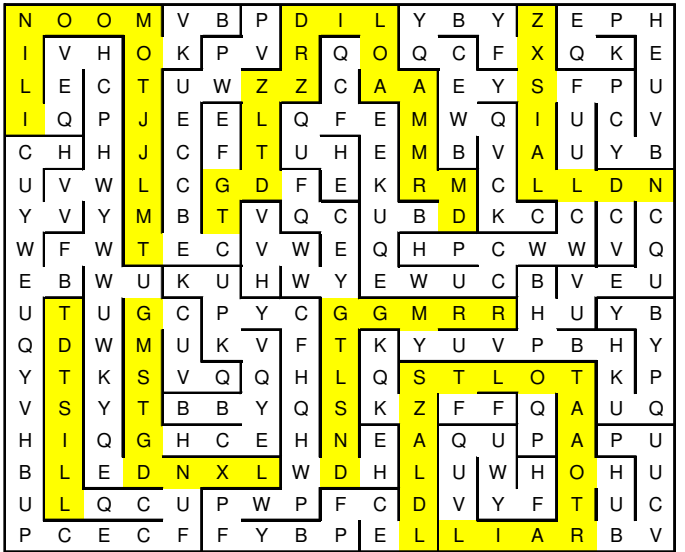


# Island 6



## Meta Puzzle: Lost in the Maze

Each answer has a two-letter abbreviation, using 14 different letters in all. Highlight these letters in the maze to form a name in Moon Braille. **Galileo**

## 7 Men and 7 Women

Different groups of sevens are clued in different ways:

- Seven dwarves: Rhymes
- Seven Brides for Seven Brothers: Lyrics
- Day of the Week: Events that always occur on those days
- Linnaeus classification system: Regular clues
- Magnificent 7: Other roles or actors with the same name
- Seven Against Thebes: Anagrams
- Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: Regular clues

CHRIS ADAMS	Genus	Bashful	Statue	Polynices	Tuesday	Daniel
Sunday	EPHRAIM	Astradus	Order	O'reilly	Temple	Grumpy
Happy	Mausoleum	PHYLUM	Chico	Thursday	Benjamin	Tydeus
Frank	Amphiarus	Lee	FRIDAY	Colossus	Sneezy	Kingdom
Parthenopæus	Vin	Lighthouse	Gideon	DOC	Class	Monday
Pyramid	Wednesday	Adam	Dopey	Species	HIPPOMEDON	Harry
<b>Family</b>	<b>Sleepy</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Capaneus</b>	<b>Caleb</b>	<b>Britt</b>	<b>HANGING GARDENS</b>

Taking the Nth letter of the missing items of each set produces **silicon**.

## String Theory

The complete grid is:

LOPSSL0DLO  
 JAYDEANIST  
 DWARLBEREC  
 ODIZZYASRU  
 OWNIADEOAS  
 DOLPHWALTE  
 NEDBIEAYIR  
 RWANDERONE  
 UOCRENOLDR  
 JRIStOWHAT  
 DAMENINTCH

The unchecked circles spell JAY DEAN IS TO DIZZY AS RUDOLPH WALTER WANDERONE JR IS TO WHAT. Mr. Wanderone is better known as **Minnesota Fats**.

## King Minos

Celebrities and answers to the clues:

- Ray Liotta/ultracool
- Isaac Newton/bloodstains
- Jimmy Carter/sleeping bag
- Katie Couric/clandestine
- Cary Grant/newlyweds
- Drew Carey/fineprint
- Courtney Cox/self-imposed
- John Madden/preschools
- Ray Charles/Montgomery
- George Bush/Comic Opera
- Joel Hodgson/Deliberates
- Dave Barry/windmills
- Larry Bird/full-scale
- Lili Taylor/nonorganic
- Dom Deluise/Big Brother

In each case, the pairs are isomorphs, phrases that have the same letter pattern. Taking the pairs at top as letters in the celebrities names, we can decode the pairs to CL AS SB ET WE EN SO PH MO RE AND SE NI OR, which is of course **junior**

## Ship of Theseus

The grid starts of with the down clues reading SMART, NUDES, STORM, LLAMA, and TOPSY. Each subsequent clue leads to two 4-letter words differing by 2 letters. The first word can be found orthogonally in the grid, the second takes its place.

