Adalogical Ænigmas

Gentle solver,

Persistent followers of my ænigma series will already be aware that the present time of year cannot be counted among my *great* favorites. Among its *manifold* qualities that regularly depress my spirits is, in our climate, the ever-present danger on one's walks of unexpectedly encountering a *poorly* situated bit of ice. I have more than once thereby been subjected to a rather painful and undignified tumble.

My concerns in this regard have inspired this ænigma.

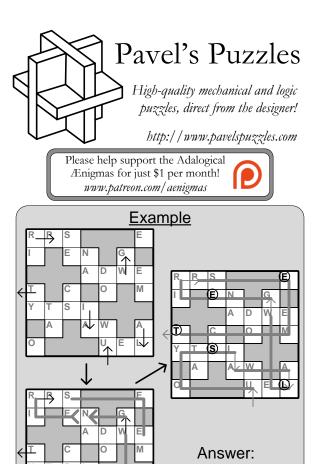
In the grid below, please draw a twisting path connecting the entrance arrow to the exit arrow, horizontally and vertically passing through the centres of some of the grid squares. Your path must include *all* of the arrows given, passing along each one in its indicated direction.

The grey regions represent those much-detested patches of slippery ice. Your path, perhaps perversely, must cross *all* of those ice patches *at least* once each and, owing to their lack of friction, mayn't make *any* turns whilst on them. Except within the bounds of ice patches, your path may neither touch nor cross itself.

Once you've completed your path, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Walk your path from start to finish, identifying the fifth white square visited and every fifth such square thereafter. Reading the letters in those squares, in path order, will lead you toward your final answer.

Good luck!

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