



Though you see it right away, getting to the cellar door is harder than you might think. The door is worked into a part of the wall, a tower that has since fallen into ruin. Fallen stones and other debris from the broken tower create obstacles that force you to go the long way around to get there. Once you get there, however, you're met with another surprise. Two long, slender gargoyles peek out from the wall just beyond where the tower fell in, and they crane their necks to get a look at you.

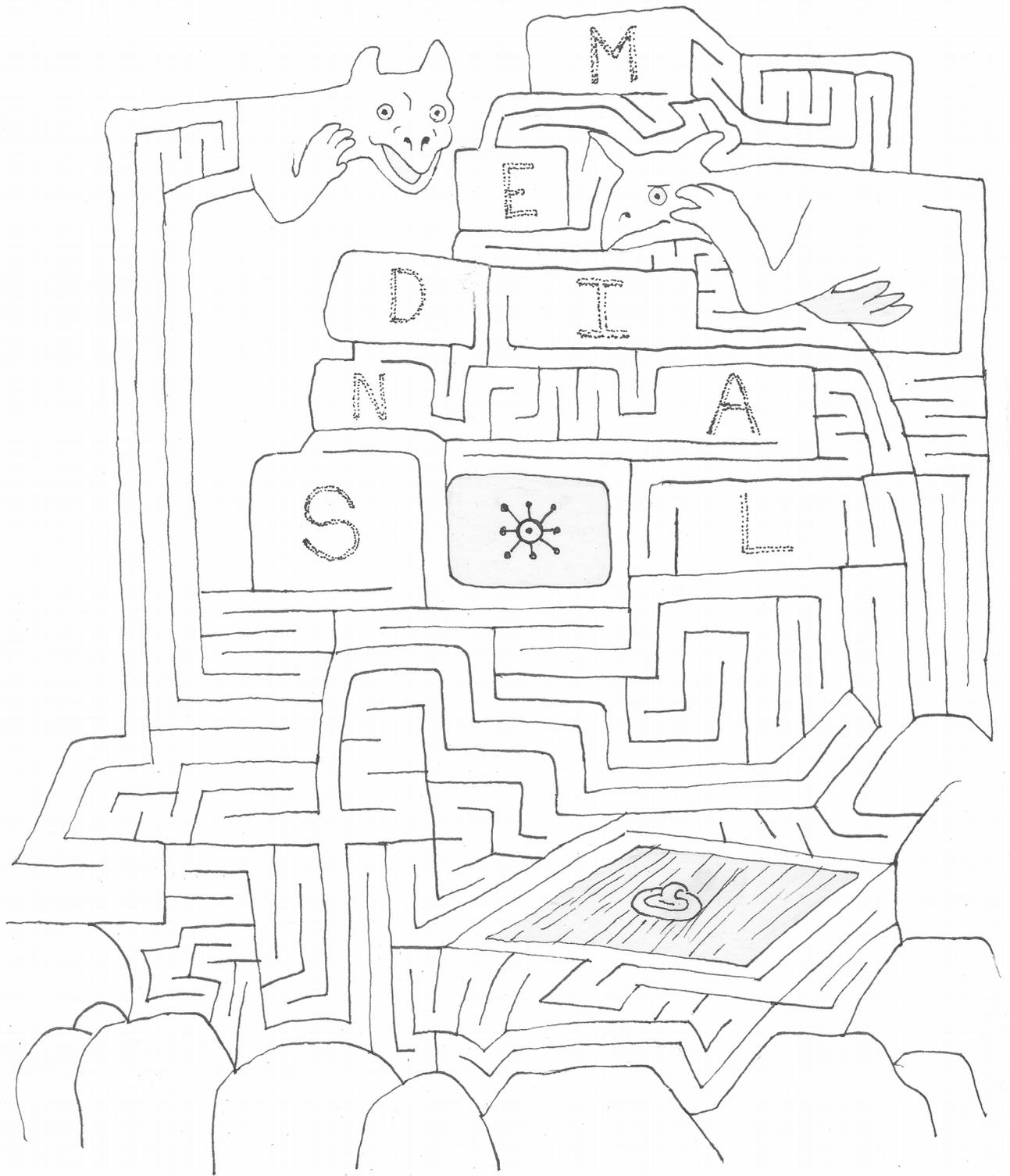
"You must be the newcomer our cousin wrote to us about," one of them says gleefully, offering you a wave. "It's good to meet you. We just got a letter about you. In fact, I was wondering if you might be able to help us."

"Uggh," says the other, its voice muffled through clenched jaws "do you have to? It's so embarrassing."

"The truth is," the chatty gargoyle continues, "my friend here has a bit of a problem. He fell asleep with his mouth open, and someone went and made a nest and laid an egg in it!"

Clearly unhappy about its secret being known, the other gargoyle opens its mouth to reveal the nest and egg hidden there. "Our hands aren't particularly good for delicate tasks," the goblin tells you, "And anyway, its not like we could go looking for whoever it was who left this egg behind. Do you think you could help us out? Take the egg, and try to find out who it belongs to?"

As gently as you can, you pluck the nest and egg out of the gargoyle's mouth. They fit perfectly in your hands. The gargoyles thank you, and wish you the best. They introduce themselves as the Stone brothers, but as you head back towards the way down to the cellar, you realize you've forgotten which was which.



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