

VILE FIRE-LOVING DEVIANT KIDNAPS BAUDELAIRES

**CHILDRENS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN;
AUTHORITIES STYMIED** "Initial" = First Letter

The Daily Punctilio's own editor-in-chief **N. Ishle** has worked hard to bring you a special edition covering this heinous abduction of fabulously wealthy local orphans. Deputy editors **Eliza Norris** and **Ezio Natone** have gathered reports from our entire staff so you, dear reader, can have the most news that needs knowing. "Alphanumeric"

Business reporter **Al Funnew-Merrick** has determined the details of the abduction. According to his research, the crime occurred at **4:15** on Briny Beach. Count Olaf's hench-people swept the children into his long, black automobile and sped off toward parts unknown. "Phonetic" = NATO Alphabet

Arts and literature writer **Fiona Tick** has learned that Count Olaf makes a living--when not committing heinous crimes--as an actor. Playbills have been uncovered, including such roles as Malvolio in the reimagined **Romeo** and Malvolio, and Little Peggy Mae in **Papa** and His Thirteen Prairie Daughters. You could fill a convention centre with all of the characters this charlatan has portrayed!

Even crossword constructor **Phil N. DeBlanc** has redirected his efforts to help cover this case. He headed to Main Street to capture the opinions of concerned citizens, but unfortunately spilled ink all over his submission. The remains read as follows:

"Fill in the Blank" = missing letters in message are HA



**EXCLUSIVE PHOTO OF COUNT OLAF'S
NEIGHBOUR'S OPTOMETRIST**

"A **k??ki** sale at the clothiers led to **??rsh** words and utter **c??os**, making this a difficult time for all, indeed." "Chemicals" symbols

Lastly, science and technology expert **Kim Michaels** has concluded her investigation of the scene, where, strangely, traces of **nitro-****gen and sulphur** were discovered. Is Count Olaf some sort of maniacal alchemist? Where is he hiding out? And what is his compulsion for filling the lives of these children with endless terror? N S

What is Count Olaf getting out of this?

END ORPHANS ("ENDORPHINS")



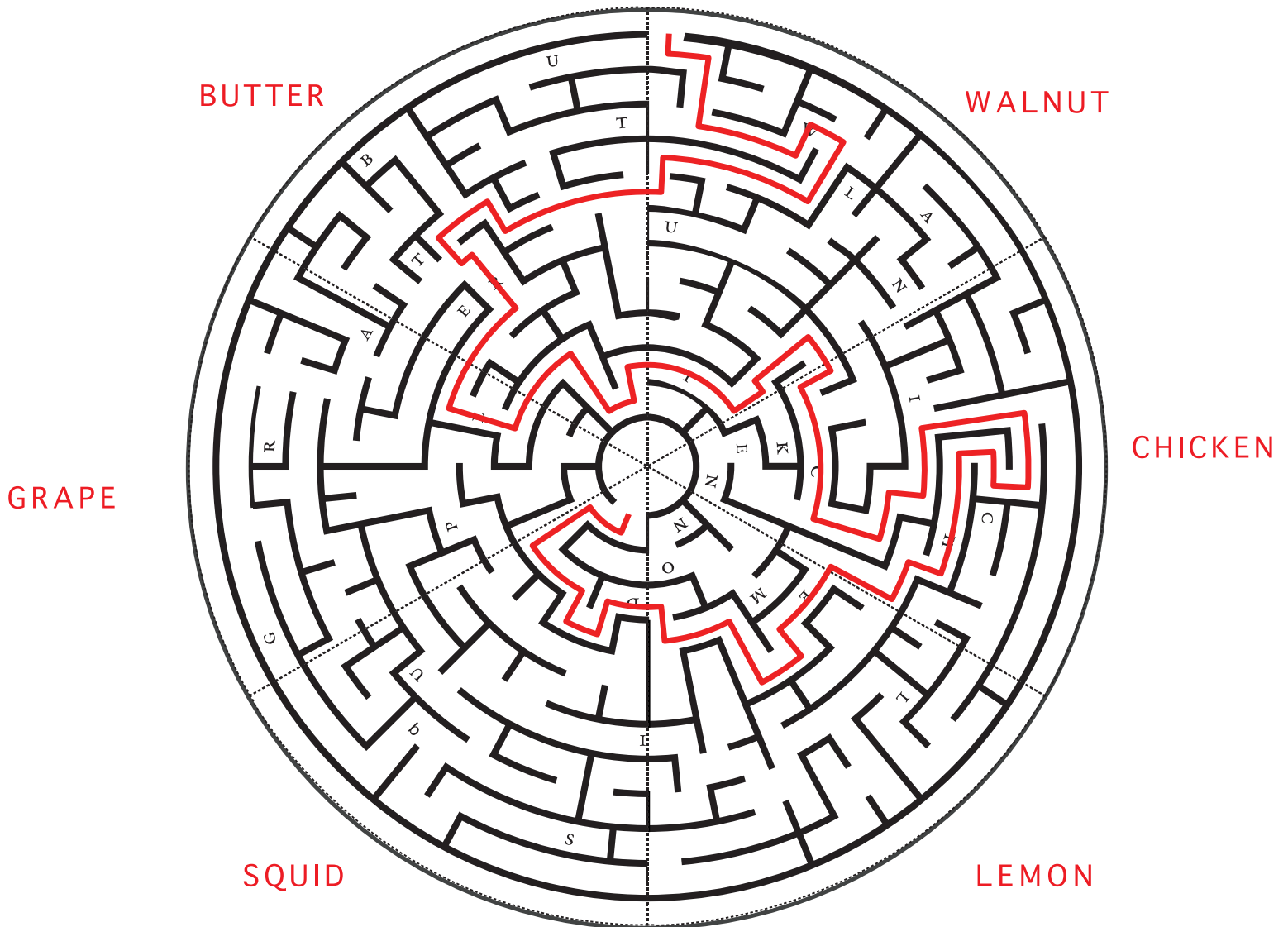
THE DEVIOS DINNER (1/2)

