



## POWER GRID

You flip to another page in Nicolas' journal:

*When I was first starting my magic career there were a lot of people, including family and even other magicians, who didn't think I'd amount to anything and actively put me down. Luckily I had found a supportive mentor, The Formidable Menxos. He went through the same challenges early in his career and was able to sympathize with my plight. Menxos taught me a trick he came up with to get back at those people who didn't believe in his abilities. It was a puzzle that seemed full of compliments, but his detractors only revealed the true message upon solving it. I've recreated his work below.*

*Hello my friend! This trick's for you.  
And now I'll tell you what to do.  
Within each of the squares you'll strive  
To place the numbers one through five.*

*But not just anywhere, you know:  
One each per column and per row.  
And what about the numbers small  
Inside some squares where you will scrawl?*

*Each value in a corner labors  
To tell the sum of its square's neighbors:  
But just the ones who sides unite -  
Up and down and left and right.*

*First task complete, you then will turn  
Toward this list, our main concern.  
Five pleasant words I did transcribe  
In hopes of trying to describe*

*(With hours' careful cogitation)  
The essence of your reputation.  
But one more word this text will yield:  
A label that has been concealed.*

*Force from the letters there just sitting  
The fourtold word that's most befitting.  
For in the comfort of this forum:  
A formal claim of your decorum.*

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HO	NO	RA	BL	E
S	U	P	E	R
A	W	A	R	E
AD	VA	NT	AG	ED

What word did Menxos actually use to  
describe his detractors?