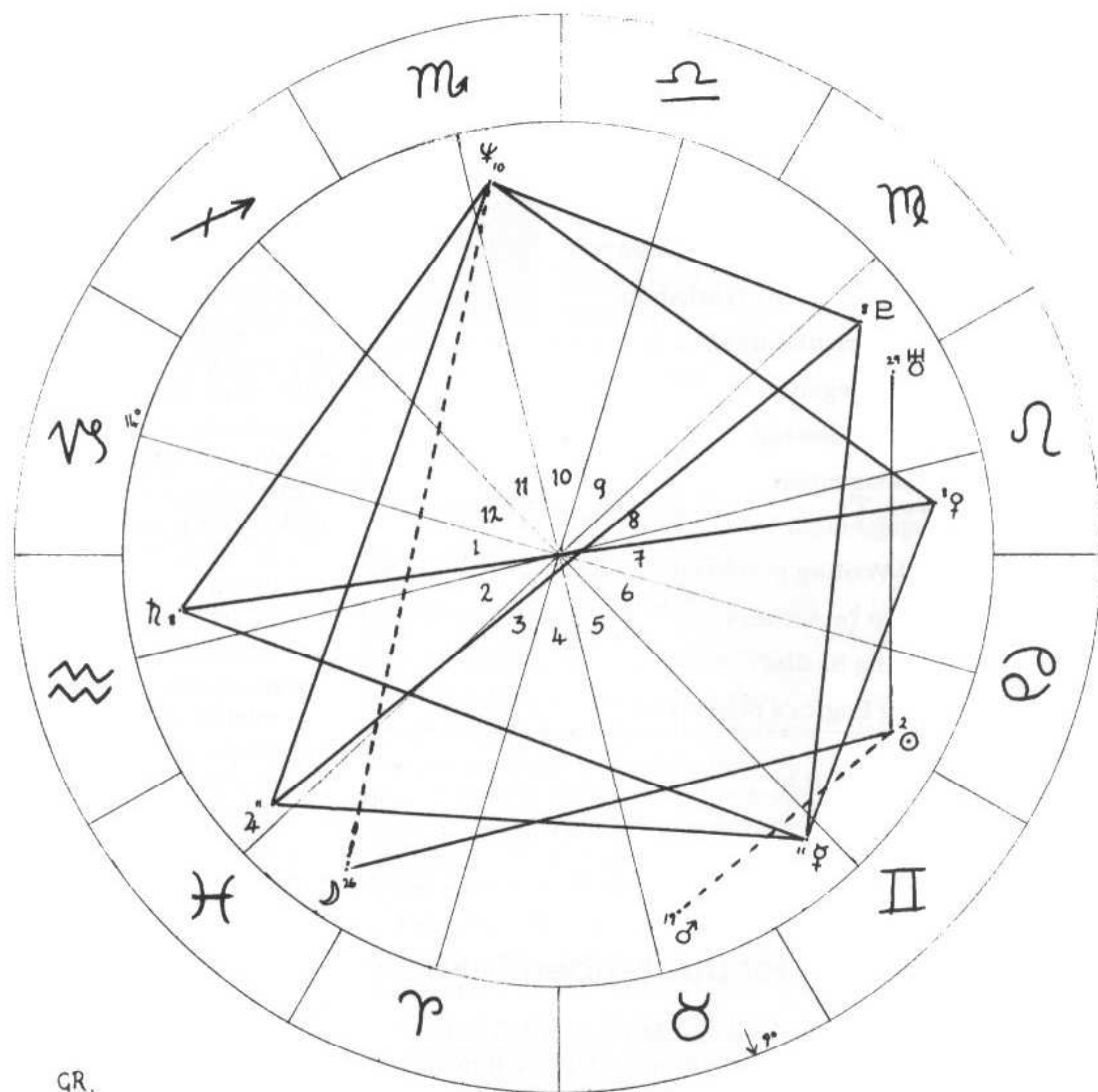


# ARMCHAIR TREASURE HUNT



1990-91

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Dusk. Out they come, shyly at first. Dusk deepens to dark and they grow bolder. No longer winking, unblinking. Constant. Owls hunt by them. So do other animals, Do you?

Men study them. Great glass and metal eyes try and outstare them. And fail. They will still be there, long after the men and their giant eyes have gone.

Sailors chart their course by them. On the other side of the world, fishermen set their traps for South Seas crab. Blessed are those who know their secrets.

What are they hiding? Can you discover their secret? Enjoy the game!

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On December 9, a small box will be hidden somewhere in the area bounded by the M25. Clues to its location are hidden in the questions and pictures.

Answers to the questions are a single name, word or phrase, omitting words like 'the'. Names required are generally surnames, though one answer is someone's popular name, not their real name.

