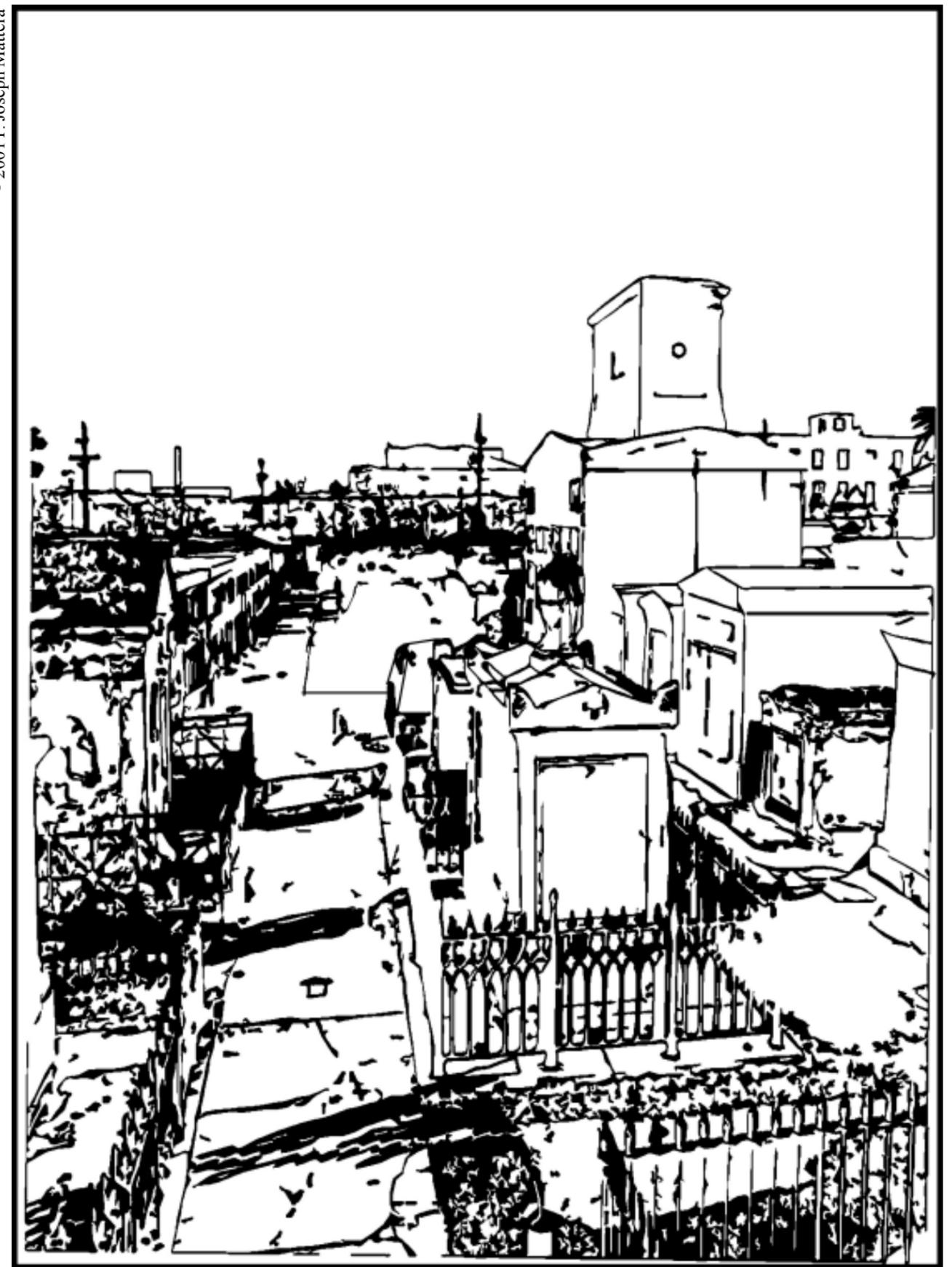


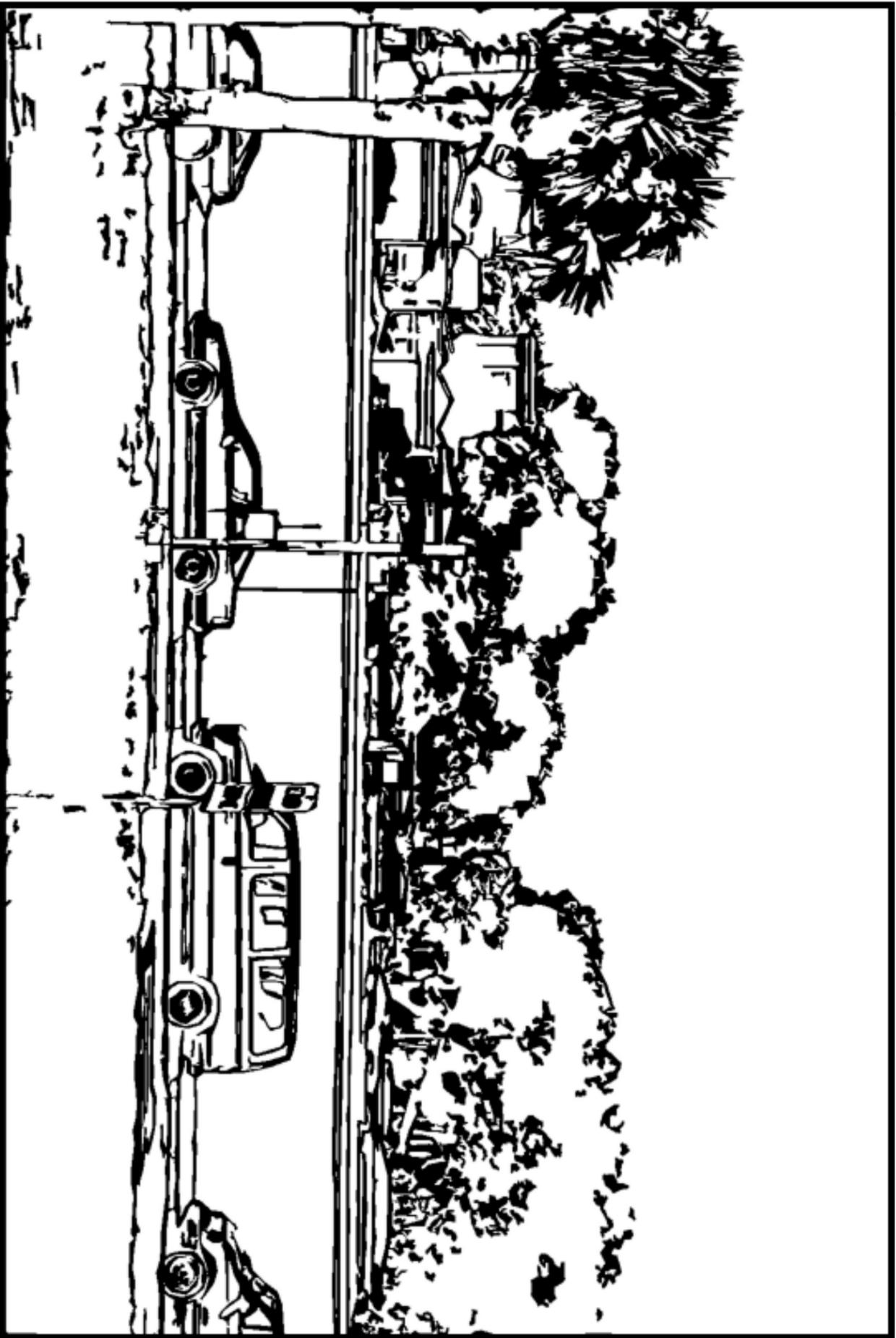
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Everyone needs to work hard to help save these beautiful cemeteries for the future.



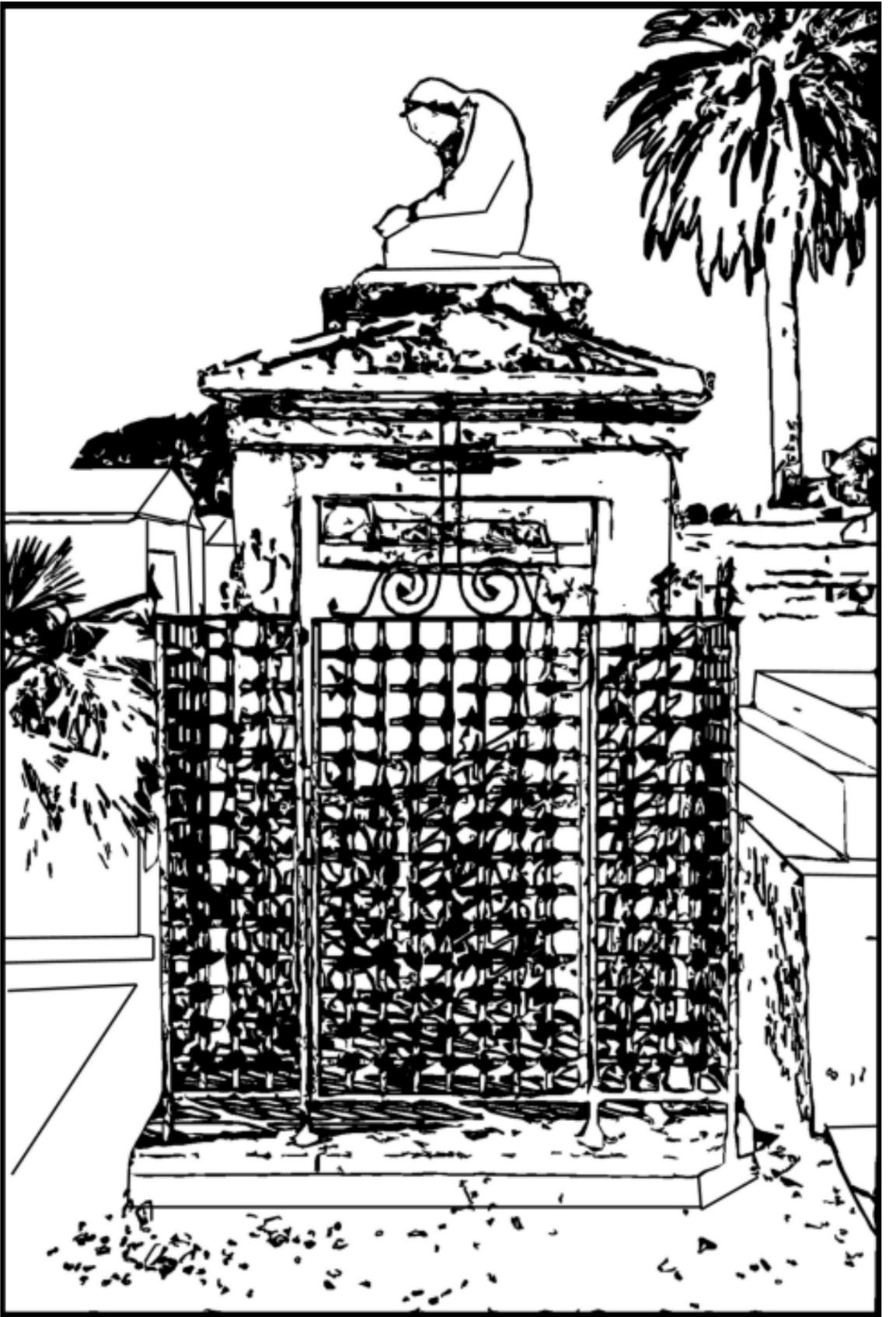
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Many New Orleans cemeteries look like miniature cities.



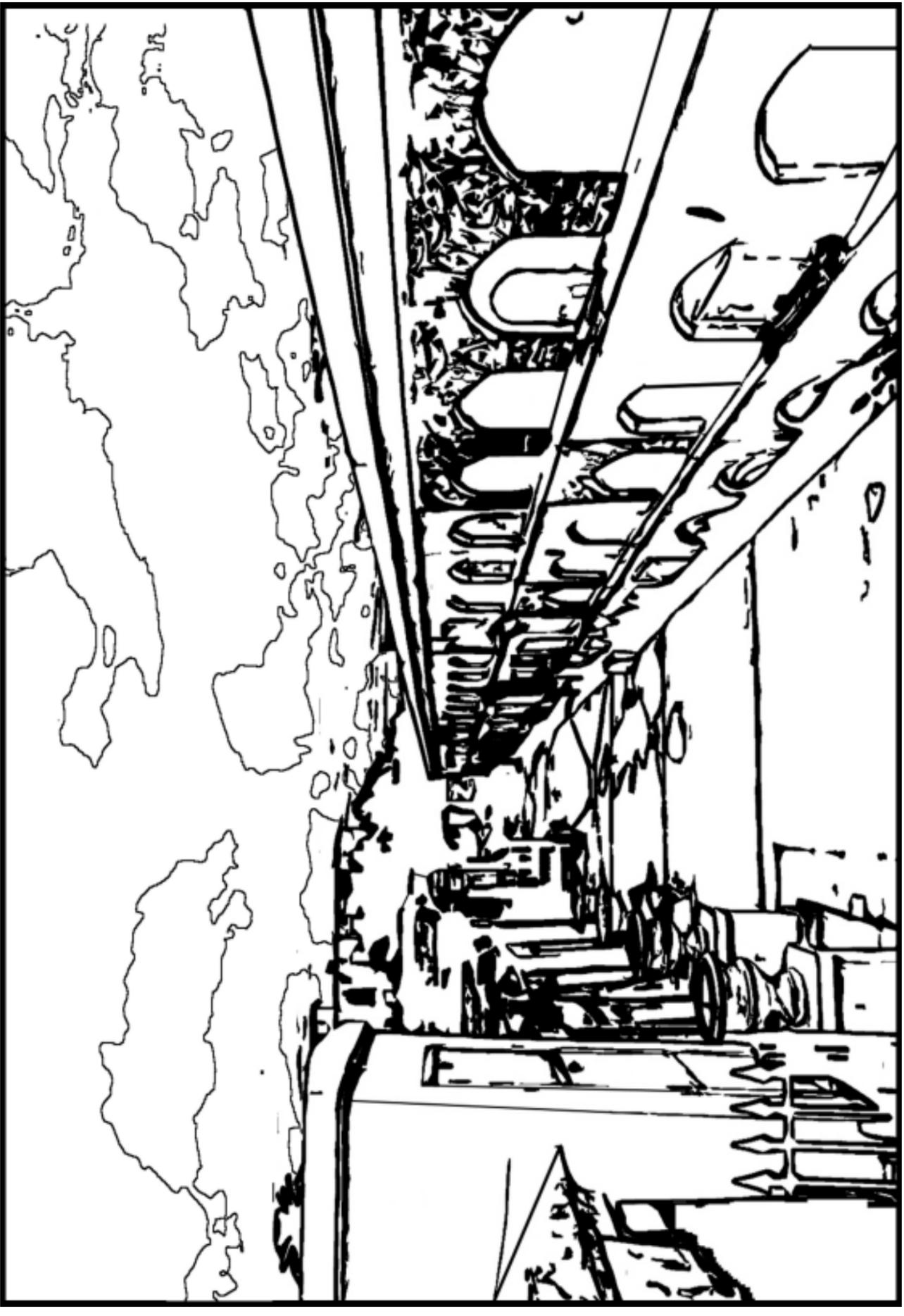
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The St. Louis 1 cemetery can be found just over this wall,  
in the heart of the city of New Orleans.



