

# SYMBOLS OF STRENGTH

Exploring a cave, you are amazed by the variety of intricate paintings on the walls. It appears that a terrible tragedy once befell this tribe, but in their darkest hour, the people rallied with messages of hope.

**NOTE: This puzzle must be solved in the vicinity of Waterplace Park.**

**First, find these:**

- A)** Building an earth involves more scaffolding than I thought.
- B)** These hopes and dreams are sweet, but the second and seventh are a bit redundant.
- C)** Perhaps the Beatles can heal this broken heart.
- D)** Are those the author’s initials, or do they just stand for “bunny rabbit”?
- E)** A unicorn!? I didn’t know those existed! I bet I’ll never see one again as long as I live.
- F)** Cool, another unicorn.
- G)** I’d like two, please.
- H)** Most constellations are seen at night, but the “anchor of the sky” only comes out in daylight.
- I)** Yes, I named my ladybug “Ladybug.” Is that weird?
- J)** I left you a sugar cookie on the red table.
- K)** At the space program’s peak, we sent up fourteen flags, a heart, and an ad for gun control.
- L)** Our love is like that of two jagged carrots.

## Then, on those six, find these:

- 1) Annie, when writing down your lyrics, you might want to make “tomorrow” more visible.
- 2) The world would never accept their love, so Fido and Frisky met secretly at night.
- 3) You can see this football game so much more clearly from the Hope Section.
- 4) This is our underwater tribute to an Aretha Franklin song.
- 5) Recipe for a little rainbow at sea: lots of raindrops plus nouns popping out of the sun.
- 6) Even as his habitat melts, this penguin believes in a brighter tomorrow.
- 7) The two girls bonded over their love of giant shoes.
- 8) Looks like someone’s seen the Wizard and isn’t so cowardly anymore.
- 9) In next week’s episode, Troy and Abed have a picnic, but ants invade!
- 10) Hark the herald Pooh Bear sings, glory to the green hunny...
- 11) Red, white, and blue Trivial Pursuit is much faster. You only need three wedges.
- 12) The rare stars and stripes butterfly eludes my net again!
- 13) You’d be surprised how hard it is to tattoo letters onto eagle wings.
- 14) “The power of change” looks a lot like a globe with a psychedelic ribbon on top.
- 15) ... and they fly lowest when Charlie Brown gets them caught in a tree.
- 16) Lean over further, palm tree, I’m trying to paint the ocean.
- 17) One of the three birds flew down to investigate the source of the yellow clouds.
- 18) Nine giants “united in peace,” some of whom can walk on water.
- 19) Noah made sure to bring the giraffes.
- 20) Nine grapes, nine blueberries, nine raspberries, and nine... cyanberries, maybe?
- 21) Poor Chris. His name is too long, and his letters are too big.
- 22) In this course, we’ll learn about cosines, logarithms, but first... the pineapple.
- 23) Help! I’m knee deep in lime juice and fleeing from some sort of pirate/parrot creature!
- 24) Numbers 1 through 19 may have all been failures, but this one was worth it.



# BEYOND THE SEA

While walking along the beach, you discover a message in a bottle! The bottle is filled with salt water, so you'll have to swap out the sea with something else if you want to know who the message is from.

- Final resting place for a Chicago athlete?
- Disgusted reactions to Breaking Bad?
- Brown penny?
- Animal house that has declared bankruptcy?
- "I hope Yo-Yo Ma plays a show here." e.g.?
- Sheen sheds a tear?
- It might help with foul smelling exhaust?
- Pay television for the accompanists in a musical?
- Loud noise wearing clothes?
- Speed of hair pests?
- Cinderella's misrepresentation of herself to the prince, e.g.?
- Police operation that almost takes up a football field?
- Magic lamp owner
- Picking up, as one would a criminal
- Alabama rival that shares its name with a color
- It may be full of hot air
- A firm that buys and sells stocks
- Brief dictionaries found at the end of some books
- Able to read and write
- Shakespearean word for "I believe"
- Worthy of compassion
- Side topic
- Epithet used by Yosemite Sam
- Vaguely lemon-colored

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# BRICKED IN

Surprisingly, the Forbidden Island has a very healthy donation system - the healthy donate their lives to the gods. It is said that many of the stones beneath our feet were built from their... generous contributions. They were all willingly given, of course. Anything else would be uncivilized.

