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Gentle solver,

Recently, I was quite pleased to receive in the post a copy of my friend Deusovi's latest published novel, a thrilling mediæval tale of knights-errant, wandering the ancient English countryside, questing for adventures in which they could prove their chivalric honour. Though truly a *ripping good yarn*, I found myself more drawn in by my empathy for these knights' lonely roamings, and it is those thoughts which inspired the ænigma that follows.

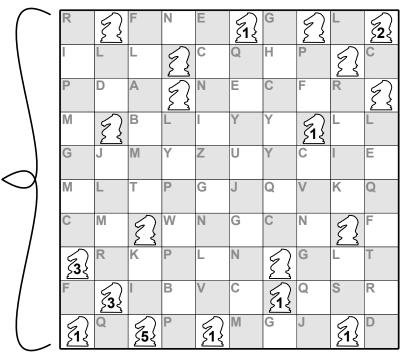
The grid below represents the England o'er which our heroes make their peregrinations. I wish you to shift each knight about, making zero or more of their accustomed chess moves (viz., two spaces forward and then one space left or right). Please depict each such move with a single *straight* line segment connecting the centres of its starting and ending squares. A numbered knight must move exactly that many times, and the paths of knights' moves mayn't touch or cross themselves or each other.

Our heroes must end their wanderings with the same number of knights in every row and column and, reflecting their solitary existence, with no two knights adjacent, not even diagonally.

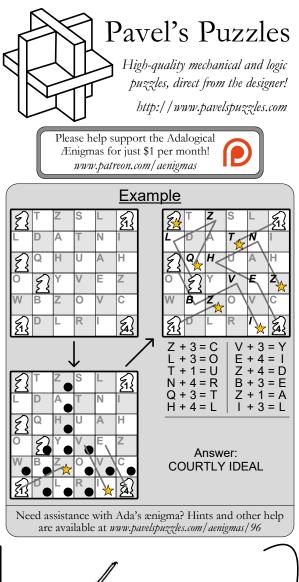
Once you have completed the knights' quests, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. In each grid square where a chess move ended, pray advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the total number of moves that knight made. Reading the resulting letters in leftto-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

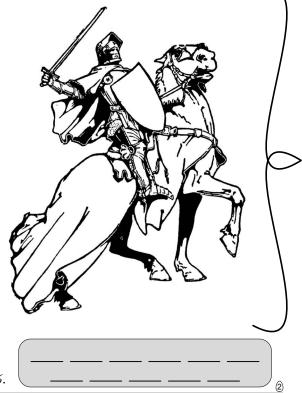
Good luck!

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