




The Dragon's Trail

A dragon is terrorizing the countryside! Villagers say it has devoured their livestock, wrecked their barns, and smashed their tomato plants! There are even reports of a damsel being carried away! Knights have been dispatched to confront this menace, but are they up to the job? They may need help. Study the dragon's path across the countryside, and along the way, possibly learn its weakness.

In the following pages you will find 4 maps of the nearby woods, with trails leading every which way. Which ones did the dragon follow?

Start at the  with the double outline.

It is a signpost, with a large multiplication question in the middle. Around the edges are four possible answers, most of which aren't even close. The fourth is the correct answer, rounded to the nearest 100. Your challenge is to find it using estimation.

Pick the correct answer, and follow the arrow  that leads out of that corner. It will lead to another signpost, with another question. Repeat this process until the arrow you follow leads to a dead-end .

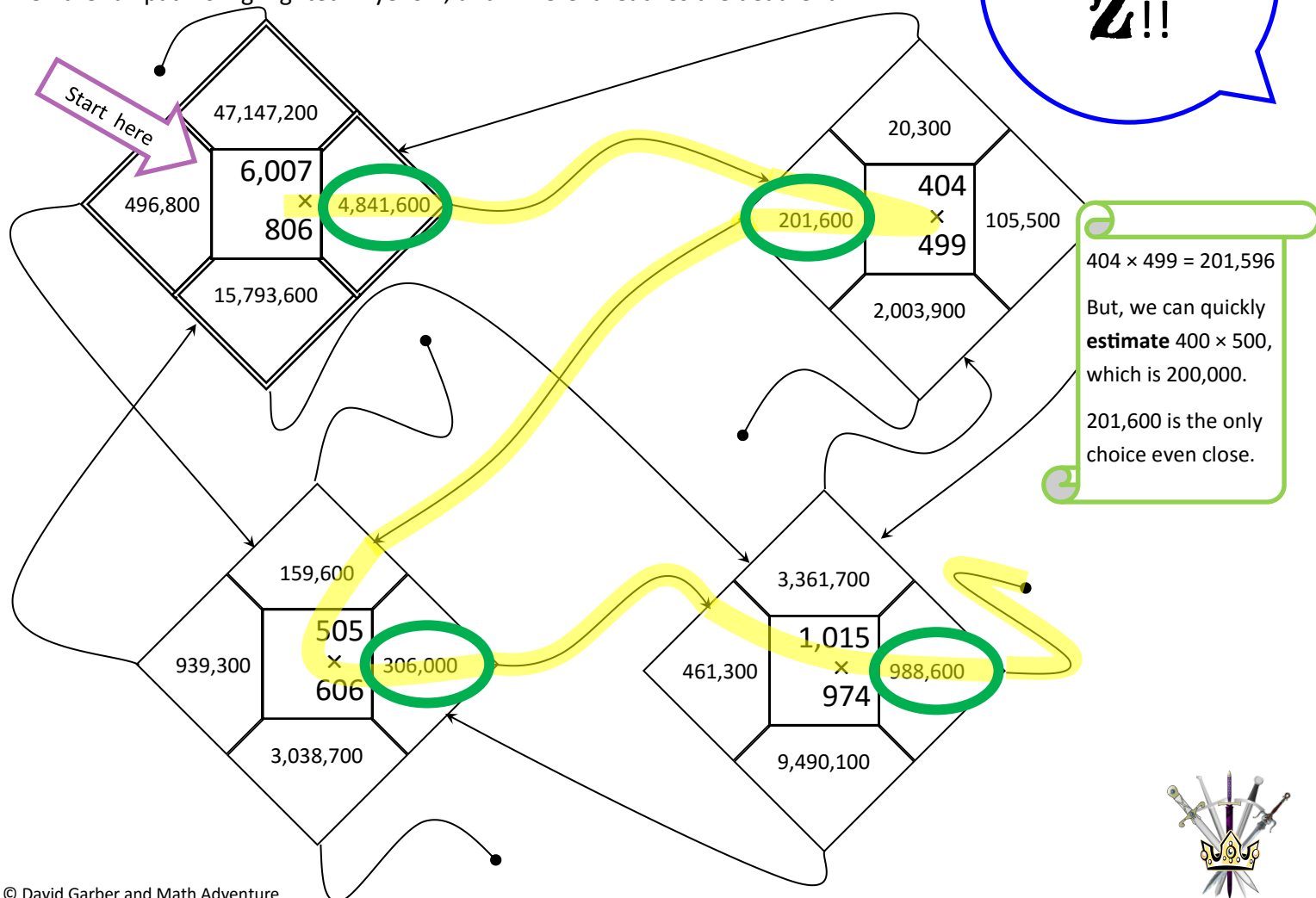
Once you've mapped the complete trail, re-trace your entire path with a highlighter. Draw a continuous line, through each of the signposts. What wavy letter have you drawn?