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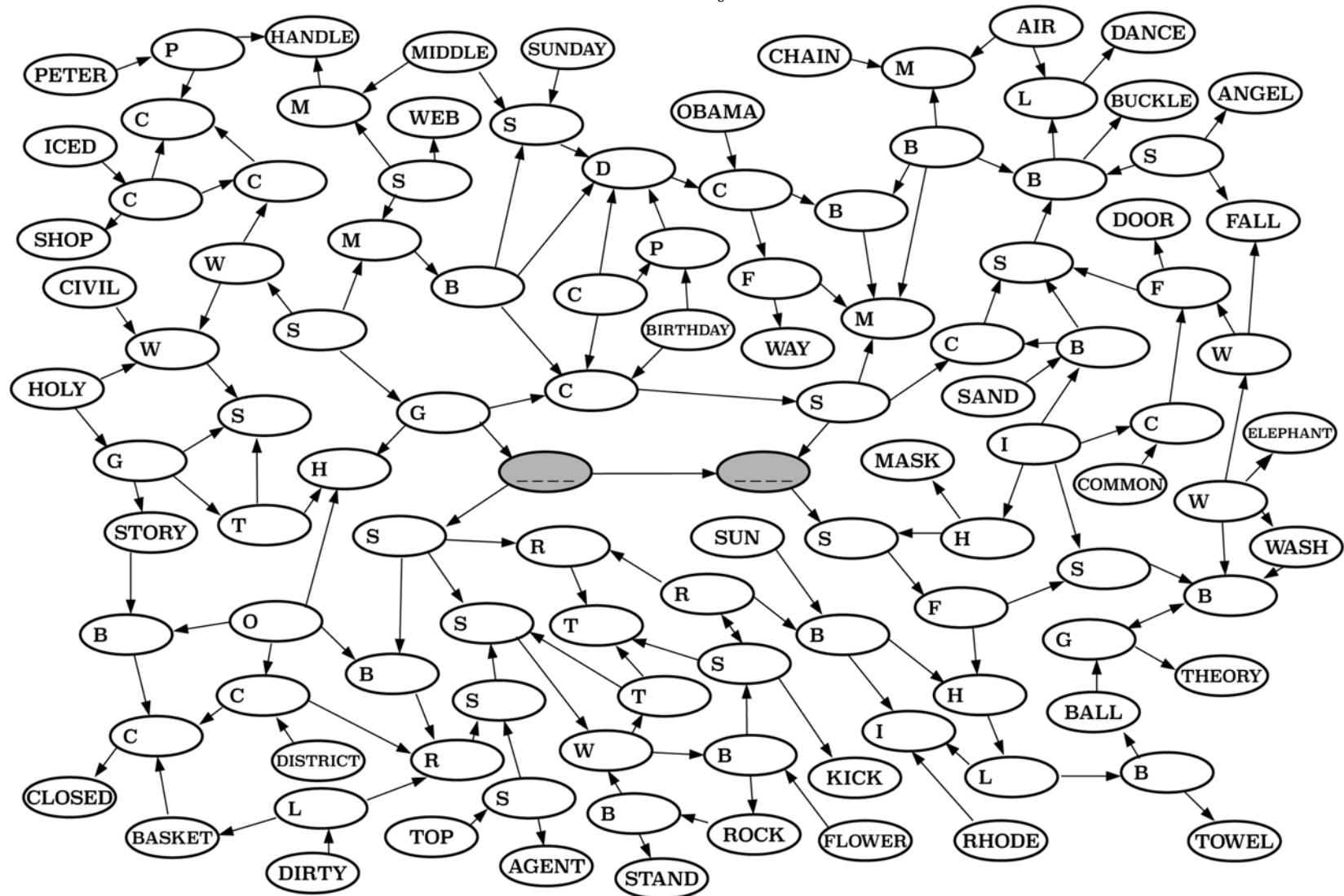
<div>Outward, like a type of hard drive (8)</div> <div>Sherry Jarvis, 2009</div>	<div>6, 4, 12</div>	<div>Supply party food (5)</div> <div>Nicholas Perry</div>
<div>Blank space at the end of a page (6)</div> <div>Janice S. Ruggiert, 1999</div>	<div>4, 2, 4, 9</div> <div>5, 9</div> <div>9, 11</div> <div>8, 5, 7</div>	<div>___ and tonic (3)</div> <div>Connie L. Amsworth</div>
<div>Sounded like a goose (6)</div> <div>Nannette D Kowalski</div>	<div>8, 3, 5</div> <div>9, 5, 10</div> <div>8, 2, 6</div>	<div>Tall marsh grass (4)</div> <div>Donna Zadorian</div>
<div>You might feel this way post-vacation? (6)</div> <div>Alexander Lage</div>	<div>4, 2, 4, 9</div> <div>1, 4, 7</div>	<div>Organ with a drum in it (3)</div> <div>Alan R. Morse, Jr.</div>
<div>One might know the answers before the test (7)</div> <div>Robert P. Abraham</div>	<div>8, 12, 7</div> <div>7, 3, 6, 4</div> <div>5, 4</div>	<div>Lasting forever (7)</div> <div>Charlene Bennet</div>
<div>Low-tech weapon, or a bit of asparagus (5)</div> <div>Kathleen Burton, 2003</div>	<div>3, 6, 7</div> <div>4</div> <div>11, 3, 5</div>	<div>Midnight ride patriot (6)</div> <div>Diane V. Palleschi</div>
<div>Substance for tanning and moisturizing (6)</div> <div>Marilyn Razzano Sant</div>	<div>9, 5, 1</div> <div>6, 2</div> <div>7, 4, 2, 1</div>	<div>Sharpened to a fine edge (5)</div> <div>Anthony Abraham</div>
<div>R of PRNDL (7)</div> <div>Ada G Nutt, 2005</div>	<div>8, 5, 7</div>	<div>"The ___ Sleeps Tonight." (4)</div> <div>Edith M. Cox</div>





# FORBIDDEN → ISLAND ← TREASURE → MAP

An old man approaches you and hands you a strange map. “You’ll need this to make your way to the center of the island and find what you seek.”



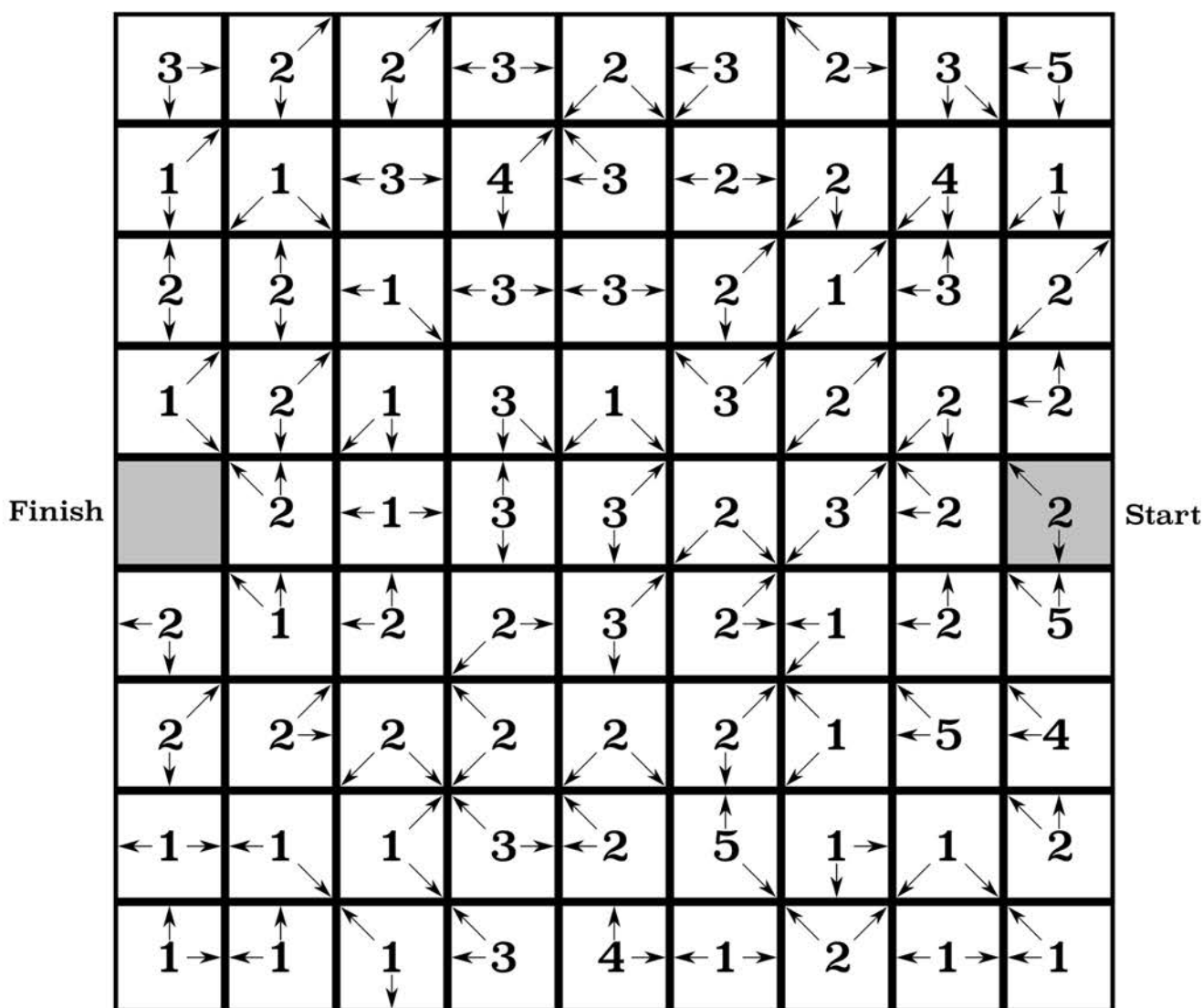
# RESPONDING TO DANGER!

