

World Wide Treasures 2 - Aquaterra

It was afternoon when Martin finally arrived at Long John's treasure site. The beach was deserted and the old shipwreck reminded him of a skeleton, like ribs of a dinosaur, sticking out of the white pebbles. He walked around the wreck a few times, trying to work out where he should dig. The treasure had to be somewhere where no visitor could accidentally find it. Suddenly he noticed some marks on one of the lowest ribs of the wreck. Someone had carved the letter J into the wood, and next to it a small arrow pointing towards a gap between two beams. Martin reached into the gap to see if he could move the beams somehow, but they were far too heavy. He could feel a strangely smooth and round piece of wood, though, and when he pulled, it seemed to open a small compartment. Martin's arm was just about long enough to reach inside. There was a small object hidden in there. Martin grabbed it and slowly removed his arm from the gap.

He was holding a tiny treasure chest, not much bigger than an egg, neatly decorated and with a J carved into its lid. Martin carefully opened the little box. It contained a silver coin with the picture of some kind of bird on one side. He couldn't quite work out what was on the other side, and without his reading glasses he couldn't see where the coin was from. It looked fairly new and shiny and not like pirate silver at all. Underneath the coin Martin found several pages of neatly folded thin paper which, once unfolded, revealed another set of puzzles, and a small shiny blue feather.

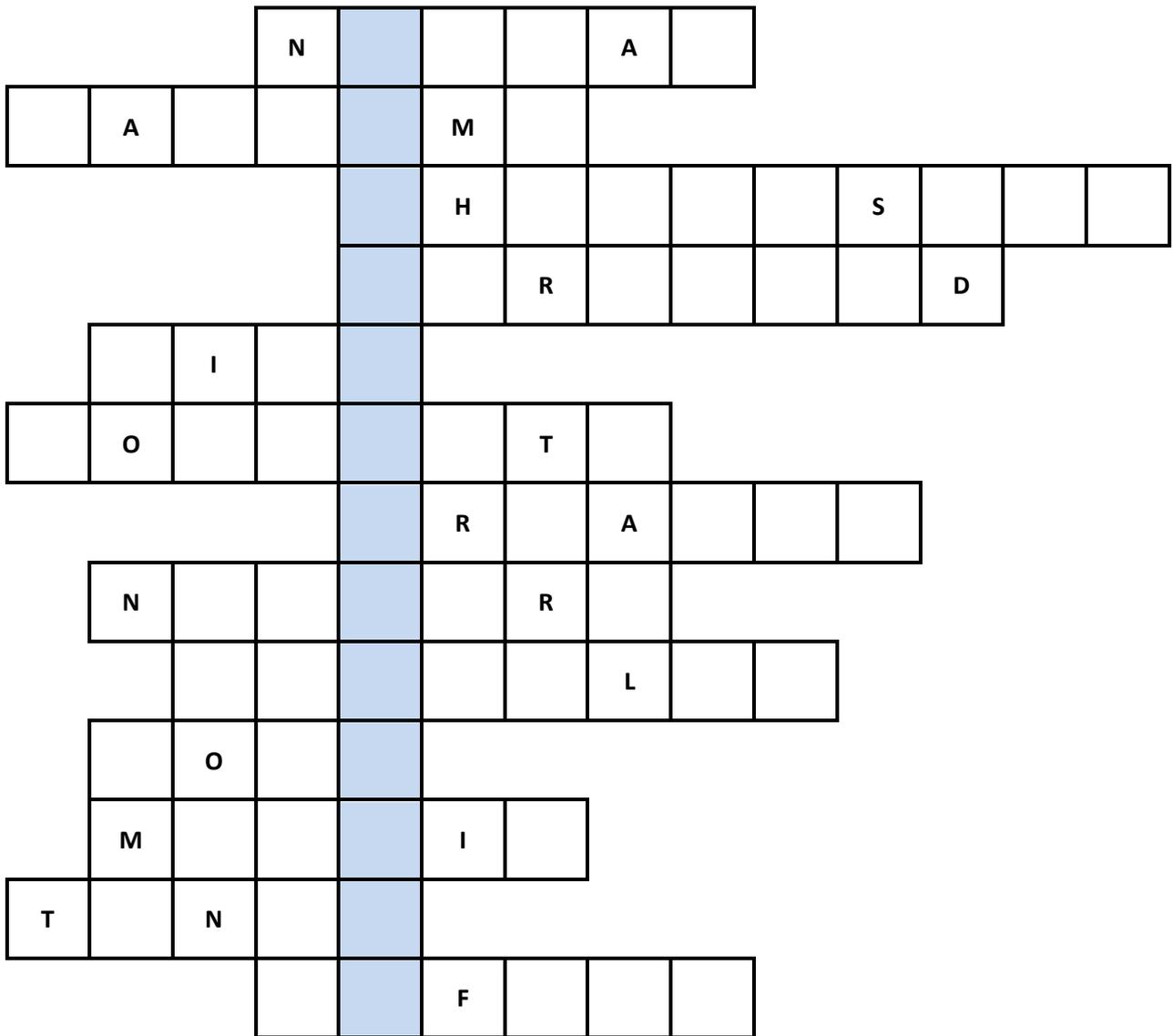
Martin couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed. He had expected to find a real treasure. Instead he just got more clues to solve. On the other hand, he enjoyed challenges like that, so he drove back to his hotel in Kalmar and took a closer look at them.



