

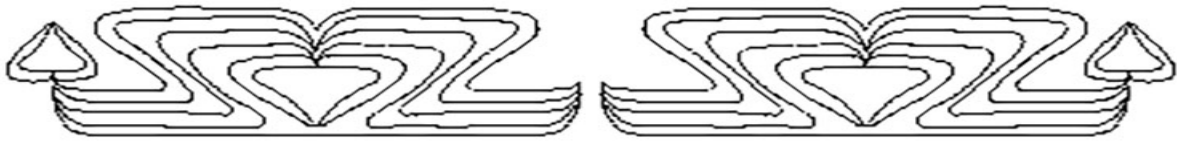
IT TAKES TWO

In 2012 A.D., the world did *not* come to an end.

And so, contrary to their expectations, the Mayan Hero Twins Hunahpu (who was also the sun) and Xbalanque (who also happened to be the moon), suddenly found themselves with time on their hands. What to do, what to do?

Having already had many wondrous adventures, as chronicled in the Mayan myth cycle the *Popol Vuh*, the young godlings turned towards more leisurely pursuits, some of which are represented by puzzles in the ensuing pages. The closest of companions, the twins did everything together, and one could always rely on the other. *If ever one were to face seemingly intractable difficulty, and be unsure of what to do, help would always be nearby.*

But though the twins found many happy ways to pass their time, there was one activity the boys did *not* engage in. **What was that activity?**



Dear Solvers,

When you've arrived at your this year's final answer, please **send it to me** at markhalpin3 at gmail dot com to get a place on the Leaderboard. The first pair or solo solver to do so will win their choice of two berths in Foggy Brume's upcoming Puzzle Boat 5 or a one-year subscription to P&A Magazine. One other solver drawn randomly from all those submitting the correct answer before Monday, September 17th will receive a one-year subscription to Joon Pahk's Outside the Box Puzzles, as well as a signed copy of Joon's book Triple Decker Trivia. At that point, I'll post hints and solutions. If you're not interested in the Leaderboard or prizes, feel free to contact me for hints or nudges at any point. As ever, the point of the thing is to have fun, so if there's anything I can do to facilitate that, please don't hesitate to let me know.

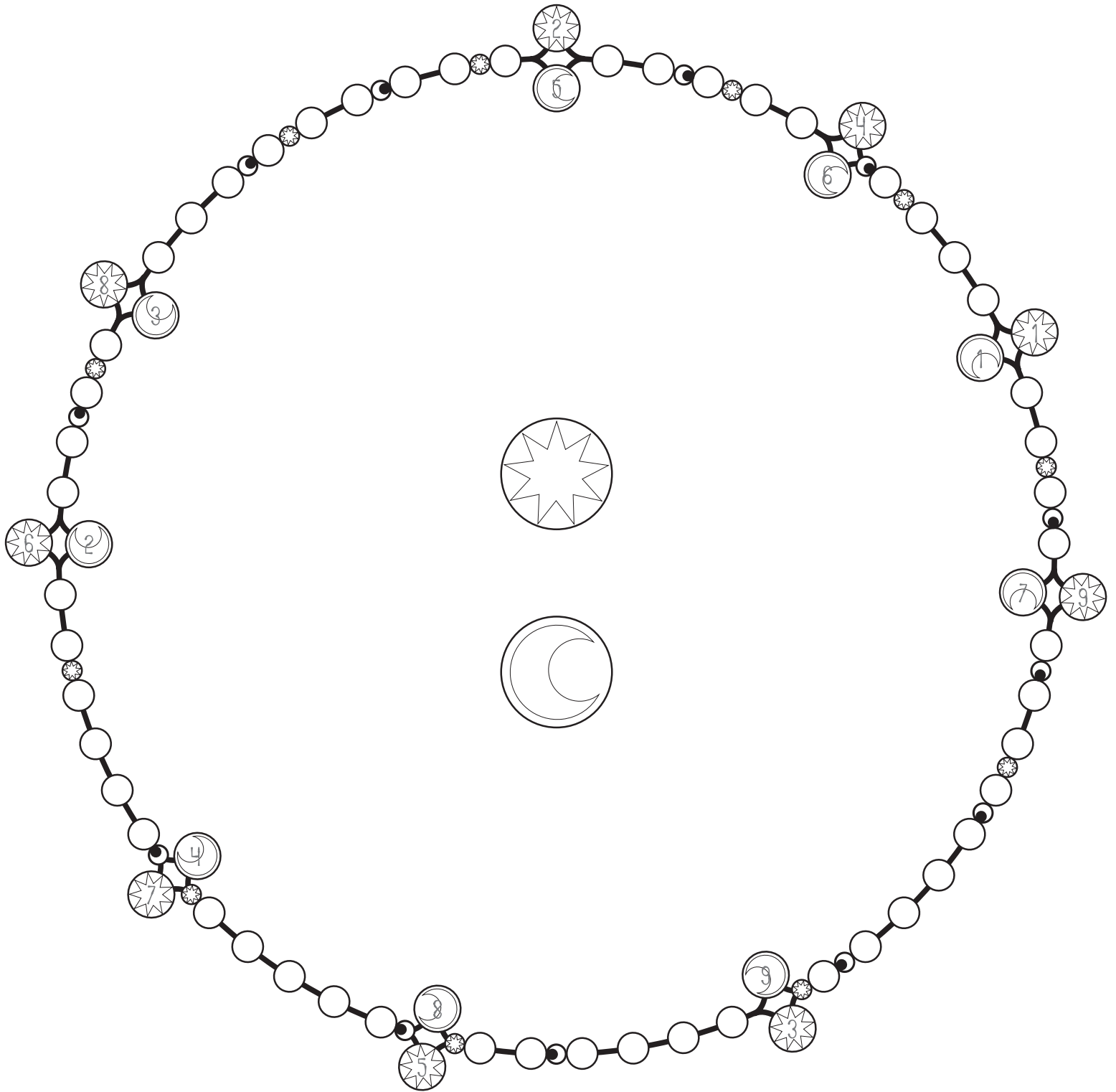
The answer checker will confirm answers as well as certain useful clue phrases; though not strictly necessary, I **would recommend confirming the latter**. All puzzles may be printed to solve, though using online solving resources is fair game. Specific knowledge of the original source material is not required, and flavor text is often clueful.

