# The Valley of Diamonds - SOLUTION (CUPIDITY / BOOTSTRAPS)
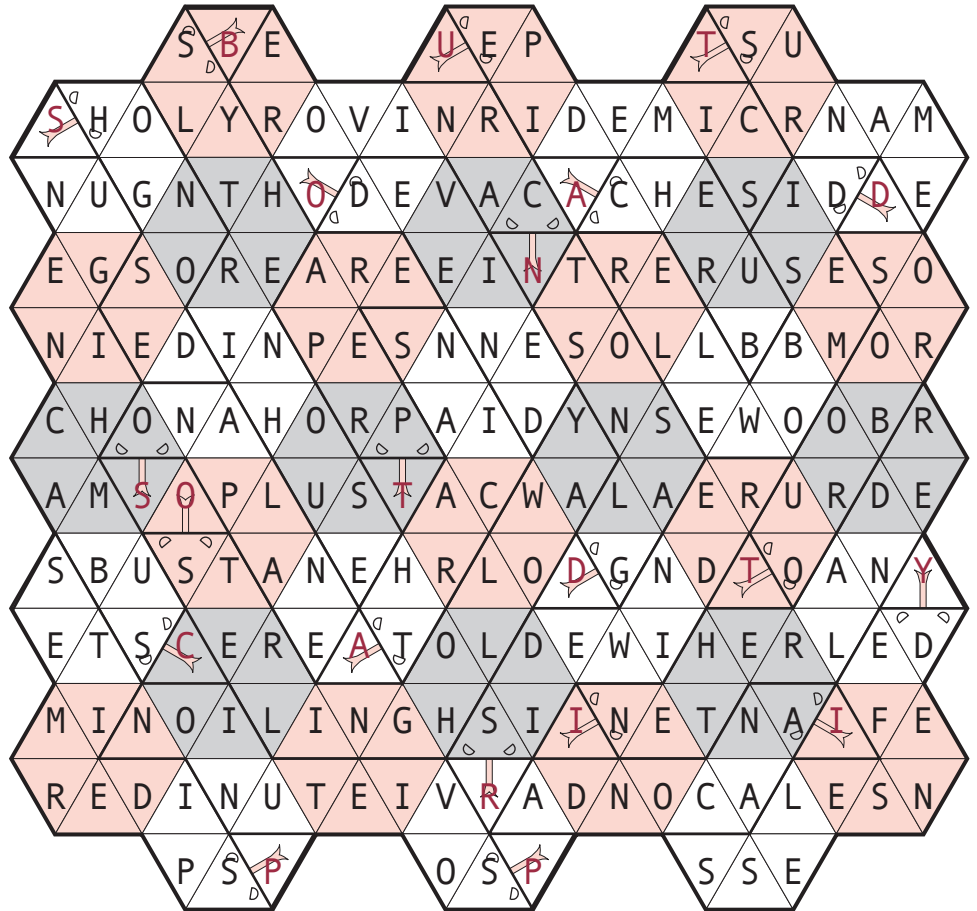
Working back and forth between diamonds and snakes, the grid may be filled as shown below. Twenty-one letters are not covered by snakes, but if the snakes were imagined to be in the grid, each one's tongue would be flicking an uncovered letter. Those letters in snake clue order spell CUPIDITY AND BOOTSTRAPS.

**PINK DIAMONDS**

BERYLS
SERAPE
CARLOW
SEIFEN
RUSTIC
DINE ON
MINDER
RELOST
UNRIPE
POSTAL
IGNITE
MOROSE
TOURED
GENIES

**WHITE DIAMONDS**

PARVOS
OVIEDO
DELANY
DEWING
SUBSET
DEMAND
SHOGUN
ACHMED
DIANE
ATHENE
SCALES
PINUPS
HAND IN
WOBBLE

**GREY DIAMONDS**

OLDISH
ANTHER
CAVE-IN
URESIS
MACHOS
PROUST
NYALAS
BORDER
RECOIL
THERON



## SNAKES

1. (C) SUBMACHINE GUN
2. (U) EPIDEMICS
3. (P) SOVIET UNION
4. (I) ANACONDA
5. (D) DISEMBOWELLER
6. (I) NETHERLANDER
7. (T) OUROBOROS
8. (Y) DEFENSELESS
9. (A) THRACIANS
10. (N) CARNIVORE
11. (D) GLASNOST
12. (B) SLYTHERIN HOUSE
13. (O) DEVEINED
14. (O) STERLING HOLLOWAY
15. (T) PREPARE
16. (S) HOG-NOSED
17. (T) SURNAME
18. (R) SIDEWINDER
19. (A) CHERUB
20. (P) SPIDER MITES
21. (S) ON A PLANE