The Ænigmatic Addenda:

Guest Constructors revisit the Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 16: Mr Joseph Howard revisits Ænigma #28

Gentle solver,

We are graced with our sixteenth *Addendum* by Mr Joseph Howard, a guest contributor to *www.gmpuzzles.com* whose clever creations were runners-up in two different categories in the site's competition for Best Puzzle of 2018.

Following my original ænigma, Mr Howard asks you to plan out the planting of my personal forest. No two trees, to be represented by *blackened* squares, may be horizontally or vertically adjacent. A circled number, representing a *vista point*, specifies *exactly* how many squares are horizontally or vertically *visible* from that point (including itself) before encountering a tree or the edge of the forest.

Naturally, no tree may be planted on a vista point, and it must be possible to walk, by horizontal and/or vertical steps, between any two treeless spaces *without* running into a tree!

Once you've completed my forest plan, you may move on to finding the final answer to this ænigma. Notice that some few of the vista points are *shaded*; plot out the shortest walking path betwixt those points, progressing in *increasing* numerical order. (Wherever there are *multiple* shortest paths, pray choose the one that delays turning from your present course for as long as possible.)

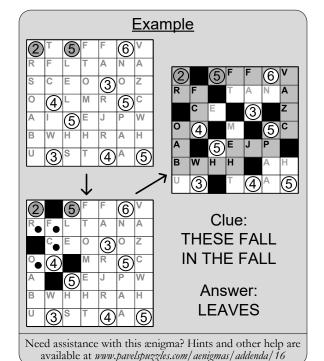
As you walk, advance each letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the number most recently encountered. Reading the resulting letters in path order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

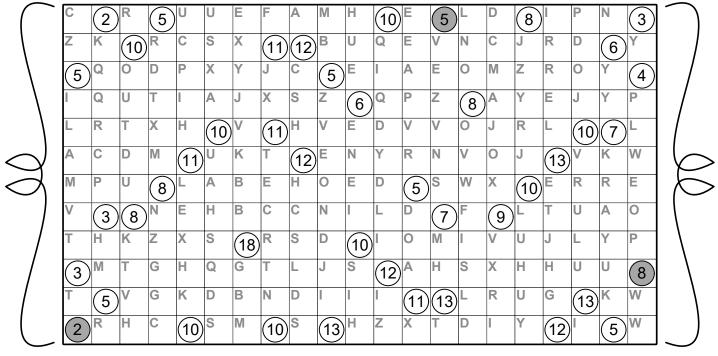
Good luck!



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