When danger strikes during island exploration, proceed as follows:

Step 1: Determine the two best directions in which to escape (and how far you should go).

Step 2: Run straight in one of those directions until you've traveled the distance specified.

Step 3: Repeat Steps 1 and 2 until you've reached the finish; then signal for help.



# BLOWN TO BITS

When you came to seek treasure, you were hoping for the intact kind, as opposed to the ceramic shards you've discovered. You imagine this may have been valuable before it exploded, but the only way to know for sure is to try to put the pieces back together. Hopefully there aren't any missing!

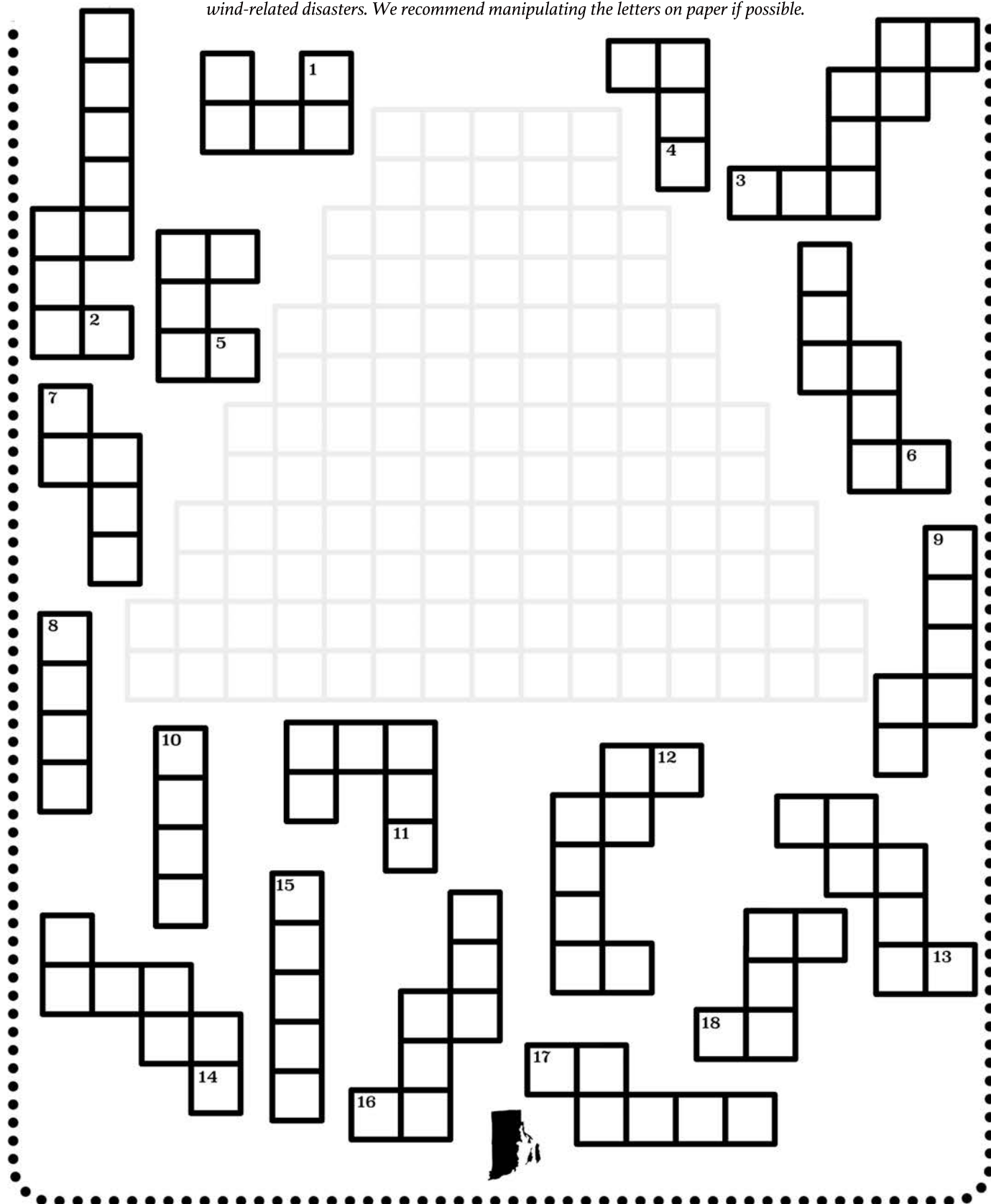
## Rows

- Distribute
- Playful trick; Type of service
- Without a key; Truckful; Women's patriotic gp.
- Running total in a tavern (2 wds); Intense state of activity
- "Come in"; Museum contents; Salon supply
- Class content; "Common Sense" author
- Dolphins' home; Flock
- Trent Reznor's band (3 wds)
- Tums competitor
- Worked for the CIA, perhaps; Battery part; Bra part
- Subject for Strunk and White
- Set of handyman's gear (2 wds)

## Bits

1. Gradually stop
2. Goddess of love
3. Male voice
4. Word before "wolf" or "straits"
5. Fear, or existential angst
6. Closest to final
7. Japanese for "first generation"
8. Mischievous Norse god
9. Nabokov novel
10. Dawn, poetically
11. Not at sea (2 wds)
12. Christmas tree decoration
13. Garnishing sprig
14. Glowing
15. \_\_\_\_ Island
16. Breed that comes in cocker and springer varieties
17. Make a valiant effort
18. Lift a glass to

While you are welcome to cut out the pieces on this page, that may be time-consuming and conducive to wind-related disasters. We recommend manipulating the letters on paper if possible.



