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National Curriculum Objectives:

KS2 History: A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300. More resources with this objective.

Differentiation:

Beginner Secret message to complete encoding (only some letters to add). Decode CVC words. Aimed at Year 3 Emerging.
Easy Secret message to encode. Decode CVC words. Aimed at Year 3 Secure/Year 4 Emerging.
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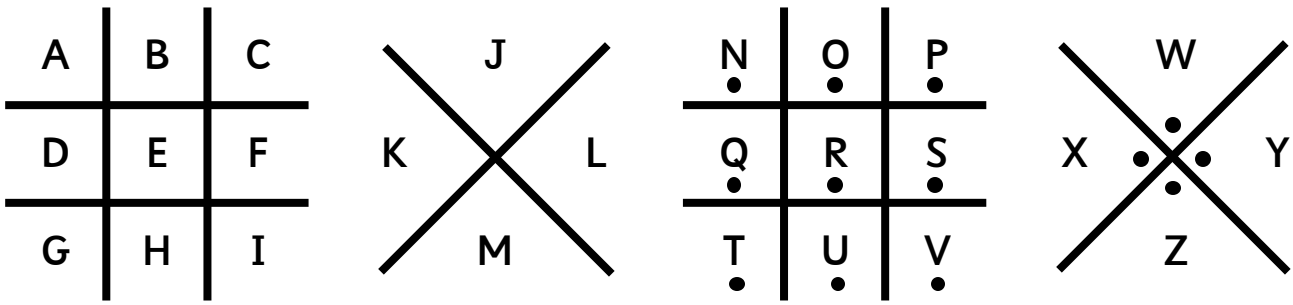

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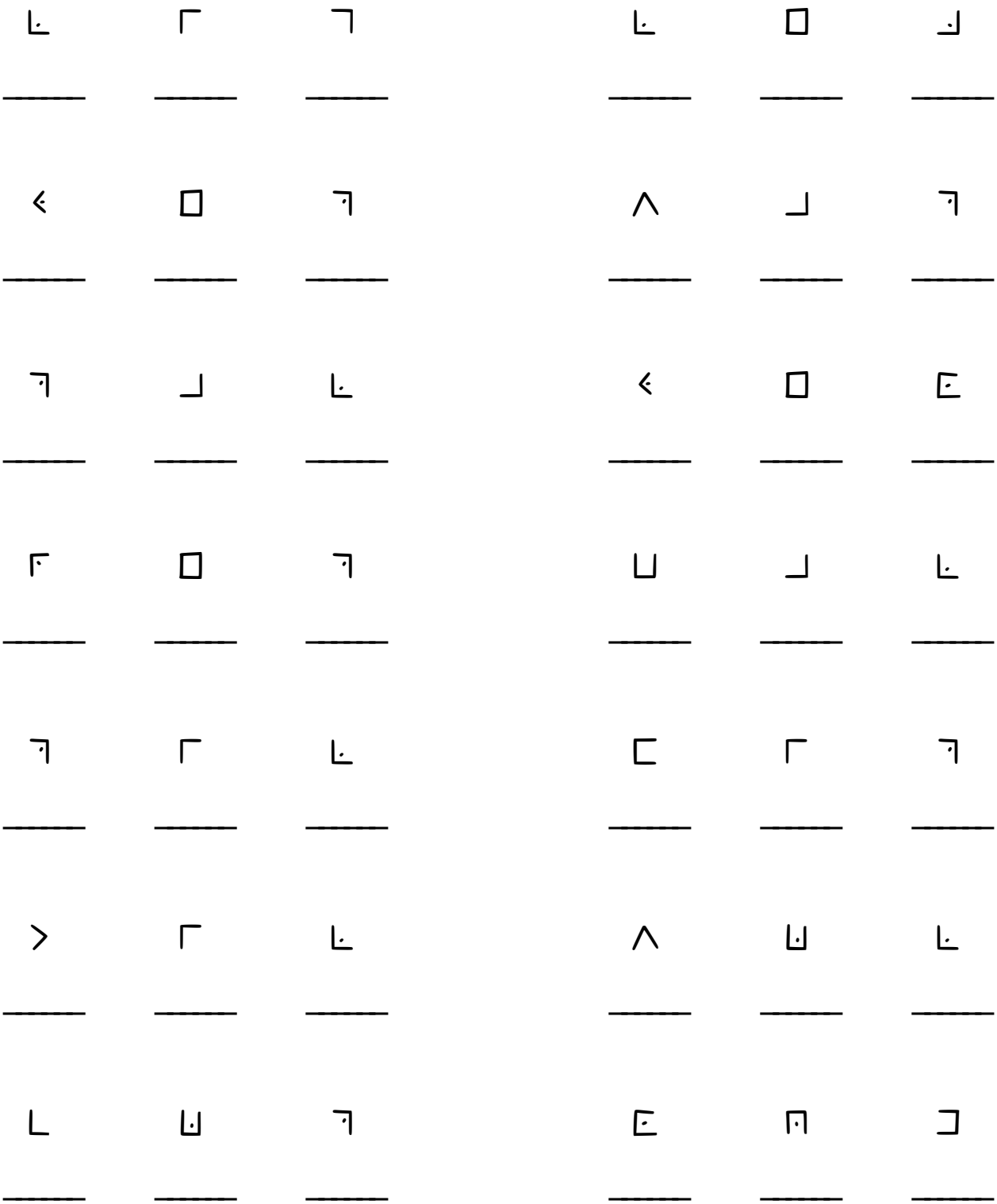