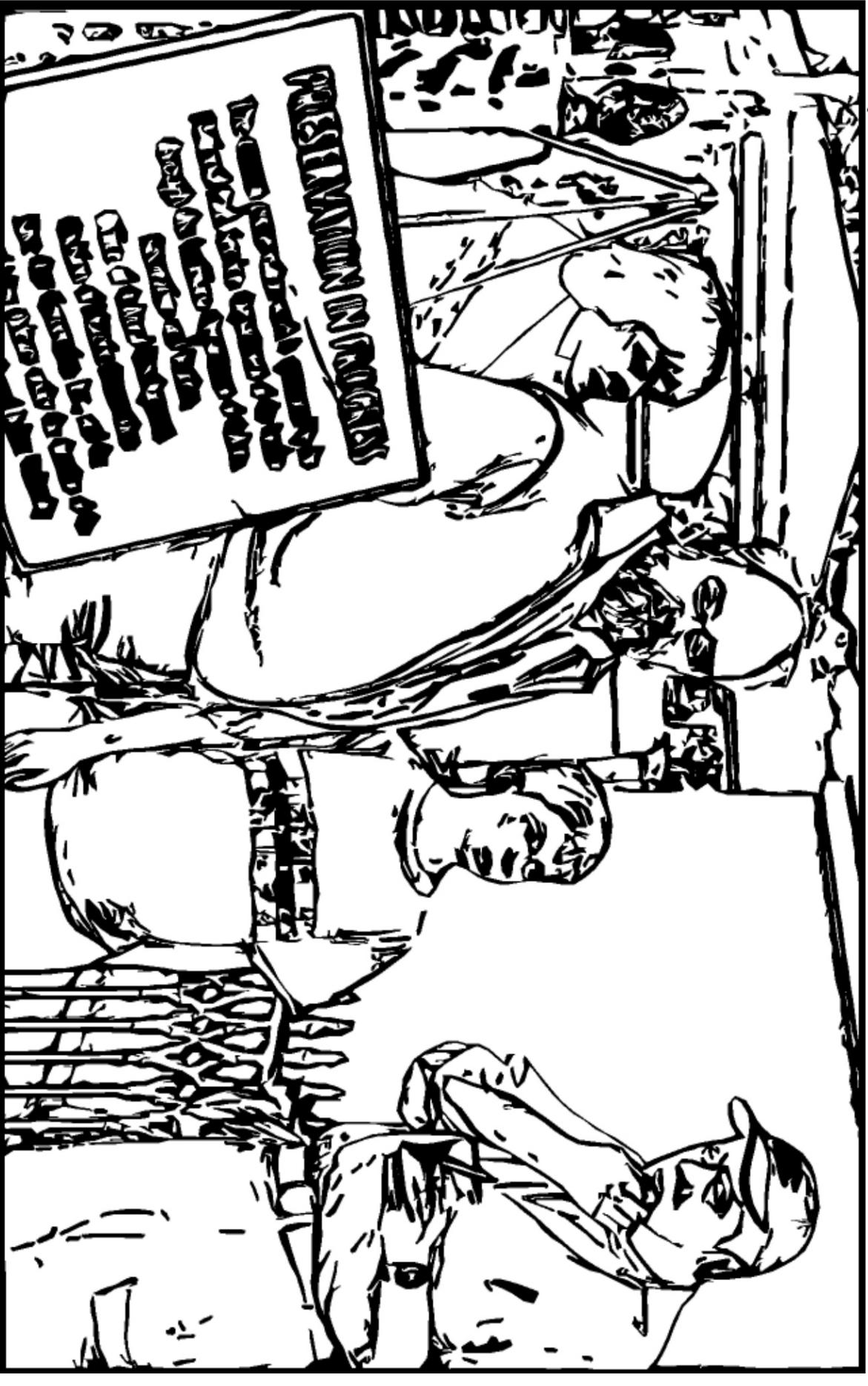
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Although these tombs are in New Orleans, they tell  
part of the history of the whole country.



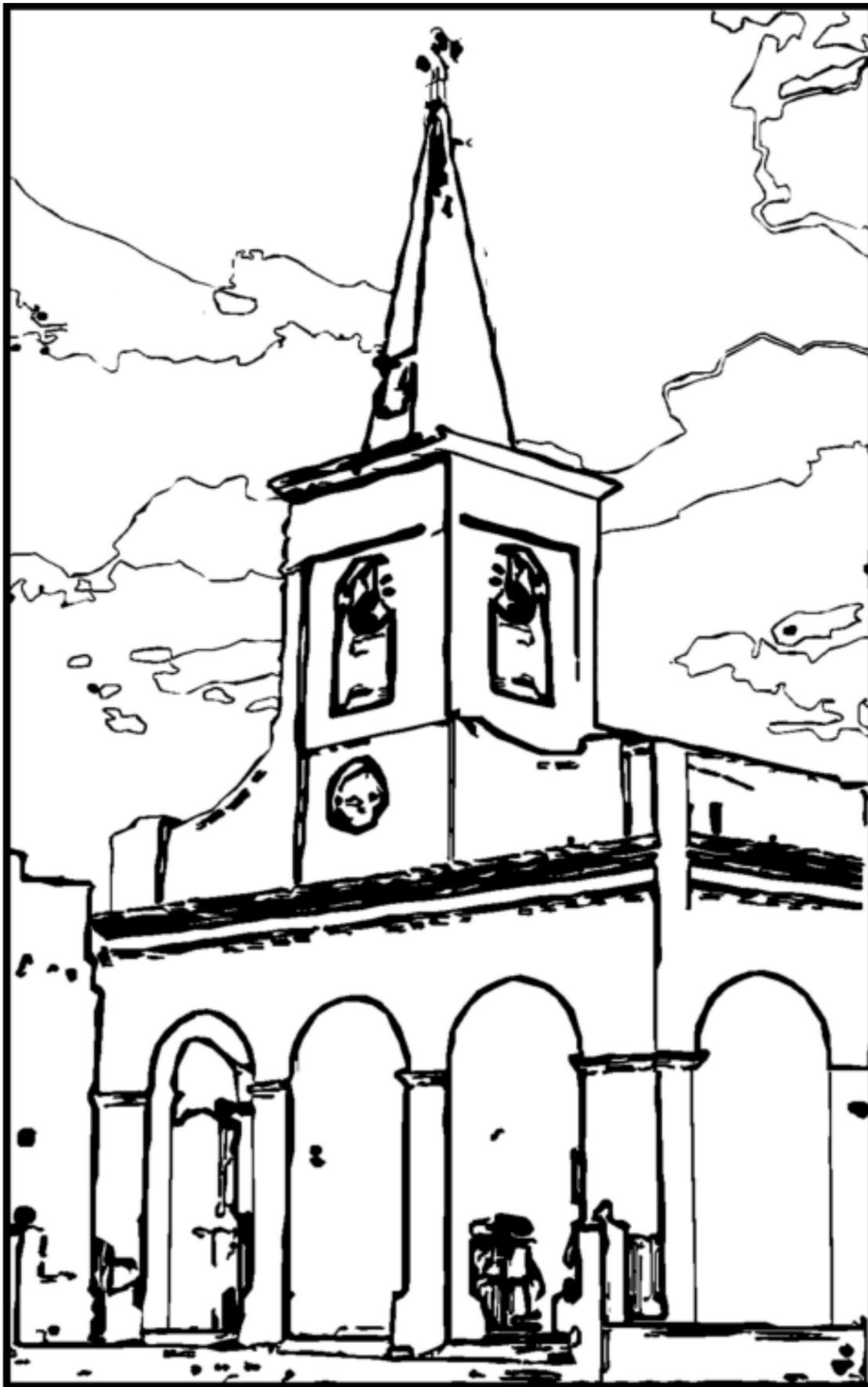
In these cities of the dead, the pathways are called alleys.

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Many visitors are interested in the efforts that the conservators are making to save the tombs.



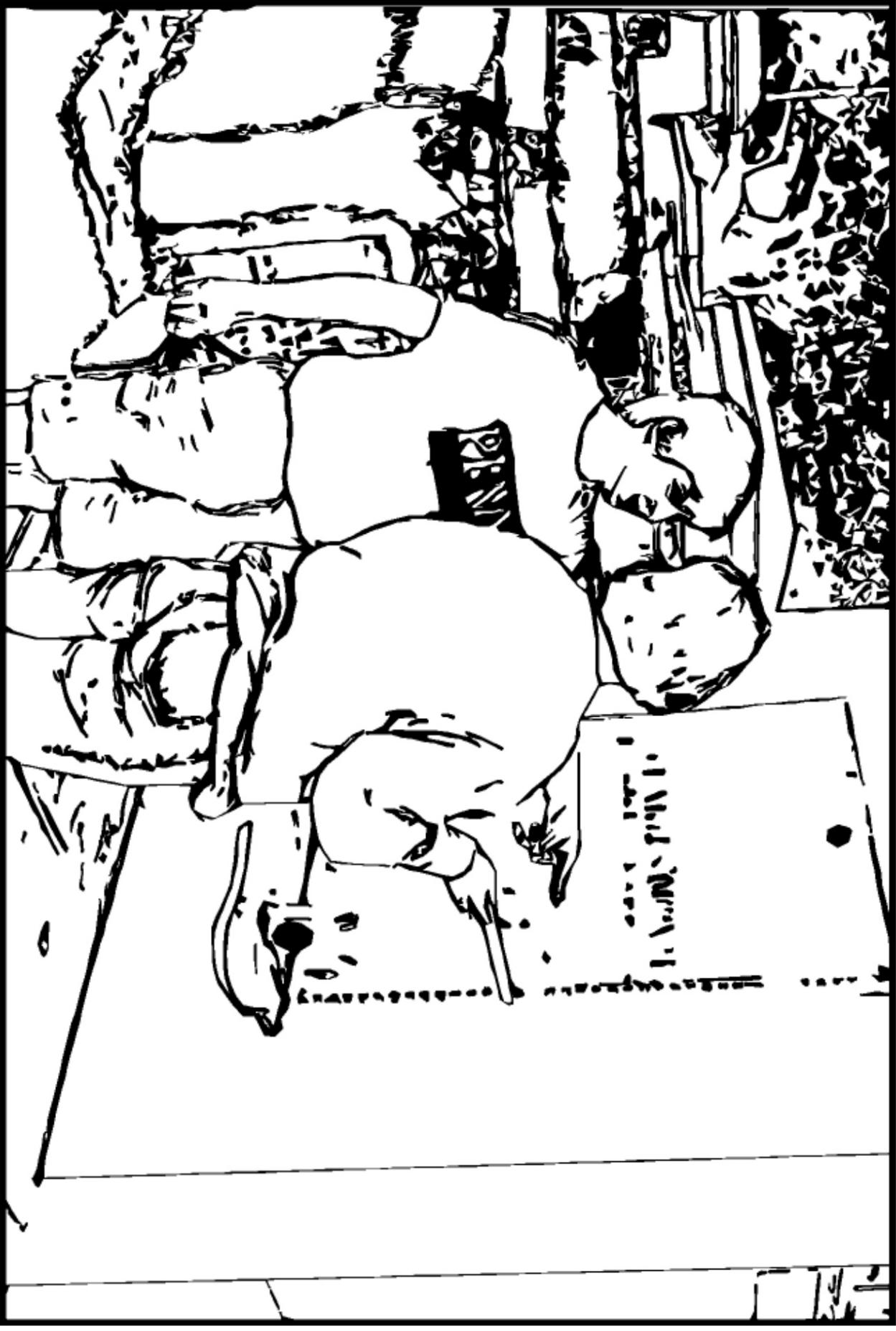
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Our Lady of Guadalupe was built for funerals of people being buried in St. Louis cemetery.



