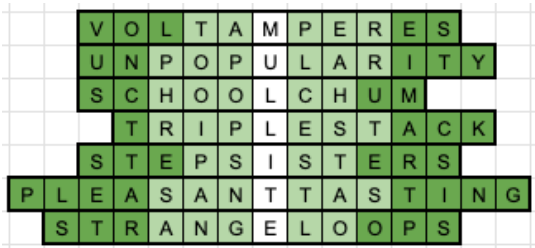


KAUILA SOLUTION – HELMS

Given feeder answers can be distributed to five of the meta shells as explained below, each of which will yield an answer. These five answers will go into the meta-meta shell, depicted as a human figure with a turtle.

1. Nested Feeders

Fourteen feeder answers can be fit within the grid as shown. Letters added to create long words or phrases read down to spell MULLITE.



2. Ninja Turtles

Eight feeder answers can be paired as the key words in titles by Michelangelo (BATTLE of the CENTAURS / orange), Raphael (MADONNA of the GOLDFINCH / red), Leonardo (VIRGIN on the ROCKS / blue), and Donatello (PUTTO with TAMBOURINE / purple). Colors correspond to those associates with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles sharing those names. Matching the artwork words in order to the appropriately colored turtles and using the given indices spells the clue BLANK SPLINTER, referring to the TMNT's mentor MASTER Splinter.

3. The Tortoise and the Hare

The distinctly colored grid spaces reflect the graphic conventions from The Amazing Race; five of the feeder answers are Detours used on that show. Each has a corresponding Detour, and those can fit in the grid using their unique lengths. in grid order:

DOG POWER / HORSEPOWER
FREAK OUT / SEEK OUT
WISHING TREE / HERBAL TEA
FULL BODY MASSAGE / FULL BODY BREW
WING IT / WANDER IT

Letters landing on the highlighted squares spell the answer HOSTELLER.

4. Esio Trot

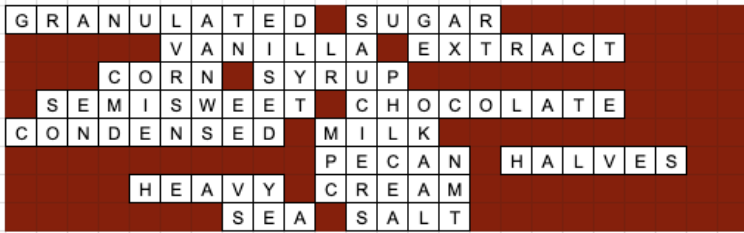
This Roald Dahl story about a turtle involves backward writing. Seven feeders can be fit into the grid squares so that their R (right) lands in the switch space, with the rest of the letters reading rightward, as usual. Flipping the switch to the left changes the R to an L and reverses the direction of the rest of the letters, forming a new word.

TREES / SLEET
SOBER UP / PEUBLOS
DOT ORG / GOT OLD
BRIG / GLIB
ALERTS / STELLA
EDWARD / DAWDLE
ARRIVE / ELVIRA

Highlighted answers spell the answer TOGGLER.

5. Chocolate Turtles

Eight feeders can be paired with other words to make ingredients used in making "turtles" confections and entered into the grid as shown. The single complete column spells the answer SAUCIERS.



Meta-meta: Armor

It's mentioned that Kauila is heavily armored. Each of the individual answers can be anagrammed to a piece of armor plus an extra letter. Put in the spaces representing the position of that armor on the body, the extra letters spell the final answer HELMS.

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| HOSTELLER | = | SOLLERET (head) | + | H |
| SAUCIERS | = | CUIRASS (torso) | + | E |
| TOGGLER | = | GORGET (neck) | + | L |
| MULLITE | = | TUILLE (thigh) | + | M |
| MASTER | = | ARMET (head) | + | S |