As in previous Armchair Treasure Hunts, the answers fit into an acrostic. However, its difficulty has increased by 45 degrees. Alternative answers, if justified, may be accepted at my discretion.

Marks will be given for correct answers, and for finding the treasure. The fewer correct answers there are to a question, the more marks the question is worth. There is no official entry form - any legible sheet of paper will do, but remember to attach a treasure ticket if you have found one. The treasure-box will contain instructions on what to do when you find it - please make sure you replace it for other finders.

Prizes are of gift vouchers for shops of the winners' choices. Values: first to find the treasure - £50; highest score - £50; second score - £25; third score - £15; lowest score of at least 100 - £10. (This last one may not need many answers, so it's worth entering even if you've only answered a few questions.) No person or team may win more than one prize.

Entries must reach me by Tuesday <sup>15</sup> Jan, 1991. Answers and results will be sent out a.s.a.p., but **only** to the competition entrants. If, by any chance, the Treasure has not been found, further clues will be issued to the entrants.

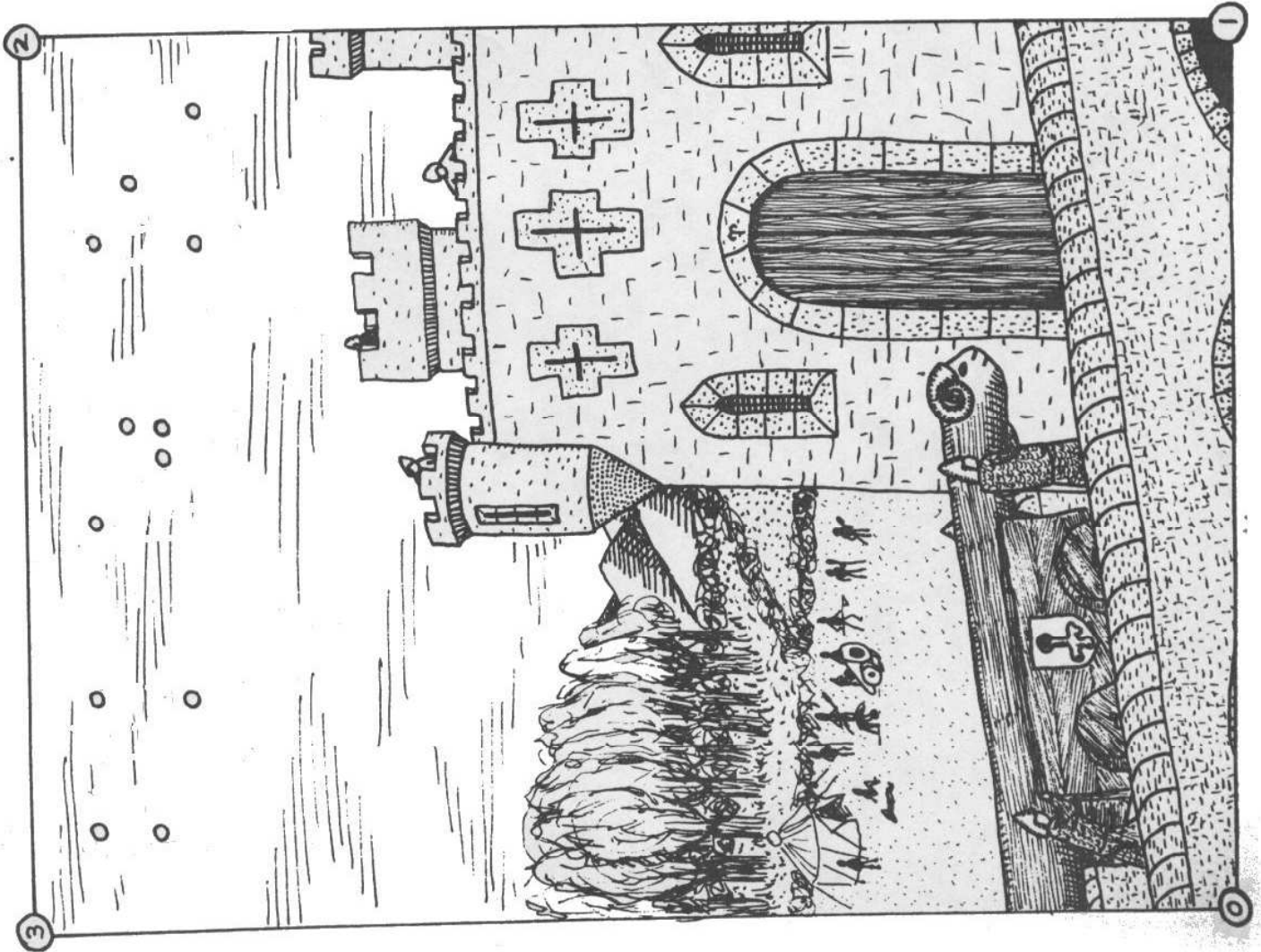
Thanks are due to Brian Jackson for the artwork, to my wife Nikki for finding many of the questions, and all who contributed suggestions, questions etc.

