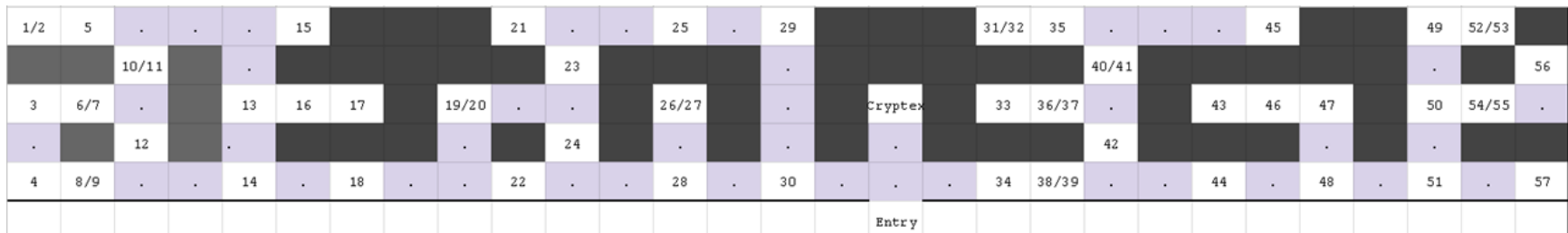


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Catacombs

This puzzle presented a sprawling series of passageways having plaques with clues on them. A hint to the puzzle was in the description of the Cryptex chamber:

A glowing room that contains a Cryptex. In the corners of the rooms are **piles of chains**.



Filling in the answers for the plaques gives the following. In filling these in, a subtle guide to the length of the intended answer is that the number of words in each clue corresponds to the number of letters in the answer.

1	Feline house pet	CAT
2	Coupe or Sedan	CAR
3	Open expanse of cleared ground	FIELD
4	Aquatic animal with gills	FISH
5	Nicholson or Giant Killer	JACK
6	Nectar made in a comb	HONEY
7	Power source for the Jedi	FORCE
8	Foe of Peter Pan	HOOK
9	Polish or glow with light	SHINE

10	Long eared creature with cotton tail	RABBIT
11	An oaf or dumb animal	BRUTE
12	Lunar orb at night	MOON
13	Vernal season or coiled tension device	SPRING
14	Above; higher; Not under	OVER
15	Not day; period of darkness	NIGHT
16	Rectangular cardboard container	BOX
17	Delivery from postal service	MAIL
18	Rise up to one's feet	STAND

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19	National malt whisky made near Glasgow	SCOTCH
20	Center of consciousness and thought	BRAIN
21	Short, bouncing leap	HOP
22	Violent weather or heavy precipitation	STORM
23	Metallic instrument with clapper	BELL
24	Water formation in the sky	CLOUD
25	Tactile contact; sense of feel	TOUCH
26	Feathers from a goose	DOWN
27	Canine house pet	DOG
28	Below, the opposite of over	UNDER
29	Toboggan; vehicle for snow	SLED
30	A burden or cargo	LOAD
31	Without covering or decoration	BARE
32	Creamy spread made from milk fat	BUTTER
33	Print or SMS transmission	TEXT
34	Dairy liquid from mammals	MILK
35	Lowest extremity for walking	FOOT
36	Lower part of the forearm	WRIST
37	Pages bound with cover	BOOK
38	Tremble; move back and forth	SHAKE

39	Assistance or relief	AID
40	Not too steep elevation	HILL
41	Nightcrawler or fish bait	WORM
42	Performing group of musicians	BAND
43	Beverage from leaves	TEA
44	Not tame or domesticated	WILD
45	Discharge weapon; terminate employment	FIRE
46	Lidded cooking container	POT
47	Chance or good fortune	LUCK
48	Lumber; tree trunk material	WOOD
49	Male bovine with horns	BULL
50	Mausoleum or burial site	TOMB
51	Semi aquatic, hopping amphibian	FROG
52	Stone from fruit	PIT
53	Avian creature with wings	BIRD
54	Long, loose lounging garment	ROBE
55	Rock, formation made of mineral	STONE
56	A washing by immersion	BATH
57	Vertical barrier or structure	WALL

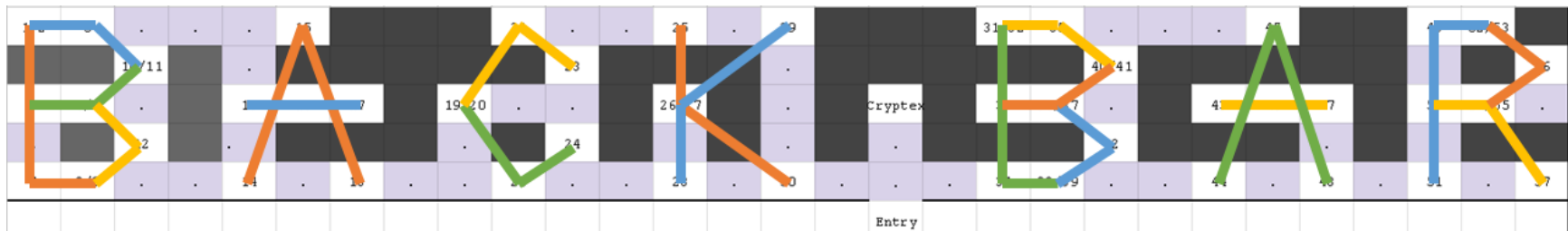
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Scanning the list of the words, keeping “chains” in mind, you’ll notice that three-word chains of compound words can be made from nearby words.

CAT-FISH-HOOK	1-4-8
CAR-JACK-RABBIT	2-5-10
BRUTE-FORCE-FIELD	11-7-3
HONEY-MOON-SHINE	6-12-9
OVER-NIGHT-STAND	14-15-18
MAIL-BOX-SPRING	17-16-13
BRAIN-STORM-CLOUD	20-22-24
BELL-HOP-SCOTCH	23-21-19
TOUCH-DOWN-LOAD	25-26-30
UNDER-DOG-SLED	28-27-29

BARE-FOOT-HILL	31-35-40
BUTTER-MILK-SHAKE	32-34-38
WRIST-BAND-AID	36-42-39
TEXT-BOOK-WORM	33-37-41
TEA-POT-LUCK	43-46-47
WILD-FIRE-WOOD	44-45-48
PIT-BULL-FROG	52-49-51
TOMB-STONE-WALL	50-55-57
BIRD-BATH-ROBE	53-56-54

Graphing these chains atop the layout of the Catacombs results in the following:



Doing so spells out BACK ... BAR, with the Cryptex located between. You’re looking for a word that can connect to both of these words to form a three-word chain.

Solution: SPACE