While her siblings worked, Sunny contributed her own unique skills to help them escape Count Olaf's clutches, a phrase which here means "her four very sharp teeth and talent for unpretentious, hearty cuisine".

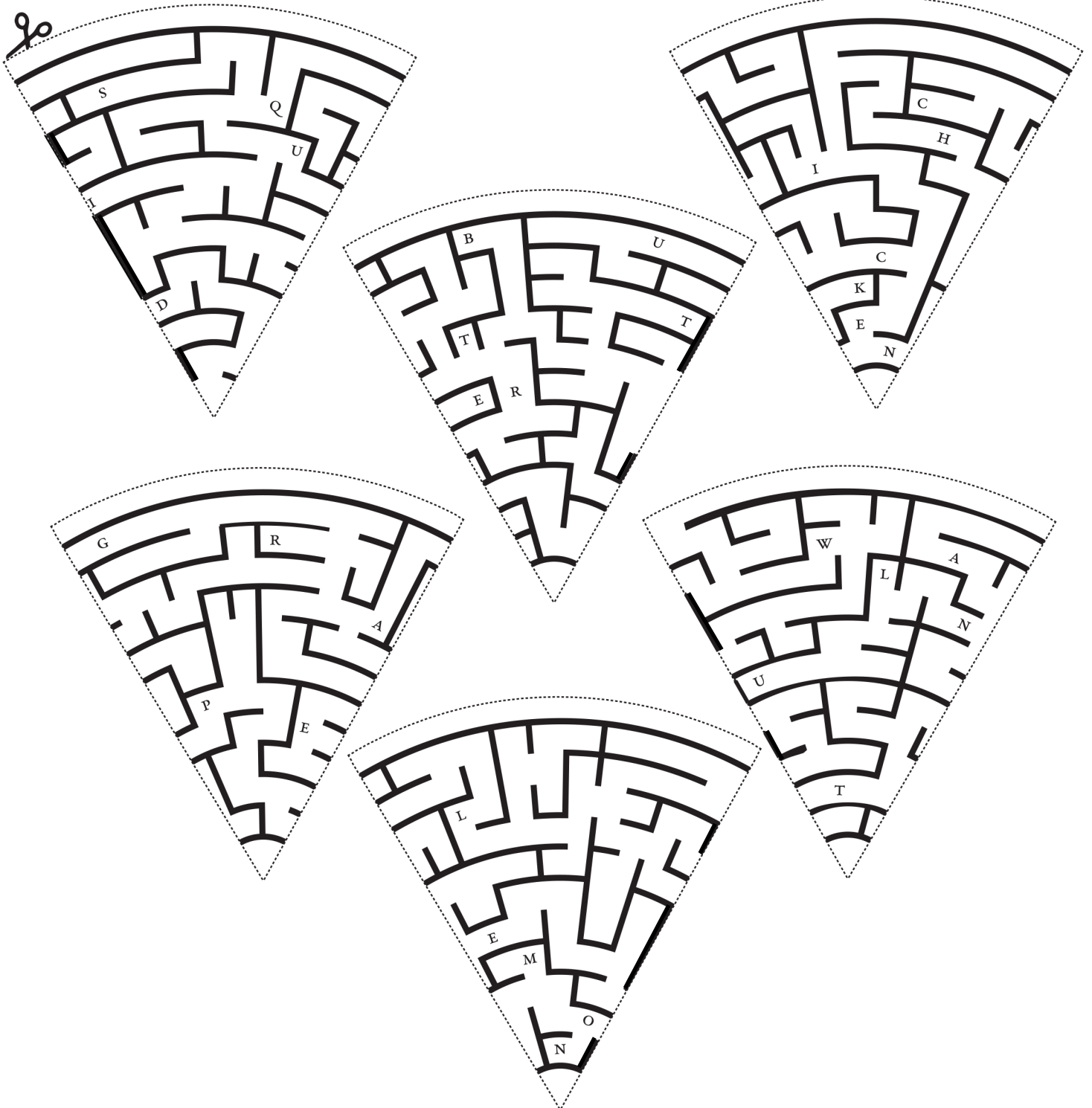
Unfortunately, Sunny had a lot of picky eaters to deal with when it was time to make her pizza. Not only did the group have unusual topping requests for their slices, everyone had a restriction on what they wouldn't eat. They were so picky that they wouldn't even have their preferences violated by the slices on either side of theirs!