# GRAINS OF TRUTH

You had heard that the Forbidden Island was once home to a large and thriving civilization, and you assumed these were just rumors. Yet now the evidence is right in front of you... an intricate but abandoned port system, from which ships once departed to all parts of the island. Next to the various piers are pillars with arcane markings on them; your familiarity with these pictographs is weak, but you think they might be advertising some sort of refreshments.

**NOTE: This puzzle must be solved in the vicinity of Burnside Park. PLEASE be wary of traffic while solving.**

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# LOG JAM

As you move, you try your best not to be distracted by the exotic flora and fauna around you. They look so much like the plants and animals you've seen elsewhere, and yet slightly different.



# VERBAL ASSAULT

As on other exotic islands, most conflicts among the Forbidden Island natives are resolved via insult contests. In fact, you've been invited to join an insult tournament, which was much more flattering before you realized you'll probably be murdered if you lose. Awkward.

By trial and error, you've discovered three insults that seem to have been effective against each of your opponents; maybe each trio has something in common. You also have eight more insults up your sleeve, although those are unfortunately incomplete. If you insert the correct words, you hope that each of them might be able to finish off an opponent.

## **Opponent 1 (Winning streak: 2)**

- I love when you sing "Re, fa, mi..." Lying. You're terrible.
- They should award you a trophy: LummoX of the Year.
- You're always knocking dominoes over, oaf.

## **Opponent 2 (Winning streak: 5)**

- Maybe some wrinkle cream would help with those slumber lines.
- War's a wonderful time compared to being around you.
- You're a pack of meat that someone should label grade F.

## **Opponent 3 (Winning streak: 2)**

- If I said you had a sharp mind, I goofed.
- Read this chart, reused from the last time I insulted you.
- Who rang every doorbell in Idiotville? You.

## **Opponent 4 (Winning streak: 1)**

- I bet you think Rob Ford is a foxy genius.
- In ancient Rome, you'd have made every consul furious!
- Think you hit the jackpot, ass? I, um, disagree.

## **Opponent 5 (Winning streak: 1)**

- You should just stay in to do your washing tonight.
- You smell like you live in a discarded cigar field.
- You're a gangrenous corpse!

## **Opponent 6 (Winning streak: 4)**

- Hey, chum? Er... use more soap.
- I know many people you repel visually.
- Grandpa, tell another story about being a geezer.

## **Opponent 7 (Winning streak: 1)**

- Clear the way, jerk!
- You ran us out of town with your stench.
- You're so ugly, Medusa turned to stone.

## **Opponent 8 (Winning streak: 3)**

- I'm surprised you don't have pincers and antennae.
- That's a terrible poem, ode rat. Ouch.
- You're too fat to give the person behind you any real legroom.

## **REMAINING INSULTS:**

Becoming a wandering (5) is one more good way to avoid you.  
How many people do you offend per day? At least (5), usually.  
If you were seaweed, you'd be the most moronic (4) in the ocean!  
Sleep, (4), or laze. That's all you're good for.  
Someone should stab you with a (5), eradicating you.  
You're dumb enough to drive a Chevy (6) on thin ice.  
You're like John Gotti, but more ass-like; they should call you the Teflon (6).  
You've proved yourself a disaster (8) times.





# CIRCUIT COURT

Chopping away some underbrush, you find a round steel hatch in the ground. You pry the hatch open, wondering if you'll have to spend the rest of your life entering numbers into a computer to prevent the island from exploding. Instead, you find a mostly empty room, with the remnants of a no longer functioning circuit mounted on the wall. Most of the components have been plundered but a sheet of paper seems to indicate what should be there...

