

INTRODUCTION

2015 AQUARIUM PUZZLE HUNT



welcome freshmen!

This is a puzzle hunt that will take place while you are at the aquarium.

We recommend working in teams of 5-8 people (orientation groups are fine). There is a prize for any team that solves all puzzles!

Your team will need 1 phone that is capable of sending texts. Always use the same phone. To begin, **text your team name to (240)-M1T-2019**.

If you need help, the Dream Architects located at Front Desk (where you received this sheet) are available for hints!

I.H.T.F.P.: Welcome to the New England Aquarium. I am I.H.T.F.P. – Inception-Hack Trainer's Finest Projection. Let me ask you a question, do you know how you ended up here? Think about it, did that flight ever land at Logan Airport?

YOU: I remember waiting for a plane... a plane that would take me far away. I knew where I hoped this plane would take me. But I couldn't know for sure... we are dreaming, aren't we?

I.H.T.F.P.: You're actually still on your flight, sleeping. But don't panic... I was hired by MIT's Dream Architects to guide you on a critical mission. Dr. Evangeline Nygma, is stealing donations to MIT's scholarship fund. You must venture deep into the Doctor's subconscious to implant an idea that will stop her and save MIT.

This dreamscape has 9 levels, each with a secret buried deep within (the puzzle answers). Very unstable. But the flight attendant slipped a rather heavy sedative into that teacup of yours, ensuring you won't wake prematurely.

YOU: But Inception, is it really possible? How do I know we can do this?

I.H.T.F.P.: You don't, but a dreamer can be anyone. Even a... well never mind. Will you take a leap of faith with me? Or become a senior, filled with nostalgia, waiting to graduate alone?

There are 9 puzzles and a final META puzzle scattered throughout the aquarium. Good luck!

To submit an answer, send a text to (240)-M1T-2019 with the format: [puzzle number] [your solution].

For example, if your answer for puzzle 6 was wicked, you would text **6 wicked**.

DREAM LAYER



YOU COMPLETE ME



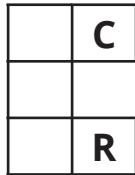
YOU: I have this Freddie Planet song stuck inside my head. Is this the dream life, or is this reality?

I.H.T.F.P.: You haven't even a penny's worth of an idea, do you? My friend, this is only the first layer of the fox-hole.

YOU: Uh, I have a question then. Is this strictly legal, what we're doing? You said—

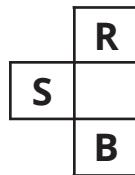
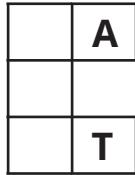
I.H.T.F.P.: Don't worry, this is completely off the books. President Rafael Abundant sanctioned this mission himself.

1. George W.

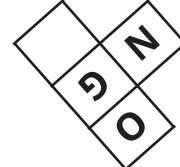


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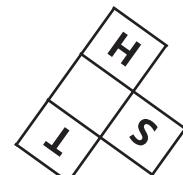
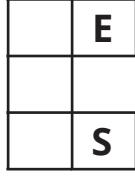
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Bird



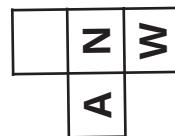
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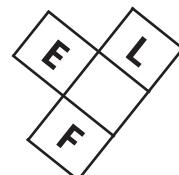
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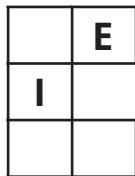
Quick



Treasuries



5. Tyra



DREAM LAYER 2

FACT OR FICTION

YOU: If this is my dream, why can't I control it?

I.H.T.F.P.: This is not your dream. We're sharing this dream with the Doctor's subconscious projections. Remember, we're trying to perform inception?

YOU: AHAH, I see. So I can't just recreate stuff from memory?

I.H.T.F.P.: NONO, memories can be distorted! Building a dream from memory is the easiest way to lose grasp on what's real and what's fantasy.

True?

False?

Dorothy's pet was a dog

The mayor's son from Seussical had wings

A **short ballet skirt** is worn by the lead dancer in Swan Lake.