Happy solving!

Mark/Zebraboy

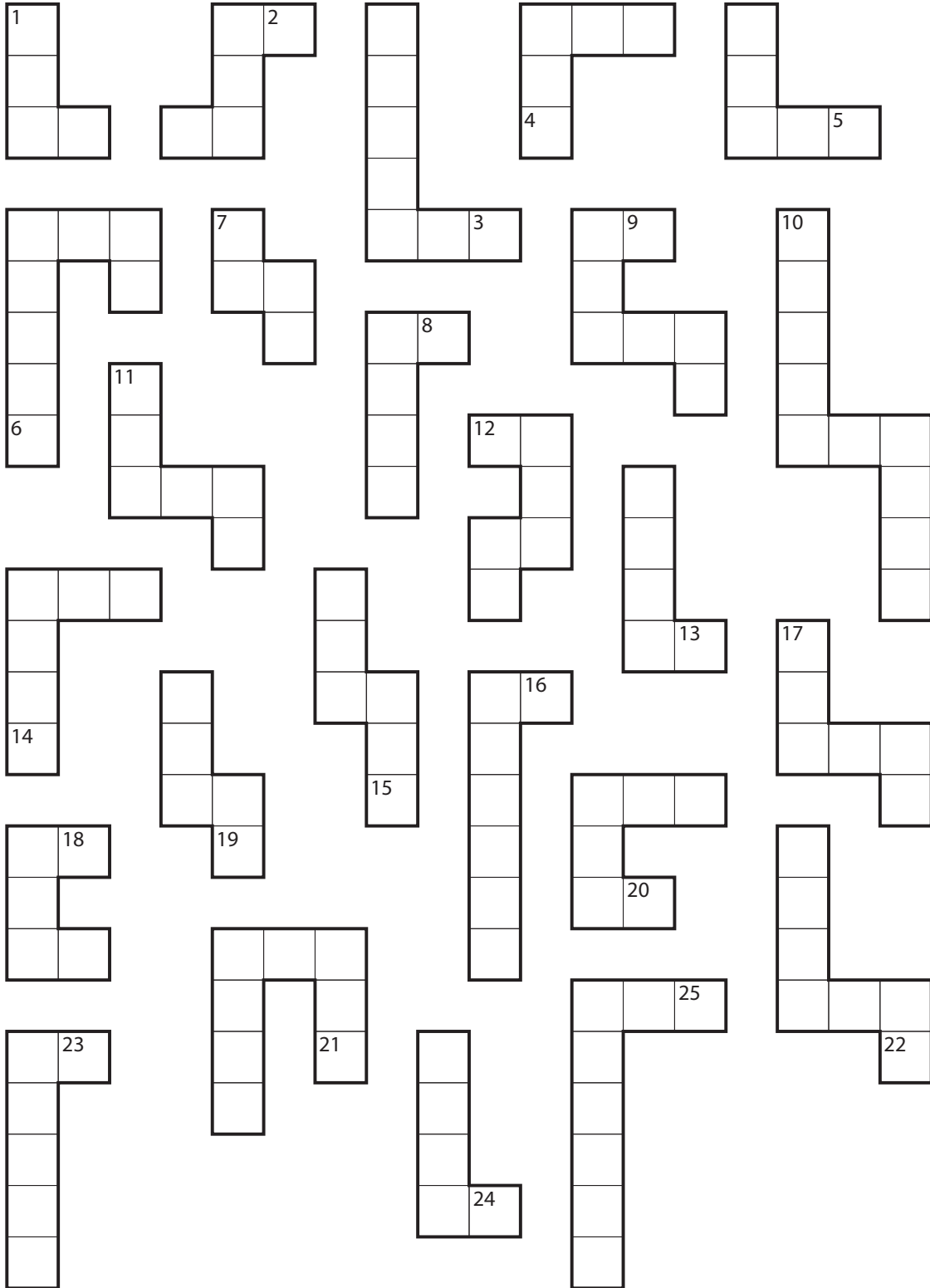
Collecting Shells

Hunahpu and Xbalanque enjoyed stringing together shells of all kinds: conch shells, puka shells, meta shells....



GOING TO THE PALACE -- page 2

Pieces may be rotated, but not reflected



Munting and Fishing

The twins slew creatures of all kinds, but they kept their sense of humor about it.

- 1961 song in which the Shirelles advise a New World monkey that these 24 hours are not anomalous
- As rapturous as an emporium selling ant-based confectionary to spiny monotremes
- Brand of dolls which depict arboreal rodents from US history, or which may resemble your own arboreal rodent
- Cain's query to the Lord regarding his familial status as a smoked herring
- Cigarette pack caution issued by the highest-ranking roe producer
- Decades-long social activism promoting equal treatment and opportunities for genus *Leptailurus*
- Diagram in which you'd find Babarium, Hortonine, Dumbonium, etc.
- Duplicate a giraffe-like beast, then insert it elsewhere into a document
- Elvis song about colorful, leathery, mole-like creatures
- Film in which Mr. Miyagi teaches a raccoon-like youngster to "wax on, wax off"
- Magazine currently owned by Win McCormack that deals with the liberal leanings of wildebeests
- Manufacturing process in which workers standing by a conveyor belt construct a large feline piece by piece
- R&B song from The Main Ingredient in which all lagomorphs act like nitwits
- Right honourable equine who succeeded Sir Andrew Parmley in governing the largest city in the UK
- Sort of place where Father Damien worked among sick, spotted carnivores

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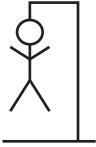
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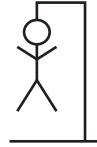
Killing and Resurrecting

