



SOLUTION: Wormholes



This is a joint logic puzzle in which certain squares are connected across puzzles, thus sharing the same number. Solvers received a physical block with holes on both sides and logic grids matching those shown on the sheet. A squeeze bottle of water was used to create a mapping of inputs and outputs—some of which spanned multiple holes on each side.

The general solution path is to solve the minesweeper as much as possible, and then use the irregular sudoku to place minor constraints on the minesweeper numbers. This is suggested by the flavor text implying that extraction relies on the minesweeper, as well as the fact the irregular sudoku is nearly impossible to break into in its initial state.

Complete grids are shown here. The sudoku does **not** need to be solved in its entirety to solve this puzzle. Squares with the same color are connected via wormholes.

o	2	o	o	4	o	3	o
1	x	4	o	o	4	o	2
1	3	o	7	o	x	x	2
2	o	o	o	o	4	4	o
o	x	5	x	4	o	o	o
o	5	o	o	3	5	o	x
4	o	o	5	o	5	o	2
o	o	6	o	o	o	3	2
3	o	o	4	o	x	o	1

2	7	5	3	4	8	9	6	1
9	3	7	1	6	2	4	5	8
1	9	8	6	2	5	7	4	3
4	6	9	8	5	1	3	7	2
8	5	1	2	7	3	6	9	4
5	8	4	7	3	6	2	1	9
3	4	6	9	1	7	8	2	5
6	2	3	5	9	4	1	8	7
7	1	2	4	8	9	5	3	6

Extraction is clued by “map of explosive spots,” “made it in a dimly lit place,” and “help feel it out”---suggesting using Braille on the locations with mines in the minesweeper part of the grid. Doing this extracts to ANS IS NETWORK, so our answer is NETWORK.