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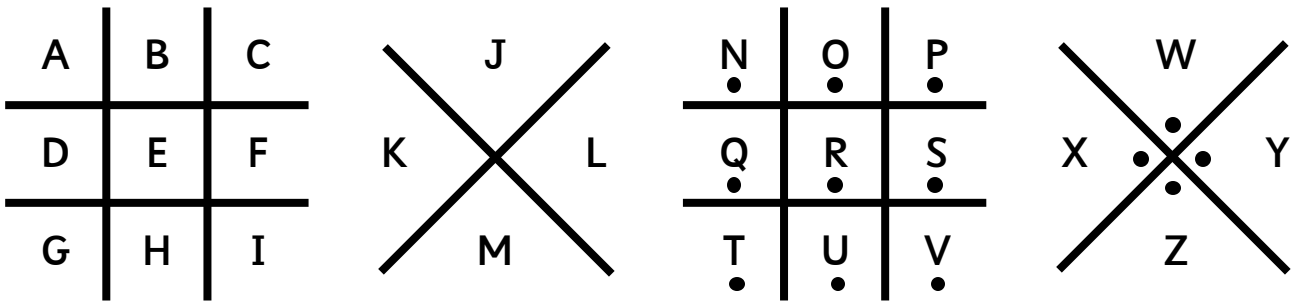

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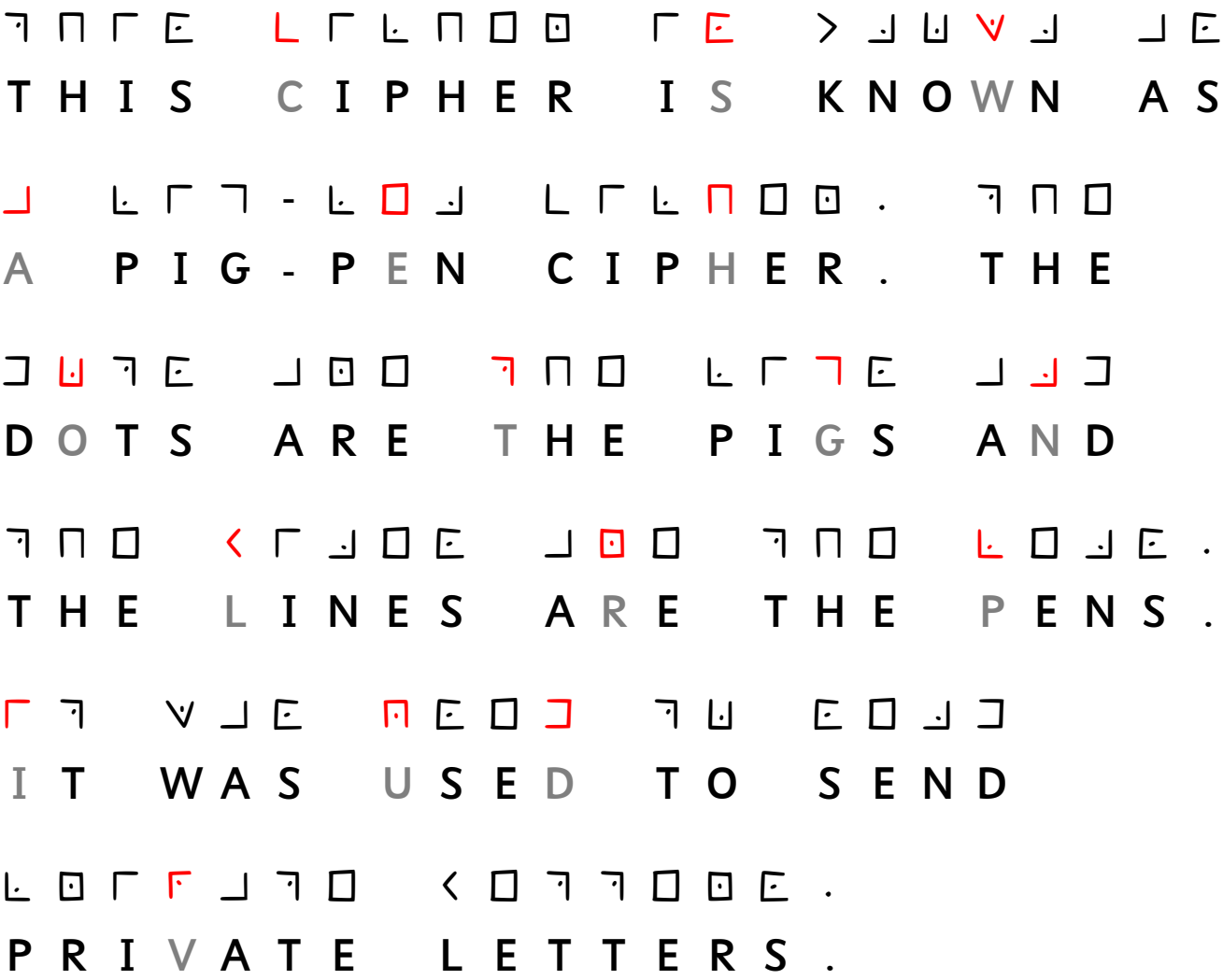

