


NOLA (Casual/Expert): Solution

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Each of the tasks on Rover's to-do list clues a word:

1	Buy a gadget to ensure that the team won't oversleep	ALARM
2	Acquire fabric made from jute to fashion loot sacks	BURLAP
3	Pick up cured meat from the Italian market for snacking	SALAMI
4	Grab ingredients for a Caesar or Waldorf for a light lunch	SALAD
5	Go to the wetlands to gather some sweet flag	CALAMUS
6	Stop by the pharmacy for quinine to treat the mosquito-borne disease possibly <i>also</i> acquired in the wetlands	MALARIA
7	Intimidate the pharmacist so that they won't tell, tattle, or spill the beans about your visit to the wetlands	BLAB
8	Find the sheet music for "Waltzing Matilda" or another song of the same style	BALLAD
9	Purchase decorative doodads like those worn at Chotchkie's	FLAIR
10	Chat with the local university's religious leader to process feelings of guilt	CHAPLAIN

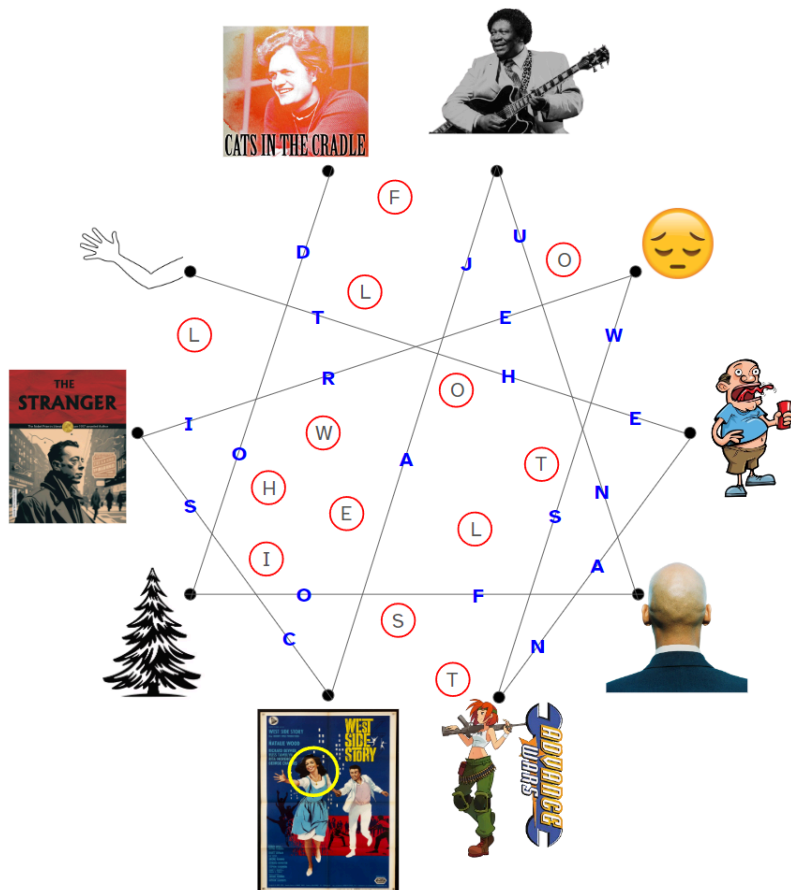
Each of the 10 images around the cloud of letters also clues a word:

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BB	SAD	BURP	BALD	SAMI
				
MARIA	FIR	CAMUS	ARM	CHAPIN

These words can be paired by removing the substring “LA” (as clued by the title) from a “to-do” list word to make an “image” word

	To-Do List	Image
1	ALARM	ARM
2	BURLAP	BURP
3	SALAMI	SAMI
4	SALAD	SAD
5	CALAMUS	CAMUS
6	MALARIA	MARIA
7	BLAB	BB
8	BALLAD	BALD
9	FLAIR	FIR
10	CHAPLAIN	CHAPIN

Connecting the dots adjacent to the images in the order specified by the to-do list gives the following result:



Reading the unused letters top-to-bottom spells FOLLOW THE LIST.

Reading the letters the to-do list path passes through, in order, spells THE ANSWER IS **CAJUN FOOD**.