

SERI KEMBOJA SOLUTION – ABEAM / INACHUS

The Currents grid may be filled as shown below. Once completed, the protruding letters may be decoded into numerical givens used to solve the Battleships puzzle on the right.

		I			O	G					8		6	4		
		T	H	O	M	D	A	L	I	E	S	Q	U	E		
A		P	A	C	E	R	D	O	V	E	T	A	I	L		2
		P	L	A	N	T	A	I	N	B	R	E	S	T		
		H	E	D	G	E	H	O	G	W	A	N	T	A	D	
I		O	W	A	S	T	A	T	E	I	T	C	H	Y		8
F		L	I	T	H	O	S	O	L	C	H	I	M	E		3
		E	M	H	O	F	F	M	A	R	I	N	A	S	H	
		S	I	S	I	S	A	C	R	A	M	E	N	T	O	
D		A	C	H	A	T	I	M	E	T	A	B	L	E		0
		B	I	L	M	E	A	N	I	N	G	L	E	S	S	
V		I	O	L	I	N	I	S	T	C	H	A	N	T		1
		A	R	C	I	T	Y	S	P	I	N	C	E	R		
		T	T							G						

It is possible to decode the Battleships givens purely through logic. For example, of any row or column with a given, only the row clued by the S can fit eleven shaded spaces. Once that is filled, the D and V can only stand for zero and one, respectively, and row R becomes the only clued row or column that can be the 10. It is possible additionally to get a few footholds using the decoded letter string itself; for example, the 11, following an apostrophe twice, is most likely the S, and seeing the beginning of the string as "R 8 V 9 R..." allows a likely placement for the E and another vowel.

Correctly decoding the number string in a way that solves the Battleships puzzle yields the phrase RIVER GOD THAT'S IO'S FATHER, a clue to the answer INACHUS.

The one-cell "submarines" are depicted as hollow rings rather than solid spaces. Looking at the letters in the original puzzle grid that fall in the spaces corresponding to the submarines reveals the answer ABEAM.