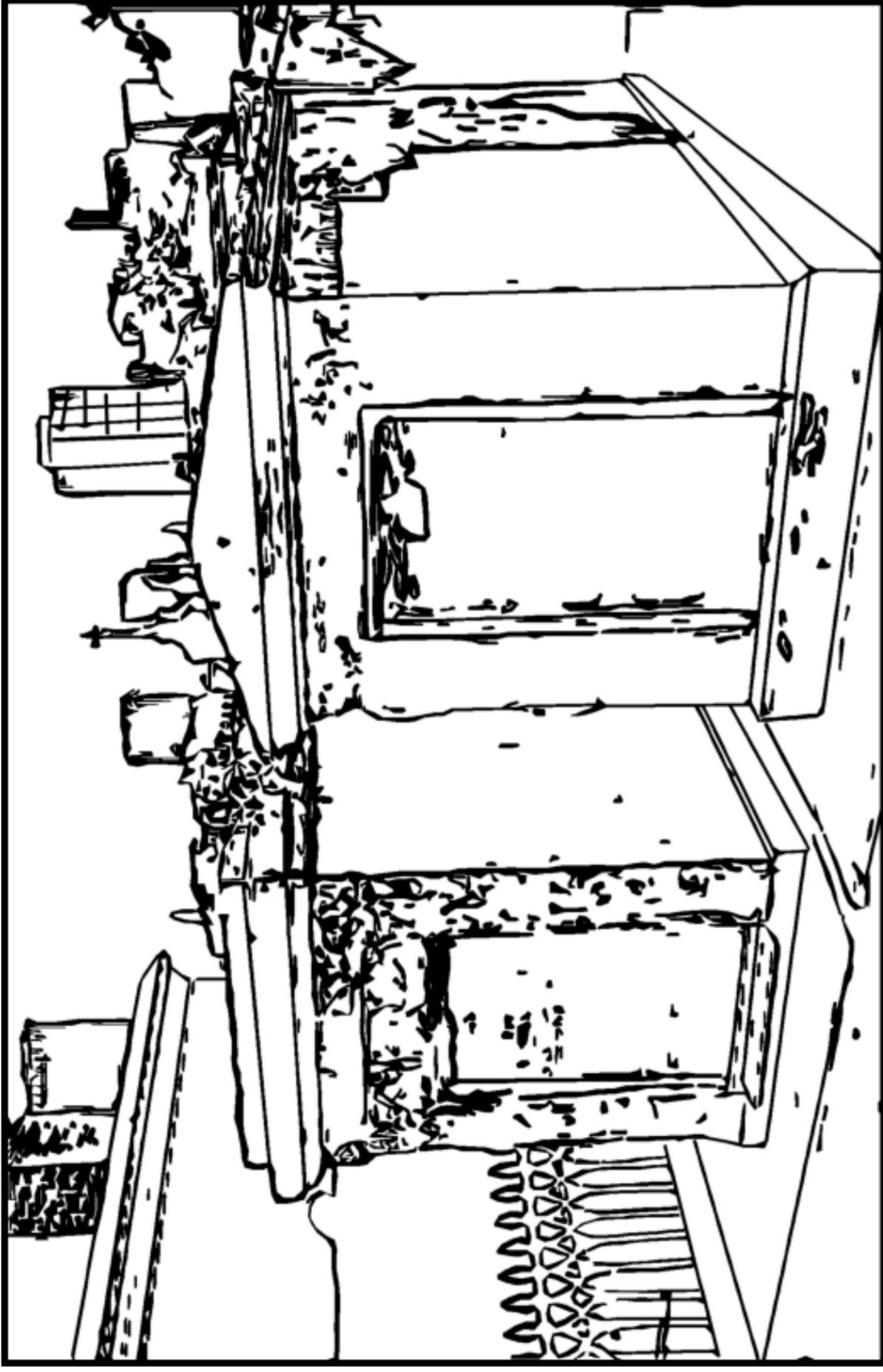
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Some of the people involved in the conservation work, take samples for testing in a laboratory.



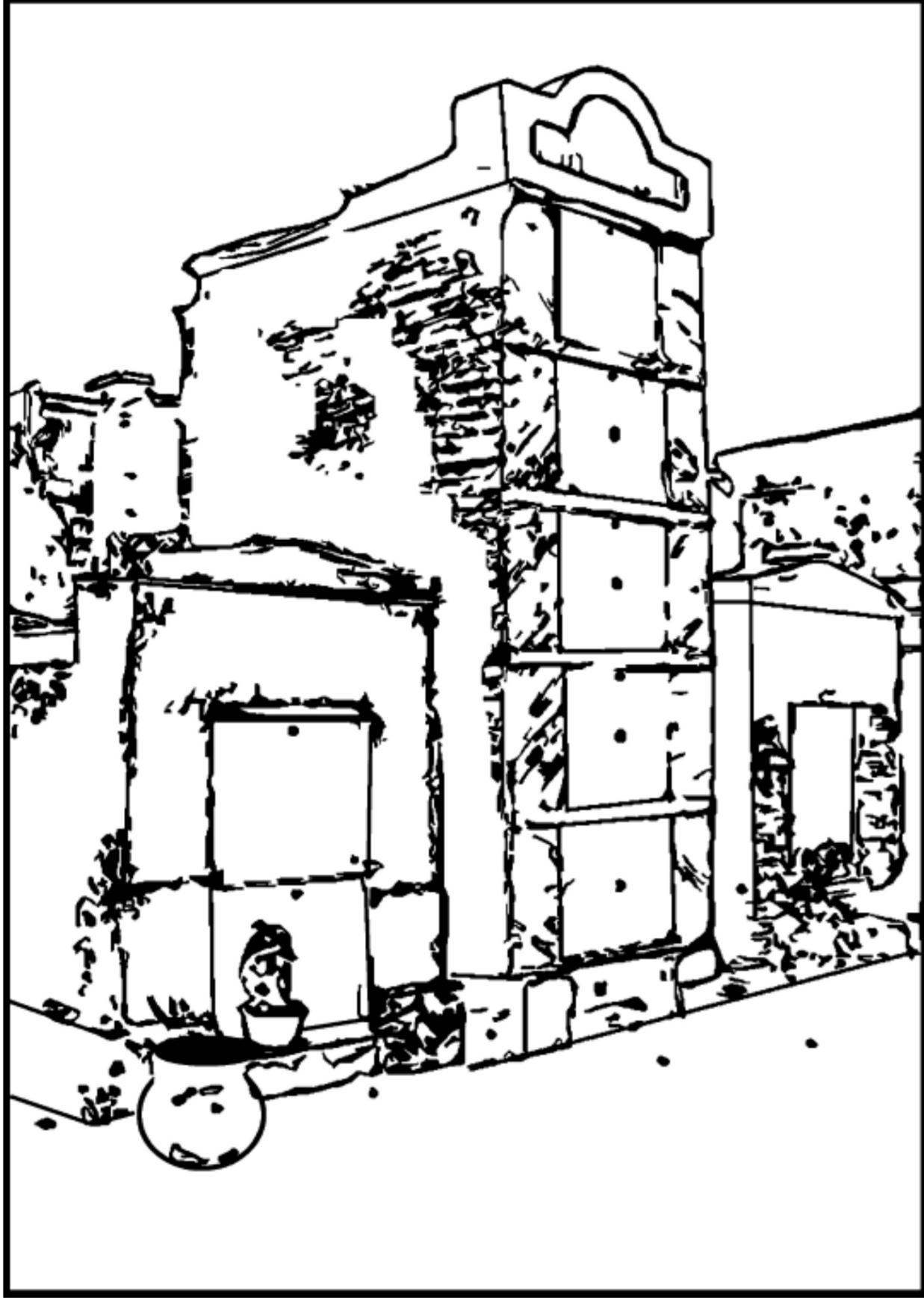
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Some of the conservation workers discuss how  
to best care for the tombs.



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These tombs are like little houses for the people  
buried in them.



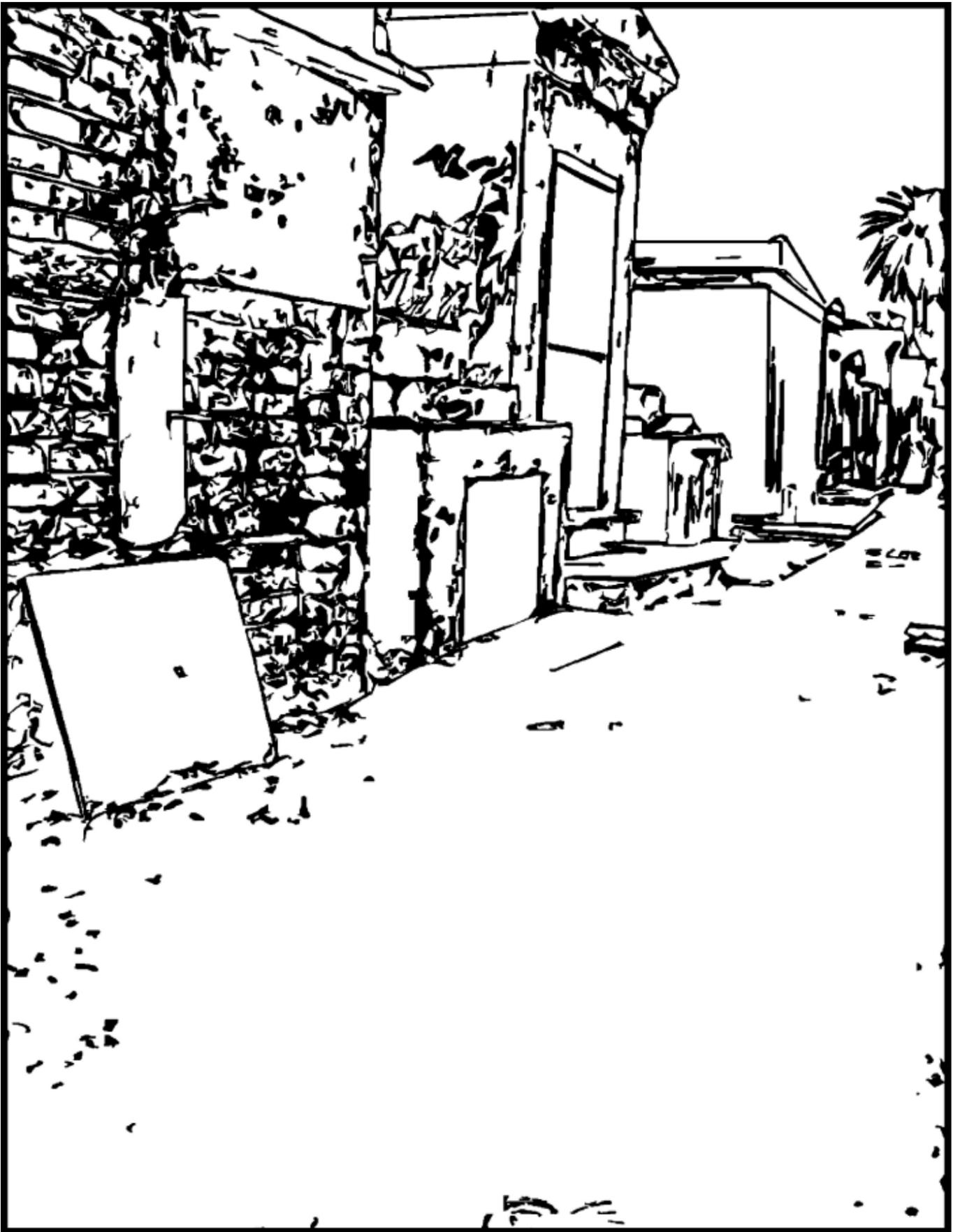
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Just like in cities, these cemeteries have skyscrapers too.



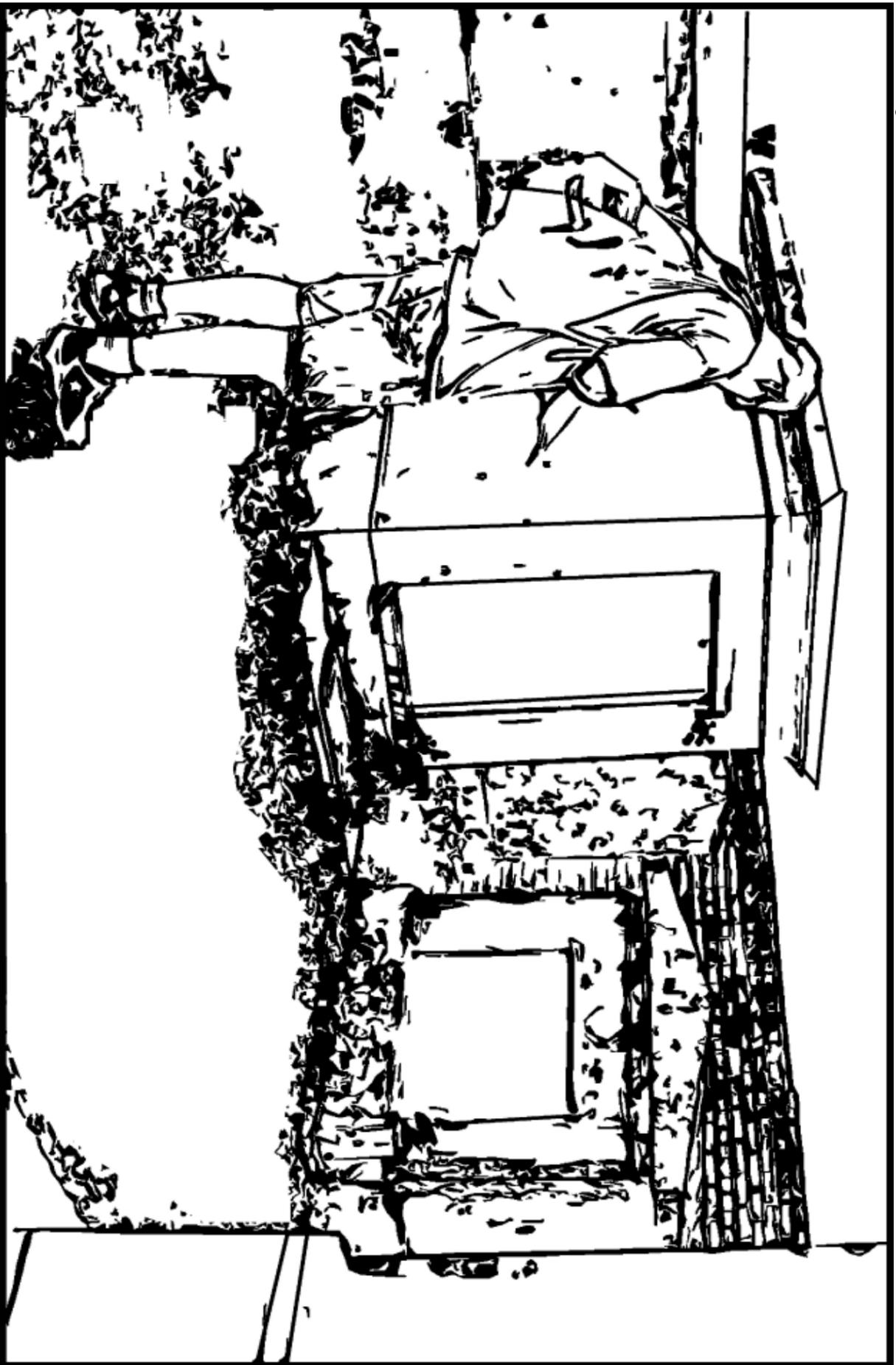
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Sometimes the condition of the tombs required trained people called conservators to get involved, working like doctors to heal the damage.