Hunahpu and Xbalanque would happily show off by killing and resurrecting each other again and again and again and again. They dazzled the lords of the Underworld with their range of demises.



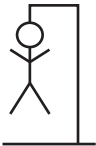
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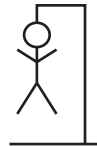
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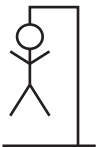
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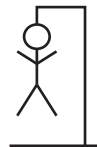
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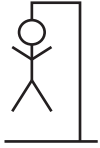
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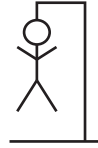
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KILLING EACH OTHER - page 2



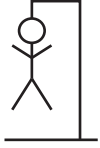
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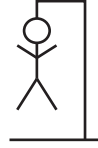
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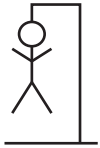
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III	11	0	0	0	6,13	0	9	2	3,4	0	0	7,14	0	0	0	0	10	1,8	0	0	5,12	0	0	15	0	
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Hunahpu and Xbalanque played ball as often as they could, whether in their family's court or in the great, dreadful ball court of Xibalba. It's fun when something gets bounced! Extremely, extremely fun.

ARTHUREMILLERSETRAGICESALESMA NEWILLYE (5)

UNDDERGROUNDUPLAANTPLIKKELPOTTATOESPANDDAYAMMSY (5)

MORGAGETMONYEH ELD BYATHIDRPARYTPERAPSH (6)

SVIIDEOSGAAMESPRRINCESSSREESCUEDSBYYSLIINK (5)

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LOUSEECAEGGSGNIKORNEEUQUIBBLESKCAJ (4)

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WALLLASTREETRTDEVICEVEALSOSLONESENHEARTAESLANGILYAL (6)

JAKESJFRONFMRODUCTSMLRLCAKECM AINTINGSM (6)

SLLLYSLDEKICKOIGDSTONIQBHAUTYAQDTKEBHAST (2 3)

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Playing Music

The twins loved playing and listening to music, though their favorite genres could be hard to track down.

