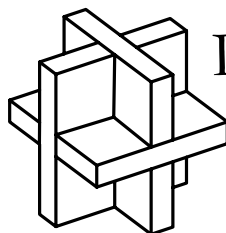


Adalogical Ænigmas

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Gentle solver,

Have you ever noticed how great a pleasure it can be, contrary to accepted wisdom, to find oneself *lost*? I recently had the marvelous opportunity to wander awhile on the literally *labyrinthine* paths of a hedge maze, and whilst it was of course quite satisfying to find my way eventually to the exit, I found the *quietude* of the many dead-end *culs de sac* even more attractive.

It is from that realization that the present Ænigma was born.

In the grid below, you are to blacken some heavily outlined regions so as to form a maze, where the black regions are the walls of the maze and the white regions are the passages. Regions containing the black clue symbols *mayn't* be blackened, and no 2x2-square area may be either all black or all white.

Pray let us avoid the inelegance of any *loops* in your maze passages. I also desire that you will arrange that the path from S (start) to G (goal) passes through *every* square containing a circle, and *no* square with a triangle. Naturally, all of the white regions must remain connected to one another: in a proper maze, there mustn't be any *unreachable* passages.

Once you have completed your maze, you may move on to finding the final answer to my Ænigma. Identify those squares that do *not* lie along the path from S to G. At each such square, advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A as necessary) by the number of *circles* on the path from S to that square. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

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Example

○	T	S	A	N	△	L
N	A	Y	B	O	S	K
F	N	B	R	Z	R	X
V	Z	△	E	D	I	O
D	S	E	N	V	Z	○
D	Z	R	K	I	A	Y
A	N	C	G	G	C	E

○	T	S	A	△	L	
N	■	■	B	■	K	
F	■	■	Z	R	X	
V	■	△	E	D	I	O
D	S	E	N	V	Z	○
D	Z	R	K	I	A	Y
A	N	C	G	G	C	E

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○	●	S	●	△	●	
●	■	■	■	■	●	
F	N	■	Z	R	X	
V	Z	△	E	D	I	O
D	S	E	N	V	Z	○
D	Z	R	K	I	A	Y
A	N	C	G	G	C	E

A + 0 = A
 L + 1 = M
 B + 0 = B
 K + 1 = L
 D + 1 = E

Answer:
AMBLE

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△	R	L	G	○	T	W	G	E	E	D	A	S	Z	Y	C	B	P	J	C	O
G	G	O	D	D	L	Z	T	O	X	△	A	H	M	V	K	△	A	M	Z	M
V	Z	△	A	G	K	P	○	E	Y	B	N	E	○	G	U	M	J	O	A	J
K	L	Y	D	L	J	A	N	M	S	H	L	S	Q	R	I	E	K	○	M	J
D	Z	L	S	M	W	D	P	Z	F	B	G	O	H	B	F	N	J	Y	M	N
Z	○	V	I	G	G	△	D	O	Y	B	I	Q	W	A	G	E	C	P	Y	Q
F	M	P	V	Z	E	B	Q	I	J	U	M	K	K	○	Z	W	L	F	△	C
P	U	F	S	D	W	J	Q	D	S	A	G	D	C	M	E	R	O	A	Z	Z
C	D	△	V	Q	N	Q	N	A	B	C	G	Q	R	K	I	M	Q	E	Z	J
D	K	A	D	L	K	T	△	L	C	R	Q	D	△	N	V	B	M	○	M	W
N	R	X	L	○	K	D	M	T	○	D	U	D	Q	F	Y	R	T	D	H	
R	F	D	Q	I	J	U	M	X	A	G	L	R	F	C	F	△	N	B	A	○

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