

2023 Day 21

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Greater-than symbols should behave as usual in today's block. Don't worry if you can't finish the block today; come back after more nearby blocks are filled and use sudoku logic.

The triangle braces must point toward the smaller of the two neighboring digits.





Today's feature puzzle is an Area 51 puzzle. Create a single fence loop visiting EVERY node in the grid. The loop may not split or dead-end.

A cell containing a digit must be surrounded by that many pieces of fence.

Circled numbers must be inside the loop and show how many cells can be seen up, down, left, and right (including itself) between that cell and the nearest fence. Cacti cells must be on the outside of the fence. Alien cells must be on the inside of the fence.

On darkened circles the fence must have a 90 degree turn with straight sections before and after.

On white circles the fence must continue straight with a turn before and/or after the circle.

Upon completion, extract a word from the grid and save it for later.