

VISITING THE UNDERWORLD - LATEX (with Playing Ball) / TAMP (with Killing Each Other)

Individual grids may be filled as shown below, with all five grids fitting into the large empty grid provided. Letters that extend beyond the bounds of a given grid are bolded below; these provide linkages between the grids.

Each grid contains its own solving constraint, described below if not overt. Additionally, each grid contains two special spaces in which a thematically apt 3-letter word is entered in one direction (indicated by asterisks below). Note that the normal letters falling into these spaces are all different.

S	C	A*	R	A	B	U	B	B	A	M	T	G	E	S	R	U	N*	E	D	E	M	I	N	E	D
L	A	P	O	F	U	G	U	E	L	U	B	R	I	K*	E	O	T	C	A	X	A	V	O	N	A
R	U	L	E	R	R	O	R	R	I	N	O	I	S	I	L	Y	L	L	O	H	D*	E	T	E	R
U	S	E	F	U	L	O	R	N	M	O	N	E	T	W	O	T	I	A	R	A	E	Y	E	A	R
R*	A	D	I	I	A	B	O	O*	B	R	E	V	I	E	W*	U	N	I	A	U	R	N	S	T	E
E	L	E	C	T	P	E	W	E	E	T	D	E	C	A	A	O	G	R	E	S	S	C	C*	O	N
N	E	R	T	S	U	R	F	E	R	H	U	B	A	R	B	B	E	A	S	T	C	A	T	E	R
T	R	A	I	T	B	R	I	B	E	O	O	H	L	A	L	A	C	R	O	P*	I	L	L	A	R
A	L	C	O	A	E	M	B	E	D	D	W	A	L	L	E	W	A	U	D	I	O	V	E	R	T
R	E	E	N	L	R	C	E*	R	O	O	I	N	K	E	D	O	P	A	E	P	N	E	D	L	U
Y	O	D	E	L	S	U	R	T	A	X	E	G	R	E	T	H	A	L	V	E	S	D	V	E	X

Dark House  
\* = DIM

Cold House  
\* = ICE  
Down entries add  
"brr" phonetically;  
e.g. NIECE -> BERNICE

Jaguar House  
\* = CAT

Shrieking House  
\* = BAT

Entries may go in any  
direction in the grid

Razor House  
\* = CUT  
Across entries are  
cut into two separate  
words

Playing Ball yields the phrase ABODES BOTTOM RIGHT. This refers to the bottom right letter in each house, which, in assembled order, spell LATEX.

The assembled 11 x 26 grid is the same size as the letter matrix provided with Killing Each Other. Ordering (and repeating where indicated) the letters appearing in the rebus squares by the indices in the corresponding matrix squares spells the clue PACK DOWN POWDER, for the answer word TAMP.