Frodo is on the **funny internet image** which says "One does not simply..."

The four-letter word for "mother" in Chinese is spelled the same in Spanish.

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria is a peacekeeping organization

DREAM LAYER 3

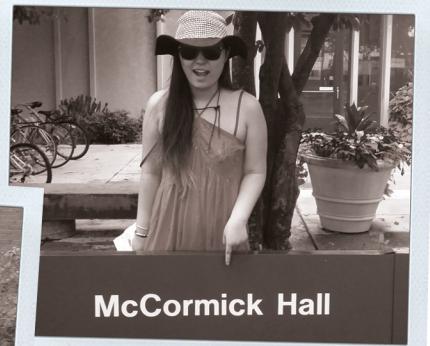
THE TOURIST

YOU: Am I missing out on REX and Orientation because of this wacky dream?

I.H.T.F.P.: As I said, you're asleep on your flight to Boston. Brain function in the dream world is about 10 times normal. This effect is only compounded as you enter deeper levels.

YOU: Is that really how it works? So my 2-hour flight is like a week's worth of time at this level?

I.H.T.F.P.: Yes, once this plane lands, you'll have ample time to take a nice, orderly stroll down dorm row.



DREAM LAYER 4

BRAINTEASERS

YOU: So, about that sedative you drugged me with...

I.H.T.F.P.: Ah yes, our flight attendant slipped it right into your teacuph.

YOU: How stealthy of your teadm... remind me to never fly DreamAir again.

I.H.T.F.P.: Concocted by a brilliant Course 5 professor, it's sure to keep you under for a few more dream levels. Have a steady trip!



Ew! This tea is meat flavored!



This tea's caffeine peak is quite flat.



This tea is making me cry...



This tea fuels 19th century machinery fiction



This tea is quite instructive.



Alternatively, let's try this flavor.

DREAM LAYER 5

HALF REMEMBERED CHERRIM

I.H.T.F.P.: The Japanese architect who designed this dream level had quite the imagination. Alas, forming complete thoughts was the bane of his existence.

YOU: I cherrim-ed a cherrim... that I was the very best. Like no one ever was.

I.H.T.F.P.: Staryu being serious, or staryu on scarecrobat drugs? We can probably dream up an insane asylum for you at this level...

YOU: I fear I'm being perfectly sane. But is cherubi on rails?



