Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 83

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Gentle solver,

Upon occasion, and especially often in these *chronically* trying times, I find myself quite weary of the twists and turns of everyday life, and I strongly yearn for something rather more *straightforward*, a path much more directly following the line to my intended objective.

This sincere desire for a way without turning has inspired the ænigma I here present.

In the grid below, pray simply draw horizontal or vertical *straight lines*, each connecting the centres of two grid squares in *different* heavily outlined regions. No two lines may touch or cross, and every grid square must be visited by some line.

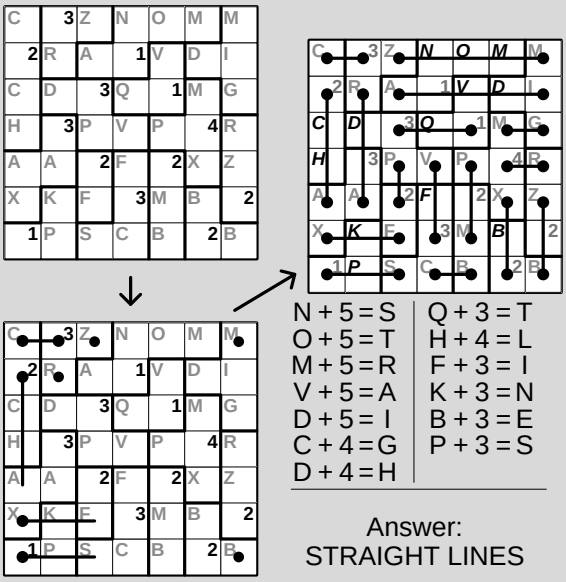
To add some welcome *structure* to your task, a number in a region specifies exactly how many lines start or end in that region.

Once you have finished your lines, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. At each square that is fully passed *through* by a line, advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A as necessary) by the total number of squares visited by that line. Reading the resulting letters in left to right, top to bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

Example



N + 5 = S
O + 5 = T
M + 5 = R
V + 5 = A
D + 5 = I
C + 4 = G
D + 4 = H

Q + 3 = T
H + 4 = L
F + 3 = I
K + 3 = N
B + 3 = E
P + 3 = S

Answer:
STRAIGHT LINES

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G	O	2	Q	D	C	Z	Y	M	4	X	B	O	R	J	3	N	X	A	P	B
K	2	E	V	1	H	K	F	P	L	4	L	Y	Q	I	I	2	A	A	2	W
T	H	E	H	A	2	X	P	Y	D	N	3	G	Y	4	J	A	W	2	Z	M
1	Z	Q	B	H	A	2	I	R	1	O	V	Z	3	J	J	H	1	W	E	1
X	3	K	H	4	C	G	X	4	B	O	K	1	Q	Y	3	S	D	O	Z	B
V	E	H	1	Y	N	Q	F	B	N	3	V	L	O	R	W	3	G	M	D	E
X	K	U	P	E	4	J	O	X	G	T	1	D	N	Y	N	C	4	D	W	2
2	Q	D	O	L	A	1	Q	Z	F	Q	K	1	N	F	2	Q	C	A	2	C
Y	4	P	P	1	D	A	2	D	H	4	G	D	I	2	D	D	O	2	F	O
S	X	1	J	A	3	W	P	L	1	J	Z	P	4	Z	Z	3	O	A	D	A
3	F	J	Z	1	D	K	Q	3	E	O	1	A	C	E	I	Z	1	I	W	I
B	P	K	4	P	O	3	A	G	A	O	S	3	Q	C	O	G	N	3	K	O

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