**A1** Item you stab with a pin to curse someone (6 4)

**B1** Muscle that bends a joint, in contrast to an extensor (6)

**A2** Portion of an orchestral piece in which the concertmaster plays alone (6 4)

**B2** Hammer-wielding god of thunder (4)

**A3** Children's book in which a child says farewell to an orb in the sky before bed (9 4)

**B3** Lacking a pattern (6)

**A4** The enemy, or what makes our thumbs useful (10)

**B4** Frozen fruit-based dessert (6)

**A5** 212 degrees Fahrenheit, for water at sea level (7 5)

**B5** Unreasonably high, as a price (10)

**A6** Preventing all of one's movement (or making less like Exxon's partner, perhaps)? (12)

**B6** Tactically re-district (11)

**A7** "Fourteen Points" president (7 6)

**B7** To move about aimlessly (6)

**A8** One who studies stilts and starlings (13)

**B8** 1973 film involving possession (3 8)

**A9** Completely untarnished, like a valuable collectible (4 9)

**B9** Hotel in Vegas or city in Egypt (5)

**A10** King of Spain who, like his two predecessors, shared a name with composer Glass (6 3)

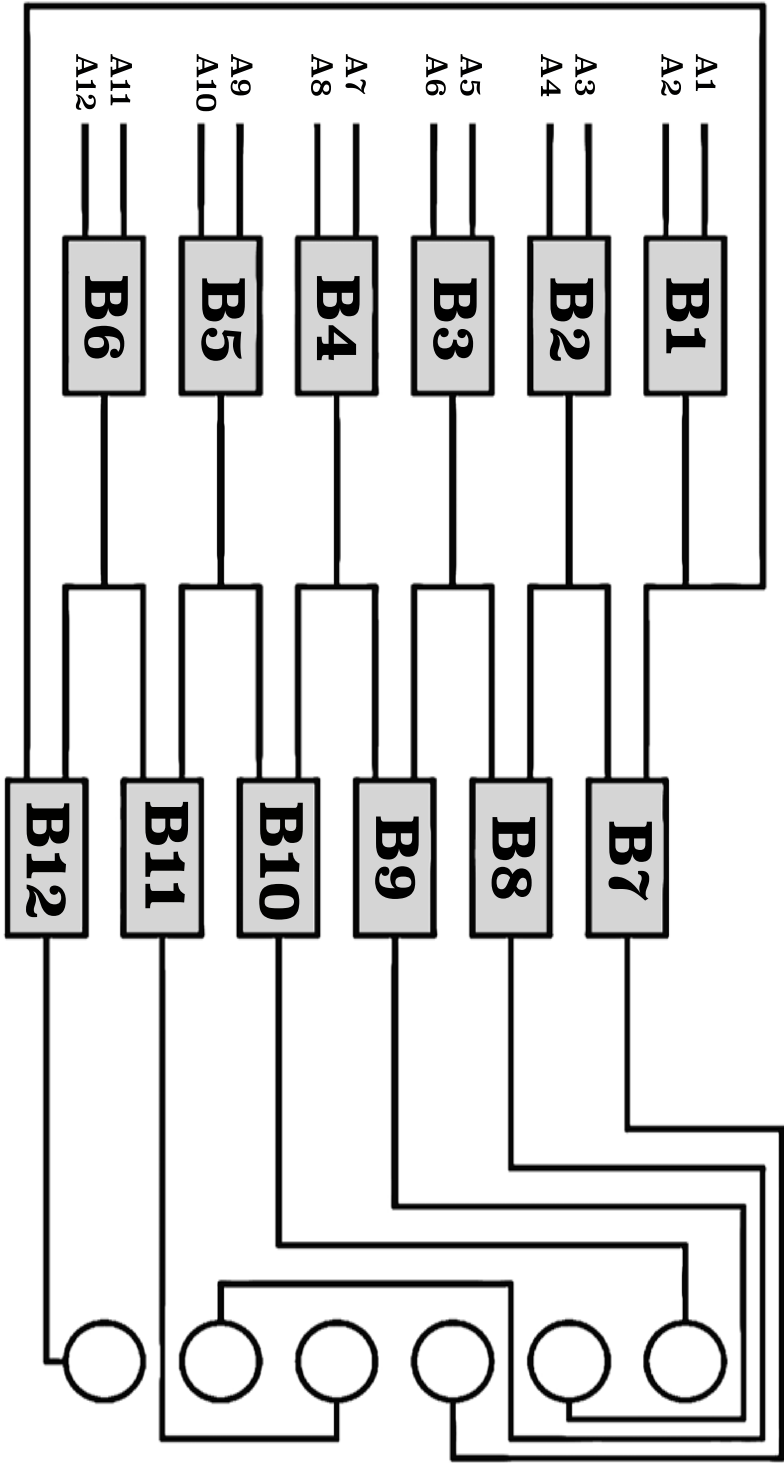
**B10** Type of bulb that produces heat (12)

**A11** Edible dye sold in supermarkets (4 8)

**B11** Critical mass of people required for a vote (6)

**A12** Constitutional ban that made speakeasies popular (11)

**B12** Plastic item combining the features of two eating utensils (5)



# PLUGGING AWAY

While investigating a cave on the island, you discover a surprisingly advanced undersea lab. But you are dismayed to discover that the control panels have all sprung leaks! Fortunately, you brought your extensive collection of plumbing equipment from manufacturers across the country.

Each of the seven empty grids represents a control panel, which should be solved as a Kropki (see rules below). Once solved, each panel contains seven leaks, represented by the seven occurrences of one digit, as well as seven crucial readouts, represented by the seven occurrences of another digit. One of the seven plugs, shown on the last page, can cover all of the leaks without covering any of the readouts. Plugs may not be rotated or reflected, each plug is used exactly once, and each plug is labeled with the name of the city you collected it from.

Once you've chosen the correct plugs, union regulations indicate that you should record the plug's city of origin, the number representing leaks, and the number representing readouts for each panel. A table has been provided for this data.

## Kropki Rules

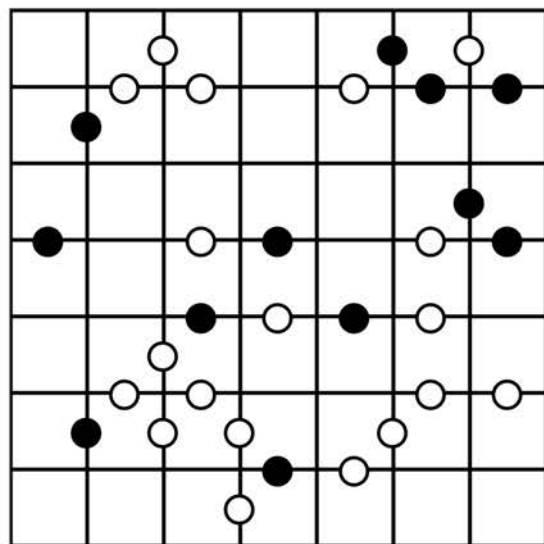
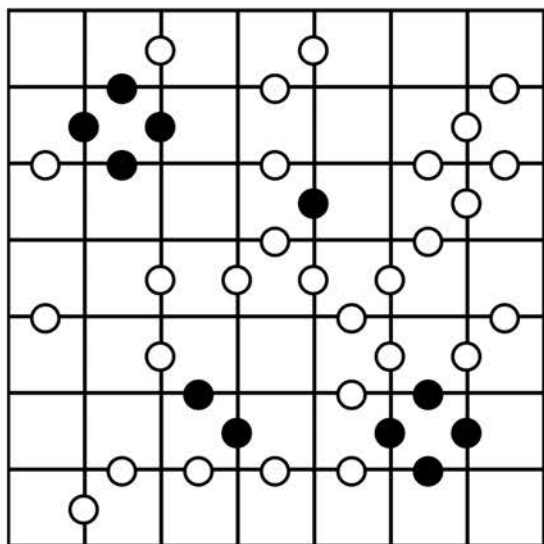
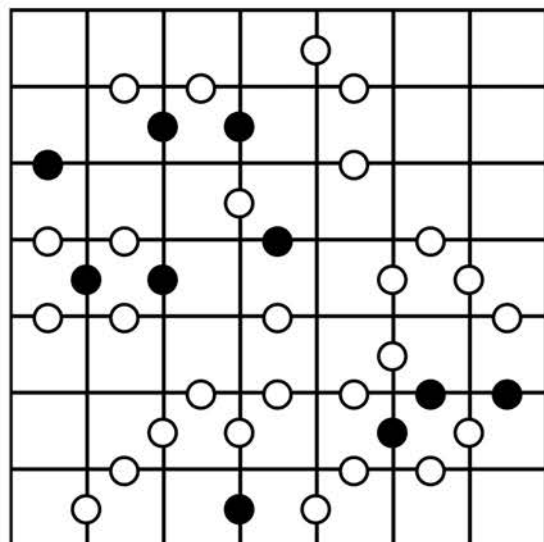
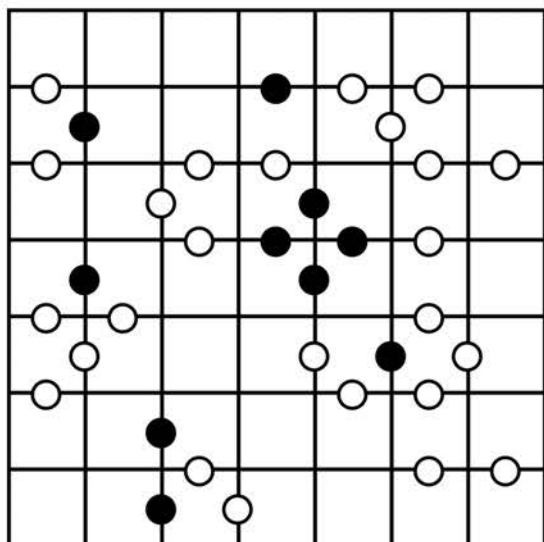
Place digits from 1 to 7 into the grid so that every square contains a digit, and no digit is repeated within any row or column. Any two squares connected by a white dot contain consecutive digits; any two squares connected by a black dot contain two digits such that one is two times the other. Any two adjacent squares not connected by a dot contain a pair of digits with *neither of the above properties*. (Note that a 1-2 pair may be connected by either a black or white dot.)