A _____ to pick
Ground

New York _____ (basketball)
Rock

_____ of Beedle and the Bard
Fire

_____ do you even lift?
Water

The world is your _____
Water

_____ y the Vampire Slayer
Normal

Revenge is a _____ best served cold
Grass

_____ Universe (TV series)
Psychic

The Taming of the _____
Ground

DREAM LAYER 6

SAFETY IN 19 NUMB3RS

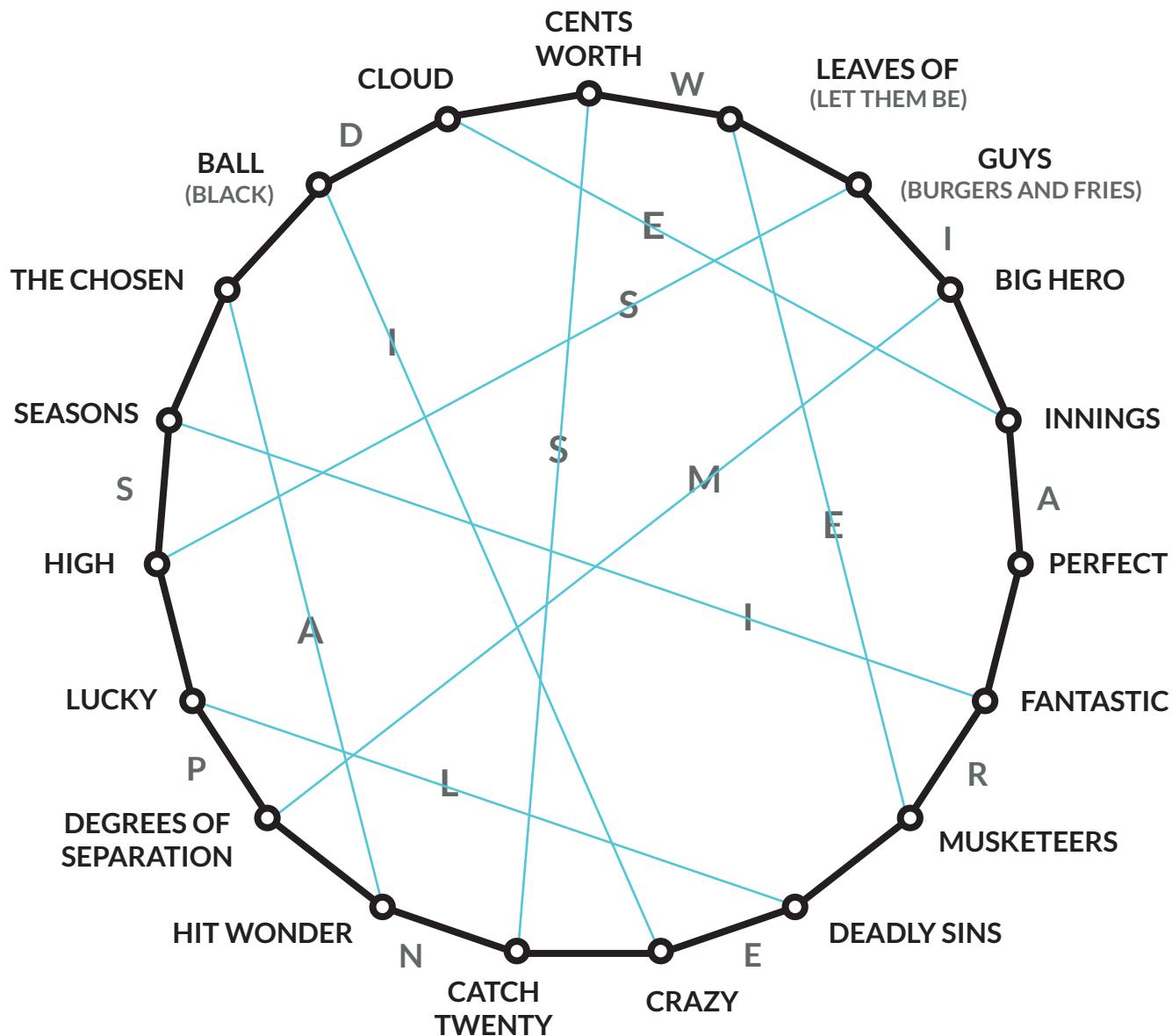
I.H.T.F.P.: Don't panic, everything's going according to plan! We just need to crack open this '19-sided safety box.'

YOU: I don't think it's locked with a combo... let me try tinkering with the electrical connections.

I.H.T.F.P.: No time for the theatrical. Quick, blurt out the first six digits that come to mind!

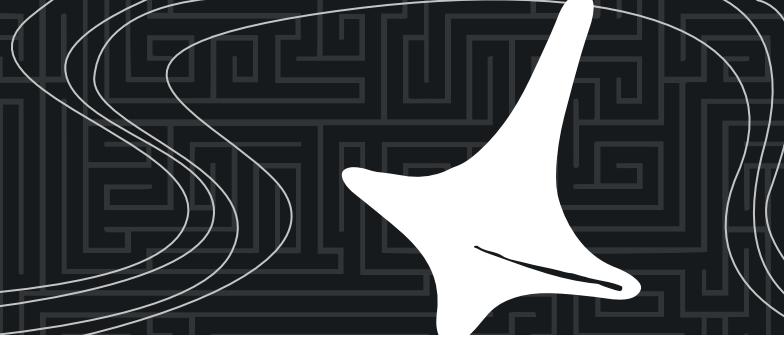
YOU: Uh... Maroon! Faced! Figure! Square! Lives! Day-More!

I.H.F.T.P.: My gosh, is everyone losing their minds?! I said digits... unless you meant 528491?



