

# Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 21

Gentle patron,

It came to me recently, as it has done many times before, that Life presents itself to us like a particularly *devious* sort of maze: one wherein *not only* must we twist and turn on our ways, oft encountering blank endings and curs'd loopings back, but in which even the labyrinthine pathways themselves are *hidden* from us, such that we must feel out the walls blindly, stubbing our toes and bruising both body and soul.

These are the *cheery* musings that inspired the ænigma below.

I should like you to draw the pathways of a single connected maze along the *lines* of the grid below. Each path must connect *two* of the circles I've laid out; the number in each circle indicates how many paths must connect to that circle. The two circles connected by each path must contain *different* numbers.

So as to prevent the individual paths themselves from being tedious, each path may bend by 90 degrees *at most once*. Paths may not touch or cross one another.

Once you've completed your maze, you must walk it to find the final answer to my ænigma. Note that two of the circles have been *shaded*; walk the route from the upper such circle to the lower, never revisiting a circle. Whenever you come to a fork in that route, where more than one option would lead you to your goal, prefer to turn right or, failing that, to continue straight. At each circle, including the first, advance the letter written therein *forward* in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the *final digit* in the sum of all of the numbers so far encountered. Those letters will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

*Ada*

Fill in your answer and give to a cashier for your prize.

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**Example**

K + 2 = M	B + 24 = F
C + 6 = I	I + 26 = O
E + 9 = N	X + 27 = E
N + 11 = O	
P + 14 = T	
U + 16 = A	
L + 19 = U	
Q + 21 = R	

**Answer:  
THESEUS**

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