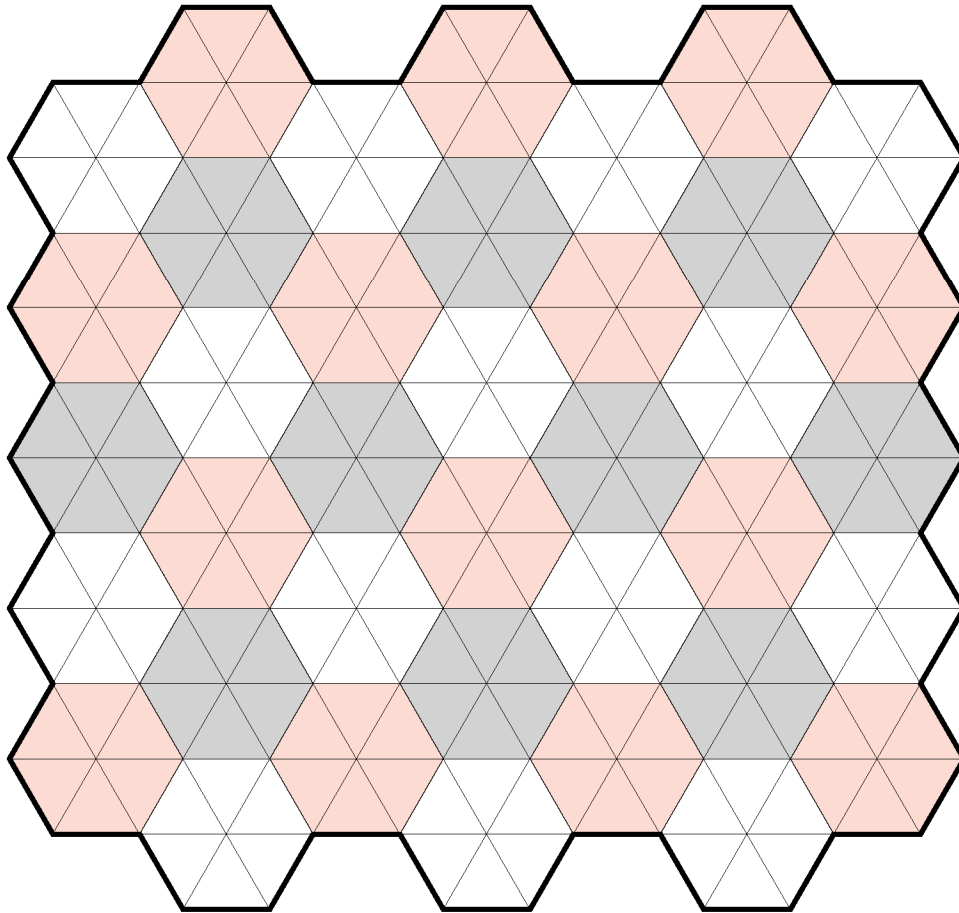


THE VALLEY OF DIAMONDS

In his second voyage, Sinbad became stranded in a valley blanketed with diamonds and crawling with enormous poisonous snakes. After stuffing his pockets with a fortune in jewels, he escaped by lashing himself to the underside of a sheep's carcass and being lifted out of the valley by a *rukh*, a bird of incredible size.