DREAM LAYER 7

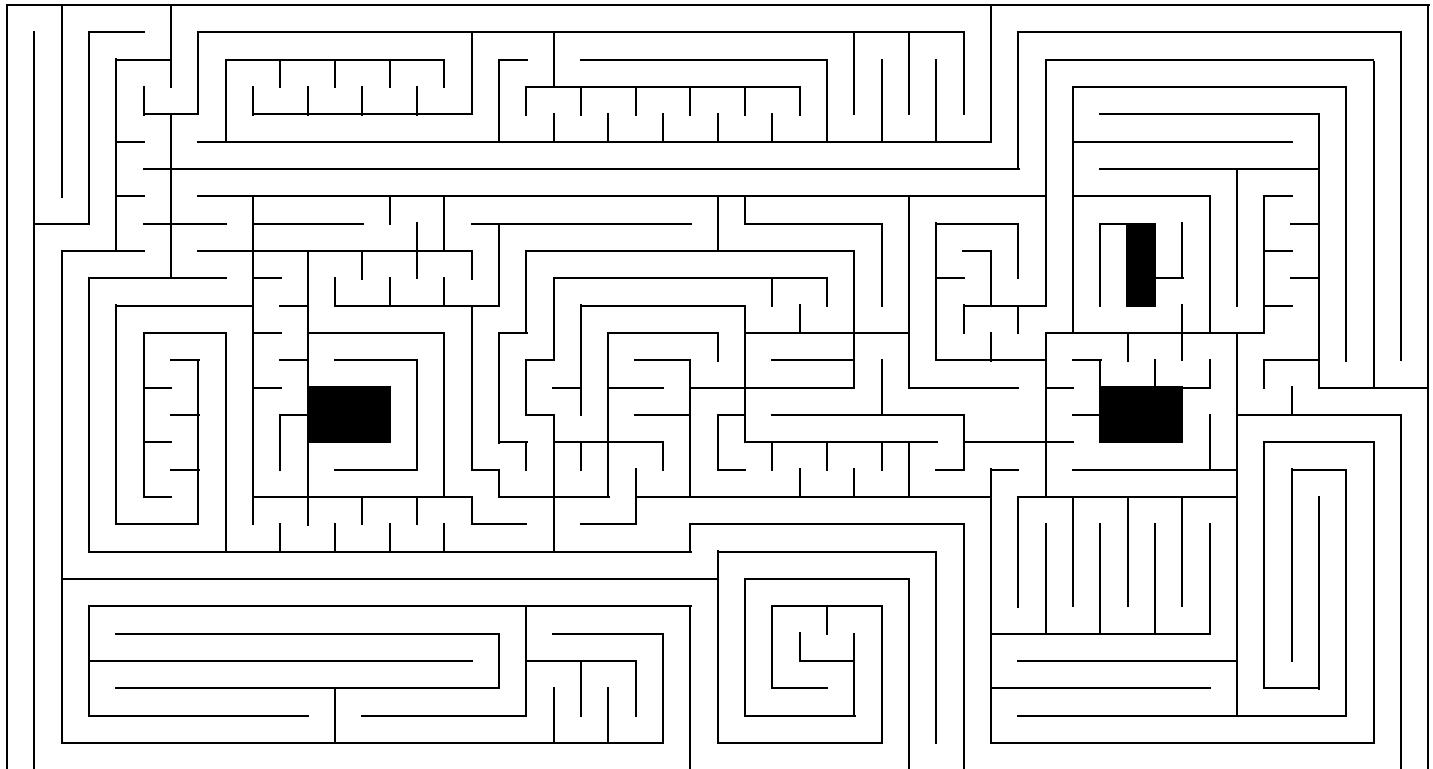
SHADY LABYRINTH



I.H.T.F.P.: In a dream, you can cheat nature and architecture into impossible shapes. This forest was designed by one of our shadiest architects.

YOU: You must be joking. What kind of clown would build a forest with no dead ends?

