

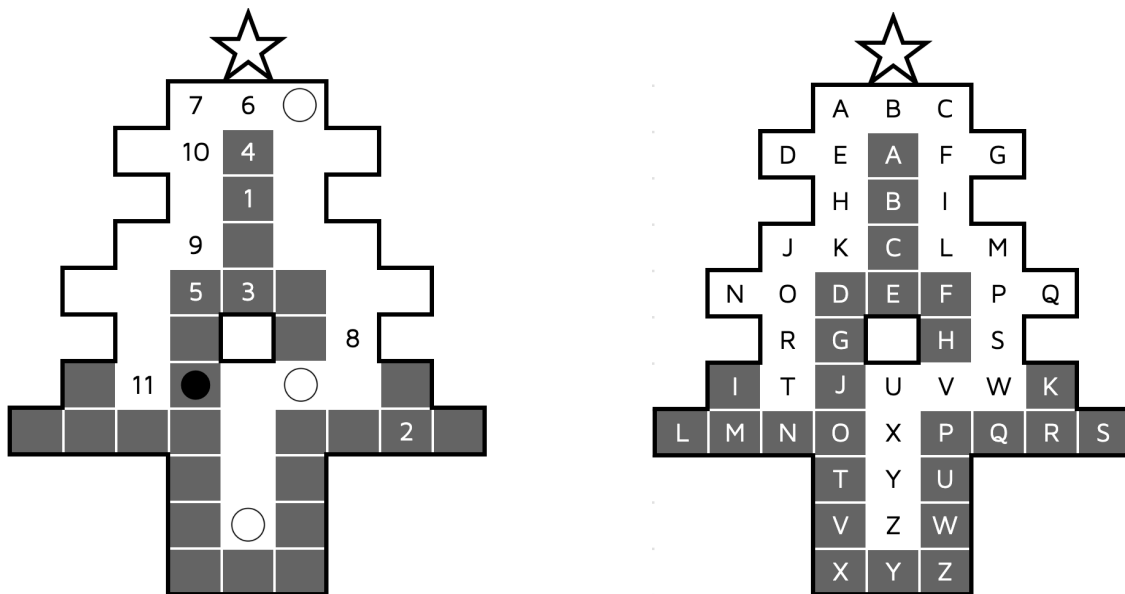
Red's Christmas Tree (Solution)

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We are given a [Yin-Yang](#) puzzle on an irregular grid of 52 cells—26 black and 26 white. Hey, 26 is a useful number. Let's not forget that.

(The Yin-Yang is not trivial. A general Yin-Yang protip: The outer edge must form exactly two continuous regions of color. If the outer edge has the form WBWB, connecting one color will cut off the other. Applying this insight here to the area just above the trunk yields immediate progress.)

The fully decked out tree is shown below.



With the grid done, we can fill each region with a copy of the alphabet (in normal read order). Extracting letters from the numbered cells produces the answer, **BREAD BASKET**.