By the way, there is a reason for the unusual spelling in Q43.

Good luck . . . . .

Rod Fine

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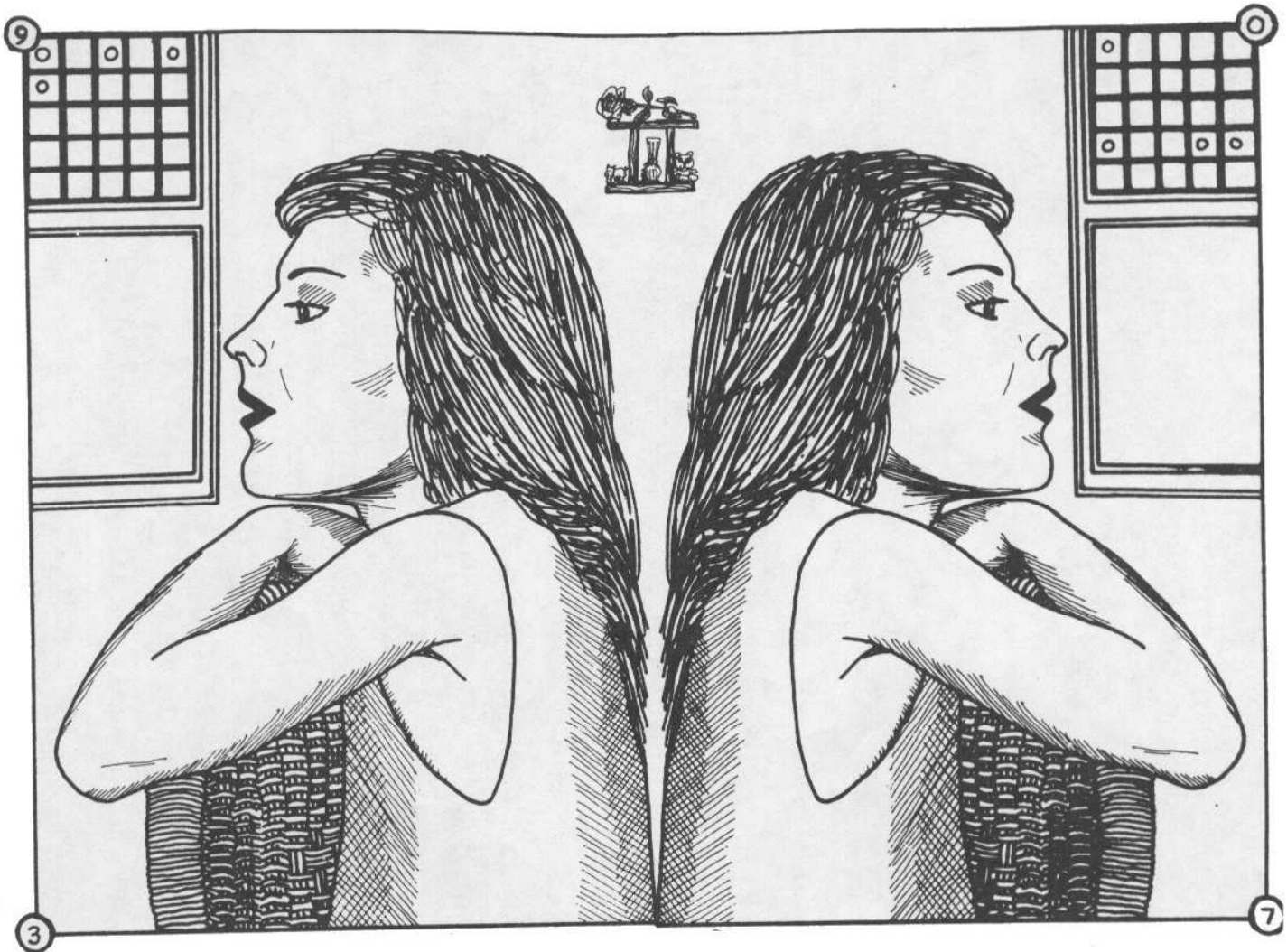


1. In the film 'The Apartment', what did Jack Lemmon use to drain spaghetti?
2. Of what kind of verse is the line "Hope ever solaces miserable individuals." an illustration?
3. Who invented the eye charts used by opticians?
4. Who described 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as "... the most insipid, ridiculous play that ever I saw in my life."?
5. How many people are required for there to be a better than evens chance that two share the same birthday (assuming none was born on Feb 29)?
6. Which English word fits the pattern 12343512, where each number represents a particular letter?

