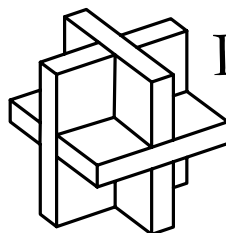


Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 64



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Gentle solver,

You have before you the *sixty-fourth* instalment in my little series, a quantity equaling, one cannot *help* but notice, two raised to the sixth power. Thus pondering powers of two, I was led thence to consider the *power of two*: in other words, Love! By purest co-incidence, 'tis the *month* for such a subject, and so I seek to *celebrate* the occasion with this ænigma.

In the grid below, every circle represents a prospective *lover*, each on a quest for its *mate*, represented by one of the hearts. I desire that you should draw a *path* from each lover to its mate, horizontally and/or vertically linking the centres of adjacent squares. As in Life, matching lovers to mates is not an *obvious* task, but such is your burden to bear!

Different lovers' paths may neither touch nor cross each other. Each lover's *number* specifies the lengths to which they will go for Love: that is, the *total* number of squares visited by their path, including both endpoints. *Every* square in the grid will be visited by exactly one path.

Once you have completed your paths, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. In each square where a lover's path does *not* turn, advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the number of *consecutive* such squares in that segment of the containing path. Reading those letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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Example

$Z + 1 = A$ $S + 1 = T$
 $D + 2 = F$ $H + 1 = I$
 $D + 2 = F$ $N + 1 = O$
 $D + 1 = E$ $M + 1 = N$
 $B + 1 = C$

Answer:
AFFECTION

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6	R	F	K	9	F	P	T	O	D	♥	P	L	J	X	A	7	O	D	M	♥
Z	V	J	S	♥	P	Z	♥	O	K	13	N	♥	R	O	S	♥	J	U	E	H
J	A	17	U	A	A	J	10	H	K	A	I	G	9	P	J	O	Q	♥	D	Y
K	P	♥	P	O	D	X	E	Z	H	Q	K	W	Q	I	O	S	P	6	R	N
P	P	Q	X	D	W	P	R	P	♥	O	15	A	K	X	A	L	J	D	A	U
G	21	W	A	W	W	15	A	B	J	O	X	D	P	♥	W	X	E	A	♥	C
S	♥	Z	E	N	O	♥	R	Q	H	J	O	L	E	23	J	B	P	K	11	I
A	D	R	A	G	W	D	N	R	10	I	♥	A	N	D	L	H	O	D	C	A
H	D	8	U	H	C	O	D	A	Q	D	K	V	D	P	A	J	P	♥	P	Z
A	W	♥	P	M	B	D	3	H	A	U	W	I	12	Z	O	I	K	18	J	Q
K	R	Q	K	♥	A	R	K	♥	H	11	M	S	♥	D	A	♥	R	U	Z	K
♥	K	N	A	7	Y	E	D	N	S	♥	Q	L	A	H	U	8	E	C	P	13

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