	E	R	U	Z	A	L	A	P	M	I	S	B	R	E	V	O	R	P	C
1. HIP-HOP	D	N	O	I	S	I	V	I	D	I	N	I	S	S	A	C	A	E	S
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2. GRUNGE	F	V	I	C	E	V	E	R	S	A	I	R	G	U	Y	A	N	A	S
	A	S	M	O	R	C	H	I	F	E	H	I	T	I	M	O	T	H	Y
3. COUNTRY	N	T	T	N	E	I	N	D	A	L	T	C	C	H	Z	E	E	O	M
	O	R	A	A	H	E	C	A	R	F	N	L	M	S	A	C	S	M	O
4. BIG BAND	B	E	Y	P	I	S	O	K	C	Y	I	K	K	D	V	N	A	E	N
	W	N	L	H	E	N	I	E	E	F	R	C	H	D	O	A	E	R	O
5. LATIN	A	I	O	T	P	R	S	N	F	T	O	O	E	I	L	R	R	S	R
	R	R	R	O	J	N	I	H	R	L	C	C	T	L	E	F	G	I	E
6. ROCK	D	A	Y	U	T	A	U	W	I	A	Z	A	I	T	A	E	R	M	T
	C	M	N	R	E	X	S	D	I	D	T	E	F	P	O	N	R	P	U
7. POP	L	A	N	M	T	W	L	P	L	N	A	P	A	J	O	A	D	S	E
	E	R	U	A	A	O	R	A	E	I	K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	D
8. BLUES	A	T	B	L	G	D	R	M	B	R	H	L	Y	N	U	T	T	N	M
	V	L	B	I	A	E	A	E	K	U	I	P	E	R	B	E	L	T	R
9. GOSPEL	E	U	O	N	M	L	F	I	T	O	U	Q	S	U	T	A	T	S	S
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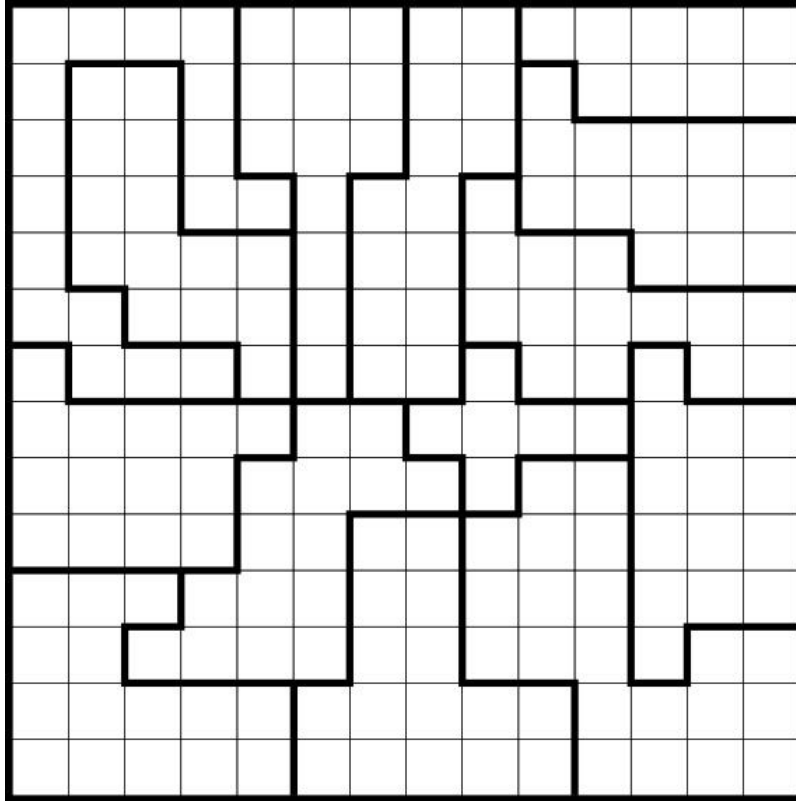
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Items are in alphabetical order by column; ignore any extraneous words not part of the boys' genres.



The twins taunted the demon bird Vucub-Caquix by finding and looting the nests of all kinds of different birds.

Each row, column and enclosed area in the grid below contains exactly two nests in different squares. No two nests are in adjacent squares vertically, horizontally or diagonally.



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Swimming

The twins loved going for a swim, even when the current was too swift, too cold, or too treacherous.