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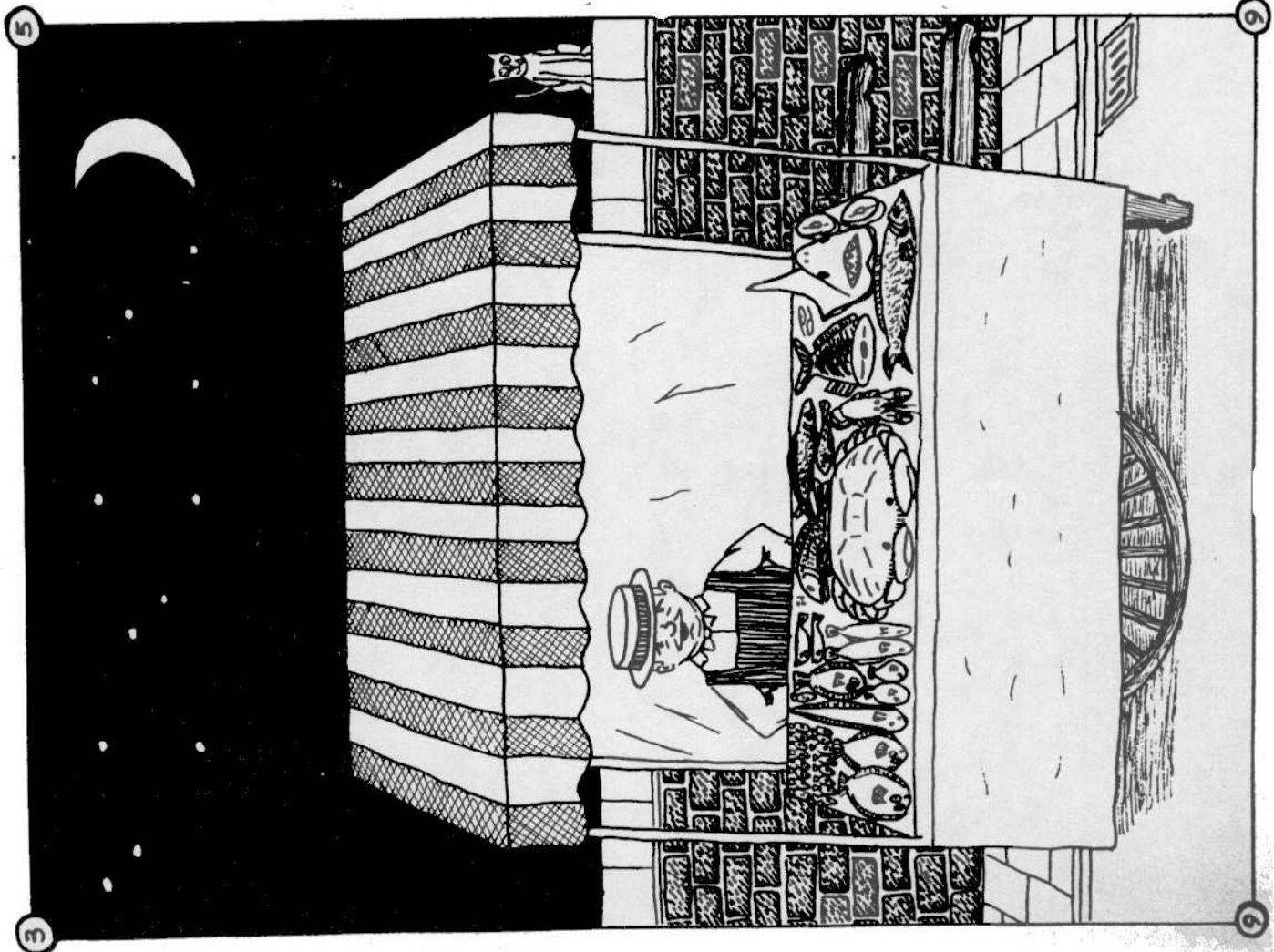


7. What are Ailsa Craig, Rijnsburger, Sturon and Stuttgarter Giant?
8. Which product was advertised with the slogan "Buy Some For Lulu"?
9. Which English town is known for its crooked spire?
10. What is the next number in this series: 14187, 20159, 22632, 25519?
11. Which is the only US State flag to include the Union Flag?
12. For which newspaper was Charles Dickens a parliamentary correspondent?



13. What is the smallest majority held by a current MP?
14. Which English cricket captain was offered the throne of Albania?
15. What was under<sup>e</sup>estimated by 27ft in 1856?
16. Which English town has the motto "Pannus Mihi Panis"?
17. Which British city is twinned with Rotterdam, Raleigh (USA), Reykjavik and Freetown (Sierra Leone)?
18. For which two numbers  $abcd$  is it the case that  $(a + b + c + d)^3 = abcd$  (where  $a > 0$ )?



