Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 11

Gentle patron,

Although, I must admit, I am not possessed of the most gregarious of spirits, I do find myself quite *craving* the company of others if I am long left by myself. There is, it seems to me, a kind of *linkage* between people, and that tie is as crucial to one's health as any food or medicine.

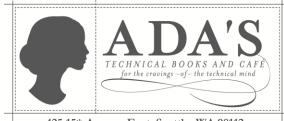
My musings along these lines provided the inspiration for the present ænigma.

The diagram below is a map of a collection of islands. Please draw sufficient horizontal and vertical bridges between pairs of islands so as to create a *path* between any two members of the archipelago, *completely* linking the collection. Bridges mayn't cross one another, nor may they jump over intervening islands.

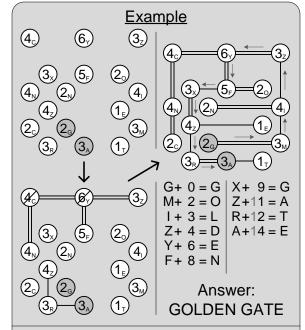
Between any two islands, there may be zero, one, or two bridges. The number on each island indicates the total quantity of bridges touching that island.

Once you've finished drawing your bridges, you can move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Note that two of the islands have been shaded in. Walk the path from island " 4_s " to island " 1_k ", keeping track of the total number of bridges seen along your path. The letter you find on each island should be advanced in the alphabet by the final digit in the bridge count up to that point (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary). This will reveal a clue to your final answer.

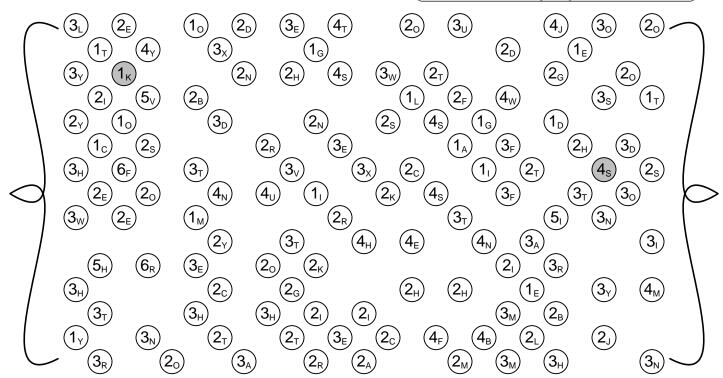
Good luck!



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