The answer to a clue will be used in the blanks of the following clue, one set of shaded or unshaded letters per blank. Clues within a set are in the correct order, though sets of clues are ordered randomly.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

Accords

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B ___ a ___

___ se; ___ y

V ___, ta ___ r b ___

Conspiracy member

___ r ___ r' ___ a ___ P ___

Places with ___ i ___ d ___ ers

Small ___ o ___ erving

___ u ___ happily

___ e picture

Extremely hot

One precedes

___ s, g ___ nd ___ s

___ s of a b ___

___ k ___

___ e ___

Former VP

___ t o ___ n ___

V ___ s

___ er ___, e.g.

___ h ___ rivals

S ___

Loaded

___ ke, ___, etc.

___ e

Im ___

Where you'd find the ___ d ___ r

E ___ 's o ___ one

Rapid

___ e ___; n ___

Is very ___ h ___

Eyewear in ___ i ___ e ___ a ___

Dis ___

Opposite of ___ p ___

Revamp

___ e ___ l, Sn ___ d, ___ es, etc.

Components of ___ e ___

___ e ___ s of w ___

___ er for a l ___

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Some points

___ o ___ i ___ or ___ s, perhaps

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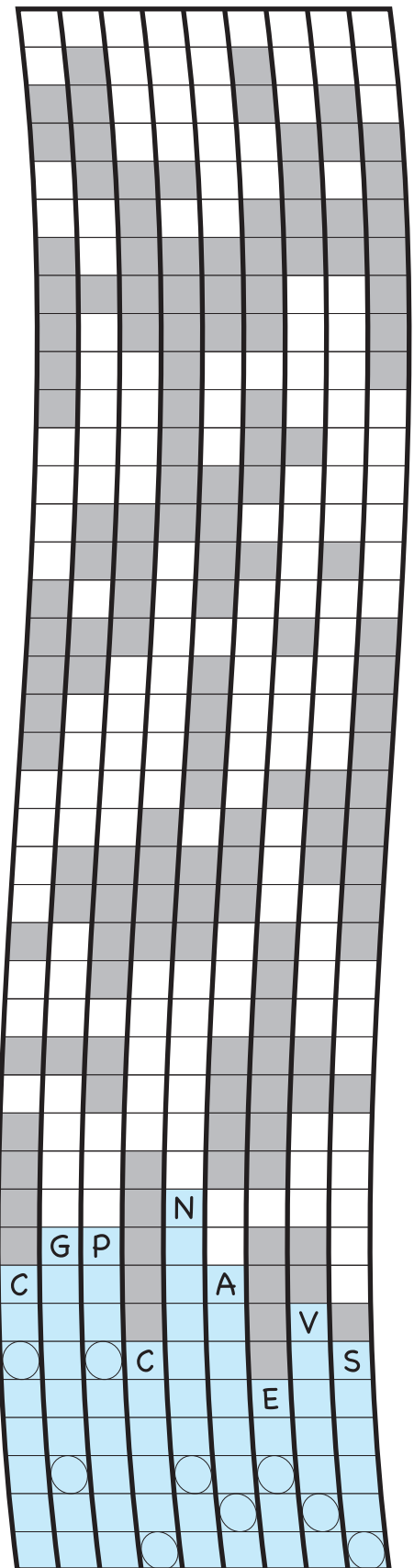
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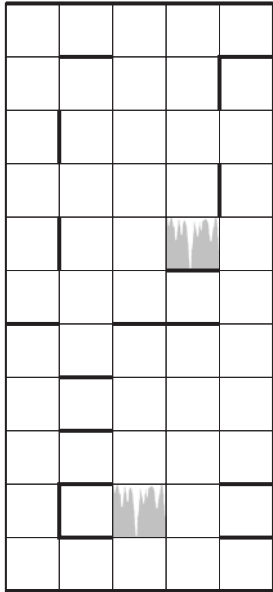
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Visiting the Underworld

Several times, the twins braved the horrors of Xibalba, the Mayan underworld. Safely traversing its myriad hazards required flexibility and resilience under pressure.



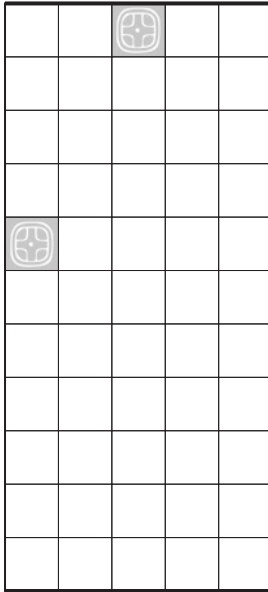
The **Cold House** was cold. We're talking *really* cold.