I.H.T.F.P.: You'll have to burn it down to find some blank space. So seriously, want to write your name?



DREAM LAYER 8

KINGDOMS OF ISOLATION

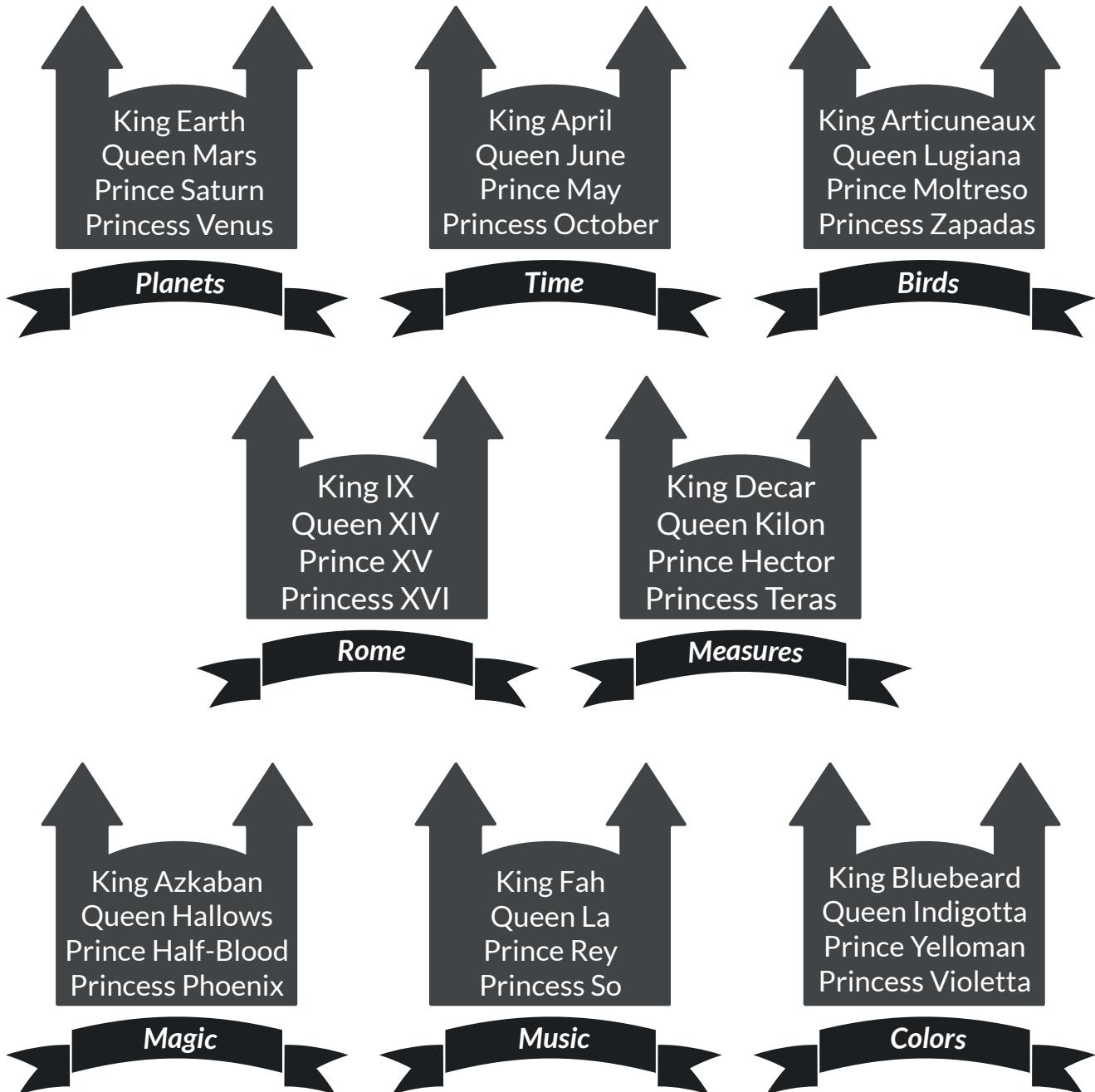
I.H.T.F.P.: Always mind your surroundings, your lonesome majesty. This is the Kingdom of Isolation.

