## Adalogical Ænigmas

Gentle patron,

A picture, we are frequently told, is worth ten thousand words. Or is it *one* thousand? I believe I have heard this ancient adage both ways, and that illustrates nicely why I have long found this oft-quoted morsel of wisdom terribly *frustrating:* it is so vague, so inconsistent, so *unscientific!* How would one even *measure* this result to begin with?

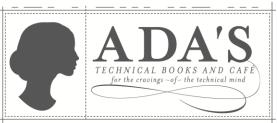
Nonetheless, I of course understand the *intent* behind the adage and agree wholeheartedly that imagery can often convey clearly what words may make obscure, and that is what inspires the present ænigma.

In the grid below, each heavily-outlined *region* should either be *completely* darkened or else left *entirely* white. Each *numeric* clue indicates the total count of darkened squares in the associated row or column. Numbers *above* a diagonal line count squares in the row to the right, while those *below* the line count squares in the column below. Squares containing numeric clues may not be darkened.

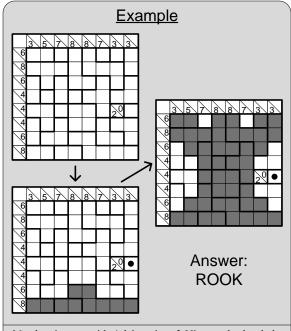
Note that there are occasionally *multiple* numeric clues in the same row or column; each clue gives information *only* about the squares up to the next clue (or to the edge of the grid).

Once you've completed the grid, you can move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. The image formed from all of your darkened squares will reveal a clue to your final answer, which this time is the name of a *pictorial entertainment*.

Good luck!

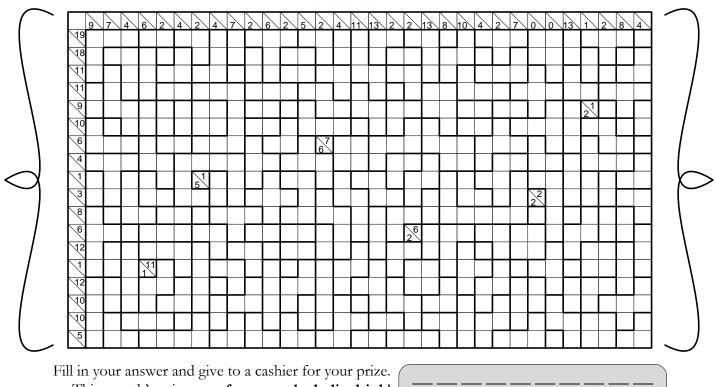


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