ACROSS

- Bereft or forsaken, old style
- Extra added levy
- Fix tight, like a war correspondent
- Flycatcher with a small-sounding name
- Illegal payment like Payola
- Many a Bach opus
- Nickname for President Clinton or athlete / actor Smith
- Nincompoop
- One on the web or the waves
- Politico Hatch
- Roman orator or IL town

DOWN

- "Bah! For shame!"
- Be in the red
- Consume
- Dorothy, to Em and Henry
- Excrete, like unctuous charm
- Icky, sticky substance
- Once around the track
- Portrayed in paint or pencil or words



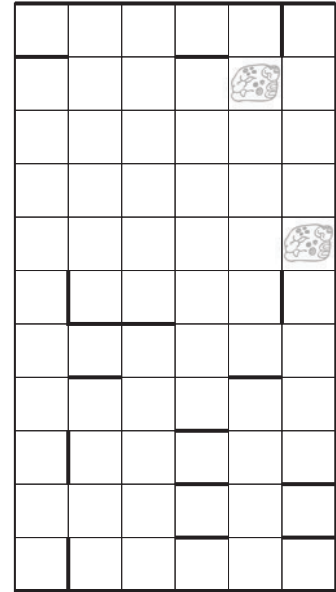
The **Dark House** was so pitch black inside that it was impossible to see its walls.

ACROSS

- "Aw, cheese and crackers!"
- Characteristic or quality
- Egyptian beetle
- Handy to have around
- In the ___ luxury (2 wds.)
- Major foil and can-making company
- School tool or sovereign
- Spokes on a wheel, say
- Tyrolean trill
- Vote into office

DOWN

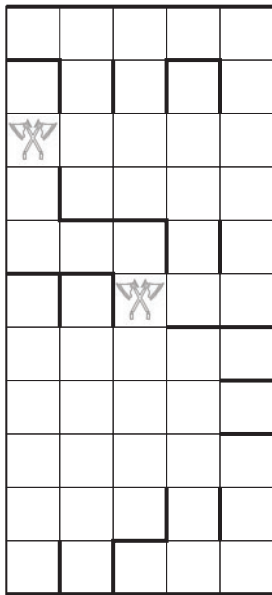
- Basic, fundamental or undeveloped
- Caviar or tobiko
- Involving being a reason
- It's presumably less strange than truth
- Competed in a Grand Prix or marathon
- Like golf balls or handsome chins
- Perry and Della's creator
- Stand in a farmers market, maybe (2 wds.)



The cunning, stealthy beasts in the **Jaguar House** could be lurking anywhere.

ACROSS and DOWN

- Broadsided (like a steak?) (*hyph.*)
- Go through five sad stages, perhaps
- Hallucinogenic hemp concoction
- Having no reason not to take a job in a new city, perhaps
- It can follow stat and log
- Jab + cross combo punch (*hyph.*)
- Kid's painful boo-boo
- Made a swinish remark?
- Make slippery with oil
- New homeowners take them out (*abbr.*)
- Not at all in a quiet way
- Not customary or conventional
- "Now *that* is a fine-looking mademoiselle!" (3 wds.)
- Presumably, much of Picabo Street's pants, jackets, etc. (2 wds.)
- Pixar's robot (*hyph.*)
- Sheltered from the wind
- Snowy white wader
- Tart pie filling or dustup at the ballpark
- Ten, to start
- Yelp article



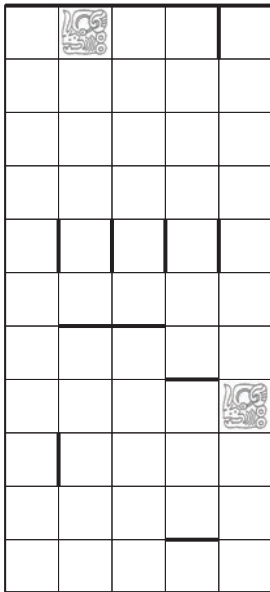
In the **Razor House**,
wicked blades whirled
through the room, slicing
everything to pieces.

ACROSS

- Butterfly-to-be
- Bulging outward
- Really had a hankering (for)
- Topples or nullifies
- Unwilling to give up; ascertained

DOWN

- Country rocker Steve
- Black Swan* director Aronofsky
- Do, re, or mi
- Gave birth in a barn
- Heirs; descendants
- Film and Broadway actress Dana
- "Keen!"
- Monkey suit, briefly
- More sharp, like an angle or ache
- Sent to the bottom of the sea