Once Sunny cut and served all the pizza, she noticed something truly *amazing*. When she followed a certain path, she discovered exactly how doing all that hard work made her feel!

WRETCHED



THE DEVIOS DINNER (2/2)



THE SCARY SCHEMATIC (1/2)

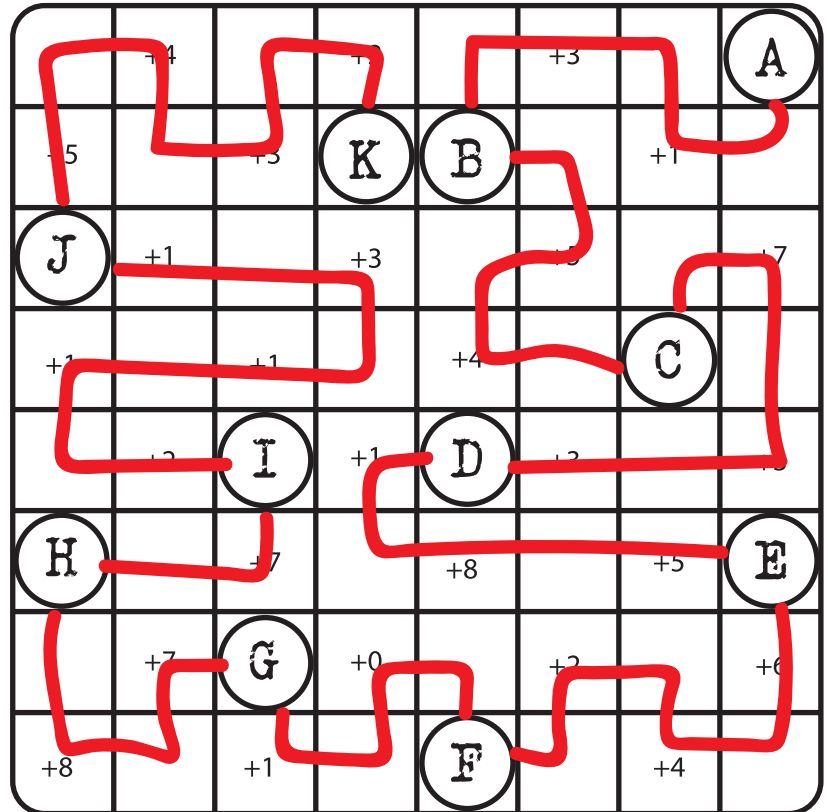
Violet, the eldest Baudelaire, tied her hair up with a ribbon and set to work inventing a solution to her predicament.

She had drawn up an invention schematic, but needed to figure out how to wire the circuit. The circuit needed to be wired in series from A through K, using every space on the circuit board exactly once.