Aquaterra or "Land of Water"

Aquaterra is a small community that is famous for its inventive people. There, for dozens of weeks every year, the locals organise competitions and fairs celebrating their latest inventions and ideas. Farmer Jacobsen recently came up with a new portable box for delivering his vegetables. Farmer Robson managed to breed paler, more robust cucumbers, which the local deli makes into a salad with bananas, sauerkraut and rice. Some of the farmers sell their produce to tourists or rent out their fields to people from Elgaria City. Aquaterra is surrounded by beautiful lakes. Their water looks crystal clear and they are a paradise for bird watchers. What started as a mad ridiculous idea, has become a big success story. People from towns and cities all over the world come to visit.

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“What an unusual coin,” Martin thought. But he struggled to make sense of the letter salad underneath it. To be fair, he didn’t expect the puzzles to be child’s play. Without question, the key from the previous page would have to play a role here.

(25-1), (12-2), (27-3-1, 5-2-2, 30-3-1, 3-1-3, 28-1-5, 22-5-1), (16-1-1, 21-1-3, 35-1-3, 13-4-3, 26-2-3, 12-3-5), (9-1-1, 27-1-5, 30-3-1, 4-2-1), (22-2), 23, (24-2-4, 2-1-3, 18-2-1, 12-4-2, 29-4-1). (28-3-1, 1-3-3, 20-4-4, 24-1-1, 7-1-3, 15-6-5, 5-3-7), (21-2-1, 5-1-2, 20-1-5, 34-2-3), (28-2), (23-1-1, 14-2-2, 3-3-2, 21-1-5, 13-1-2, 20-5-4), (10-1), (33-4-4, 23-1-3, 17-4-1, 25-4-2, 8-1-2), (9-1-7, 17-2-1, 26-3-6, 14-1-1, 27-3-4, 8-4-1 ‘ 14-6-1), (3-1-1, 19-1-3, 2-3-8, 35-2-4). (5-2-1, 4-1-1), (24-1-2, 15-3-4, 34-2-3, 20-2-1, 10-1-2, 25-3-4), (23-3), (21-9), (11-6-1, 30-1-1, 17-4-6, 5-2-3), (21-6), (12-3-1, 6-4-2, 22-1-4, 20-5-1), (32-7), (22-4), (24-1-3, 31-2-3, 11-3-3, 20-1-1, 9-5-1, 3-5-2), (4-3-2, 17-1-3, 0-1-1, 30-2-2), 7, (9-6-1, 31-3-2, 25-4-2, 6-1-2, 18-3-1, 32-8-3). (6-3-4, 0-2-3, 24-1-1, 7-2-3), (8-6-1, 16-5-2, 33-3-2, 17-1-2, 10-3-2), (0-1), (16-1-1, 3-2-6, 27-3-4, 30-4-3, 21-1-1, 8-5-3, 34-5-2, 20-4-4), (1-2), (33-1-3, 14-3-6, 0-2-9, 24-3-2, 4-4-6), (30-2), (24-1-1, 32-1-1, 15-7-2, 2-1-5, 26-4-3, 19-4-1, 8-1-2), (12-4-1, 29-3-3, 2-2-3, 13-4-2).



This was all the information Martin found in the little treasure chest. He looked at everything very carefully and slowly things were starting to become clearer. But it would be another long night for him.

Can you help Martin find his way to the next treasure site?



Welcome to “World Wide Treasures”. As the name suggests, the treasure for this hunt can be hidden anywhere on this planet. There is no digging involved and we have kept the hunt fairly straightforward, so that everyone can have a go. You will, however, have to use the internet for research. Go to Google Earth and explore places and photos. Try and solve the puzzles in the order they are given. **Please submit a complete solution**, i.e. show that you have solved all the puzzles, and explain exactly where you would dig for the treasure.

The closing date is **31st July 2013** and all correct answers received by midnight on that date will be put in a hat and the winner drawn from that. So everyone has the same chance of winning. If there is no correct entry by that date, the first correct answer submitted thereafter will win. The winner will receive a free annual subscription to the Armchair Treasure Hunt Club.

Please email your solutions to roger@treasureclub.net

Good luck!