

Meta 3 Solution

Puzzle: Vinjai Vale and Kristy Chang

Solution: Vinjai Vale

Answer: EXERCISEHIM

This metapuzzle is an example of a *pure meta* — where the solution is to be derived directly from the six puzzle answers with no additional materials besides the clue in the flavortext.

The flavortext references the popular word game [Ghost](#), and describes a variant where you flip the word and change a letter to make a new word. Performing this action to each answer yields the following:

DEFT	TFED	TIED	F -> I
FLAG	GALF	HALF	G -> H
TERCET	TECRET	SECRET	T -> S
TAPPER	REPPAT	REPEAT	P -> E
CLOVER	REVOLC	REVOLT	C -> T
NEUTER	RETUEN	RETURN	E -> R

Call in FIGHTSPECTER and Jacques and the ghost of John Phillips come into your room. The specter insists on playing a Ghost variant called [Superduperghost](#). In the game, the specter plays the letters E, X, E, R, C, I, S, E, H, I, M, spelling out the answer to the metapuzzle, which is **EXERCISEHIM** — the means by which Jacques gets rid of the phantom.