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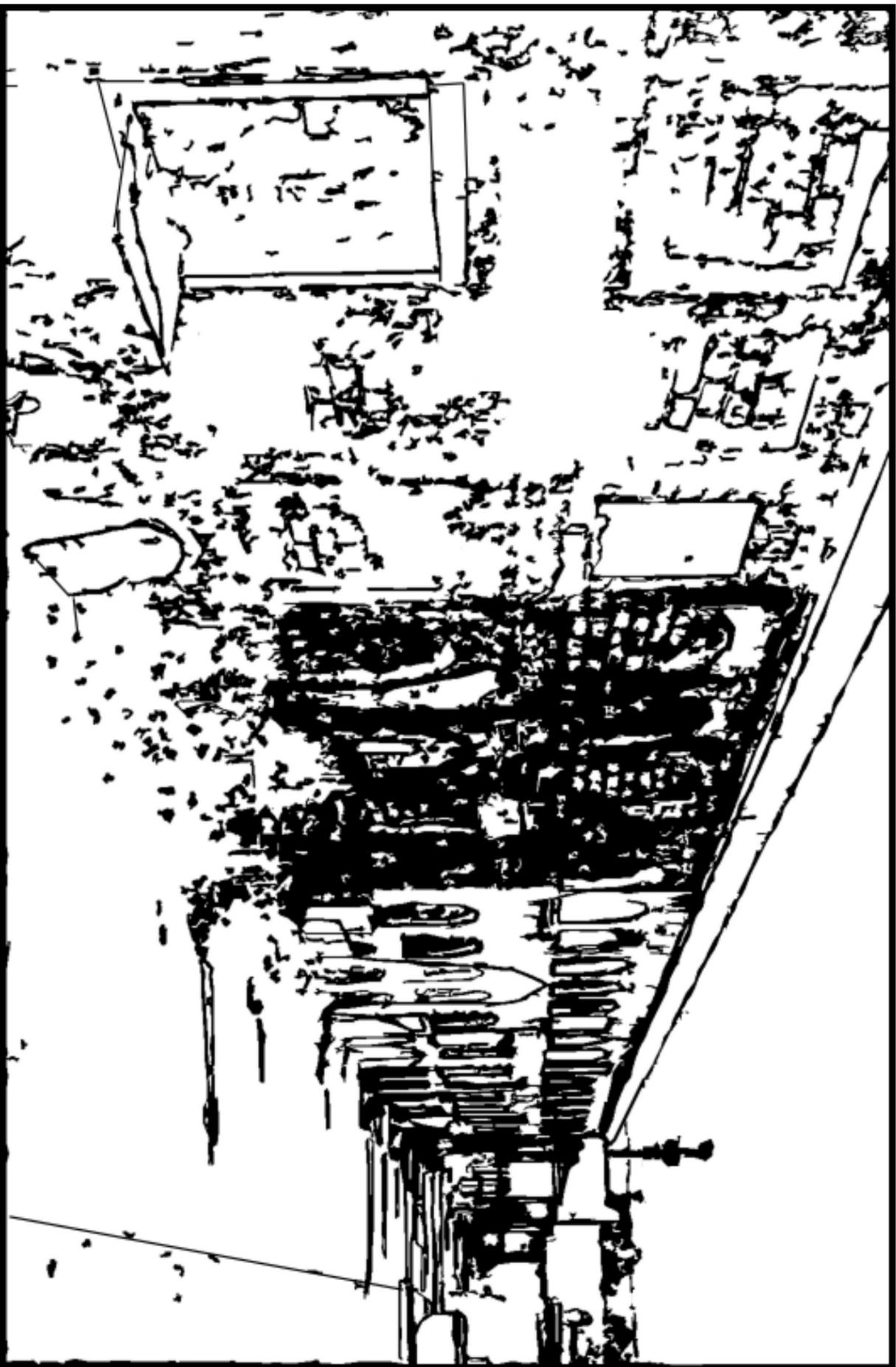
The Tombs of these cemeteries are built very close together.



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Many people are working together to help care for these historic cemeteries.

Even the wall of the cemeteries have spaces for burials.



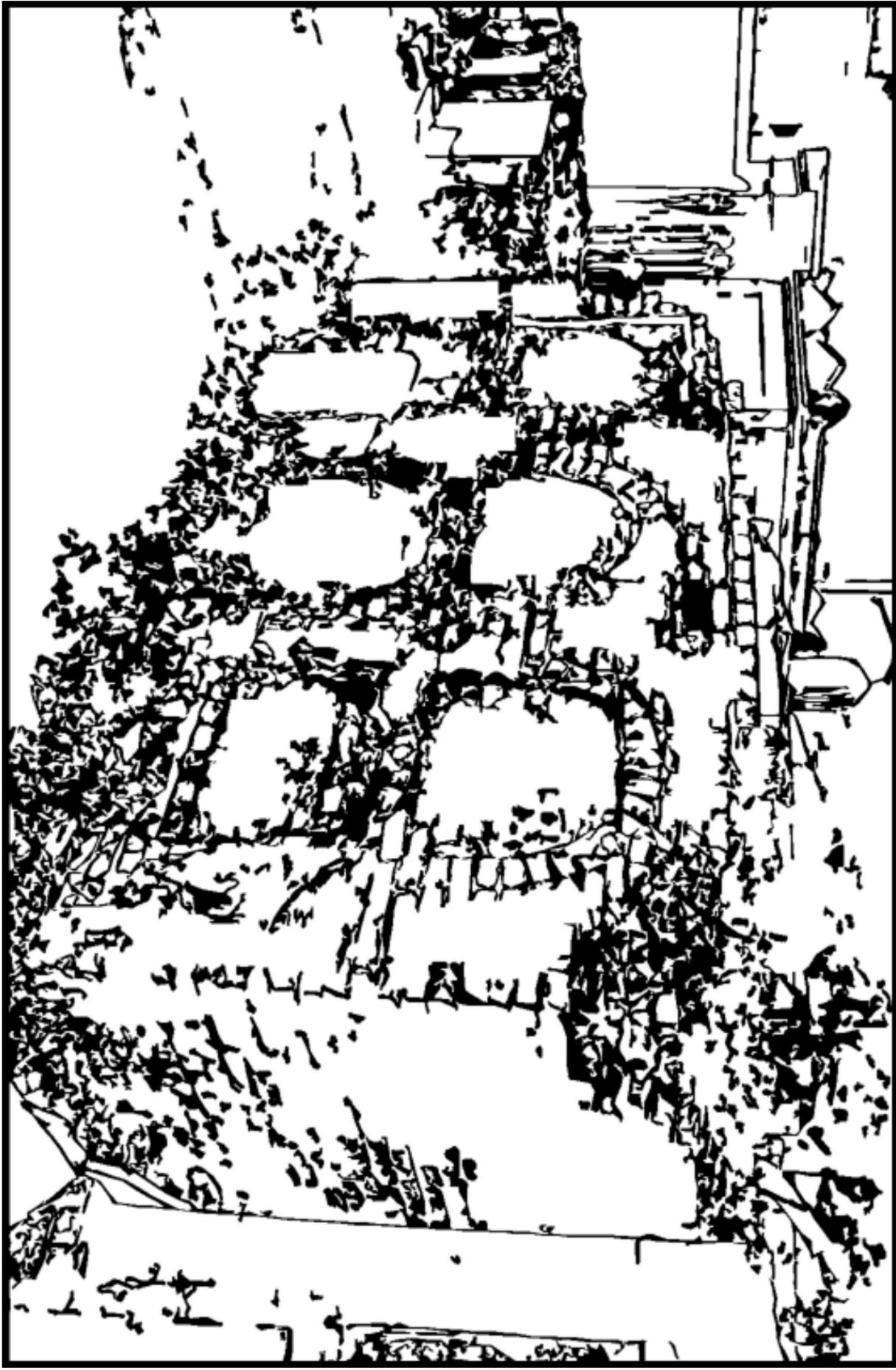
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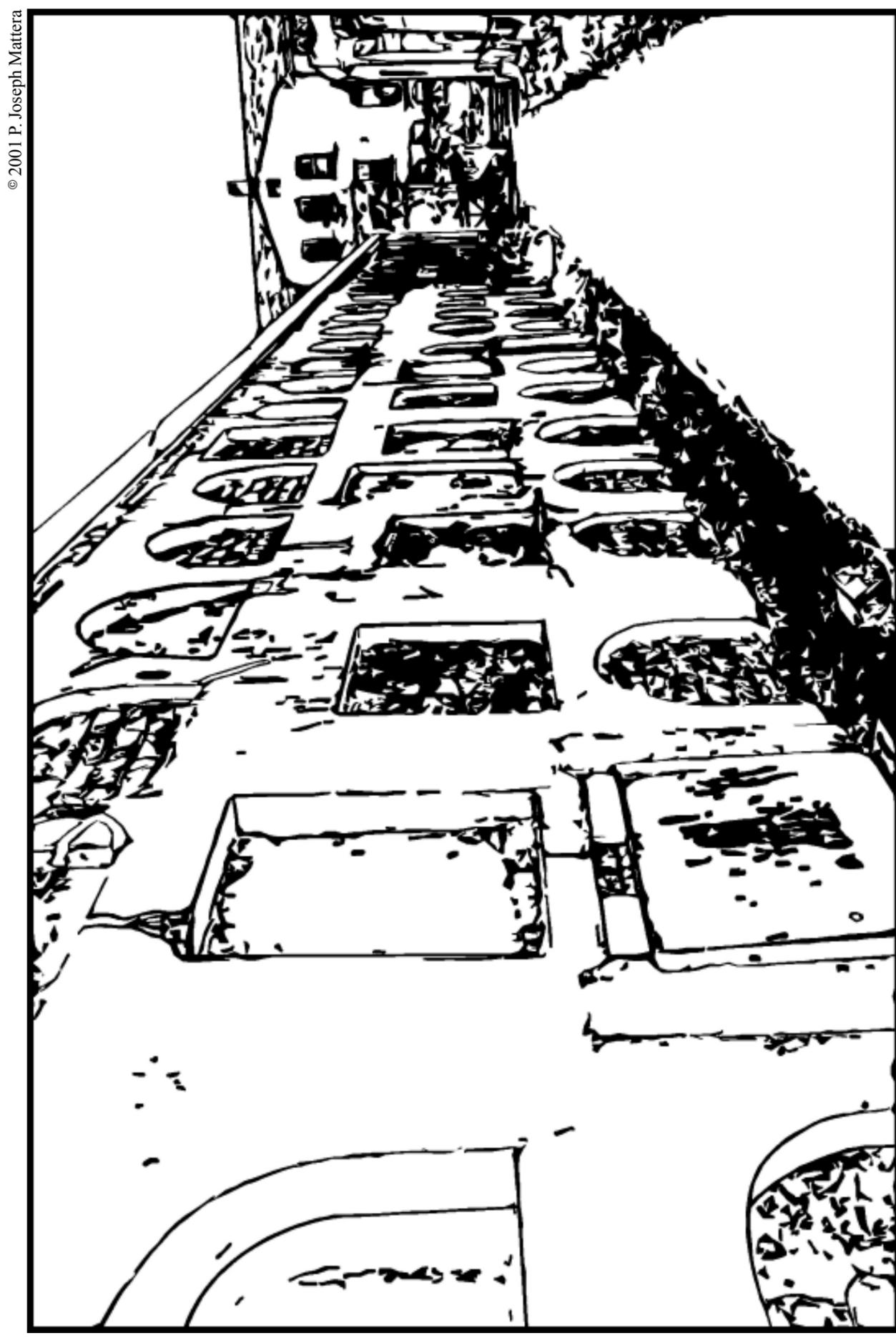
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Because most tombs were made of bricks, they can be easily repaired by trained builders.

Some of the tombs have unfortunately fallen into disrepair.