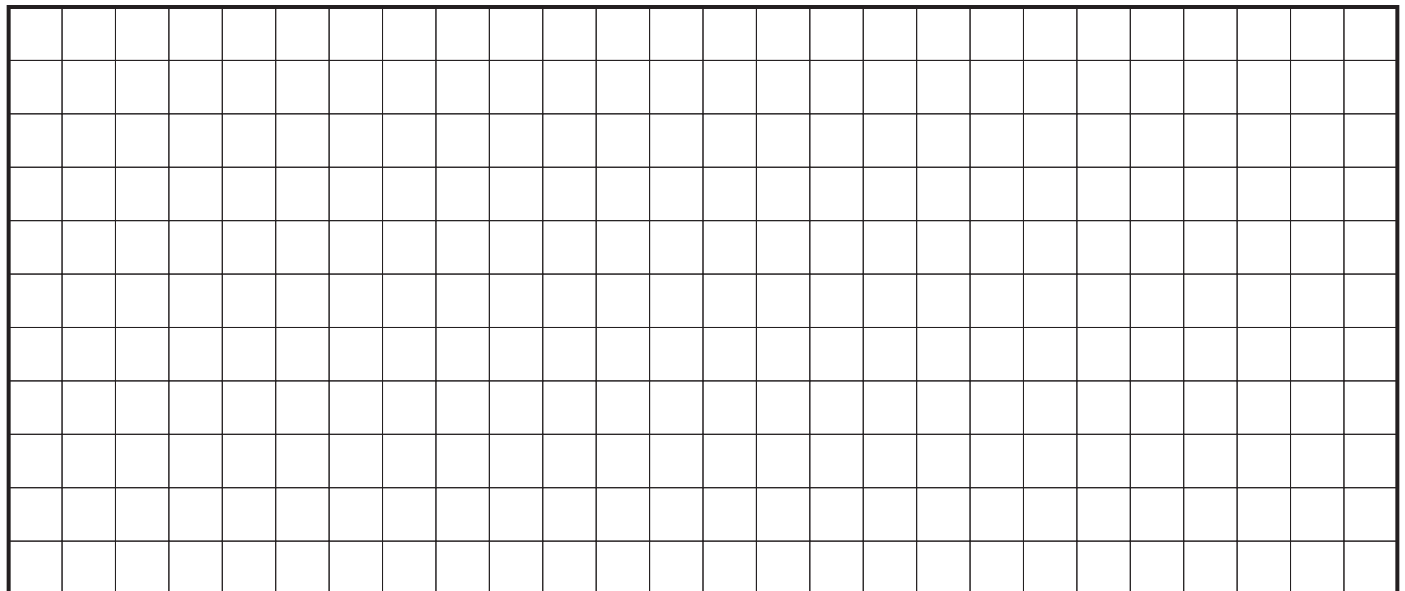
The **Shrieking House** held
a thousand screeching little
demons flying back and forth
and up and down.

ACROSS

- Agile circus performer
- Blue-furred X-man Hank McCoy
- Botanical container for
metaphorically similar items
- Craft knife brand
- Divide in two
- Inscribed with ancient glyphs
- Princess Fiona for one
- Prom queen's crown
- What a mute button mutes
- Yuletide sprigs

