

December Extra 2018 Sirius

£100 Prize CWC Competition: In Search of a Hero

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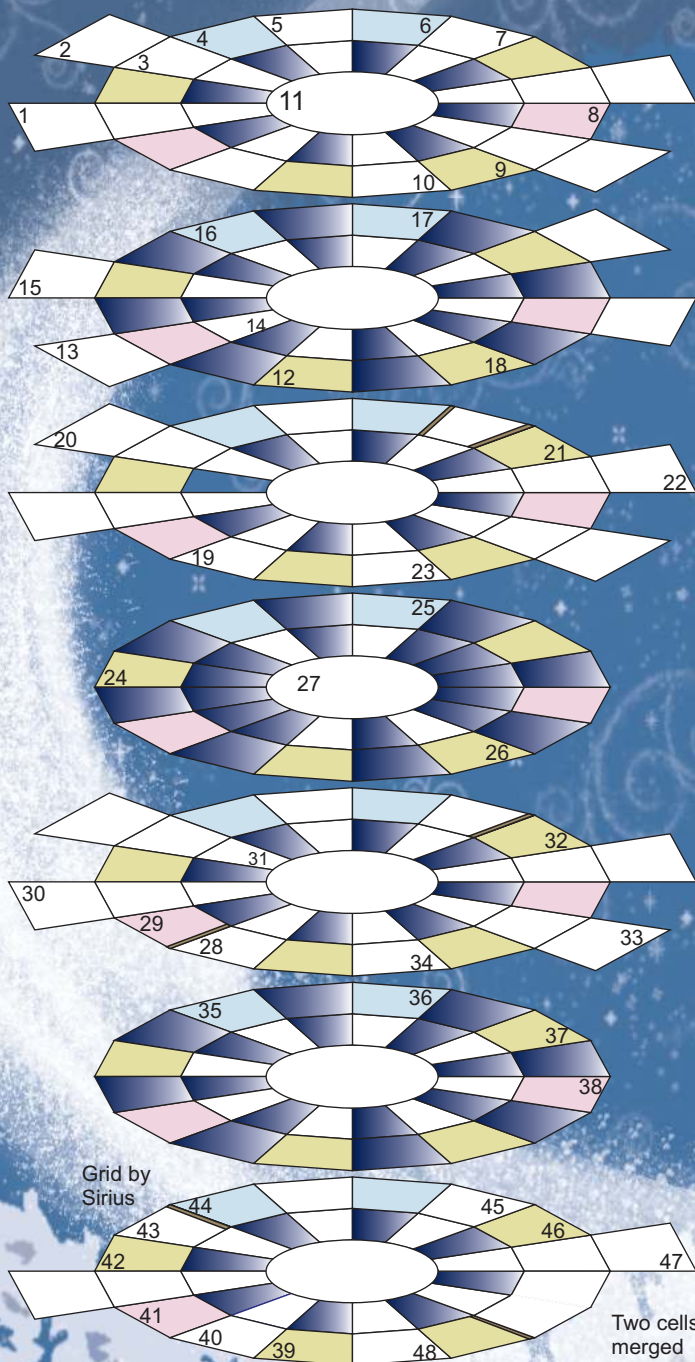
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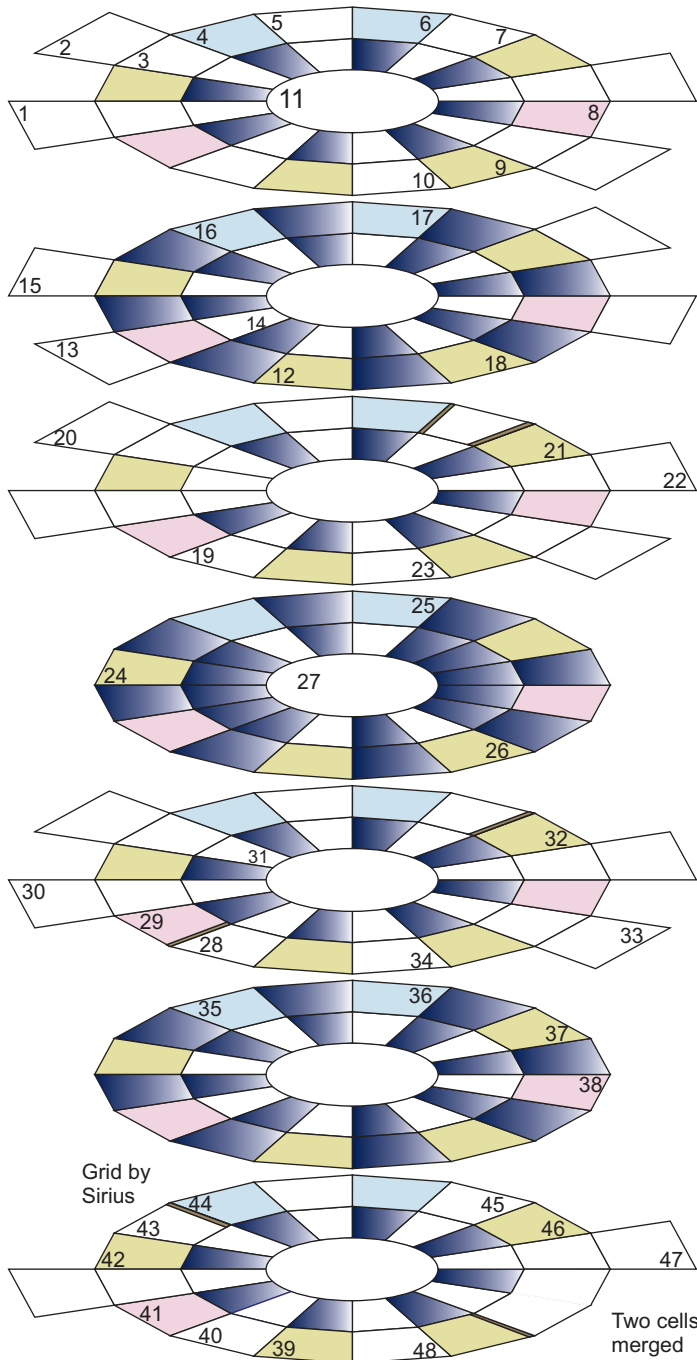
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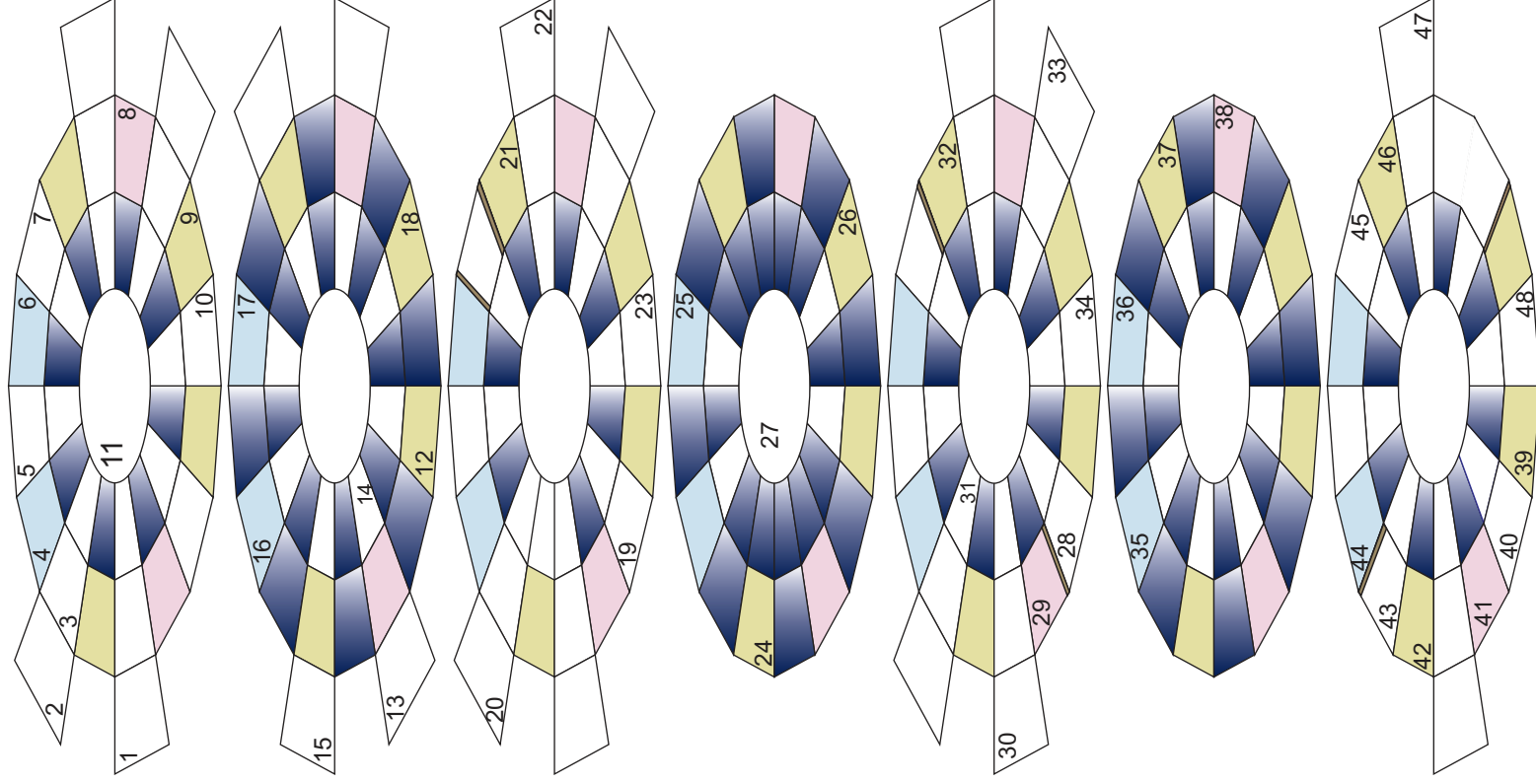
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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
40 43AC* MP on strike caught in plug socket needing a stiffener? (8)	41 43di* Wiktionary Forwards a pack of lies in many a harsh ferment (5)	42 44C Tell of desire, the consequence of Descartes' thinking (7)	1 1di Pull plug on runt? (4,3)	2 2di Soft and arousing removing top, showing more than an inch to be pinched (7)	3 3C One minor error teen ought to be 'allowed'? (1,4,2,3,6)	4 4d* Put away butterfly with toe nail (7)
5 5di Collins Moonlighting could result from 42's US style remodelled lease (5)	6 6d-3 Joanna's a little potty about this wee laddie? (3)	7 7di Seed returns shot, ball touching top of net (5)	8 8d Robert and