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With such a large number of burial spaces all in one structure, these wall vaults are like apartment buildings.



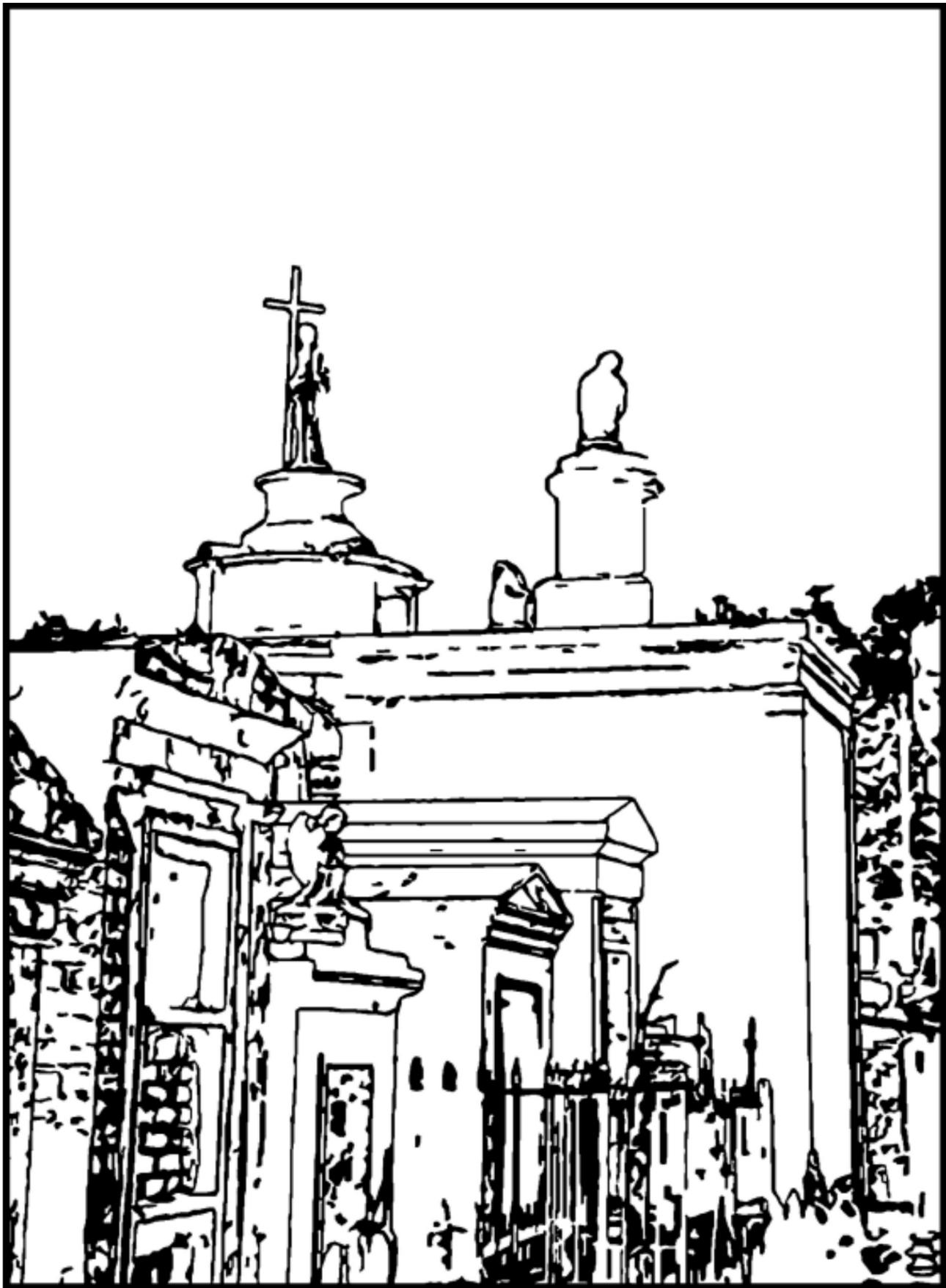
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These cemeteries even have neighborhoods.



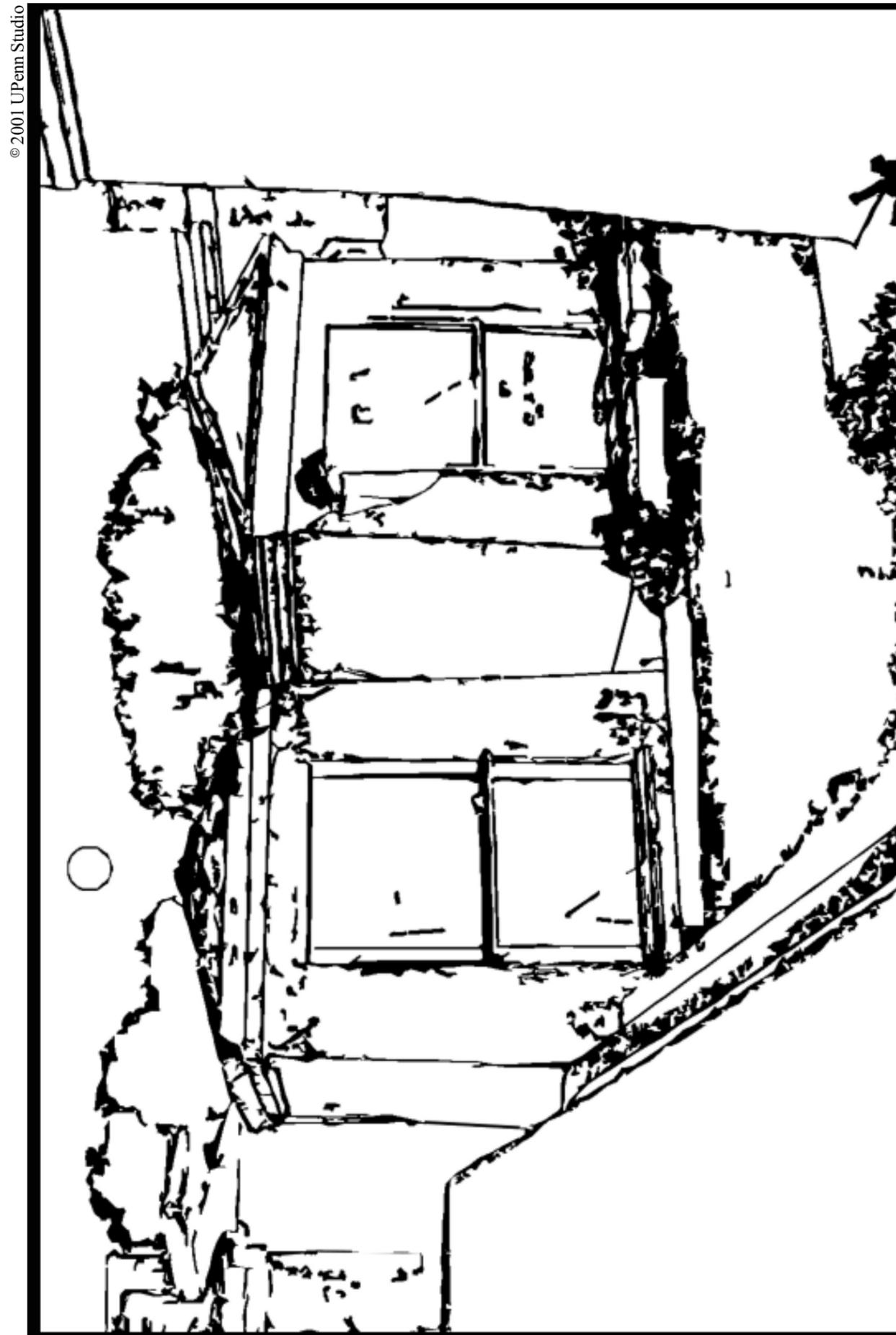
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While some older tombs may have broken parts leaning against them, all these parts are important.



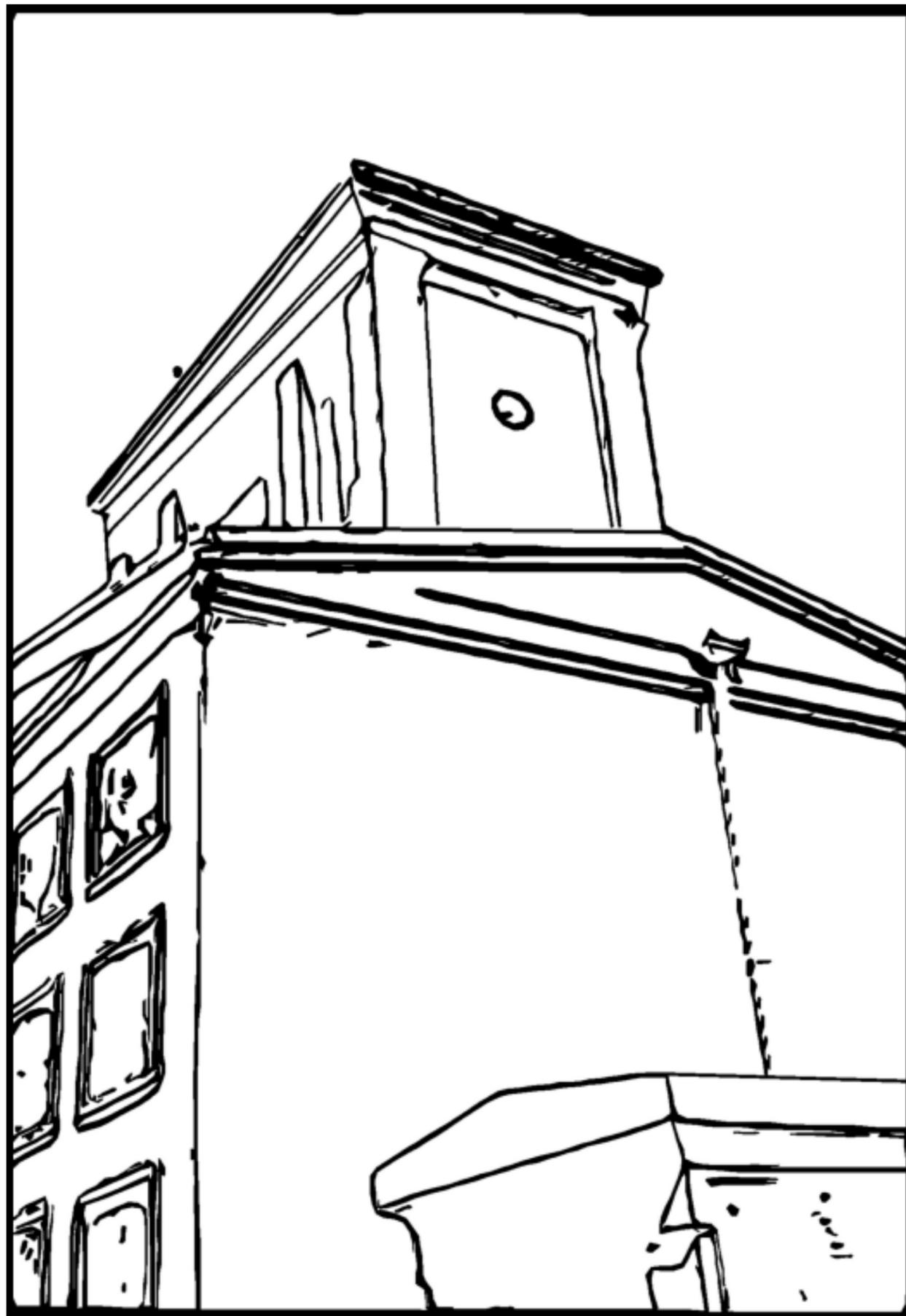
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These statues are keeping eternal watch over the cemetery.



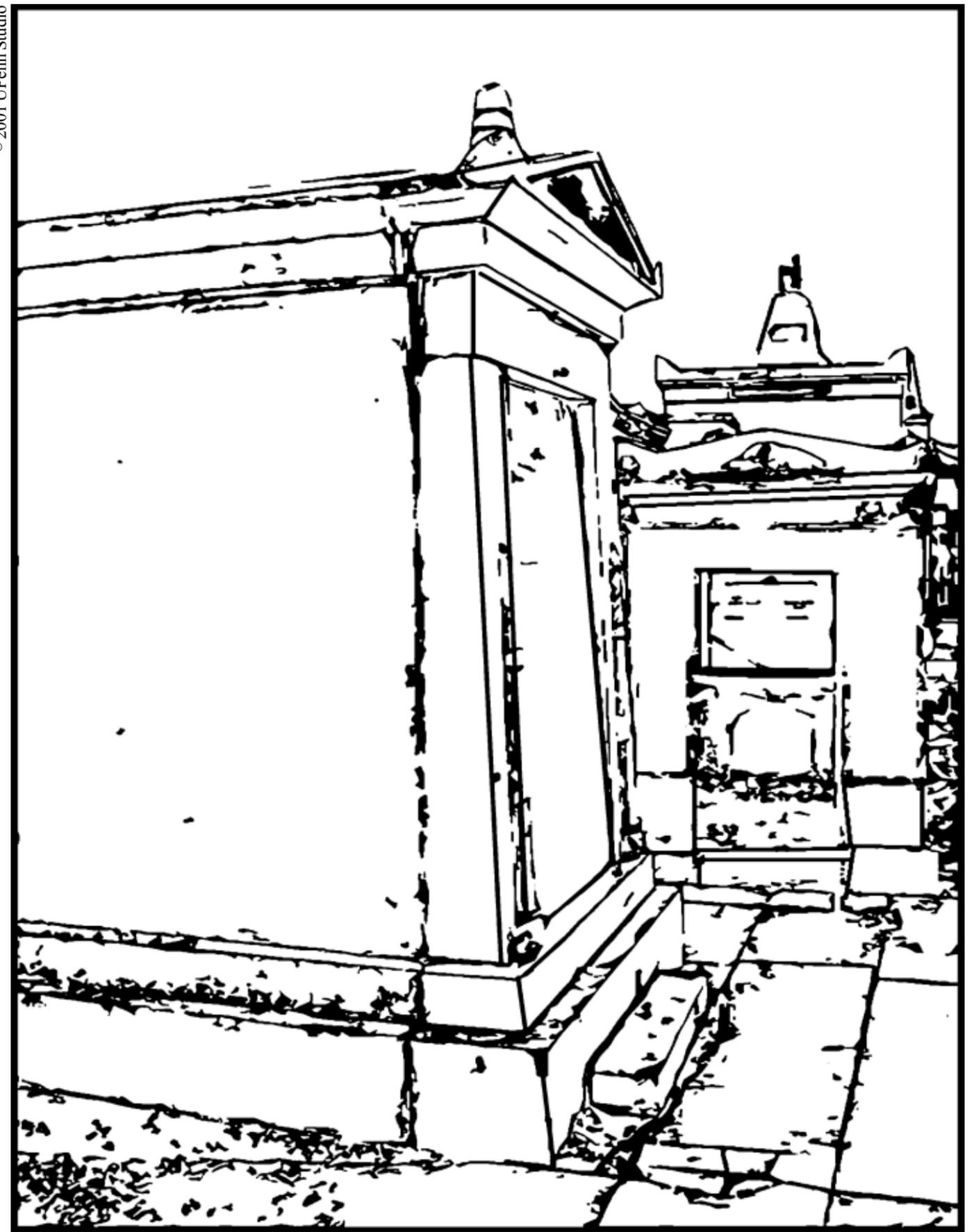
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Often neighboring tombs look very much like each other.



