

Side Quest

You embark on a side quest to find what might bring these penguins back to the negotiation table.

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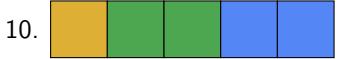
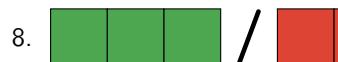
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Can you measure up to these great scientific minds?

ITEMS LOST: 1
ITEMS GAINED: 2



Golly! What's growing on your petri dish?

ITEMS LOST: 1
ITEMS GAINED: 2

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

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On a drawn-out mission to return a neighbor's letter, you make some wrong turns which prove useful in the end.

ITEMS LOST: 1 +
ITEMS GAINED: 3

R	C	E	H	D	T	A	N	L	U	O	S	T	D	E	D	N	A	T
O	S	R	P	I	H	M	I	N	A	U	O	A	N	C	T	L		O
T	R	U	L	N	C	O	S	G	T	L	R	T	L	H	O	N	O	M
D	C	L	M	A	E	U	I	H	S	U	C	D	O	I	D	L	H	C
I	H	N	O	N	D	O	D	C	R	O	P	T	H	C	T	U	O	R
D	T	A	G	A	T	L	E	D	T	A	M	O	I	D	E	D	E	C

6 6 - 5 6 = (R, G, B)

(R + 25, G - 0d, B - 8f)
(R + e5, G + f2, B + 5f)

Slice for 4–5 minutes and cook.

ITEMS LOST: 3
ITEMS GAINED: 2

_____ with salsa (#7, #8)
_____ with spring water (#8, #3)
_____ with smoked salmon (#8, #7)

Someone's PC is running some very strange code.

ITEMS LOST: 2
ITEMS GAINED: 2

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x = _____.clone()  
x[0].shift(-37)  
x[1].devolve().shift(-3)  
x.homophone()  
y = _____.split()  
[y[0]+x[0], x[1]+y[1]]
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The spymasters give you a few bits of information.

ITEMS LOST: 2
ITEMS GAINED: 3

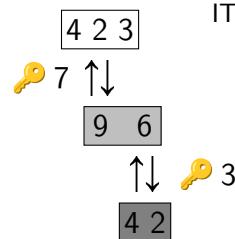
ACHROMIC	ACHY	NEEDLER	CANDIES	REPLICAS
ROUTER	DETOUR	ANCHORAGES	NERDIEST	GUIDANCE
UPREAR	MARSHES	REDEEMING	CHARCUTERIE	ANIMAS
FUMAROLE	BROMINES	INTERLAID	MENTOR	SOLIDARITIES
SIMIANS	UNCLE	CHIMES	DURIAN	WAN
BROWSING	IMMORAL	TILLER	BRISTLIES	TRICHINAS
HOBNAIL	HAWSES	TRAINEES	ERRATA	MISSHAPES

2
3
2
3
2
(at first)

To decipher this indecipherable text,
you'll need a Rosetta Stone.

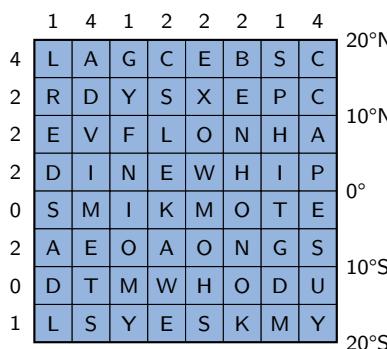
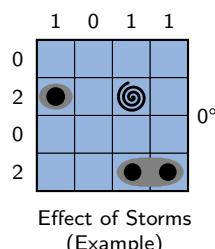
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ITEMS GAINED: 3

GEMFI ZMWRY VSWLA KQTTO
EYKWS RUMNK UPKBY NKEUQ
JSNWG REPNW SFKDM ETWN.



To learn the location of the enemy Battleships, you send planes east and south. Unfortunately, 12 tropical storms knock your planes off course. (See example.) While sweeping for sea mines, you gather some intel on the storms: ___, ___. You also know that none of the enemy Battleships would sail through a storm.

ITEMS LOST: 
ITEMS GAINED: 2



Enemy Fleet:

1x: 
1x: 
1x: 
1x: 

You consult a book in your collection.

ITEMS LOST: 1
ITEMS GAINED: 1

1. CITY	1	4. EXECUTION	2	7. BUSINESS	1-2
2. MUTE	3-5	5. MELODY	1-4	8. CHARGE	4-5
3. LEAP	1-3	6. BLUSH	3	9. FETE	3-6

You don't feel so well, but at least there's a treatment plan.

ITEMS LOST: 3
ITEMS GAINED: 3

Step 1: Treat

Step 2: Treat

Step 3: Treat

N I T P D R U C D D A D U O G H T H T F O K B

You expand upon your favorite topics.

ITEMS LOST: 2
ITEMS GAINED: 1

11.

1.9	3.5	8.4	8.2	7.8	2.2	5.1	9.7	1.7	5.4	4.6	8.1	7.9
		4.8	7.10	6.5	9.5	9.3	1.3	3.1	2.4	9.9		

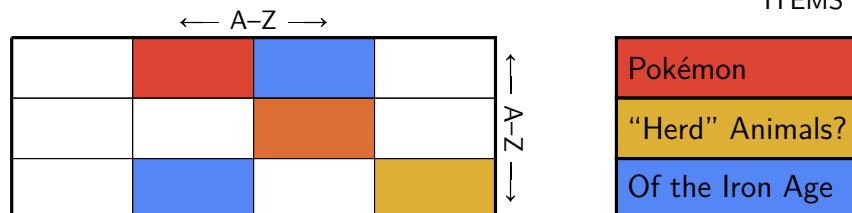
You find a set of cryptic instructions

ITEMS LOST: 3
ITEMS GAINED: 3

____ has red grit inside, forming film (7)
Metal band around fourth ____ you unevenly cut out (6)
Helpful page brings sheath to queen (3)

You look for a suitable place to rest.

ITEMS LOST: 2 +
ITEMS GAINED: 4



2,4(2) 1,4(2) 1,1(3) 2,3(2) 1,3(4) 3,1(1) 3,2(5) 2,1(2) 3,2(3)

You try to piece together the snippets of conversations you hear.

ITEMS LOST: 4
ITEMS GAINED: 2

→ 3, 4

5.5

4. 4. 2

3 4



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You visit the library to do some research.

ITEMS LOST: 1 + 

ITEMS GAINED: 2

$$\alpha = g_{10}$$
$$\beta = g_9$$

Using appropriate numerals: $978 - (46\beta^3 + 18\alpha^2)$

Using appropriate decimals: $7\lfloor\beta\rfloor^3 - 7\lfloor\beta\rfloor^2 - 21\lfloor\alpha\rfloor\lfloor\beta\rfloor - 8\lfloor\alpha\rfloor + 3$ (base-26)

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You've spilled something on your Masyu. Fortunately, you can still make out:

ITEMS LOST: 3

- the cells off the path
- the path cells, two before the splotches
- the ternary cycle of white/black/color

ITEMS GAINED: 3

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

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Your directions through the mire avoid some areas but revisit others. A few words trigger déjà vu.

ITEMS LOST: 3

ITEMS GAINED: 3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8						
9			10			

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