YOU: And it looks like you're the Queen? Right, all cool, but none of this is real!

I.H.T.F.P.: You have to let it all go - fear, doubt, disbelief. Free your mind. Here's a riddler: why are dream architects so different from biologists, physicists, or even brain scientists?

YOU: Ah, of course, I've heard this one before... because seven-eight-nine?

THE EIGHT KINGDOMS



DREAM LAYER 9

SYNCHRONIZED KICKS

YOU: I doth profess... thou reminds of a Music Meister from a half-rememb'rethed dream...

I.H.T.F.P.: By Walt Disney's beard, you're talking nonsense.

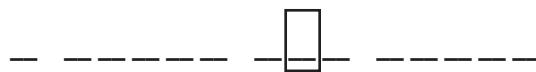
YOU: ... one who broke parole a decade and nine years ago.

I.H.T.F.P.: Perhaps it's finally time to wake up to the sound of music... activate the synchronized kicks!

Affection may be metaphorized to the exposed aperture of an enclosed dwelling. May I make an foolish inquisition? Wilt thou engage with me in the vows of holy matrimony?



I shall reveal to you the heavenly sphere upon which we dwell. Impart to me, royal heiress, when didst thou last allow thine heart to ponder?



I shall inspire in you the characteristics of a fine gentleman.



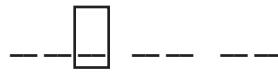
The cyclical nature of biological existence galvanizes the entirety of our race, through affliction and promise, allegiance and passion.



Art thou capable of creating art with the tempestuous hues of nature?



These entities of frozen precipitation sparkle white on the elevated precipice. Alas, it becomes apparent that I am the sole royal matriarch of this kingdom.



Art thou capable of experiencing the sentiment of affection this evening?

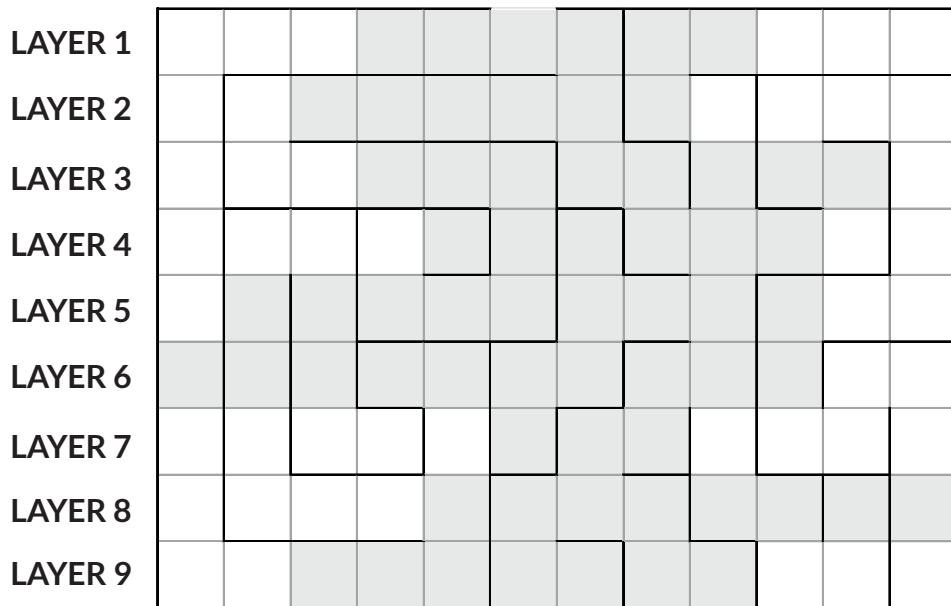


DREAM LAYER (META) LIMBO



This is the meta puzzle for the aquarium puzzle hunt. You will be able to solve it once you have solved all (or most) of the other puzzles.

ANSWER MAZE



CLUE MAZE