disrespectful German improperly donutted bishop leaving in disarray (6)	9 10AC-2,9d-5,31Adi Starting drive (for Barking, say?) with a fair way to travel (6,3)	10 11d-3 Merriman-Webster Scots now having Nationalist with balls (3)	11 12d,39AC Initially, Gareth Edwards gets in loose ruck with wasteful passing (8)
12 13di-3* Confined briefly, settle comfortably having funny-bone scan (3)	13 14di 42's shelf filler has coffee here perhaps (5)	14 15di* Loving Shepherd expounded literally on good behaviour (7)	15 16di* Dashed off perhaps to take shower (5)	16 17di* Dear old queen's terminal (5)	17 19di,18up Ella was heard makin' it with shriek of joy (7)	18 20di Romeo in love at end of day finding home for sword and sheath (7)
19 21C 42's suspect orphan airing wit in pelting old women with clubs in Namibia (7,4,4)	20 22di Colleague spends penny in barbers falling short more than once (3-4)	21 23di Ruth's mother-in-law turned on Mia (5)	22 24up Those Scots hate being beaten (4)	23 25di Collins Shane Warne say - 'ɪləʊmi' tɔ llʊt ɔz zɪ ə' - looking back in mirror (5)	24 25d Napoleon gave Josephine one thinking of citadel set ablaze in sack (4)	25 26di Setter's leaving animals looping about like Melvyn Bragg in a railway station (5)
26 27d Encourage projection (4)	27 28di Small devil is in the large detail? (5)	28 29C Unsupervised animal exits half the time in 42's off-key headgear (3,5)	29 30di Complaining of big chest in computer message from 42 (7)	30 32C-6,28AC-2,32C-6 Theresa's red line announcement to shun huge goonie abroad (6,2,6)	31 33di Execute successful lumpectomy (4,3)	32 34di Like number of Cliff's sisters in Seaford showing little thanks after short infection (5)
33 35di No circuit-breaker . That's handy!! (2,3)	34 36di X-rated trailer has most extreme final words of Hannibal's victim censored (5)	35 37di Collins Monsieur Hulot's feigned infected uvula taking a scratch (5)	36 38di How a Rolls Royce differs from a ruler that's on the top of Edmund's head? (5)	37 40di Danger for every Frenchman (5)	38 41up Spreading manure upon 42's arriving (7)	39 42up-3 Student and French partner allowed rent grant (3) CWC Nov 2018

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