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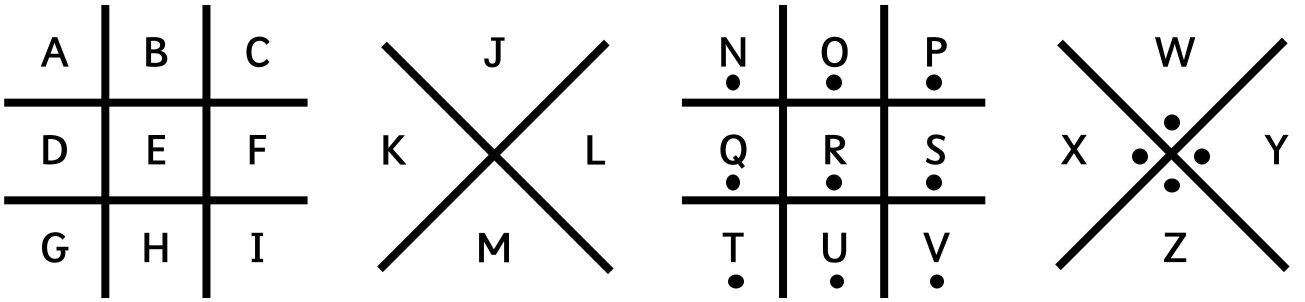

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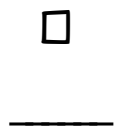

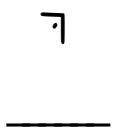

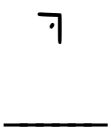

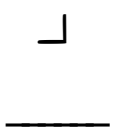

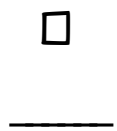

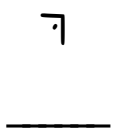

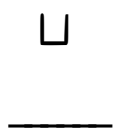

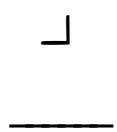

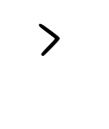

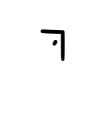

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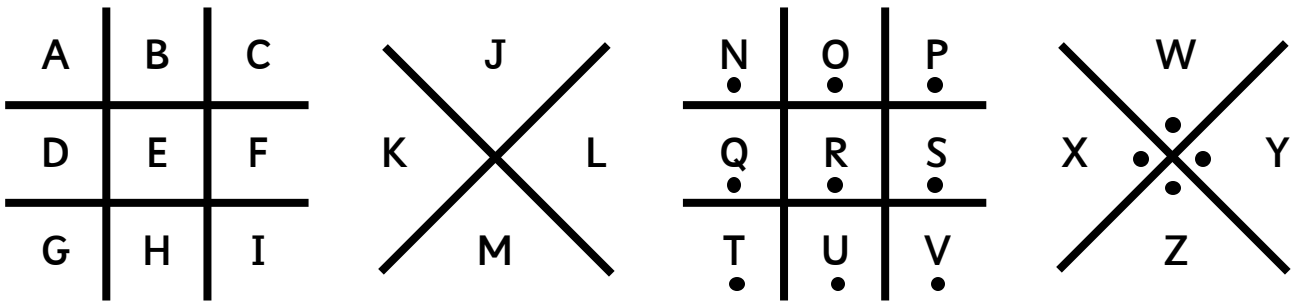