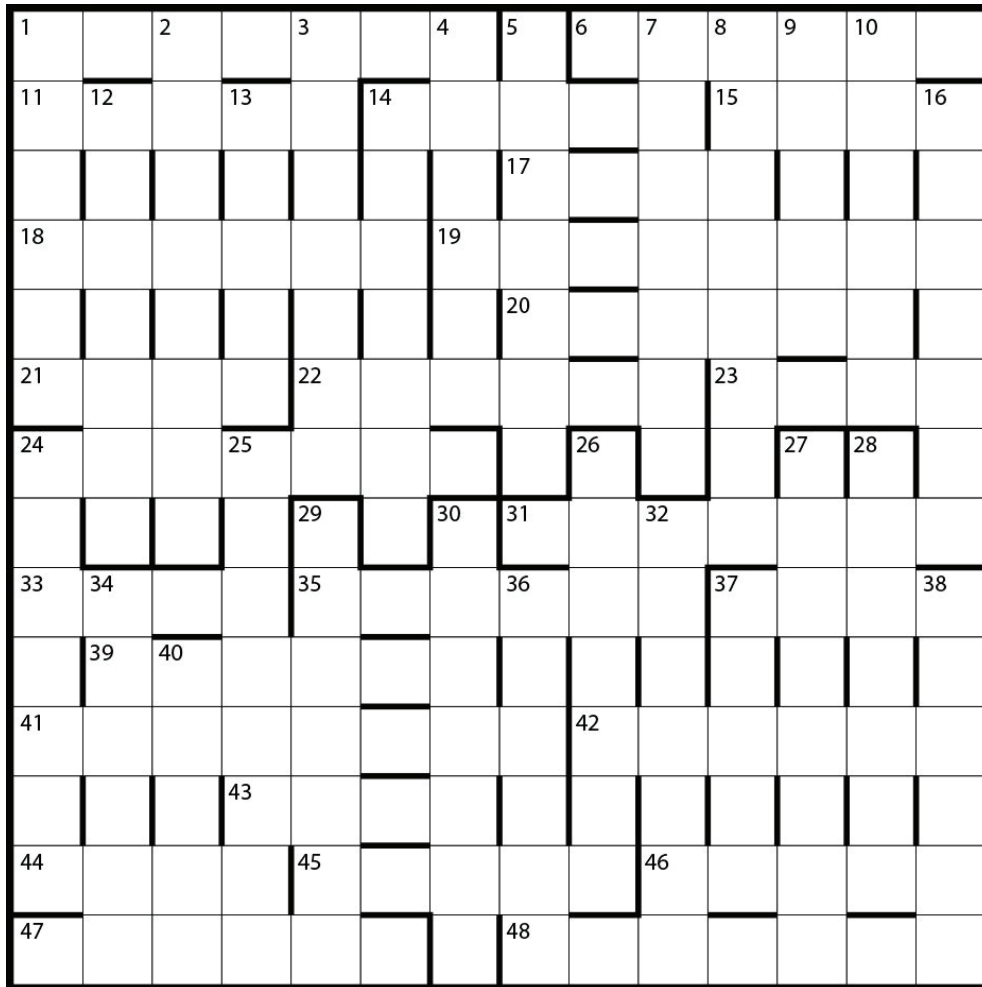
DOWN

- Custard-filled pastry
- First Lady before Michelle
- How rapid events might proceed
- "I like New York in June" follow-up
query (3 wds.)
- Poem of praise
- Shipping route (2 wds.)
- Source of fumes behind a
vehicle (2 wds.)
- Waging war against



Wandering in the Jungle

The twins liked wandering in the jungle, experiencing its diverse natural beauty and finding themselves in new places.



ACROSS

- 1 Shunned and greedy, Ed clutches bagel
- 6 Medic, after starting, traces the planets and Santa's reindeer, too
- 11 Small car duo left neglected
- 14 Tattletale's gutless, subhuman craving
- 15 Under-the-counter pill, e.g., altered in part
- 17 Recalled early whirlybird, not a fascimile, briefly
- 18 In German article, grind back and eliminate jagged metal edges
- 19 Device that might time guy drawing tall structure
- 20 Crude, perverted nature displayed by bear Seth McFarlane voices
- 21 Agrees with inmates taking in, say, a mangy maltipoo
- 22 Braggart suddenly returned bearing a one-time T-shirt, perhaps
- 23 Alternating characters fit scene that makes sense (2 wds.)

- 24 Lives framed by ladies that inspire exploits
- 31 Geezer taking sharp, erratic, risky gamble
- 33 Biblical maxims this writer's inserted in Hugh Jackman thriller, almost
- 35 Juvenile, being retro, has ball with slightly passé digital critter
- 37 *The Dark Knight* and *The Fighter* make a bundle
- 39 Maximally excited, Matt's exhibiting ring (2 wds.)
- 41 Nuts are able to explain particular details
- 42 Auntie has a sad medical ethical dilemma
- 43 Israeli at last married actress Skye
- 44 Recalled news magazine's issue
- 45 They describe torn arras inaccurately
- 46 Discuss itineraries' early stages
- 47 Wet matter caused damage to electricity-measuring device
- 48 Partly twisty, renewable plastic material

DOWN

- 1 Curt is appearing with Back in Black band
- 2 "Fantastic tutus, bro! Ecstasy!"
- 3 Strips clergymen's ranks and privileges; in brief, certainly, they're petrified
- 4 Finally said (very nearly), "I'm with Stupid"
- 5 *Jurassic Park* creatures with massive heads taken in by us & star, uneasily
- 7 City all the rage in the past
- 8 Kinda chummy with *Battlestar Galactica's* Saul? Balderdash!
- 9 Absent, running behind (like all the fauna getting mixed up in individual grid squares)
- 10 Translate, in a way, Jan's precedent: Keats verse
- 12 Adjusting to a price can get extravagantly theatrical
- 13 Slump ruined windfalls
- 14 Blubbery, bewhiskered types subverted law with tricks
- 16 Superlatively slender, serpentine anklets
- 24 Fairy tale penned by greater playwright
- 25 Idling minibus & auto repaired
- 26 Geeks repeat gibberish as they regulate access
- 27 The Reverend's little swine jeer at slip-resistant nautical item (2 wds.)
- 28 Triplet goes berserk, evincing destructive spirit
- 29 Sweet, icy treat currently included in British teatime fare (2 wds.)
- 30 Sweepstakes is delightful, ultimately, like a playful animal?
- 32 Altering chest, I try needlecraft
- 34 Epps missing finale after Lapine recast Bump in the Head
- 36 Practice, primarily, benefits much-medalled Michael
- 37 Stripper's apparel: veils at first, then nada ... huzzah!
- 38 Slip away, asleep, but fitfully
- 40 Unexpressed mannerliness takes intelligence