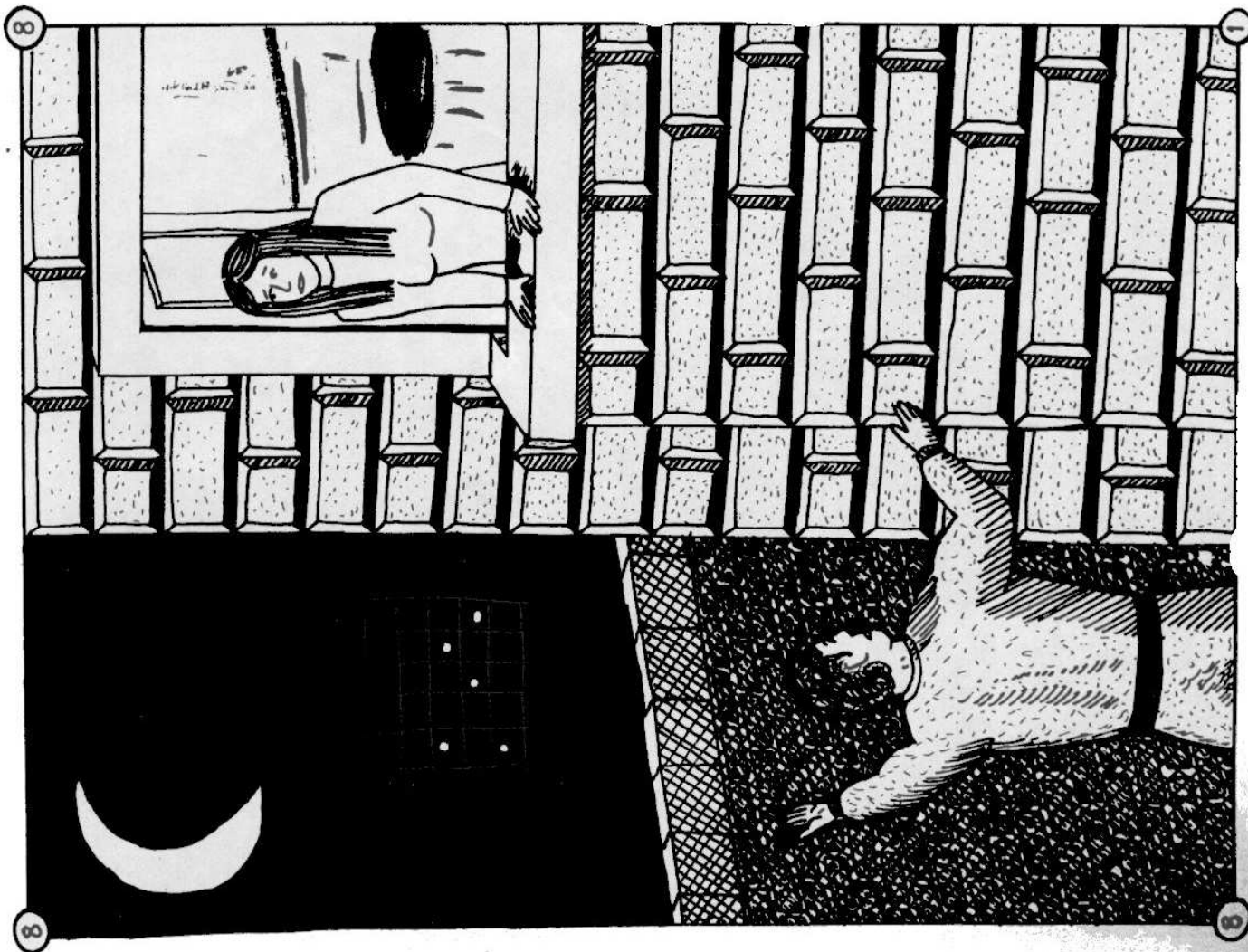


19. Over what issue did a king abdicate for a day?
20. Which play by a famous English playwright premiered in Moscow just after the second world war, ostensibly because there were no theatres available in London?
21. What has been published annually every year since 1697?
22. Which number, between 1 and 999 inclusive, do the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre no longer use on car registration number plates?
23. Which poem commemorates the death of the captain of L'Orient and his son at Aboukir Bay?
24. What condition results from an extra chromosome in position 21?

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25. What could you find at Lowlands, Rummidge and Watermouth?
26. What kind of artefact is named after Sir Benjamin Hall?
27. Which distillery produces the only single malt Irish Whiskey?
28. How many groats are there in a noble?
29. What is made of: wholemeal, vegetable fat (including hydrogenated vegetable oil), yeast extract, salt, cheese, wheat starch and pepper?
30. Three different songs with the same title (not just different recordings of the same song) got into the top ten in a 12-month period. What was the title?



