Adalogical Ænigmas
No. 38

Gentle solver,

Dread, dark winter, I am most sad to say, is once again upon us, but I hope that you can take *some* solace, as I do, in remembering that this also is that time of *holidays*, during which we traditionally return to our familial homesteads to enjoy renewing our bonds to those we love and who likewise love us.

It is these *consolatory* thoughts that have inspired the ænigma presented here.

In the grid below, each *circle* represents a holiday traveler, keen to return home, and each such home is one of the boldly outlined *regions* of the grid; it is for you to determine which region is home to which traveler and to return them thence. Every region is home to precisely *one* traveler.
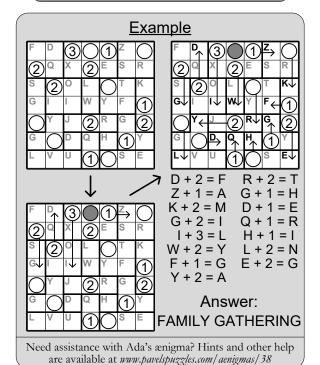
Each traveler may move *either* horizontally or vertically into their home region, but not both. Travelers bearing numbers must move *exactly* that many spaces. Unnumbered travelers may move *any* distance, including none at all. No two travelers' paths may touch or cross one other.
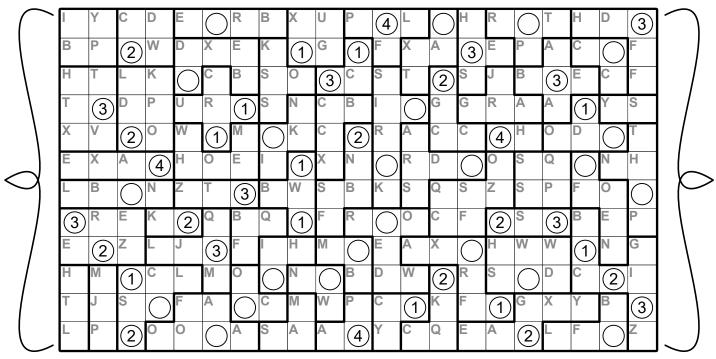
Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Note the letter in each space where some traveler *ended* their journey, and advance that letter in the alphabet (wrapping from Z to A if necessary) by the distance that traveler moved. Reading the resulting letters, left to right and top to bottom, will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

Example

D + 2 = F   R + 2 = T
Z + 1 = A   G + 1 = H
K + 2 = M   D + 1 = E
G + 2 = I   Q + 1 = R
I + 3 = L   H + 1 = I
W + 2 = Y   L + 2 = N
F + 1 = G   E + 2 = G
Y + 2 = A

Answer:
FAMILY GATHERING

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