Before wiring the circuit, Violet needed to place the eleven capacitors to prevent overloading. Each capacitor had two pieces of information: on the front, an expression of how much voltage was required in the adjacent cells (including diagonals) on the circuit board. Capacitor K, for example, needed a total value of 8.

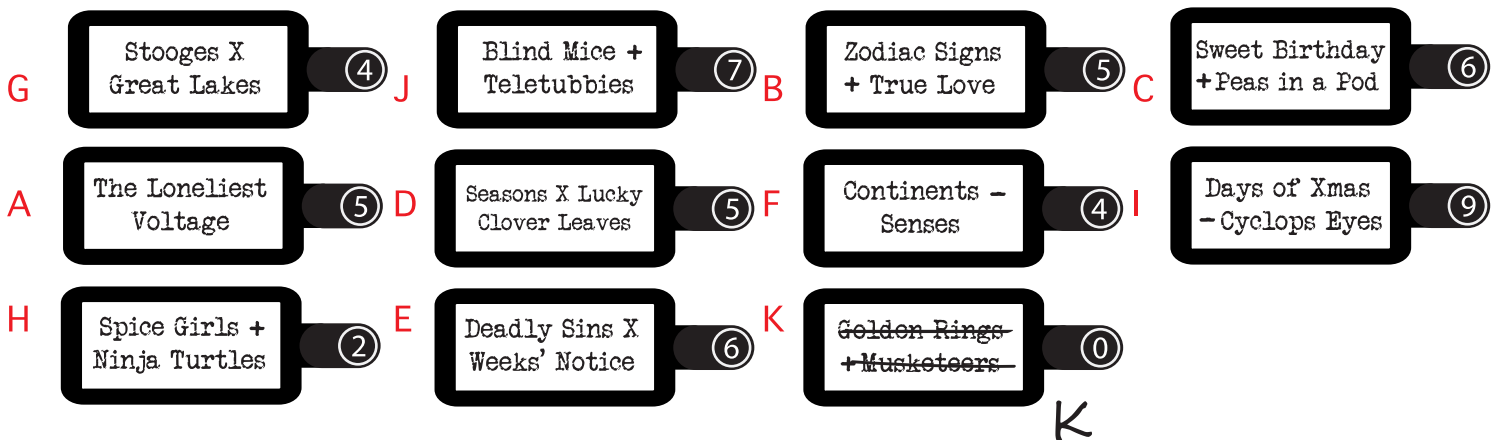
On the end of each capacitor was a number indicating how many units of wire should connect it to the next in the series. Capacitor K, being the end of the circuit, required 0.

Once the circuit was all wired up, Violet took note of the total voltage of each length of wire and tightened everything with her *hex* key.



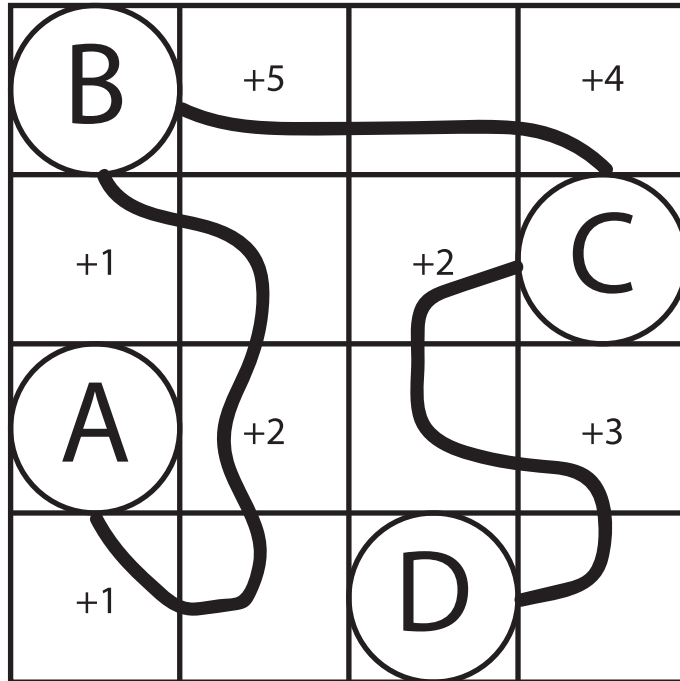
How did Violet feel after working so hard?