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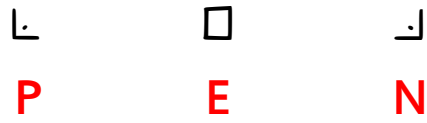

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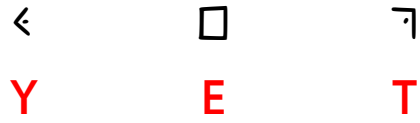

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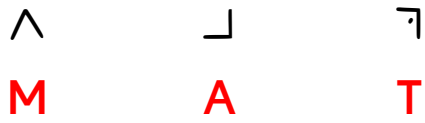

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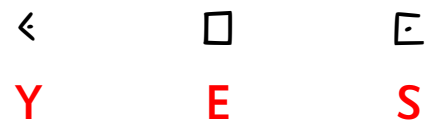

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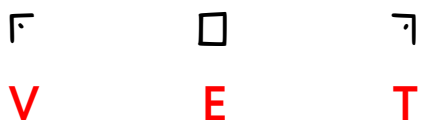

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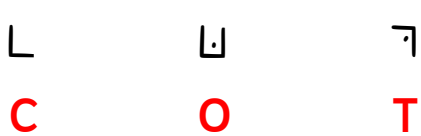

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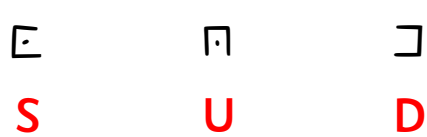

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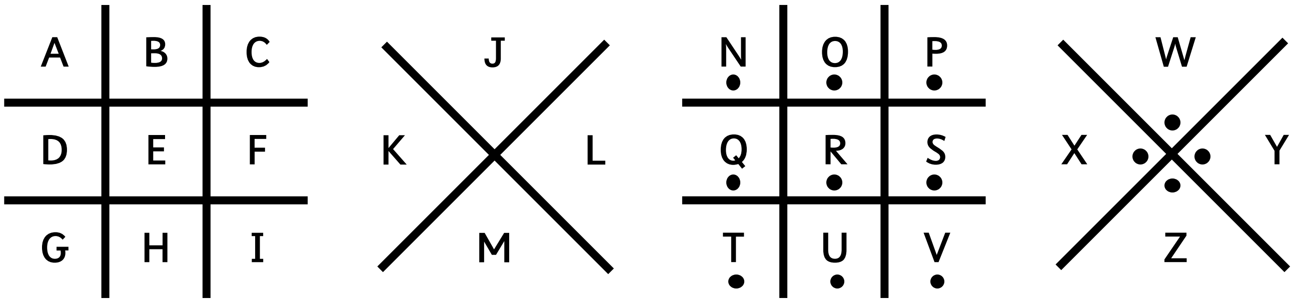