31. What was the former name of York Place, WC2?

32. Which scientist gave his name to a box in which small animals are trained?

33. What is the theoretical maximum break possible in a game of snooker?

34. Which song was the first to be awarded a gold disc for sales of over a million?

35. Who invented 'Monopoly'?

36. Which book begins "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen."?

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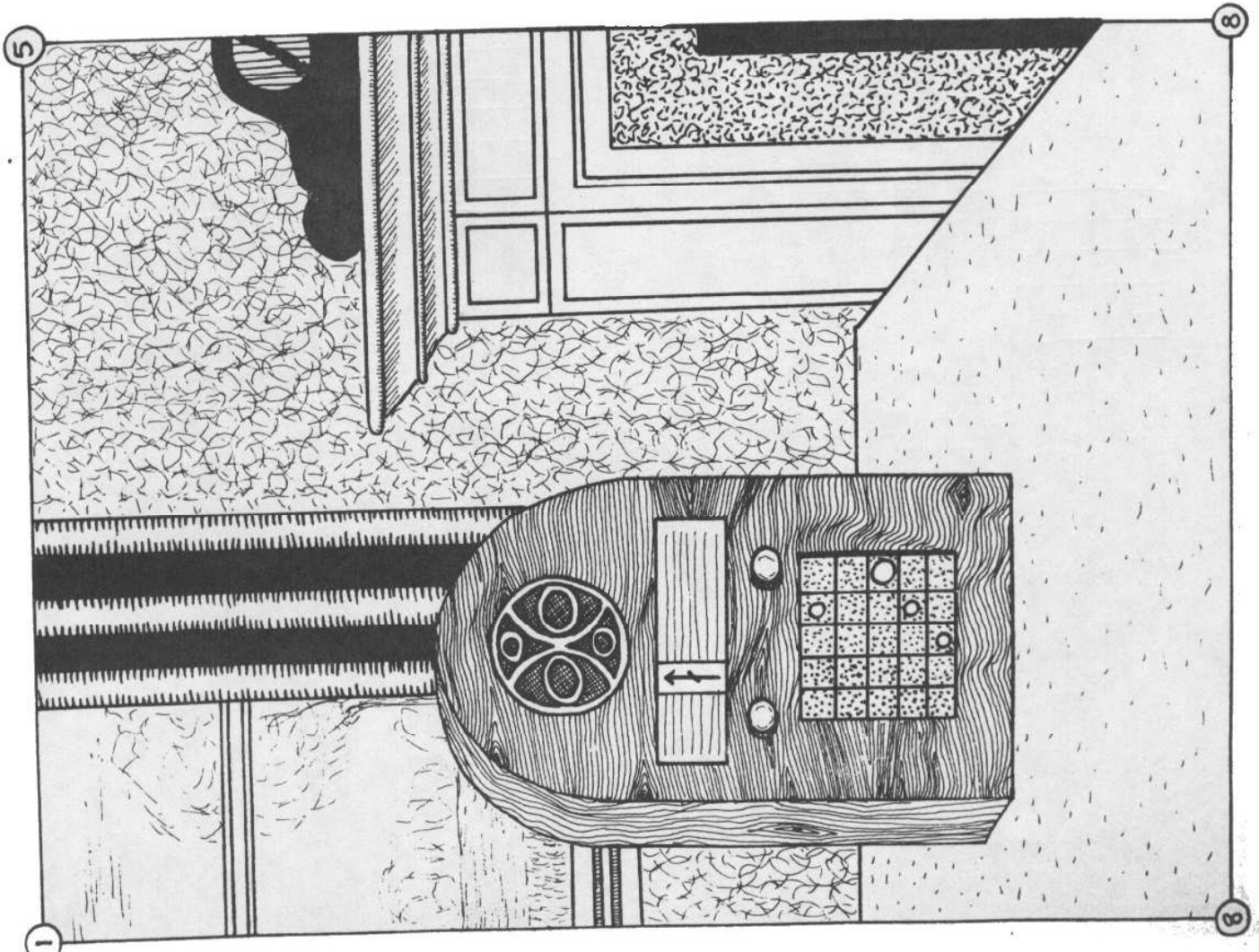
37. Who was the first person to appear on television?
38. Who won an Oscar for best original screenplay, and declared himself "insulted" by the Award?
39. Who created the fictional detective and actor Charles Paris?
40. What, in cricketing terms, is the Australian counterpart to Nelson?
41. What was the name of The Titanic's older sister?
42. Who was famous for a number of journeys, including ones made blindfold, on stilts, in a sack, and trundling a wheelbarrow?