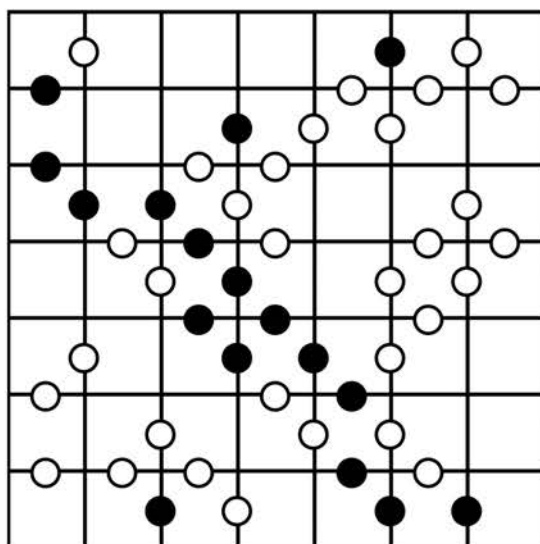
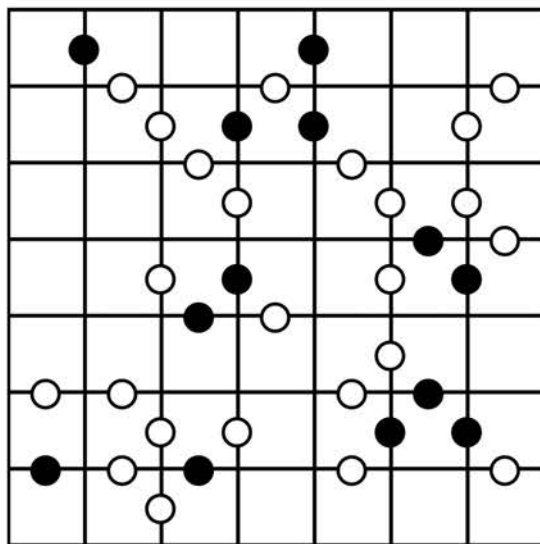
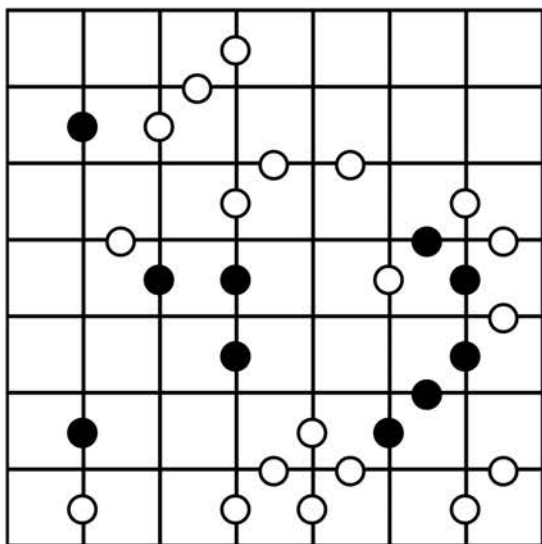
### *Some tips if you've never solved a Kropki before:*

- Unbroken vertical or horizontal chains connected by dots are often a good place to break in. In particular, only one number in a 7x7 Kropki can have black dots on opposite sides.
- Don't forget that edges with no dots tell you that the numbers are neither consecutive nor doubles! The dots clearly give information, but new solvers often overlook how much a missing dot can narrow down options.
- Here's a sample of a completed 4x4 Kropki:

4	●	2	●	1	3
1	○	3	○	4	●
○	2	●	1	○	3
○	2	●	1	○	3
3	○	4	●	2	○
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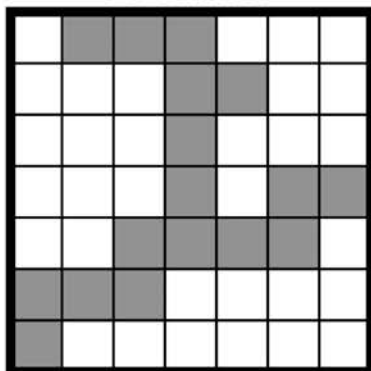