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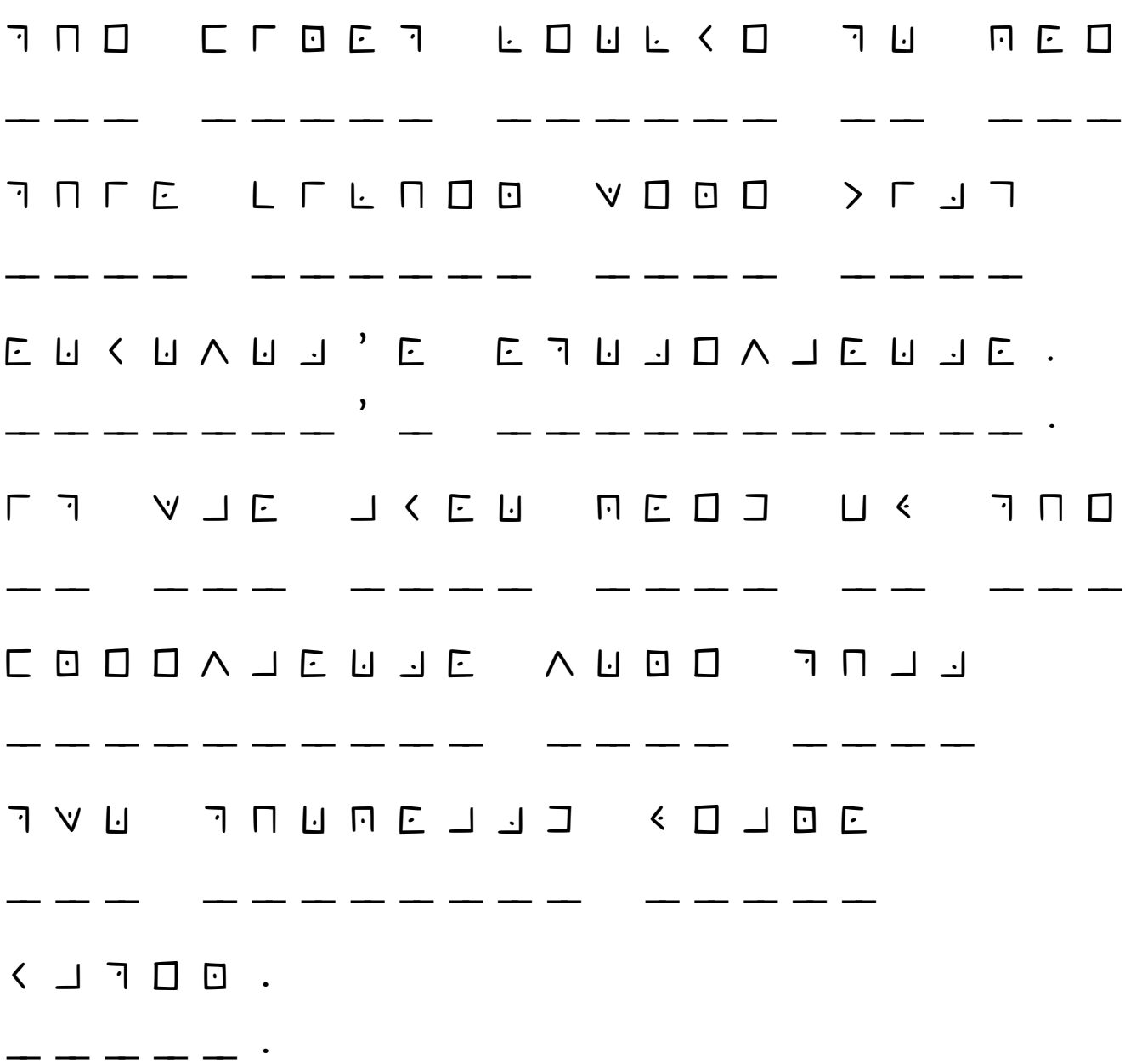

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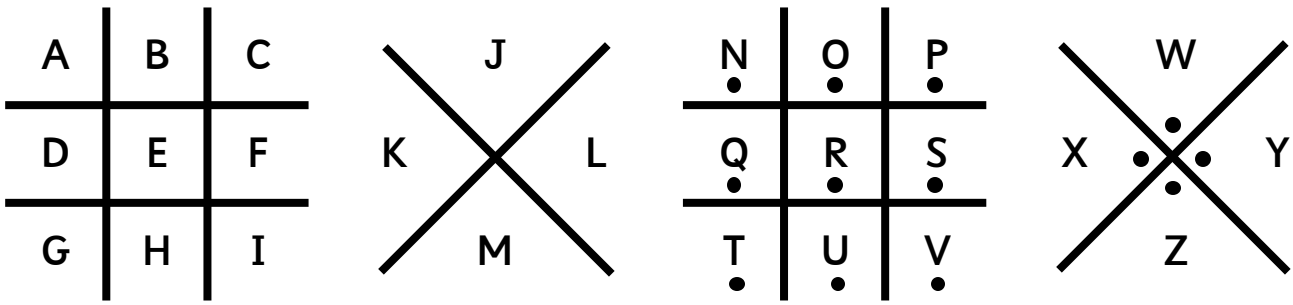

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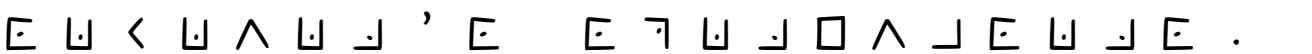

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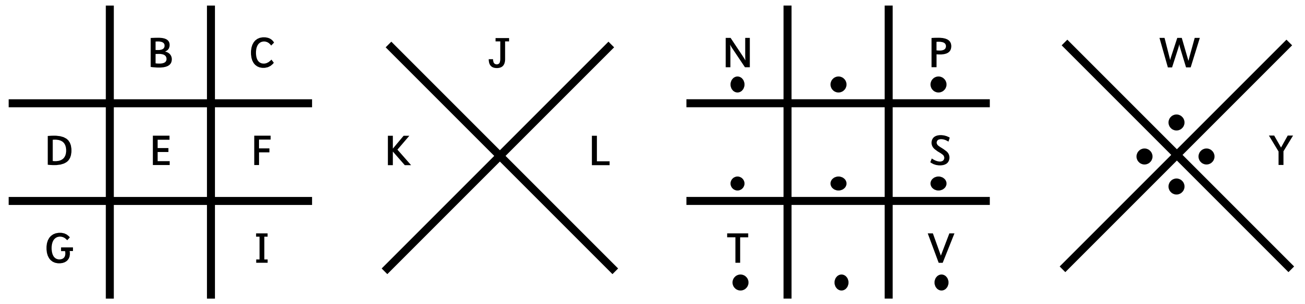

