

RUG MERCHANT / ROUND ONE META SOLUTION - "RISE, O CARPET, RACE ON IN A BOLD SKY!"

The rug shown has five significant design elements that nest within each other (in much the same way that stories are described as "tales within tales within tales"). From the outside inward, the elements are:

FRINGE  
CHECKS  
ARABESQUES  
SCALLOPS  
SUN

These elements are each mentioned in the introductions to the other puzzles in this round. This gives an outward-to-inward order for those answers. Thus,

RISKY  
SEBOLD  
OCARINA  
PEON  
TRACE

nest to form

RI < SE [ OCAR ( PE { TRACE } ON ) INA ] BOLD > SKY

or

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