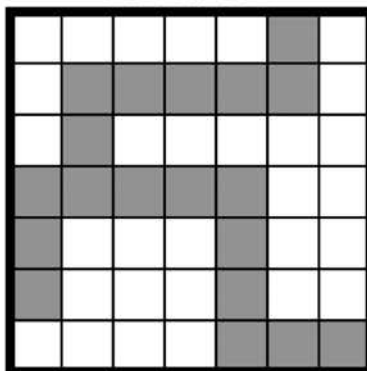


## Plugs

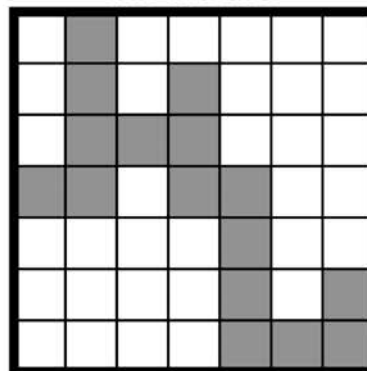
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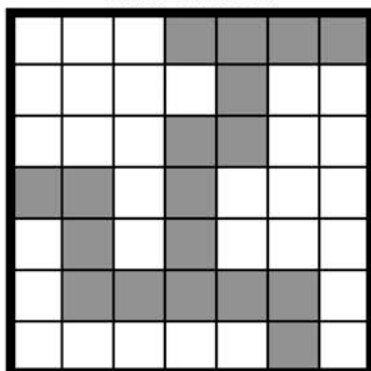
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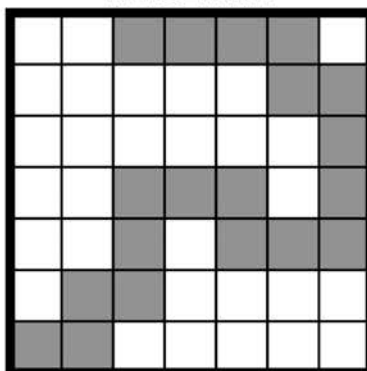
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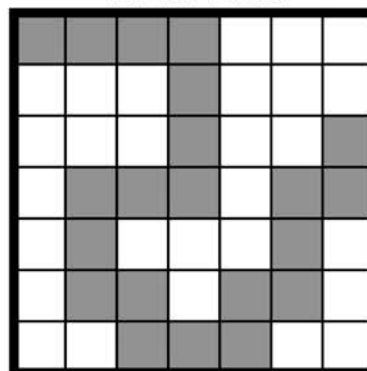
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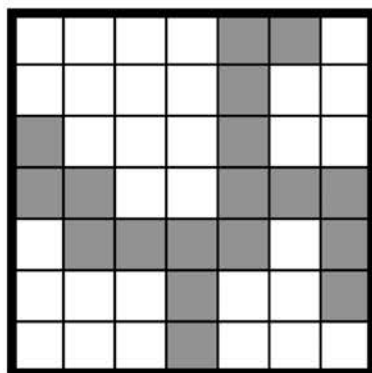
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**WEST EGG**



**WICHITA**



**Leak # Readout #**

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<b>MADISON</b>		
<b>PHOENIX</b>		
<b>WEST EGG</b>		
<b>WICHITA</b>		



# SEASONED TRAVELER

**NOTE: This puzzle must be solved before you leave Memorial Park!**

You happen upon a hut-like structure; judging by the crests on the walls and mural on the floor, it was once occupied by traveling heroes. In fact, an abandoned journal gives the details of some of their most epic journeys.

1. We started from Boston and traveled eastward. On the way, I noted a city containing a single circular tower with a door and no windows.

2. We started from Anchorage and traveled eastward. On the way, I noted a city where a monkey clawed at the wall, trying in vain to reach a toy boat and goldfish cracker.

3. We started from Denver and traveled eastward. On the way, I noted a city where a single dagger hovered in midair.

4. We started from New Delhi and traveled westward. On the way, I noted a city where seven octopi all stretched in unison.

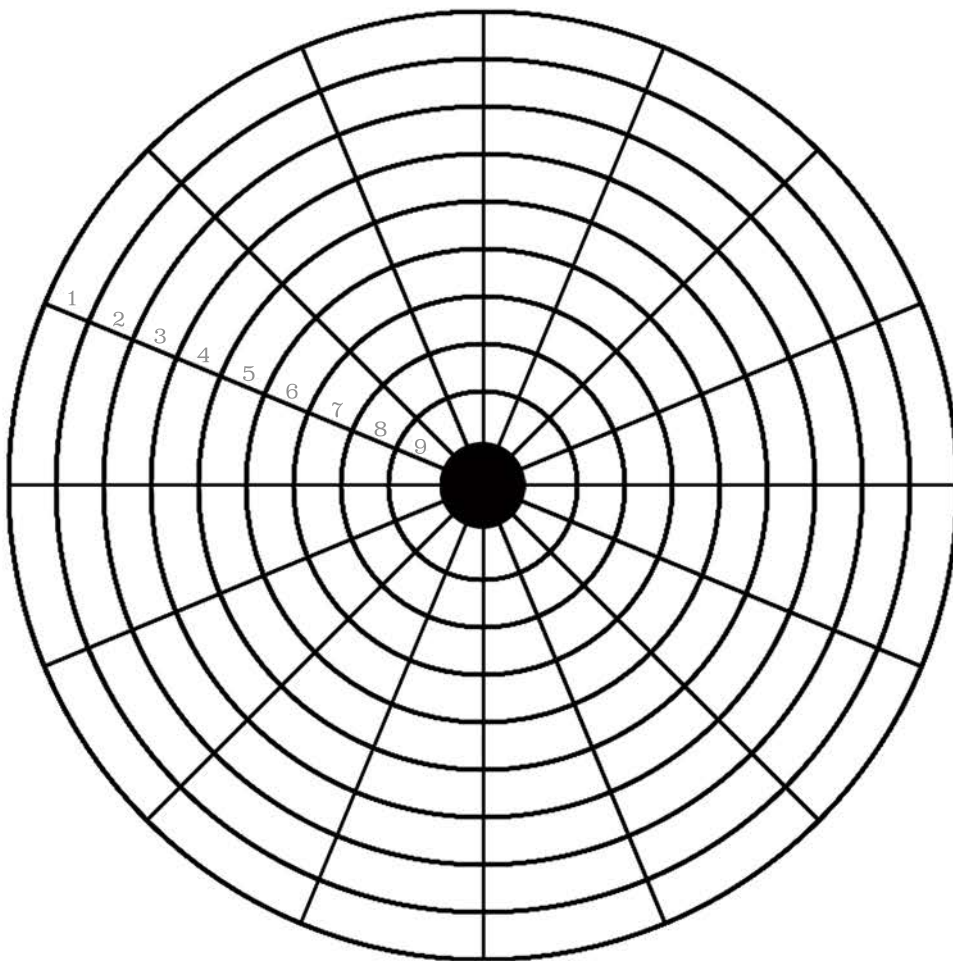
5. We started from Santiago and traveled eastward. On the way, I noted a city in which three flamingos stood on an island with many tiny docks.

6. We started from Rome and traveled westward. On the way, I noted a city where pipes are built into the backs of elephants.

7. We started from Seoul and traveled eastward. On the way, I noted a city where you can arrive with your wife on a boat and immediately be handed an umbrella.

8. We started from Seattle and traveled eastward. On the way, I noted a city where an hourglass runs out when the sun rises.