DIAMONDS

PINK

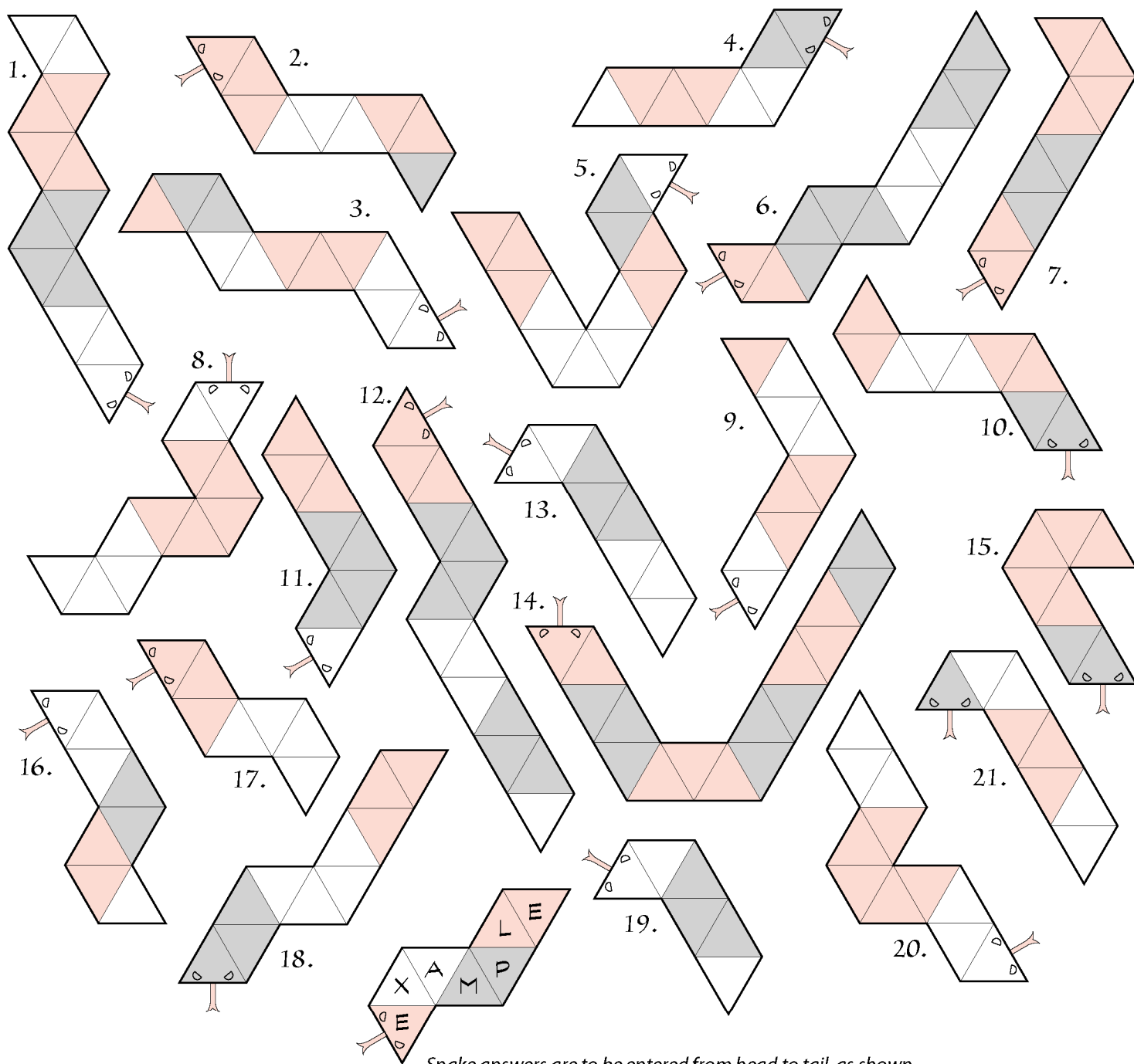
Aquamarines and emeralds, etc.
Colorful Mexican shawl
County Kildare's southern neighbor
German town that's a homophone for
a device to transfer liquids
Homespun
Make a meal of (2 wds)
Manager, escort, or babysitter
Misplaced anew
Not ready for eating just yet
Relating to mail
Set ablaze
Sullen; gloomy
Went sightseeing perhaps
Wish-granting spirits

WHITE

Canine viruses, for short
City in Florida or Spain
Dana on *Desperate Housewives*
Forming droplets of condensation
Group within a group
Insist upon
Japanese warrior and leader
Jeff Dunham's skeletal sidekick
Ms. Wiest or Feinstein
Owl genus named for a goddess
Serpentine skin segments
Some pieces of cheesecake?
Submit, as homework (2 wds)
Teeter precariously

GREY

A bit over the hill
Component of a stamen
Mining or spelunking disaster (*hyph*)
"Number one", more clinically
Real he-men
Remembrance of Things Past scribe
Spiral-horned antelopes
Verge upon
Wince in disgust
Wuornos's Oscar-winning portrayer



Snake answers are to be entered from head to tail, as shown

SNAKES

- 1 Snake Plissken's *Escape from L.A.* firearm (13; 2 wds)
- 2 The goddess Hathor purportedly protected Egyptians from snake bites and these outbreaks of disease (9)
- 3 Snake Island's pre-Ukrainian owner, with "The" (11; 2 wds)
- 4 Movie in which a giant snake regurgitates Jon Voight (8)
- 5 One completely gutting a snake, perhaps (13)
- 6 Someone who might be afraid of snakes (but who is more likely to be afraid of a leak developing in one of his country's many dikes) (12)
- 7 Design depicting a snake eating its own tail (9)
- 8 Like a snake missing its fangs, venom, protective camouflage, etc. (11)
- 9 Ancient Indo-Europeans featured in *The Serpent Reborn* (9)
- 10 Almost every snake, dietarily (9)
- 11 Sixth Comm's *Serpent Dance* record label, or Gorbachev's policy of openness (8)
- 12 Hogwarts's division with a snake as its mascot (14; 2 wds)
- 13 Readied shrimp for eating (as opposed to, say, snakes) (8)
- 14 The voice of Kaa the snake in *The Jungle Book* (16; 2 wds)
- 15 E.g., bring along antivenom in case there are poisonous snakes where you're camping (7)
- 16 Like puff adders or some other snakes, schnozz-wise (8; *hyph*)
- 17 The "Jailbird" in "Snake Jailbird", for example (7)
- 18 A type of rattlesnake or pocket watch (10)
- 19 Winged entity seen adjacent to the serpent in Michelangelo's depiction of the expulsion from Eden (6)
- 20 Teeny-tiny arachnids which are unlikely to ever be mistaken for snakes (11; 2 wds)
- 21 Cinematic site for serpents (8; 3 wds)