Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 8

Gentle patron,

I should like to believe that I am not alone in feeling the need, from time to time, for a measure of additional *direction* in my life. One looks to one's peers, one's elders, indeed, to *any* resource that comes to hand. If one then is granted, as it were, an arrow in the wilderness, it can be very welcome indeed!

In this ænigma, I've thoughtfully provided *exactly* such directional arrows to guide you. In the grid below, some of the squares that do *not* contain arrows should be completely blackened; however, two black squares may never be adjacent, horizontally or vertically. Each arrow's accompanying number counts the black squares occupying the same row or column in the indicated direction. Please note that there may be *additional* black squares, not targeted by any arrow.

Your primary task, however, is to draw a single, continuous loop that passes exactly once through every *remaining* square, neither blackened nor arrow-laden. That loop mayn't touch or cross itself, and may only make right-angled turns.

Once you've completed the loop, you can move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Beginning at the lower-left corner of the loop, traverse it *anticlockwise*, noting the letter in each square where the loop makes a *right-hand* turn. If you read those letters in order around the loop, they should yield a clue to your final answer. In this ænigma, that clue comes from a longer work; be so good as to identify and then *complete* the extract for your answer.

Good luck!

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Fill in your answer and give to a cashier for your prize. This month's prize: **one free non-alcoholic drink**! (Limit one per solver. Offer available through 6/30/2014.)