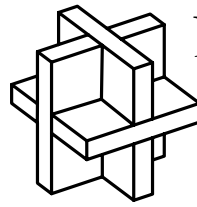


# The Ænigmatic Addenda:

## Guest Constructors revisit the Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 5: Mr Mike Selinker revisits Ænigma #13



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Gentle solver,

For our fifth *Addendum*, it is my sincere honor to present you with an offering from the truly *legendary* game and puzzle designer Mr Mike Selinker, creator of *The Maze of Games*, the world's first and only interactive puzzle novel, and *far* too many games for me to enumerate without appearing quite unseemly.

Among his other accomplishments, Mr Selinker is well-known as a master constructor of *word* puzzles, and here he combines that skill with my sort of *logical* ænigma in a delightful unified whole.

Good luck!

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New to cryptic clues? Consult a handy solving guide at [www.thenation.com/article/solving-nations-cryptic-crosswords](http://www.thenation.com/article/solving-nations-cryptic-crosswords)

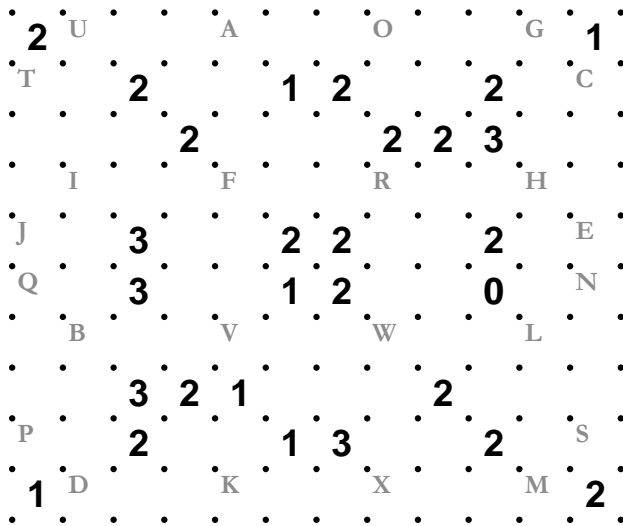
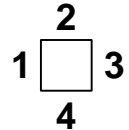
Unfamiliar with Slitherlink puzzles? See Ada's original: [www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/13](http://www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/13)

Need assistance with this ænigma? Hints and other help are available at [www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/addenda/5](http://www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/addenda/5)

This is the tale of Mr M Slitherlinker, an entirely reputable fellow who ran afoul of the most *disreputable* sorts. So eager was he to preserve his treasures from these *desperate* villains that he hid them in the box below. To open it, they would have to master not only Slitherlinker's confounding cryptic clues, but also his *eponymous* genre of logic puzzle!

The lettered spaces correspond to the given cryptic clues, whose answers you will discover to be in *alphabetical* order. Each answer can be preceded or followed by one of ZERO, ONE, TWO, or THREE to make a familiar phrase, sometimes after modifying the spacing or punctuation; insert those numbers into the corresponding spaces in the grid. Then solve the resulting Slitherlink according to the conventional rules: draw a single, simple loop along the grid lines, such that each *numbered* square contributes exactly that many of its edges to the loop.

When you have completed your loop, find all the 3s *you* put into the grid. Locate the *unused* edge of each 3, use the diagram shown at right to map that to an *index*, and read the indexed letter of the corresponding answer word. (For example, if the *top* edge were unused, you would read the *second* letter of the answer word.) Re-order those letters in two different ways to discover who is troubling our dear Mr Slitherlinker.



- G. Group of stars from California take the lead of Puerto Rico caregiver (9)
- H. Ed Koch, abandoning trailers, turned over a drug (4)
- I. Stood up to drink without any pep after comeback (5)
- J. Import it into Thanksgiving sauce (7)
- K. Earth is green and spherical (6)
- L. It's a wolf moon that changes natural principles (4 2 6)
- M. Sinister supporters' fete felt macabre (4 4)
- N. Math symbol ennobles St. Hannibal at heart (4 4)
- O. Turks see me ordering gunmen (10)
- P. Bed set part of those around a round table shaded by the sun, reportedly (10)
- Q. Calm gasp about item of neckwear (7)
- R. Castro guerrilla detains desperado (5)
- S. "Ready, set, go!" so they get duped (7)
- T. They sing "Or or or or or or or or or!" (6)
- U. Clocked filmmakers Burton and Wood (5)
- V. High B is not part of what's below the hip musical quality (4)
- W. Doctor trusted love birds (11)
- X. Firm that ships some arrows (3)

- A. Perfect mixing of soul beat (8)
- B. Strangely, I care for overhead branch? (3 5)
- C. As part of program, I go shopping for friends in Tijuana (6)
- D. Carries Chicago team (5)
- E. Bandits lose and they're blown apart (4)
- F. Banker I cast for 1984 hip-hop dance movie (7?)

Send your answer to [aenigma@pavelspuzzles.com](mailto:aenigma@pavelspuzzles.com) to enter the drawing for a **free physical puzzle** from Pavel's Puzzles! Full details are at [www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/addenda/5](http://www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/addenda/5).

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