

## D.3 Rock Slide

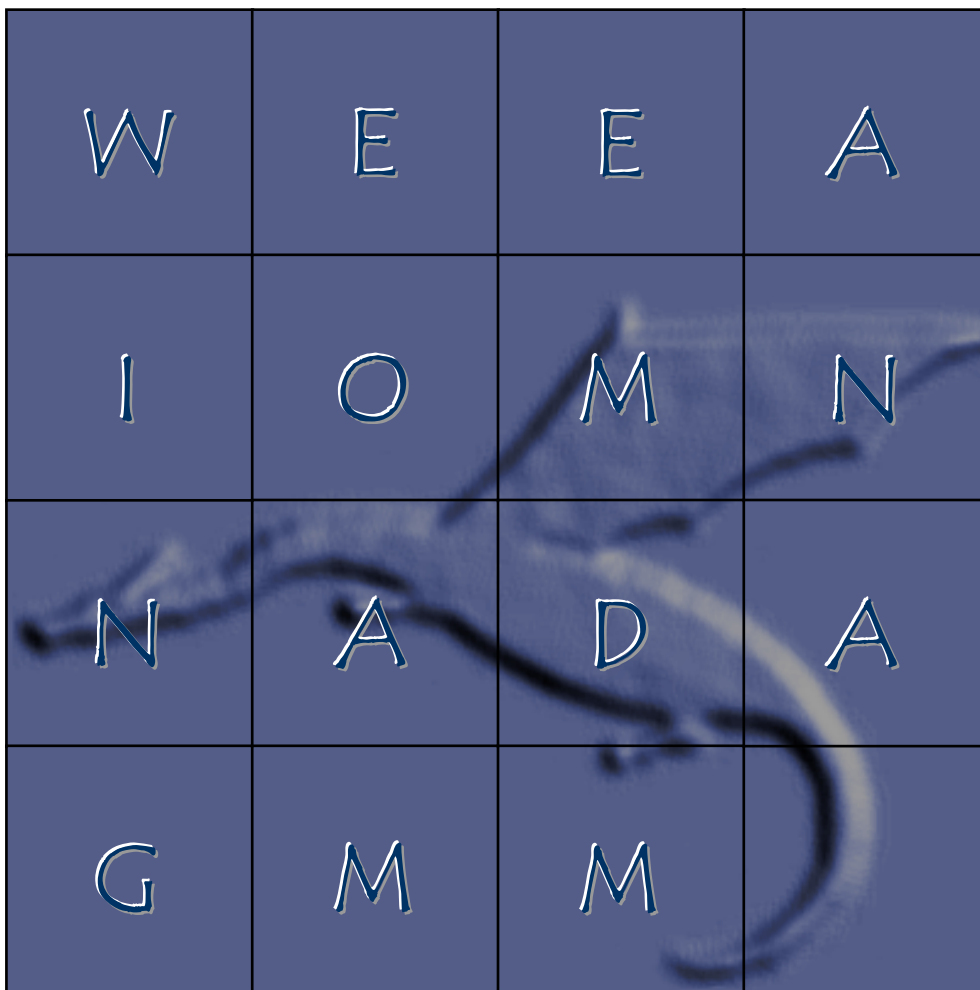


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Difficulty: Medium

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As you make your way up the final ladder with your treasure, the cavern starts to shake violently beneath your feet. A section of the passage cracks open beneath you, sending you tumbling down a slippery chute into a small chamber with no apparent exits.

Torchlight flickers on a plaque on the north wall, depicting a great lake-dragon, with an accompanying inscription beneath. Looking more closely, you see that letters have been carved into the rock plaque in a grid pattern.



*Old Kepler's Lake has dragon caves beneath all else. It merits notorious judgement from great kings, like Hystaspes. Dragons commonly glide from beneath, and, exhaling fiery breath, char-grill kingdom oxen, provoking landsmen.*