 4 / 9 / 13 / 14 / 12 / 1 / 15 / 7 / 8 / 14
 convert to hex code = **DISTRAUGHT**



THE SCARY SCHEMATIC (2/2)

EXAMPLE



A 2×2 $\text{\textcircled{5}}$

C $5 \times 2 - 1$ $\text{\textcircled{4}}$

B $1 + 2 + 3$ $\text{\textcircled{3}}$

D $9 - 4$ $\text{\textcircled{0}}$

THE PUZZLING POEM

Isadora Quagmire was looking for clues she could use to assist her friends the Baudelaires. She pored over a poem she had recovered from the estate of Josephine Anwhistle, a woman who had briefly served as the Baudelaire's legal guardian. The poem seemed cryptic, a word which here means "using its stilted meter and limited vocabulary to convey a hidden message."

Isadora knew that if she worked it out, she could unearth a glimpse into how Josephine felt about her time with the Baudelaires. But the poem was tedious and woeful, and riddled with errors, even though Isadora knew that Josephine was famously proud of her grammar...

<p style="text-align: center;">R</p> <p>Staring at the page of wods, long and grey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H</p> <p>That measure out the rythm of each day /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y</p> <p>Helpless makes me, for shortlee I can see</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <p>The swiming sharks that circle hungrily /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <p>You do not know our secrat history</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> <p>Of whispers beneath wreckage and debri</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>Making plans to kultivate the free /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H</p> <p>And revive the gost of the library /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <p>(Axcept, you know what's next--oh, pity me!)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <p>A kingdon overflowing with decay</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p>Sunny Baudlaire, the youngest of three /</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <p>No sweeder could a bouncing baby be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T</p> <p>Caunt Olaf came to play /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <p>Lighting natches on the way</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <p>Hope yu've got a nice insurance policy!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <p>Witing this, growing tired, stopping, she</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R</p> <p>Eyes the stainz of bitter tea /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> <p>So much for calming potry!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <p>Wiked our world is doomed to stay.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>I can't held its weight on bended knee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <p>Withstanting vile acts eternally /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p>The world, once quiet her, ends noisily /</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>
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Corrected typos read

RHYME SCHEME TO MORSE CODE

"ay" lines are long = dash

"ee" lines are short = dot

/ indicates new letter

How did Josephine feel?