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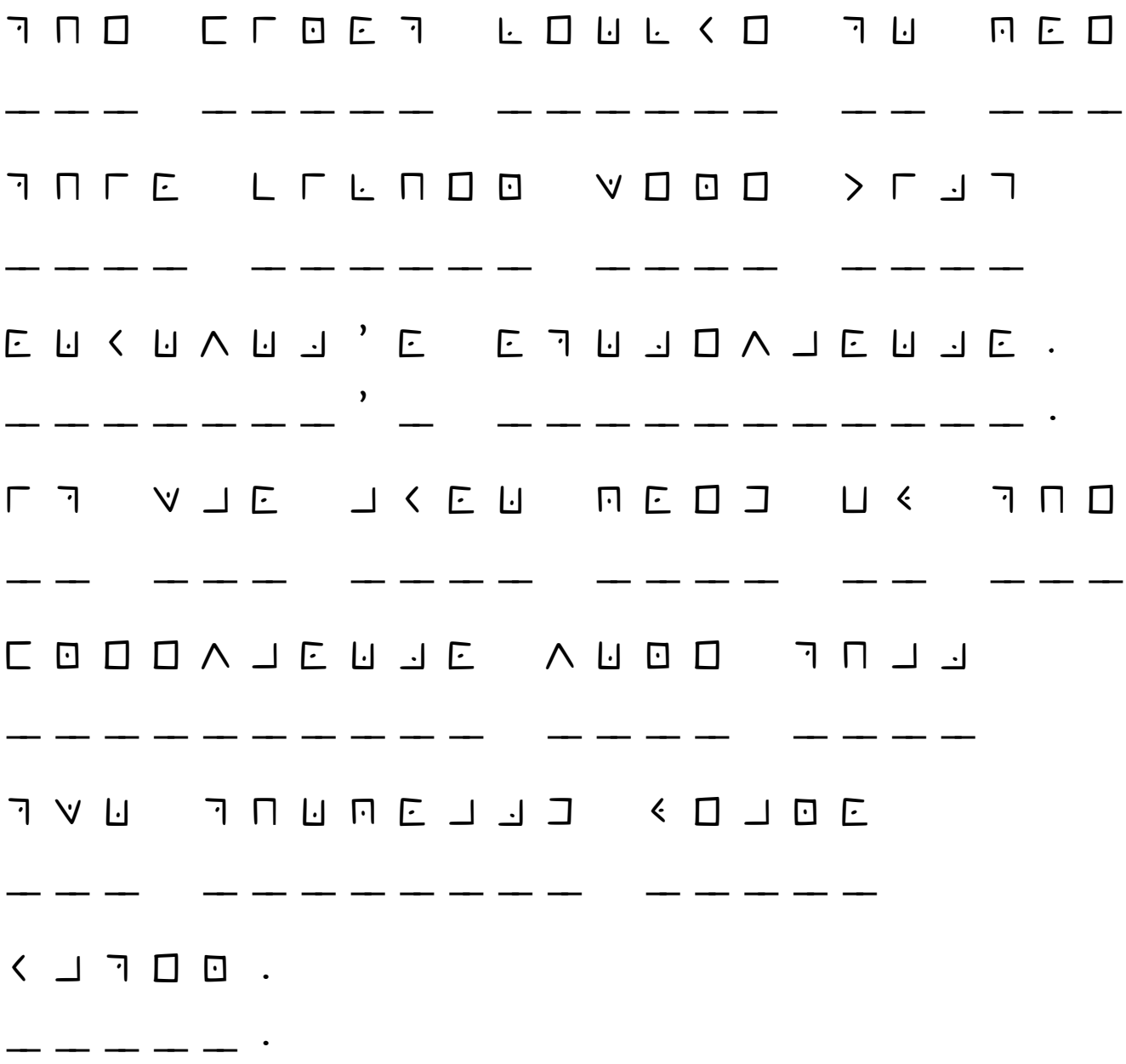