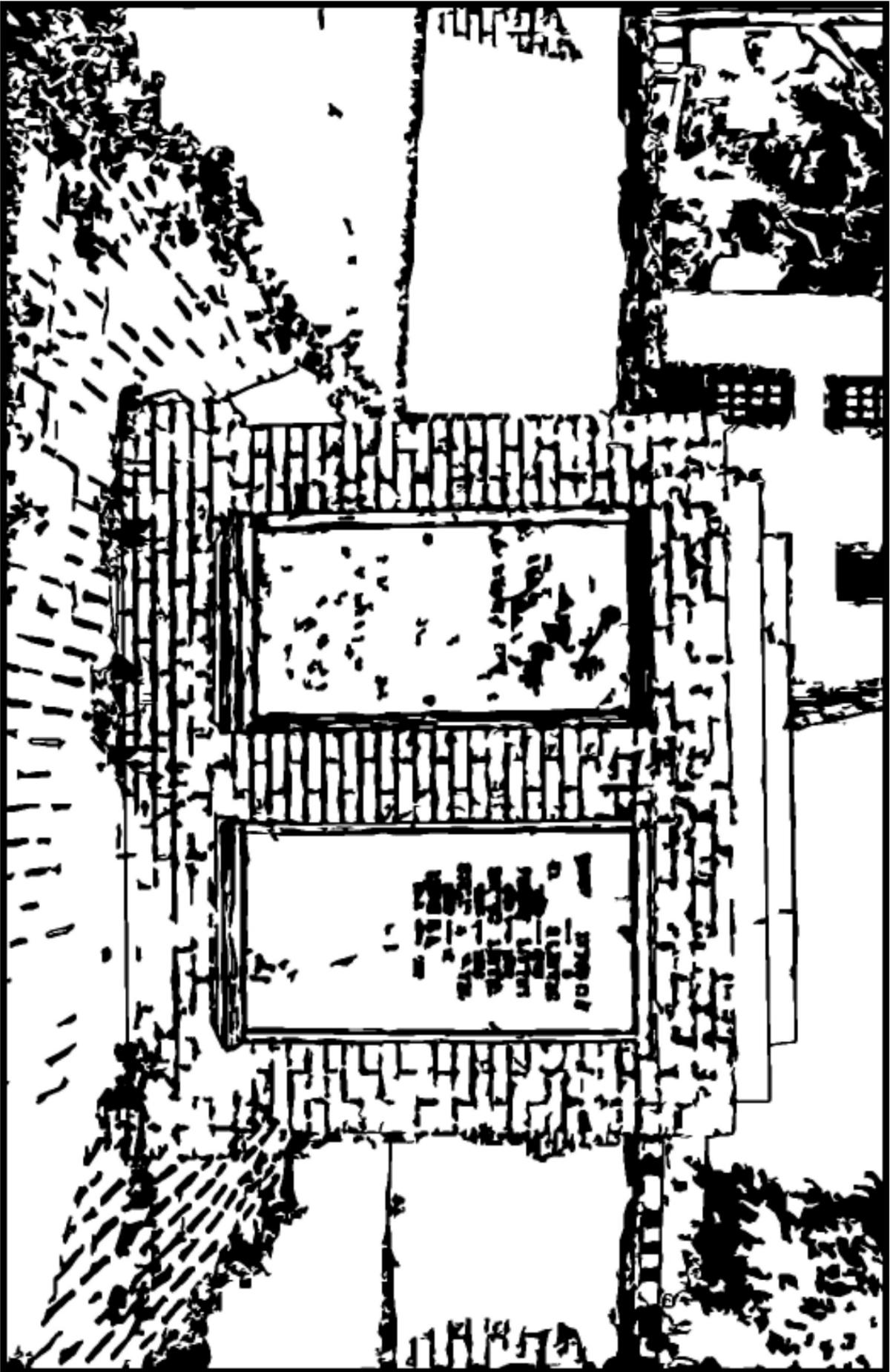
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Some of the tombs really are as big as houses.



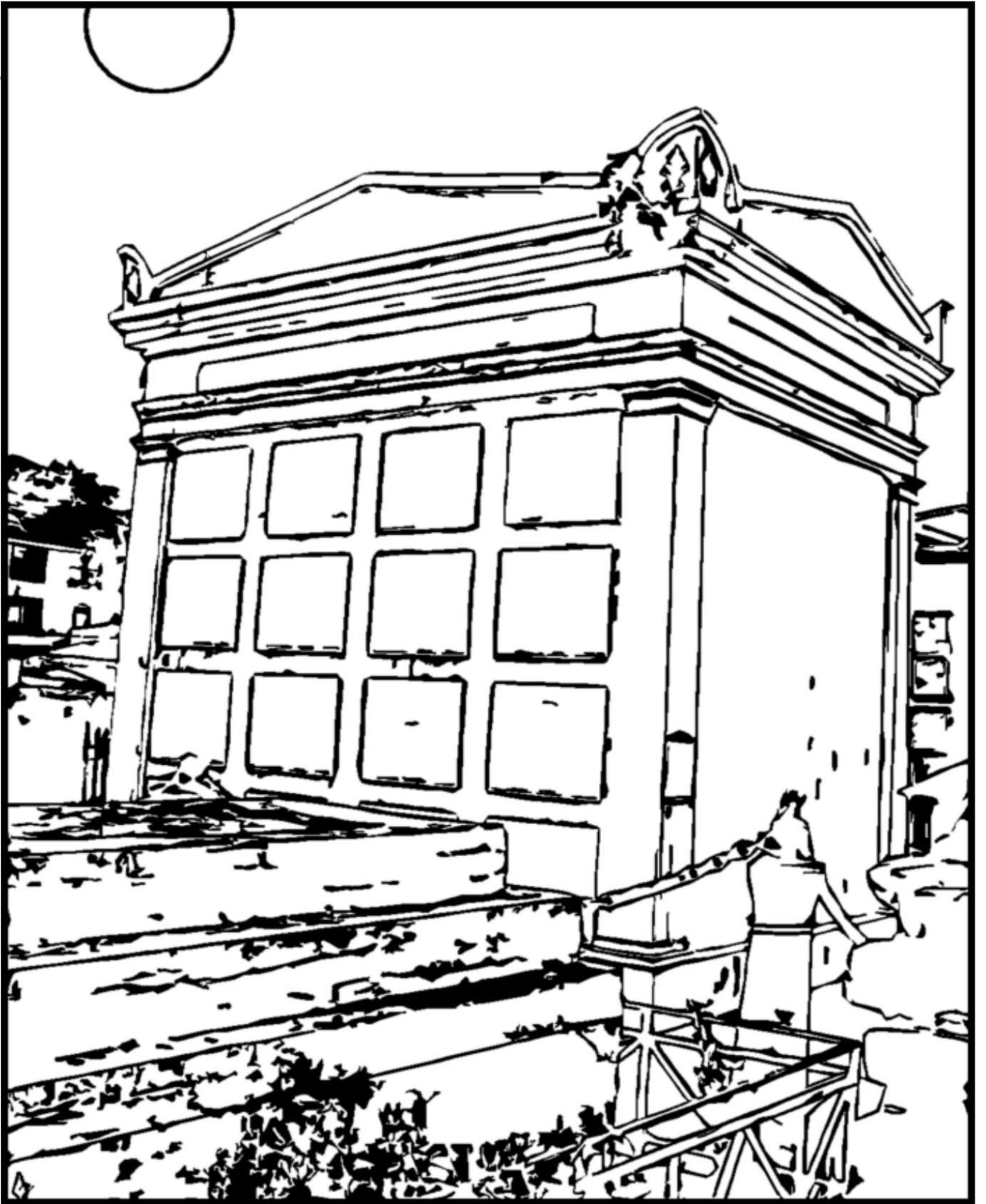
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Sometimes tombs were built with angled walls to help make them appear bigger.



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This brick tomb is a double tomb in the protestant section of the St. Louis 1 cemetery



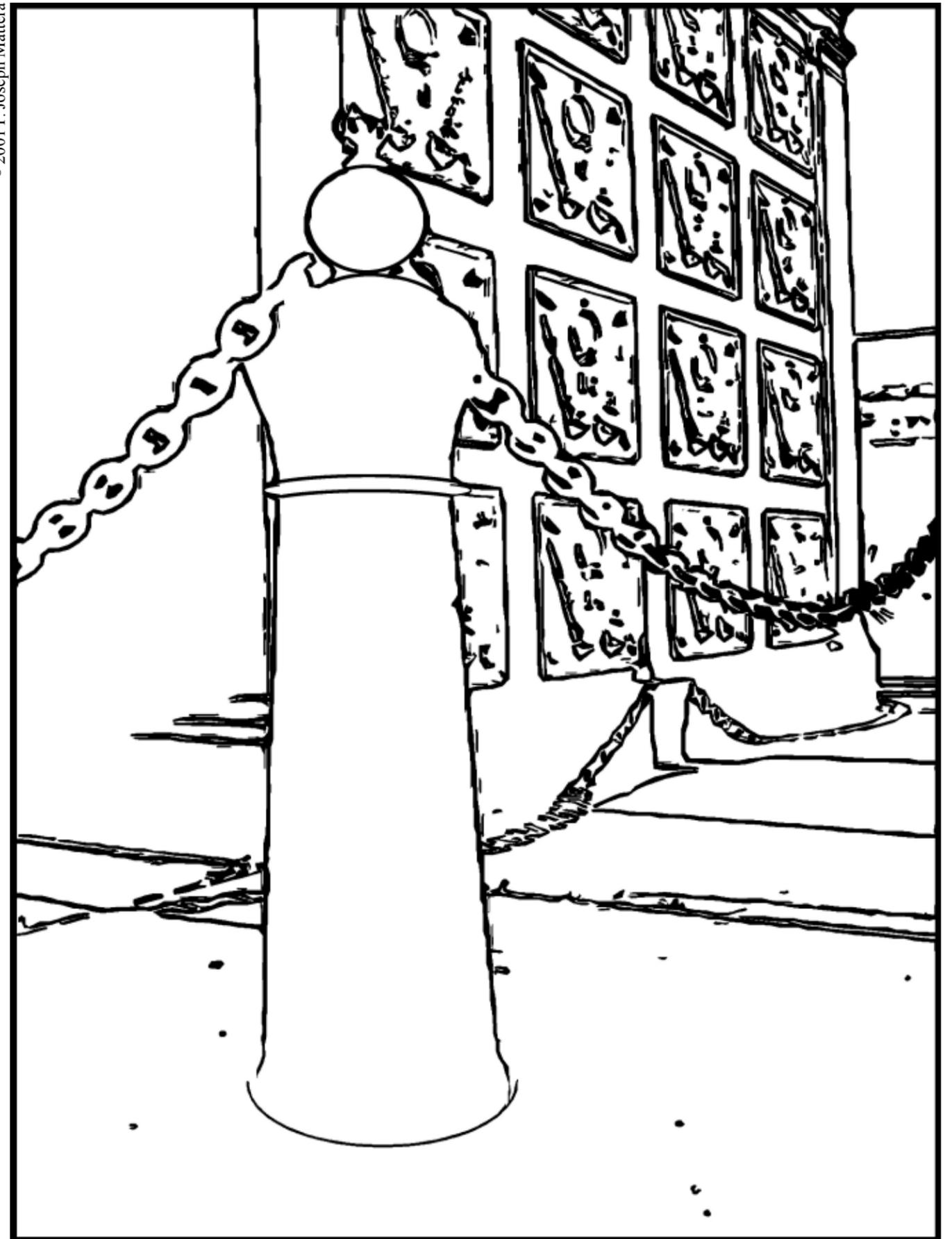
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Many groups and societies built beautiful tombs to honor their members who passed away.