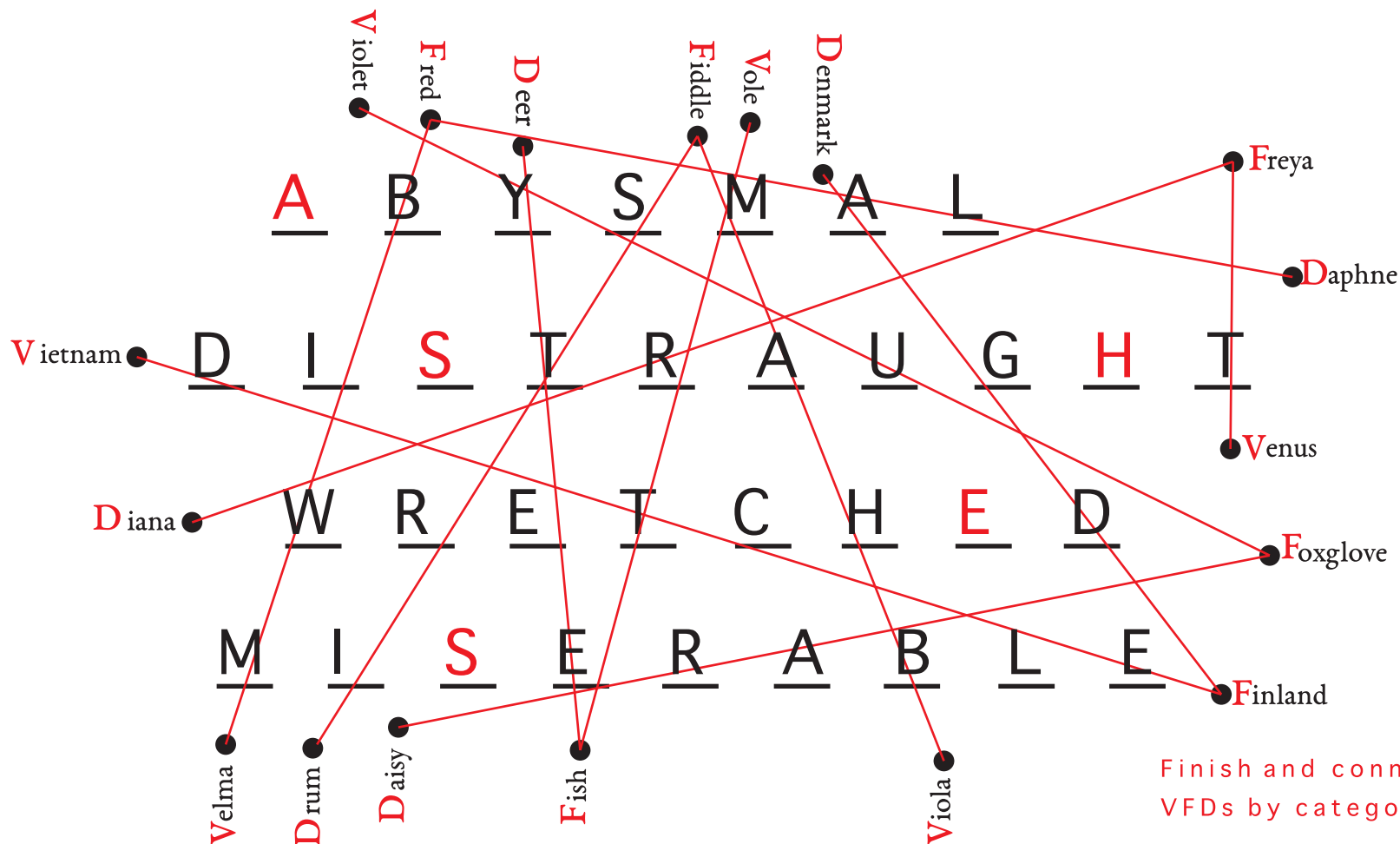
MISERABLE

THE TRICKY TRANSLATION

	remove words 3 letters or fewer	find opposite	find hidden word	next in sequence	middle letter
The Art of Photography of Smooth Mashed Potatoes	→ Photography Smooth Mashed Potatoes	→ Photography Lumpy Mashed Potatoes	→ Phylum	→ CLASS -----	→ A
Borovir is as He Comes	→ Borovir Comes	→ Borovir Goes	→ Virgo	→ LIBRA -----	→ B
The Poetry of Marybeth Lee	→ Poetry Marybeth	→ Prose Marybeth	→ Rosemary	→ THYME -----	→ Y
Salmon of the Night	→ Salmon Night	→ Salmon Day	→ Monday	→ Tuesday	→ S
A Casual Day in the Vine- yard	→ Casual Vineyard	→ Formal Vineyard	→ Alvin	→ SIMON -----	→ M
Tea Being Expensive Riles Me Up!	→ Being Expensive Riles	→ Being Cheap Riles	→ April	→ MAY ---	→ A
My Big Fat Schnoz Excluded	→ Schnoz Excluded	→ Schnoz Included	→ Zinc	→ GALLIUM -----	→ L

VERIFIED FINAL DIVERSION

The Baudelaires have managed to escape Count Olaf, but they're still following the thread of a conspiracy marked by a trio of mysterious initials: V.F.D. What these letters stand for is anyone's guess, but it's clear that a host of friends and foes are involved, and that much of the secrets concern the Baudelaire fortune. If you can follow the clues from V to F to D and see what patterns emerge, you may learn more!



Finish and connect
VFDs by category

Untouched letters spell
answer

What will the Baudelaires find when they discover their family fortune?

ASHES

BONUS: THE CONJOINED COBRA

Renowned herpetologist Montgomery Montgomery's most famous discovery is the Conjoined Cobra (*cobra cobra*). The snake's most remarkable feature is that the pattern on its scales form words!

Complete this diagram of the Conjoined Cobra using the clues below. Diamond clues wind back and forth across the snake, from the head to the tail. Star clues run likewise in the opposite direction. Both sets are listed in order.

Once you're finished, the circled scales will spell out the biggest threat the Conjoined Cobra faces in its jungle home.

Diamond Clues

- Evil artificial intelligence found in *The Terminator* **Skynet**
- Things of little value, or English desserts **trifles**
- A dried grape **raisin**
- Greek letter **omicron**
- A large lady **giantess**
- ___ *Man and the Wasp* **ant**

Star Clues

- Hand covering **mitten**
- Justin Bieber: "Maybe you should go and love ___" **yourself**
- Chastise **admonish**
- Gentleman from Rome **signore**
- Pre-CD music format **cassette**

What is the biggest threat to the Conjoined Cobra in its natural habitat?

K N O T S