rots->rona; norm->loam; mull->toll; rats->nuts; mall->till; neat->rear; yams->rags; lira->lore; ears->ease; gaol->viol; revs->dens; oped->orem; rood->took; lose->apse; laps->sapp; sans->hens; alot->allo; sour->noir; trio->tree; pier->ties; loin->loot; mets->memo; tome->dime; loom->lord; poke->like; seen->wren; ella->hula; nuke->note; then->thor; tote->cyte; tilt->talc; rosa->rote; horn->moon; malt->kant; olpe->olay; lard->part; wart->halt; open->opal; nick->nook

The resulting grid spells *Nick Chopper's enchanted item*, which is an **Axe**.

Nick Chopper is the Tin Woodsman of the Wizard of Oz, the best known example of the paradox known as the Ship of Theseus.

## Bull

Each series of typewriter symbols are "dirty" words. Each letter has been encoded with the symbol found going straight up-left on a keyboard (e.g., ! is QAZ, @ is WSX, etc.). In each case, the word has an extra letter.

Bushh; baalls; blblue; family jjewels; rocks; pearrl necklaces; Ddick; scaat fan; box lunnch; balloons; trick; snakkes; cherryy; tossed sallad; beeeef; crream; racincoat; layy; ssnatch; sixtyninee; Peterr

These letters spell HALJORDAN OR KYLE RAYNER. Both of these people are a **Green Lantern**.

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## Stranger in a Strange Land

The flags are municipios flags from Puerto Rico. In order they are Adjuntas, Florida, Vega Baja, Comerio, Quebradillas, Morovis, and Culebra. Reading the diagonal spells **Algeria**.

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## All Cretans are Statisticians

The first letters of the questions spell IF ITS LOW ITS DASH IF HIGH A DOT. In each case, the number given is either too high or too low.

In the song "Twelve Days of Christmas", "my true love" gives the singer a total of 225 Christmas presents. (low, 364)

First class parlor suites on the Titanic cost an extravagant at the time 600 pounds. (low, 870)

In "The Cat In The Hat", Dr. Seuss achieved simplicity with the text by only using 180 different words. (low, 220)

The word "run" is second behind "set" as having the most definitions in the Oxford English Dictionary, with 432. (high, 396)

Superman finally married Lois Lane 62 years after their debut in Action Comics #1. (high, 57)

Las Vegas's oldest hotel is the Golden Gate casino, which opened in 1902. (low, 1906)

Oscar nominee Justin Henry was the youngest supporting actor to be nominated at the age of 9. (high, 8)

"We are the World" involved 55 different musicians, all of whom were advised to "check their ego at the door." (high, 45)

In chemistry, Avogadro's number is  $6.0 \times 10^{23}$ . (high, 23)

"To be or not to be" is the first line of a 32-line soliloquy by Hamlet. (low, 35)

Senior rights group AARP claimed 40 million members as of 2005. (high, 35)

Dennis the Menace star Jay North made a cameo on The Simpsons 30 years after the debut of his TV show. (low, 40)

According to IMDB.com, porn star Ron Jeremy has appeared in 843 films. (low, 907)

Suriname's flag has 3 stripes and a yellow star on it. (low, 5)

"Here's Johnny" made the AFI's top 100 quotes at number 31. (low, 68)

Io is one of Jupiter's 72 satellites. (high, 63)

Flamingos typically have a gestation period of 22 days. (low, 27)

Handel set Charles Jennens' Biblical libretto to music in just 18 days. (low, 21)

"If" by Rudyard Kipling contains 19 occurrences of the word "If", not counting the title. (high, 14)

Golfing legend Sam Snead won a record 99 PGA Tour events. (high, 82)

Henry Clay lost a bid for the presidency in 1840 to Andrew Jackson. (high, 1832)

A Van Gogh painting, Irises, broke records by selling for \$43 million in a 1987 Sotheby's auctions. (low, 49)

Dr. Jack Kevorkian, a/k/a Dr. Death has assisted 200 people in committing suicide. (high, 100)

Of the two Wright brothers, Wilbur is older than Orville by 2 years. (low, 4)

10-17 in CB parlance means repeat message. (high, 9)

Taking the dashes and dots that result and translating to morse code provides **off topic**.