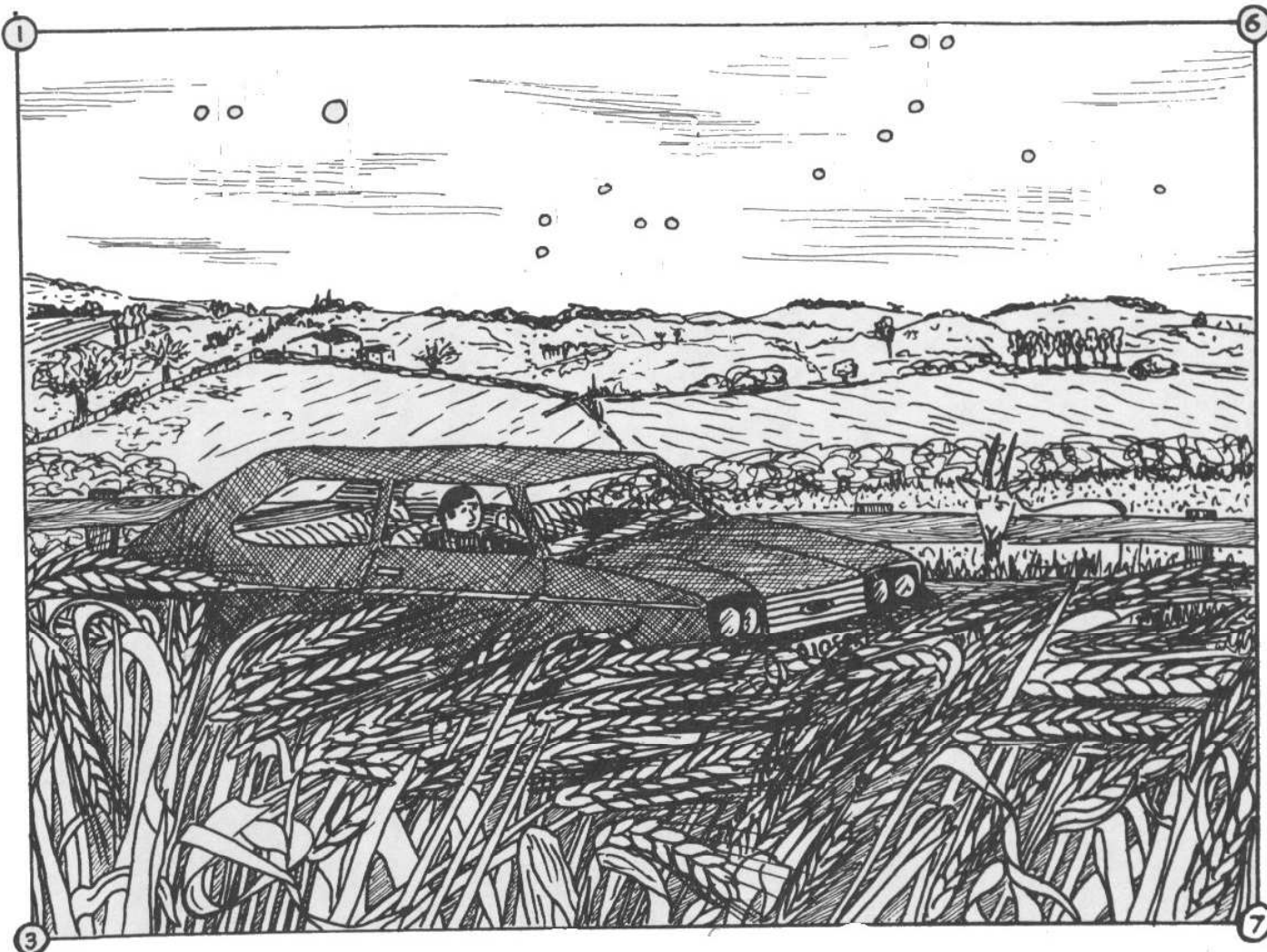
43. Other than Tchechoslovakia itself, which country's capital can be found in Tchechoslovakia?
44. What is the connection between Obadiah Masterson and Rupert Murdoch?
45. What is the smallest number which gives a remainder of  $x-1$  when divided by  $x$ , for all values of  $x$  from 2 to 10 inclusive?
46. By what name are Thistlewood, Ings, Brunt, Davidson and Tidd collectively known?
47. Which pair of household names were first put together by Pierce Egan the Elder?
48. Leonardo, Michaelangelo, Raphael: who is missing?