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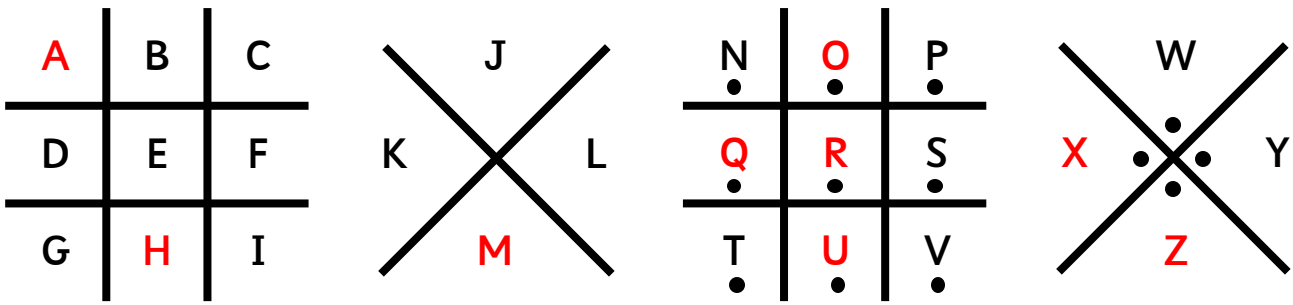

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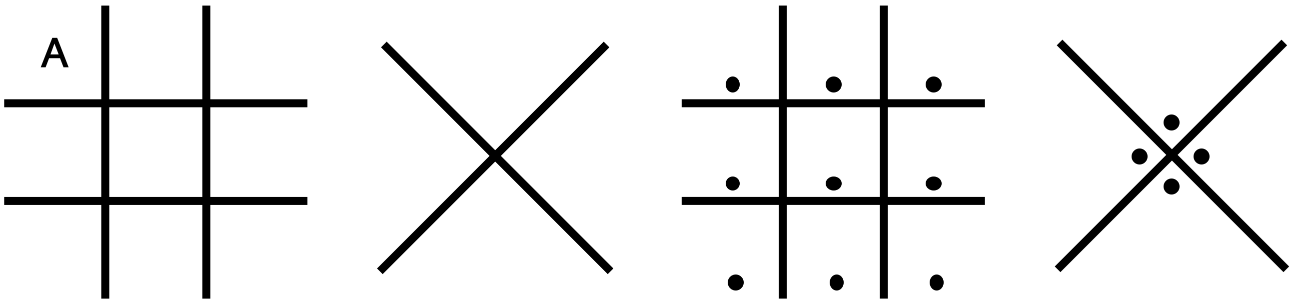

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_ _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _   _ _ _

D O T S   A R E   T H E   P I G S   A N D

_ _ _   _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _ .

T H E   L I N E S   A R E   T H E   P E N S .

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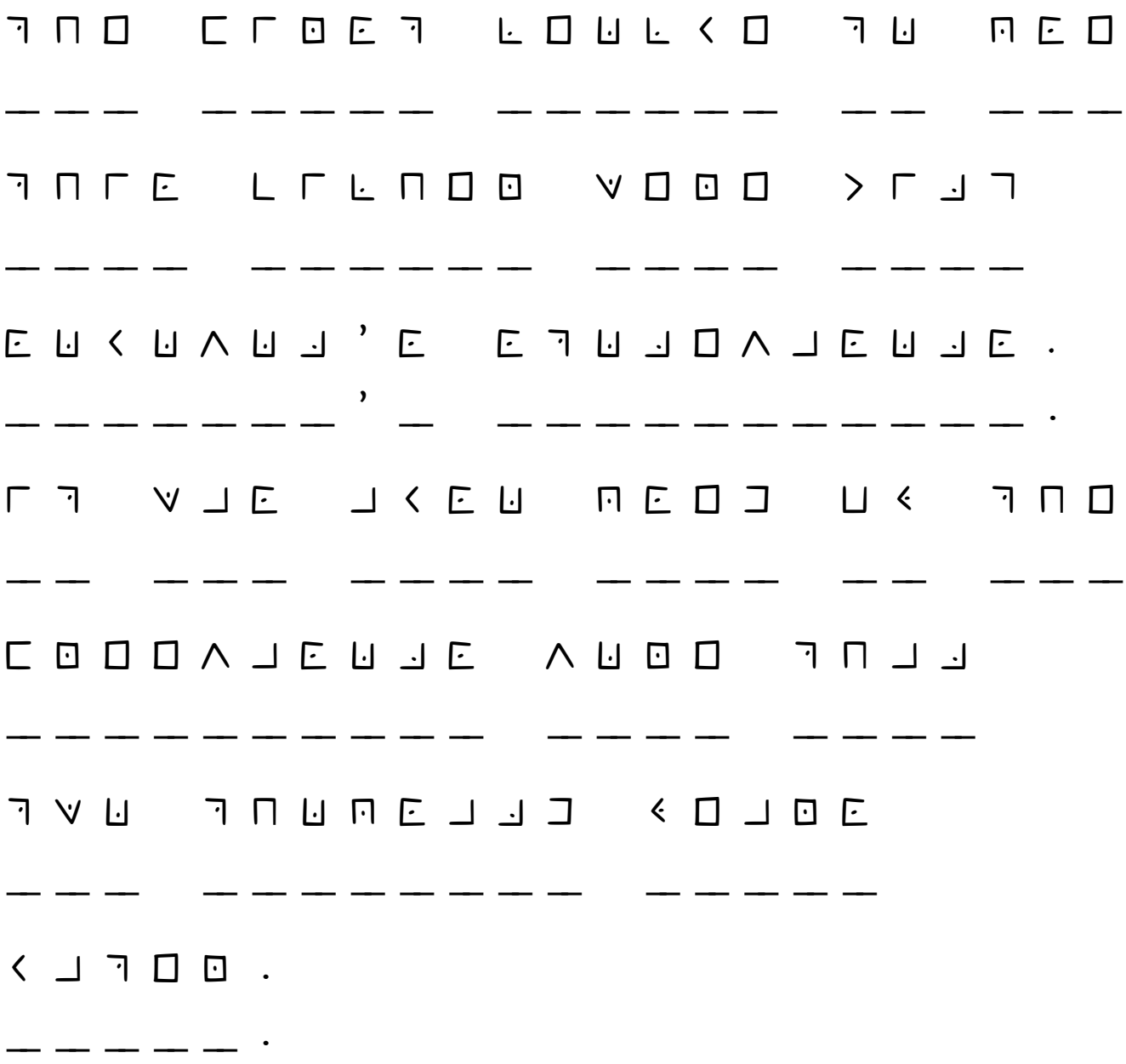

