

Meta-Meta Solution

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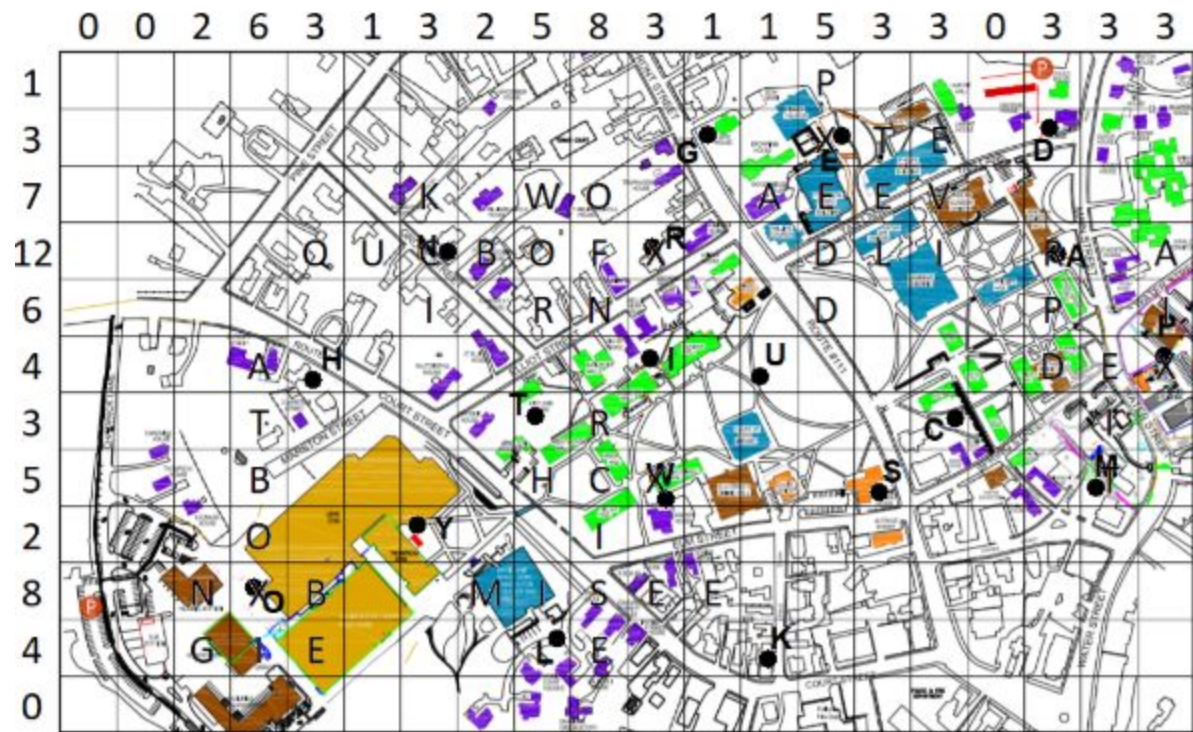
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Answer: POWER

Since this is a meta-meta puzzle, the first thing to notice is that each of the meta answers fit nicely within one of the ship pieces, filled out from top to bottom, as the “EXAMPLE” piece shows. The main part of the puzzle is to figure out where the pieces are placed, as according to the restrictions described. The completed board should look like below:

	0	0	2	6	3	1	3	2	5	8	3	1	1	5	3	3	0	3	3	3
1														P						
3														X	T	E				
7							K		W	O				A	E	E	V			
12					Q	U	C	B	O	F	X			D	L	I		R		A
6							I		R	N				D				P		I
4				A														D	E	X
3				T						R									I	
5				B					H	C	X								T	
2				O						I										
8			N	X	B			M	I	S	E	E								
4			G	I	E					E										
0																				

From there, it is necessary to notice that the grid fits neatly over the map, as below:



Finally, from the flavor text of “*treasures remained where the ships were hit,*” and classic pirate knowledge of “X marks the spot,” you notice that each word contains a ‘X’ and each ‘X’ lines up precisely with a location and a letter. The letters spell the answer of **POWER** (while the locations are the locations for the final runaround).