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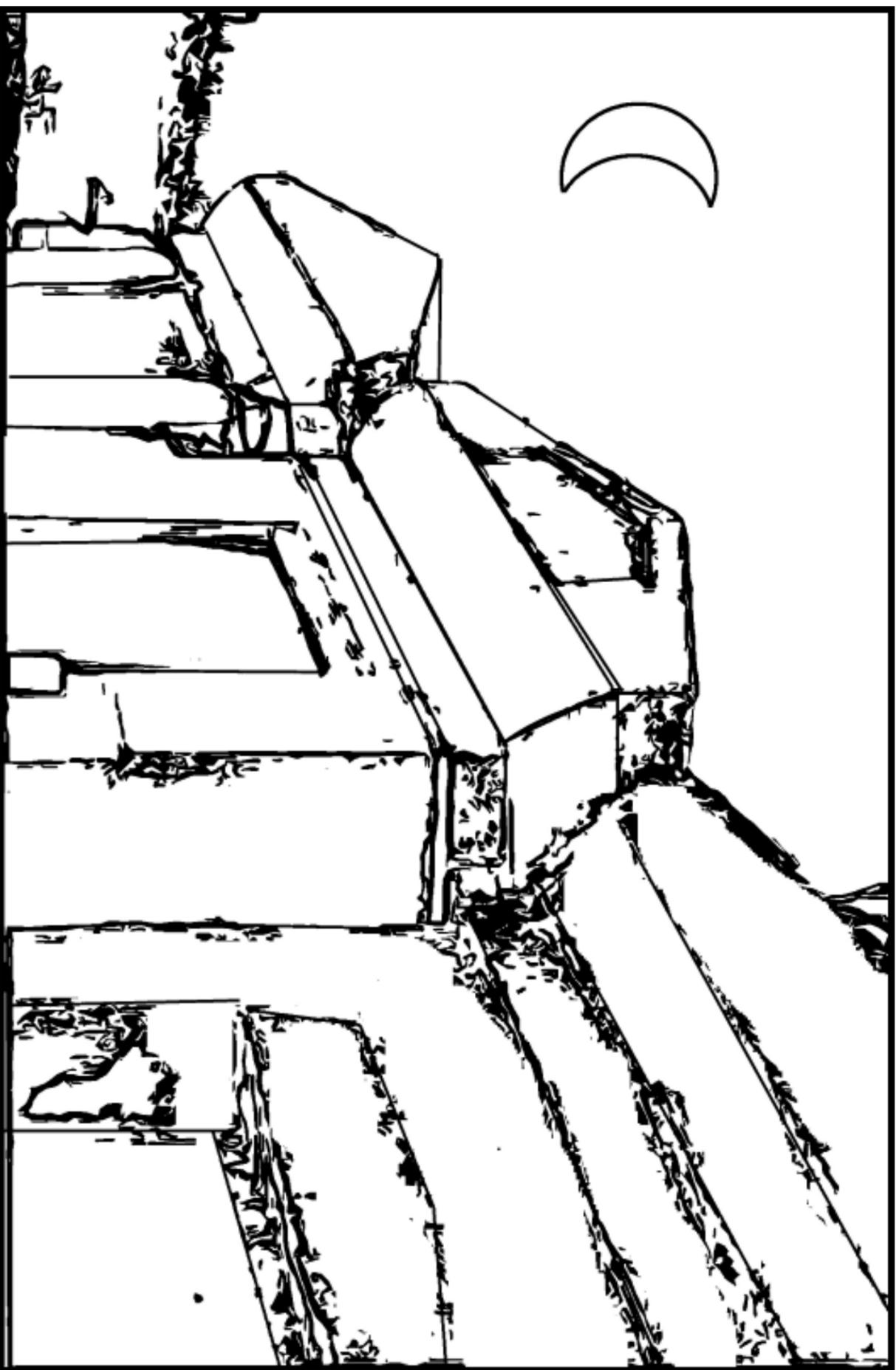
Most of the tombs were built by individual families.



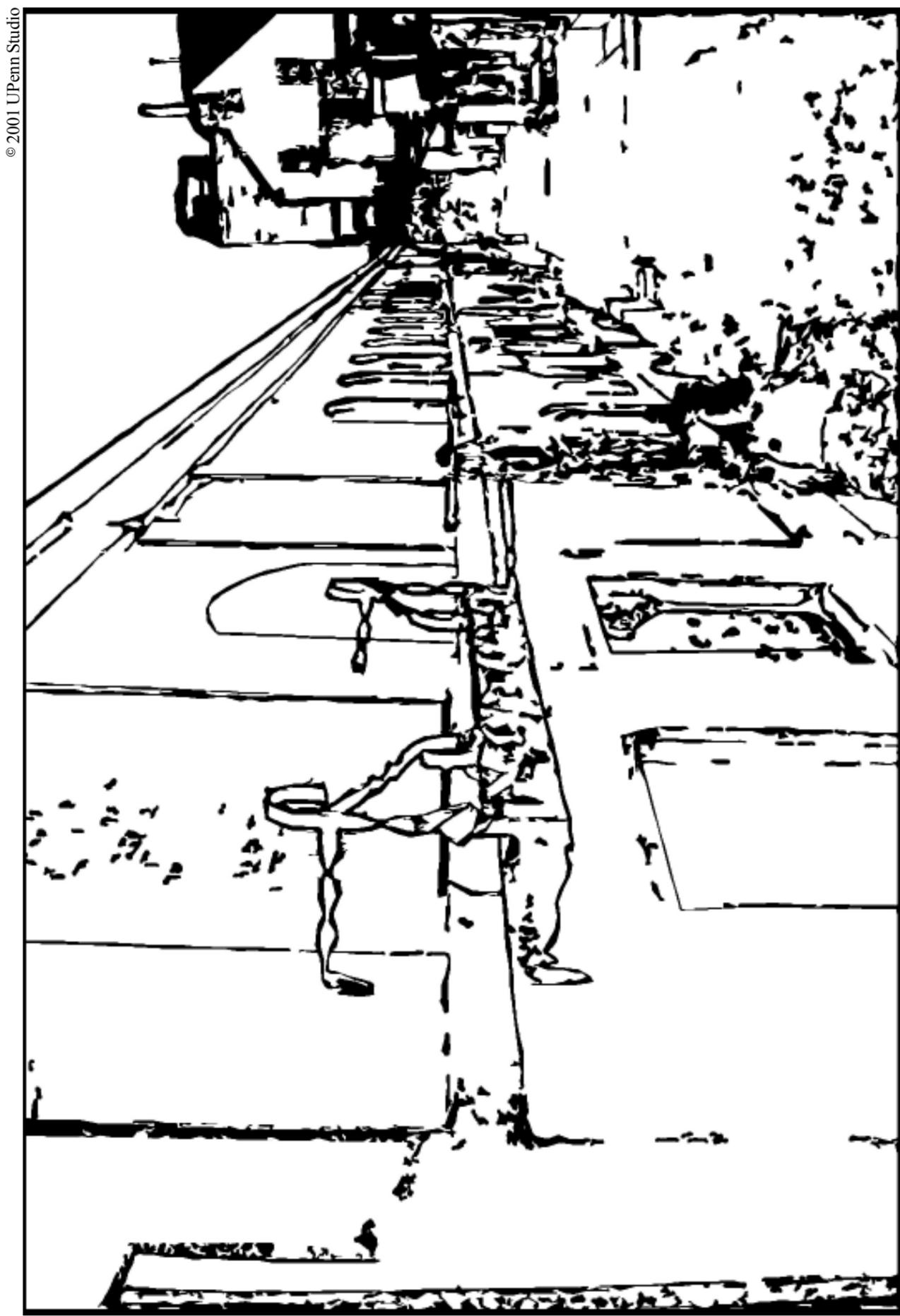
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Some of the decorations are not what they first appear. This tomb uses cannons to create a fence.

The sloped roofs on these tombs allows water to run off just like the roof of a house.



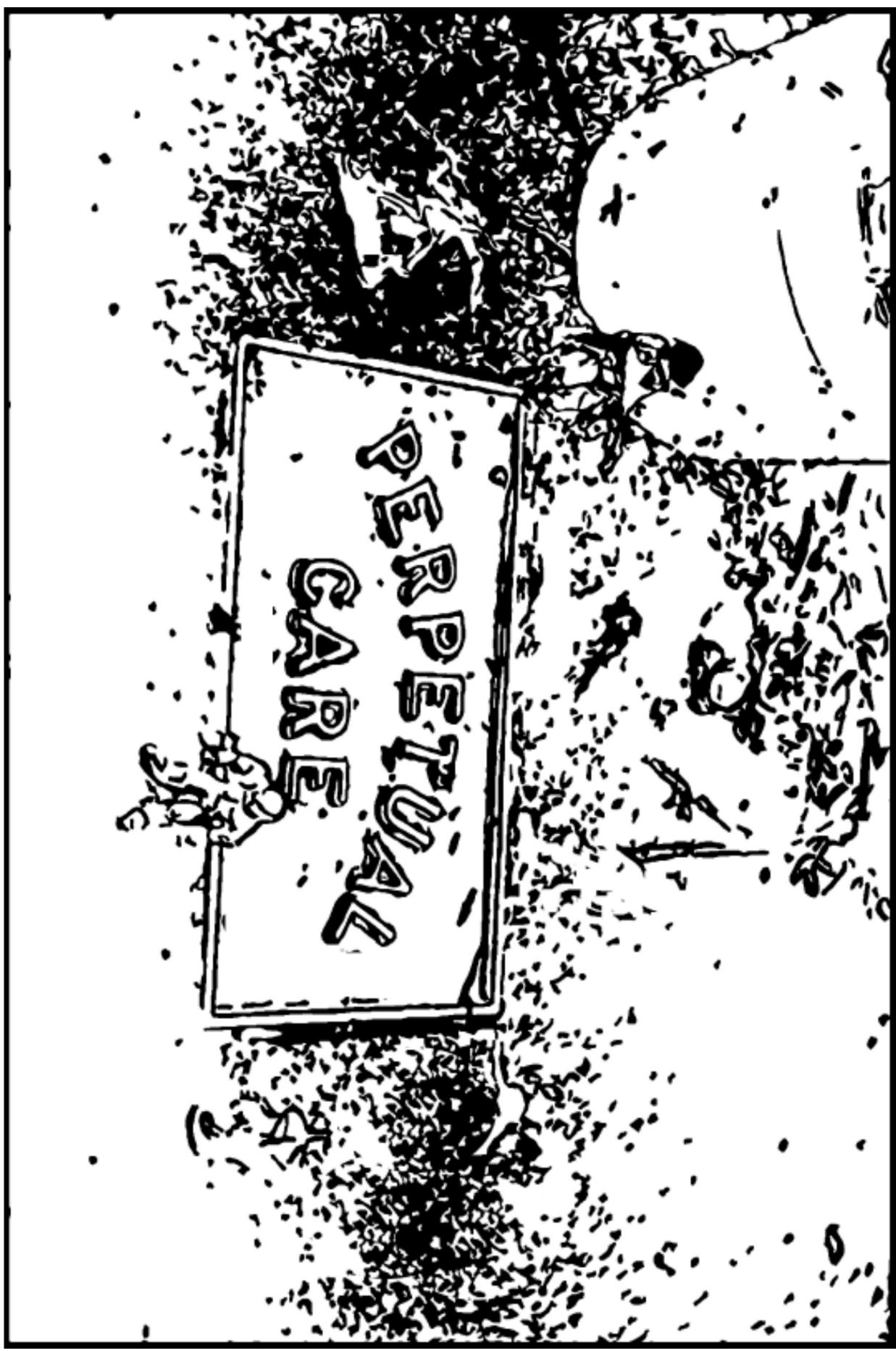
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Many families like to decorate tombs in their own unique style.

While many tombs are cared for by family members, tombs which have a perpetual care marker, are being cared for by the church.