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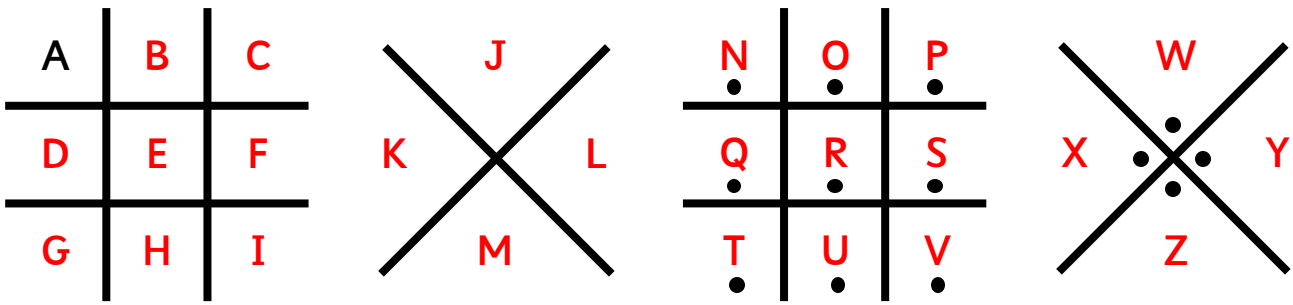

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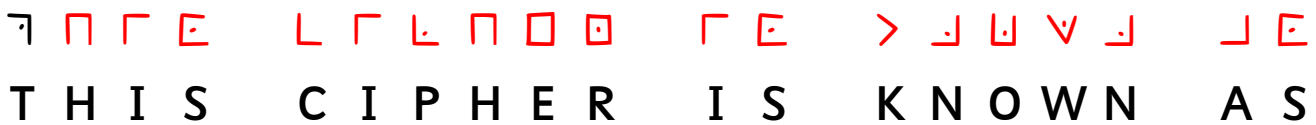

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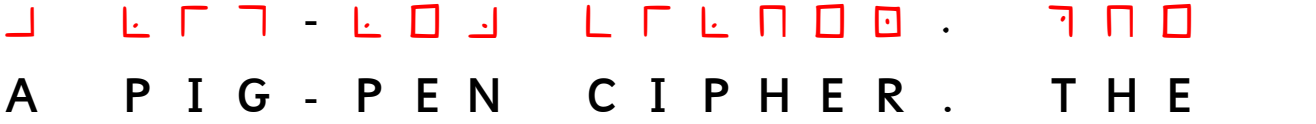

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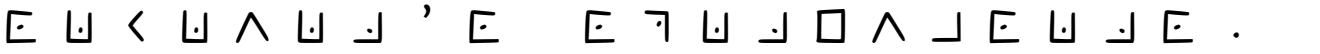

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