Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 50

Gentle solver,

On the recent occasion of an unexpectedly sunny day, I resolved not to *waste* its light, with winter's dreariness bearing down on us, and I took myself off to the lovely sculpture park we are fortunate to enjoy upon our nearby waterfront. There, as I wandered among the many and varied pieces of statuary, I was inspired to create the ænigma that follows.

The grid below represents that park I visited, and your task is to place within it all of a set of *statues*, each denoted by a simple shape. For the Example, those shapes are the five possible *tetrominos* (figures made from four squares), and for the main grid, *two* copies of each of the twelve *pentominos* (made from five squares). For ease of reference, this ænigma includes a *second* page on which all of these shapes are illustrated, each labeled with its conventional single-letter name.

Please *darken* squares to record your statue placements, which naturally cannot overlap one another. Further, no two statues may share a edge, though they *may* touch at a corner. Squares containing black circles *must* be part of some statue, whilst squares with white circles must *not*. Finally, all non-statue squares must remain *connected*, horizontally and/or vertically, so as to allow visitors to freely roam amongst the art.

Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Using the number in each *darkened* square, advance that square's statue's letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary). Reading the resulting letters, left to right, top to bottom, will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ate



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As I described in my missive on the first page of this ænigma, these below are the complete sets of tetrominos (one of each to be placed in the Example grid) and pentominos (*two* of each to be placed in the main grid), each labeled with its customary single-letter name.

Ata