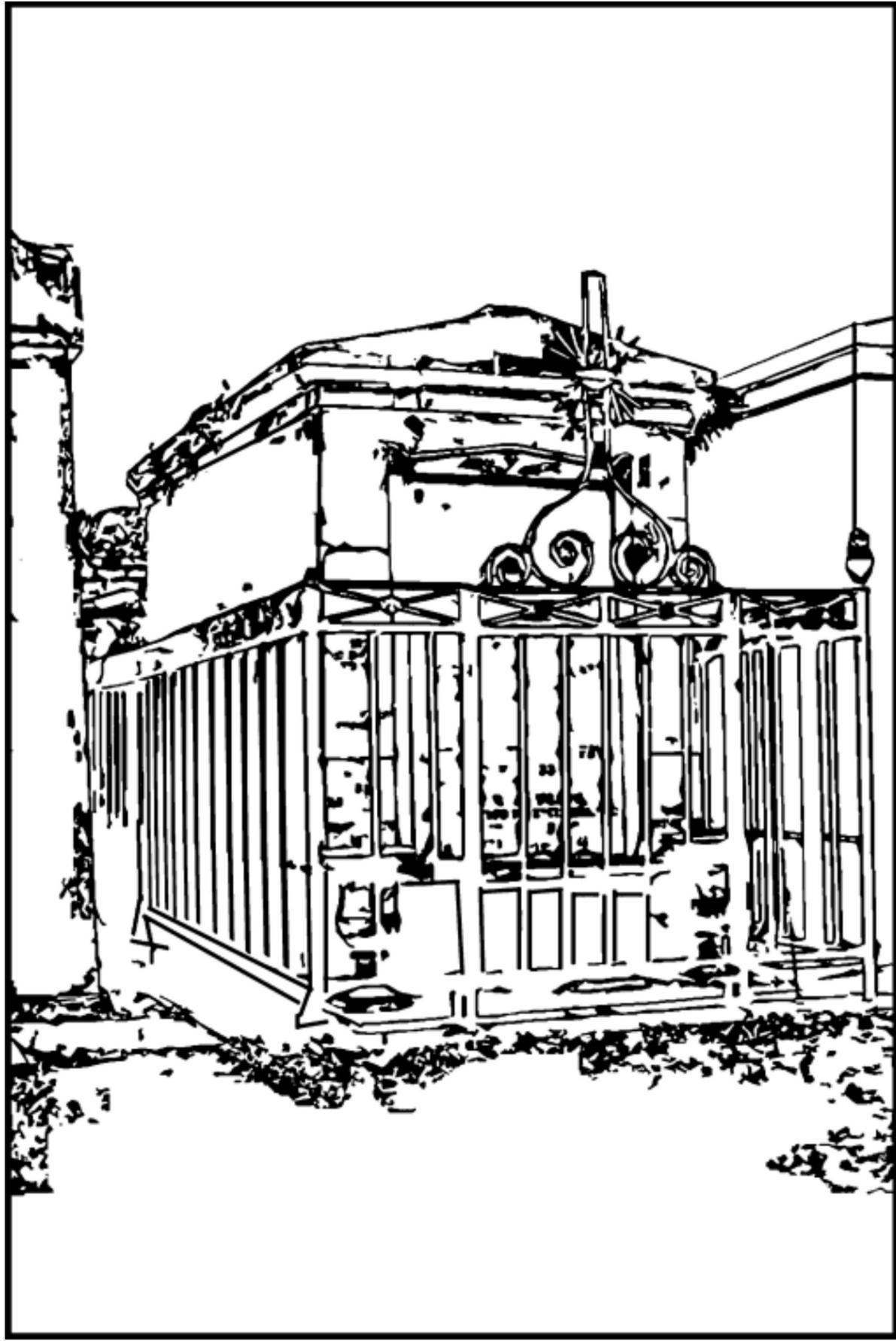


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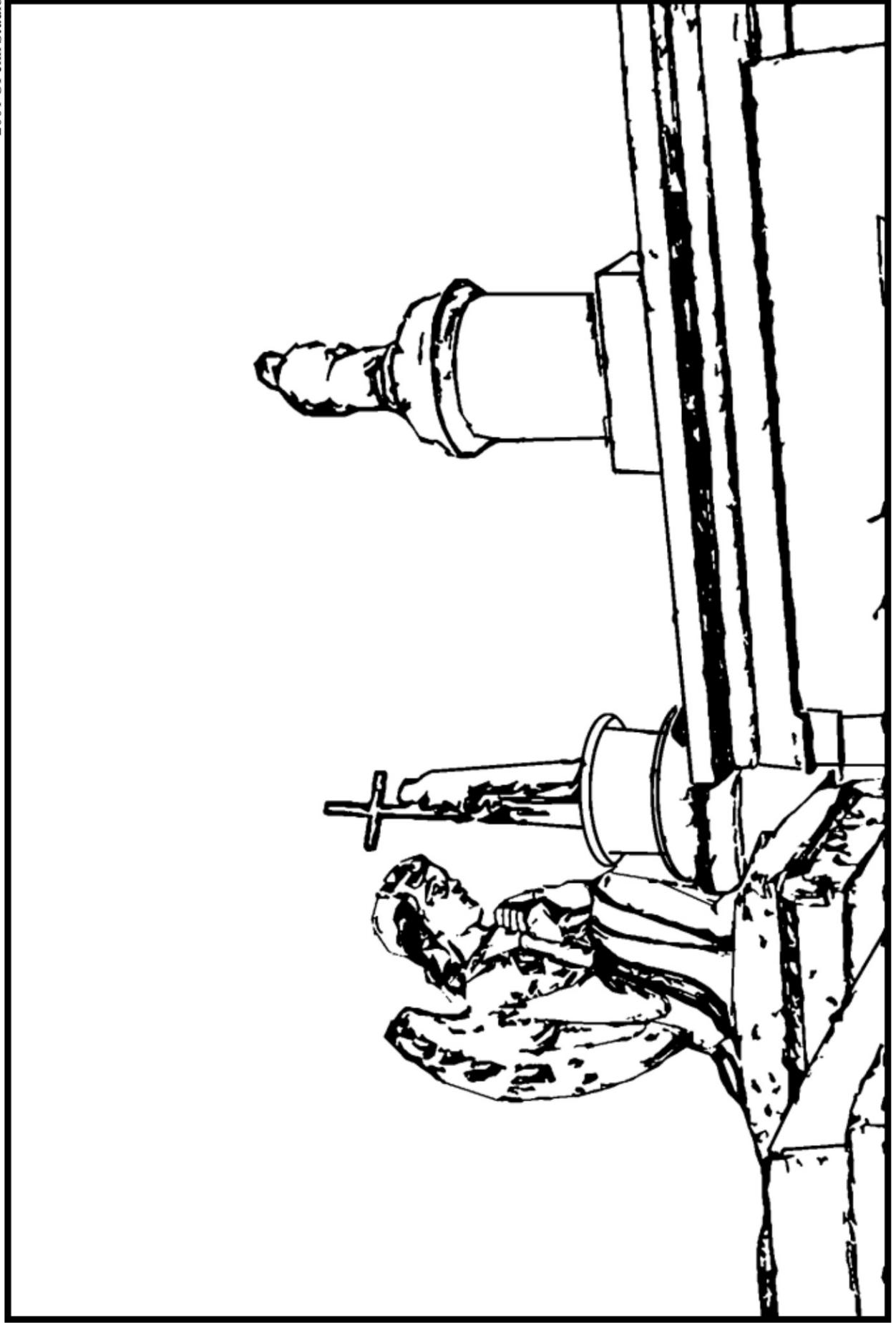
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Many people in New Orleans can provide wonderful stories of the history of these cemeteries.



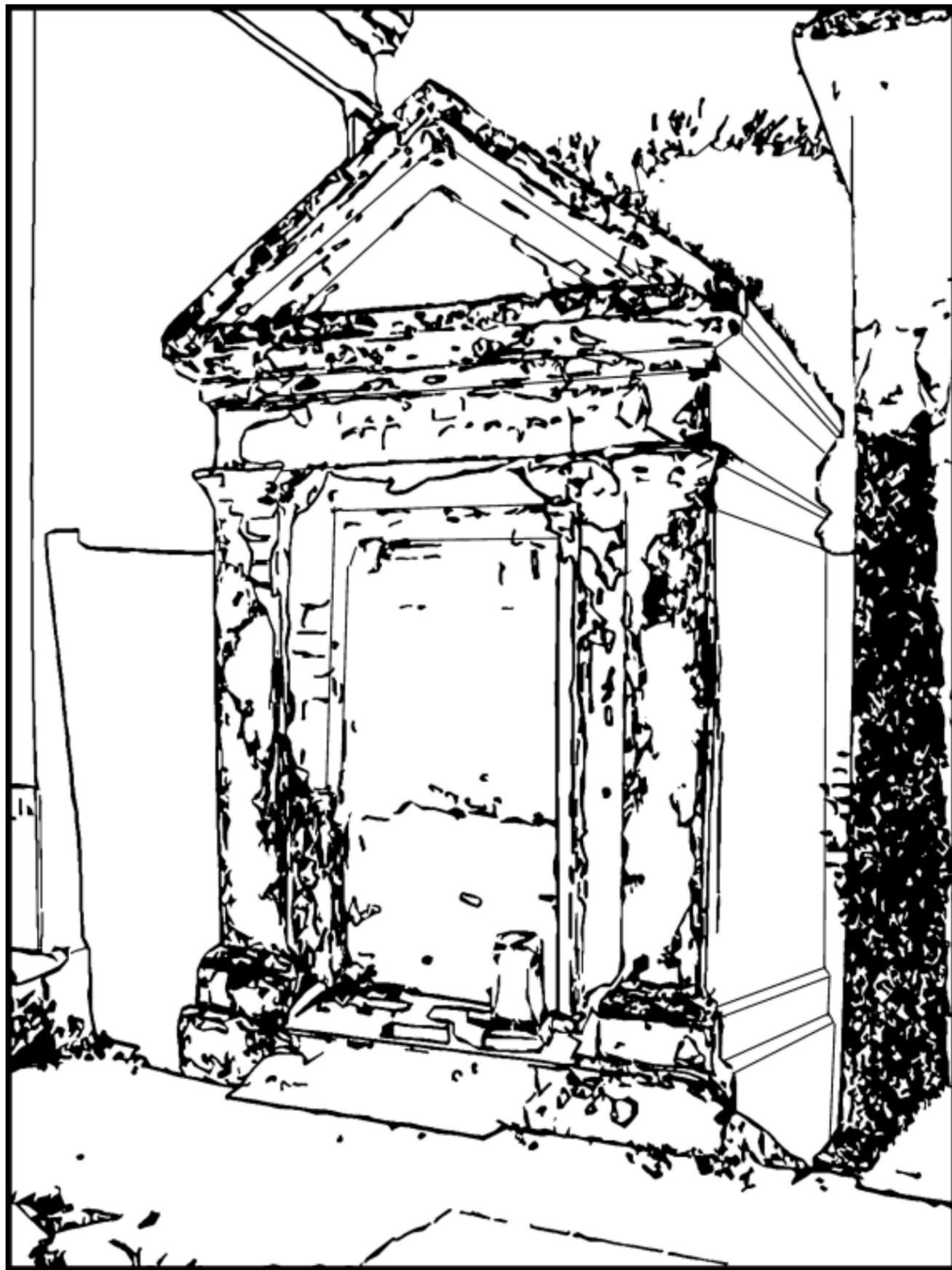
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Tombs are often surrounded by beautiful fences with decorative details.

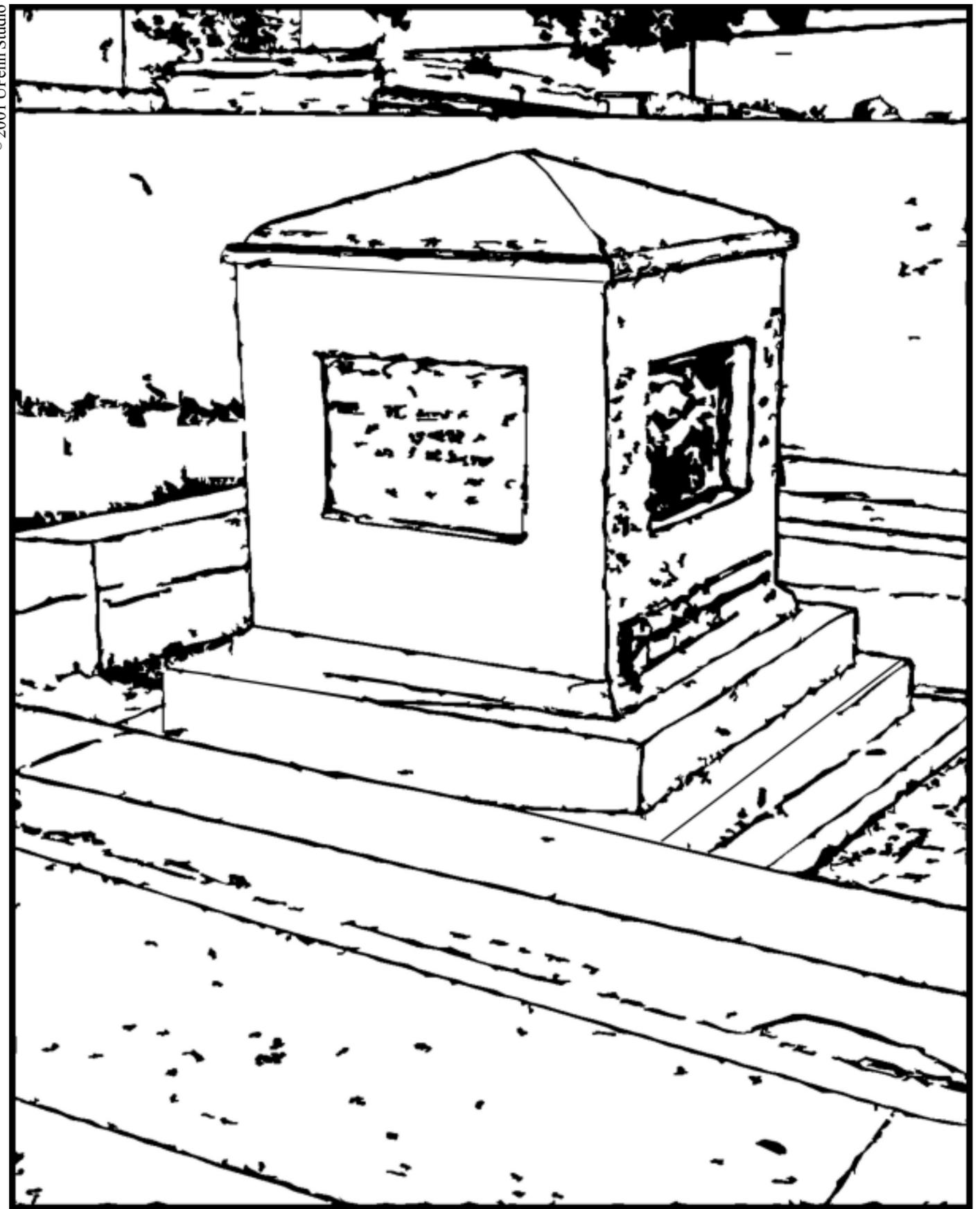


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Several of the tombs have sculptures added to them to make them more beautiful.



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Many of the tombs look like small greek temples.

Like most buildings, some of the tombs were designed by architects.