B1 ↓ TQ





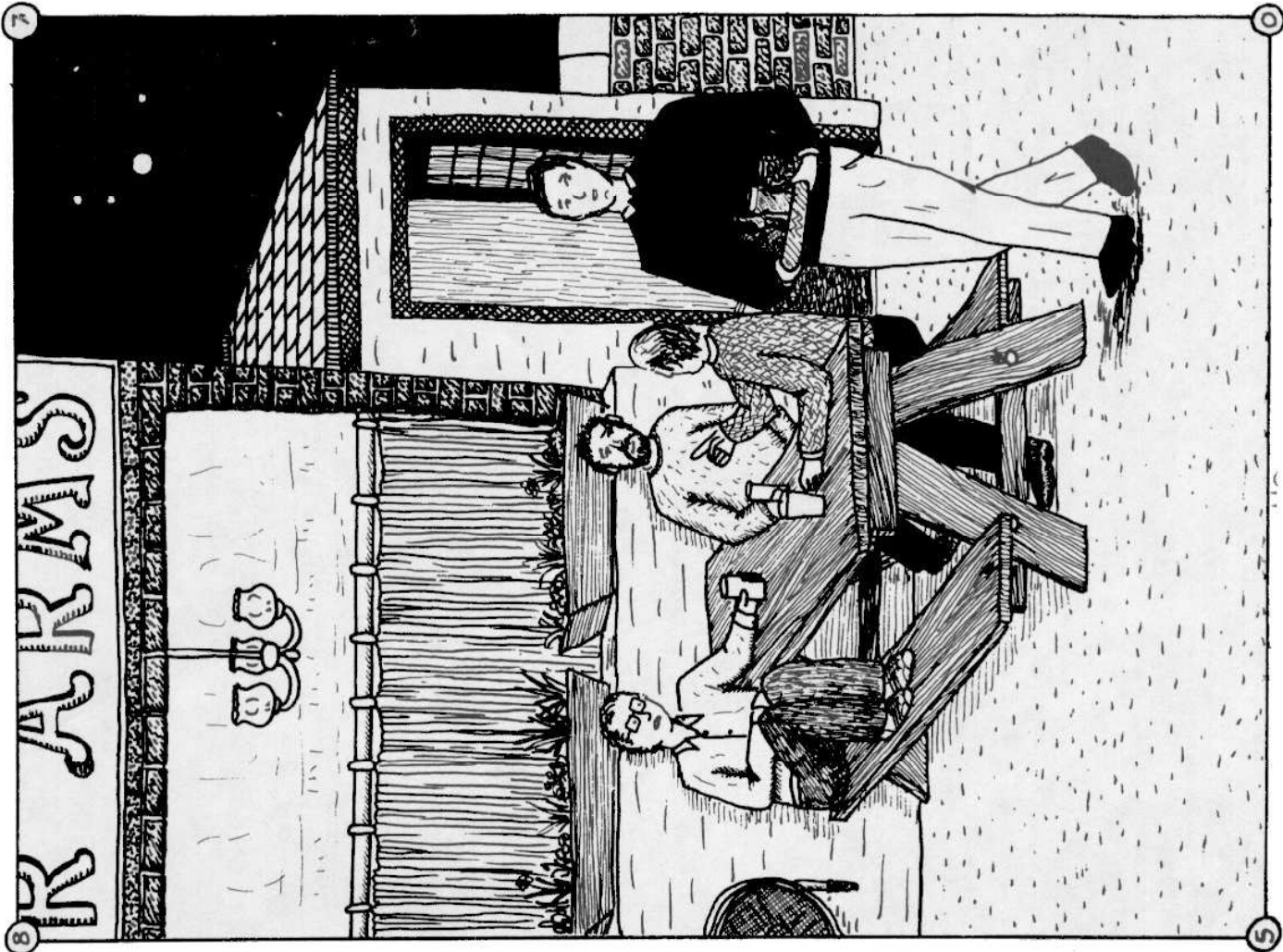
49. What is the most widely recognised thing about Malcolm Gill?
50. Given that the Gregorian calendar has a 4-year cycle, how many years are there in the Hebrew calendar cycle?
51. If Catesby is The Cat, and Lovell is The Dog, who is The Rat?
52. What was the main component of "rational dress" for women?
53. Which number is thought to have been derived from a word meaning 'one left over'?
54. With which era is Edith Holden associated?



55. The standard for the unit of mass is a 1kg cylinder made of platinum, and which other metal?
56. Whose money was used to buy Potter's Field after his death?
57. With what are points, doublets and blots associated?
58. Who was the first American to be canonised?
59. What was the real name of 'Master Robinson' on board the SS Montrose?
60. Which city has two mainland boroughs, called Nestre and Marghera?



61. Leonard Slye changed his name to Dick Weston in 1930. Under what name did he eventually become famous?
62. In which year was the Olympic marathon first run over its present distance?
63. Which NFL American Football team wear their logo on only one side of their helmets?
64. Who come between the Drapers and the Goldsmiths?
65. Which area in New York is an anagram of a group of islands?
66. According to Sellar and Yeatman, there are only two genuine dates. One is 55BC. What is the other one?





67. Who played golf on the moon?
68. Where is the oldest existing university in the world?
69. What relation is Screwtape to Wormwood?
70. Who was the first English monarch to receive the title Fidei Defensor?
71. Which was the first seceding state to be readmitted to the Union after the American Civil War?
72. Which happy notion is the name given to the portion of turkey containing the wishbone?

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