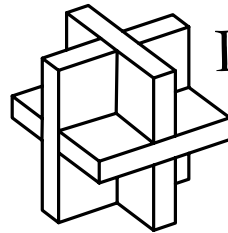


Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 84



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Gentle solver,

As the warm and wonderful days of summer give way to the dreary grey chill of autumn, my mind inevitably is drawn to likewise dark corners of my *psyche*. It is, I think, no accident that Hallowe'en falls so aptly in this season, as our thoughts follow similarly dim and twisted paths best spoken of only in whispers.

It was whilst wandering these *morbid* mental passages that I found the inspiration for the Ænigma that follows.

In the grid below, please plot the paths of my mind by shading some of the squares, such that those left *unshaded* form the walkways of a single connected *maze*. Reflecting my mind's sense of *constriction*, pray ensure that no 2x2 region is either all shaded or all unshaded.

Squares containing circles mayn't be shaded; they mark every "dead end" in the maze, and you mustn't introduce any others. A number in a circle specifies exactly how many *unshaded* squares are "visible" from that point, including the circle square itself.

Once you have finished your maze, you may move on to finding the final answer to my Ænigma. Walk the shortest path from the leftmost darkened circle to the rightmost, advancing each encountered letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A as necessary) by the number of its unshaded *neighbors*. Reading the resulting letters in path order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

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Example

3	F	C	Q	P	C	C	
	R	Y	Y	S	Q	K	G
2	L	L	F	F	M	O	
	C	B	3	G	F	O	C
	F	C	K		J		A
	H	J	I	B	Z	A	Y
	S	B		K	Y	L	L

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3	F	•	•	•	P	C	C
	•	•	•	S	Q	K	G
2	L	L	F	F	M	O	
	C	B	3	G	F	O	C
	F	C	K		J		A
	H	J	I	B	Z	A	Y
	S	B		K	Y	L	L

→

Clue:
HE AUTHORED
"ANNABEL LEE"

Answer:
EDGAR ALLAN POE

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G	L	R	P	3	D	J	R	B	R	O	N	N	S	Z	T	3	Y	L	U
L	N	P	C	B	F	R	B	Y	I	O	4	R	W	Q	G	E	W	M	E
R	F	F	B	W	U	H	U	X	F	C	M	R	P	C	O	C	E		Z
L	L	P	3	L	X	L	B	A	B	Y	B	3	Y	Q	B	E	S	J	S
Y	D	3	K	Y	G	H	R	R		O	V	X	I	C	F	A	B	J	Z
G		L	M	K	P		L	C	E	R	T	C	P	2	Z	C	K	C	V
H	Q	E	R	N	Z	B	R	F	Y	Y		R		O	B	A	L	Q	R
R	•	Q	3	M	R	F	N	A	F	A	J	N	P	X	D	D		P	
D	P	A	F	R	G	R	T		Q	G	R	B	Q	A	K	I	L	G	F
B	S	Y	Q	2	T	J	Y	O	R	M	W		G	P		K	I	Z	M
Y	G	O	B	P	C	L	B	R		S	D	C	Q	F	X	•	P	H	C
D	Y	W	R	Y	I	5	I	S	R	Q	4	D	M	J	S	R	I	Q	Q

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