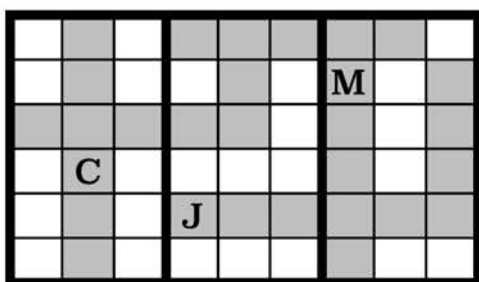
9. We started from Madrid and traveled westward. On the way, I noted a city where large birds are forced to fly lower than their smaller counterparts.



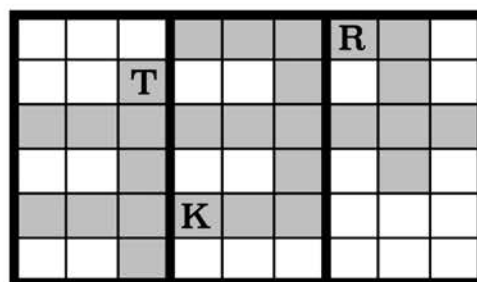
# TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

As the jungle begins to become more sparse, you hear voices and instinctively jump behind a tree. The scene in front of you is disturbing, to say the least. A group of natives rotate captive humans on a spit, while other natives sit at tables studying what appear to be menus. Is this... a cannibal restaurant?!

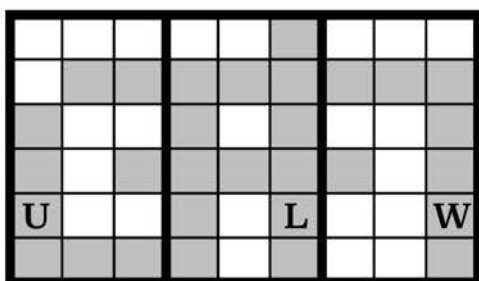
“So,” a seated native says to an approaching waiter. “Who’s on the menu today?”



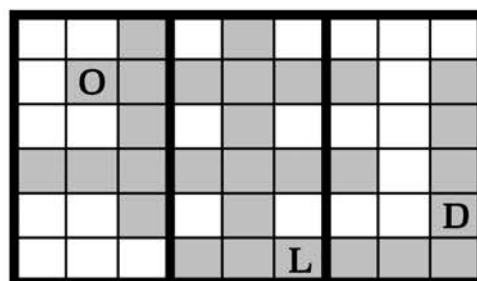
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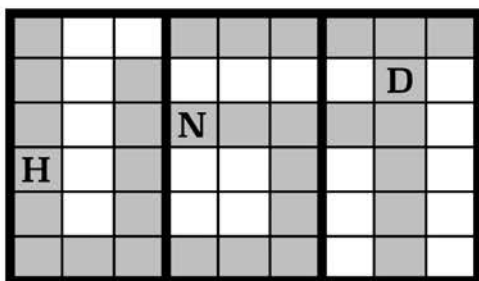
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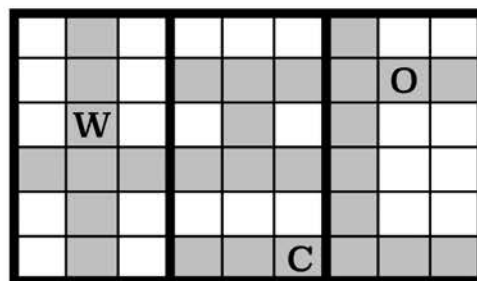
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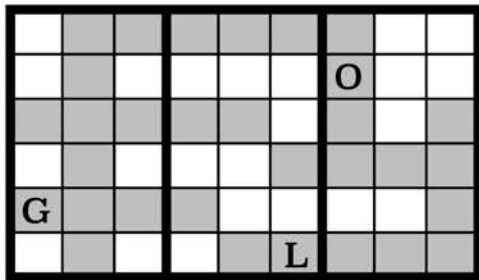


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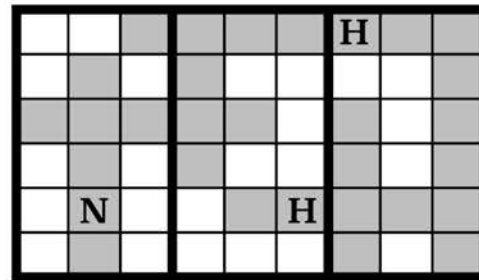


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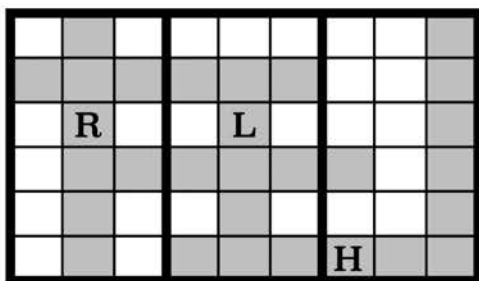




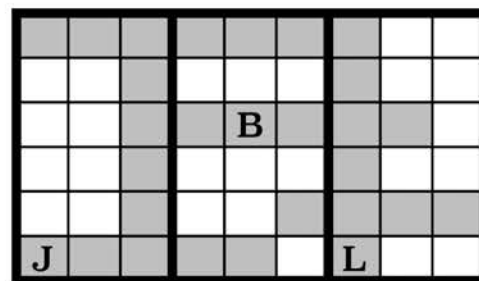
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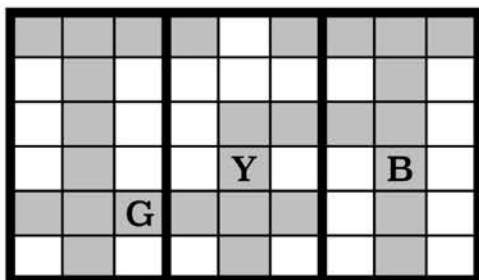
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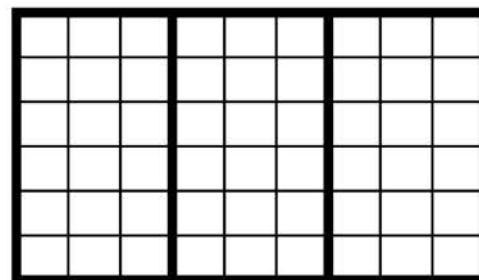
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Right: AEEEGHLRT



Left: AIIJRRSTU(?)  
Center: ABEHLNOOR  
Right: ADELLRRTY



Left: EEGHRRRSTV  
Center: AAEEILNNY  
Right: ABDEILSS(?)



\*\*\* LEFTOVERS \*\*\*  
(placed as above)