In the following example, the four correct answers are circled in green.

Then the full path is highlighted in yellow, until where it reaches the dead-end.



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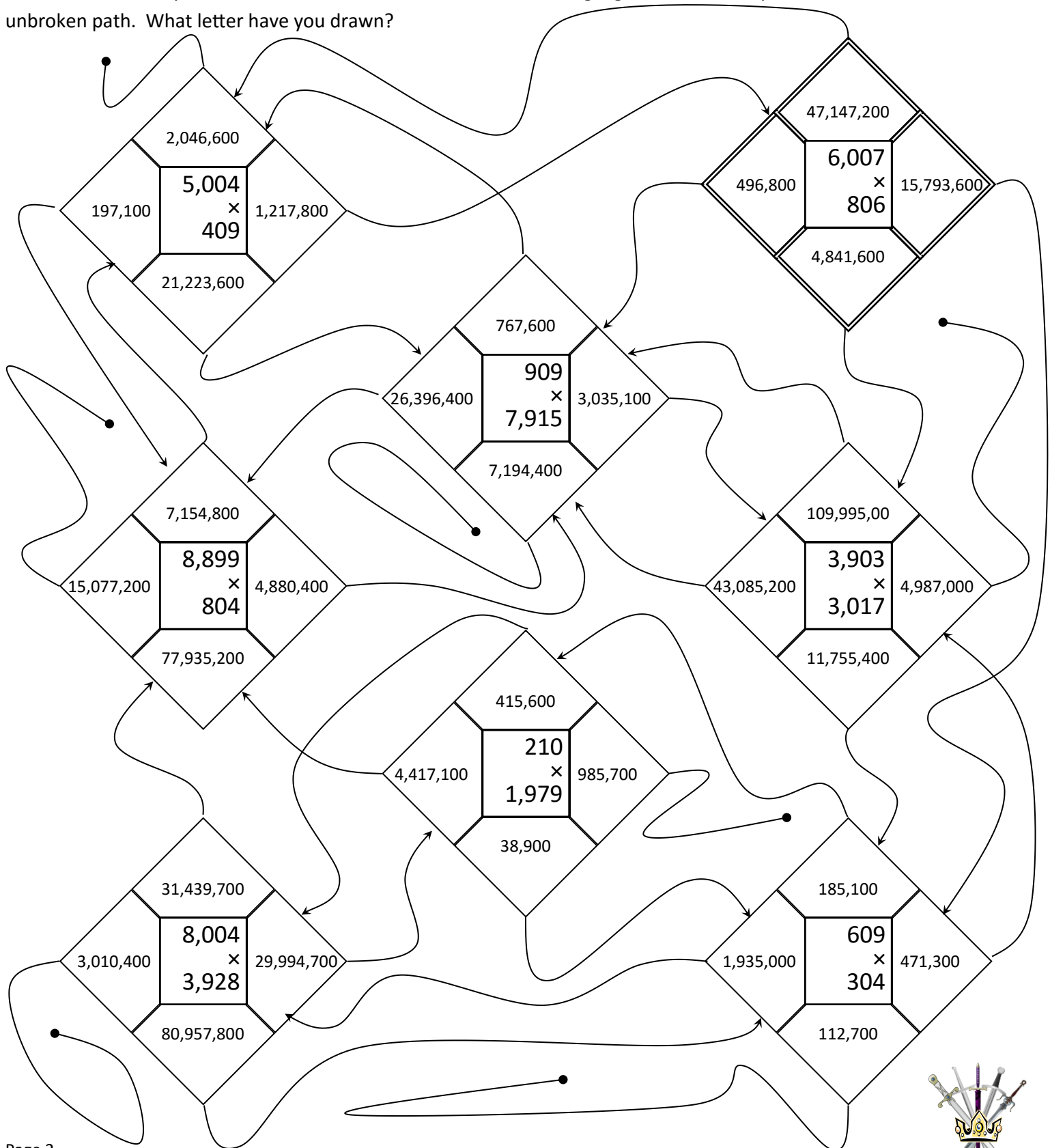
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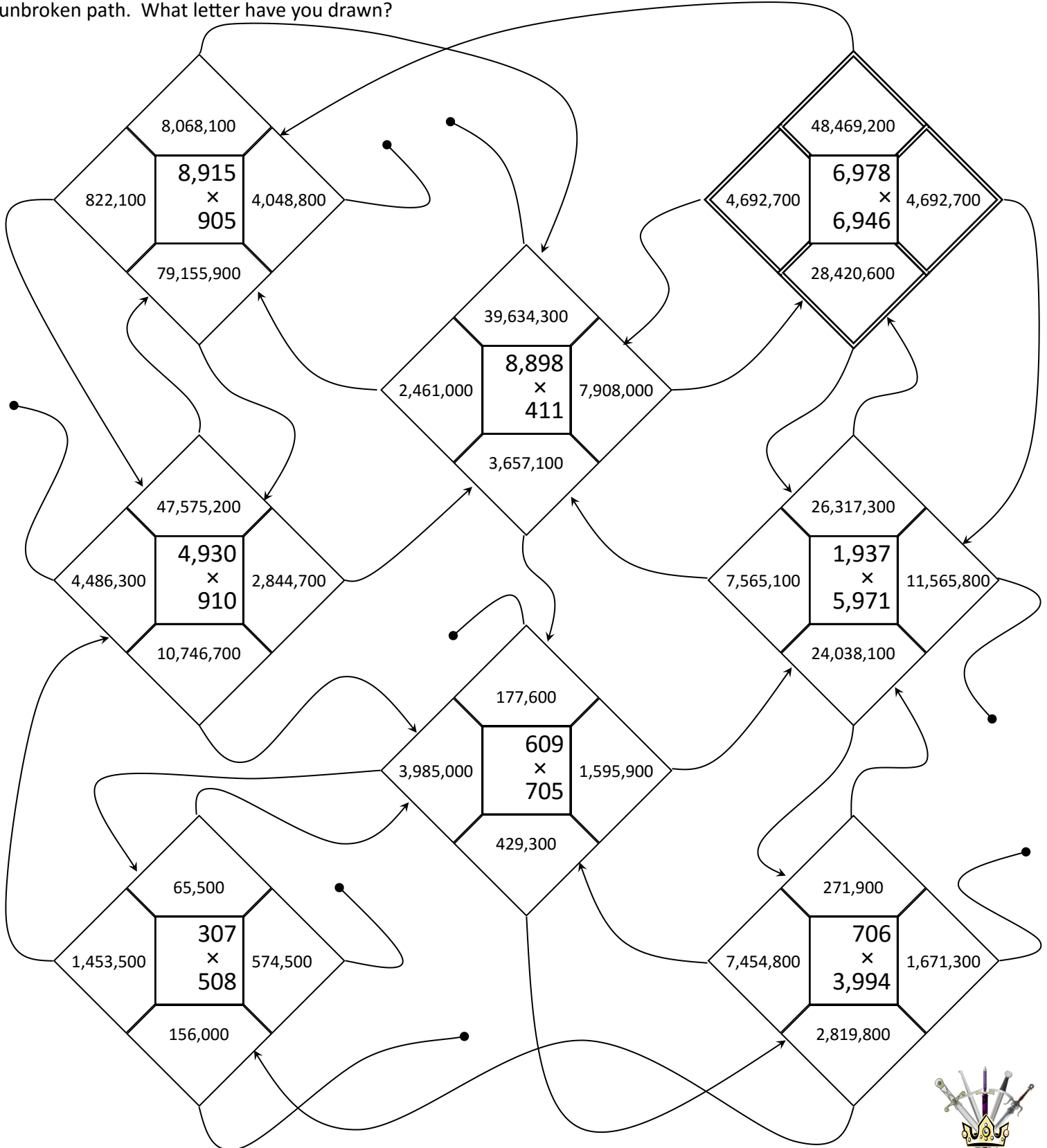
Each shape below has an equation in the middle, and four numbers in the corners that might be answers. Three of those are nowhere close. The fourth is the correct answer, rounded to the nearest 100. So, rather than calculating the actual answer, use estimation to quickly find the close one. Follow the arrow  from that corner to the next shape. Repeat this until the arrow you follow leads to a dead-end . Use a highlighter to re-trace your entire route as one unbroken path. What letter have you drawn?




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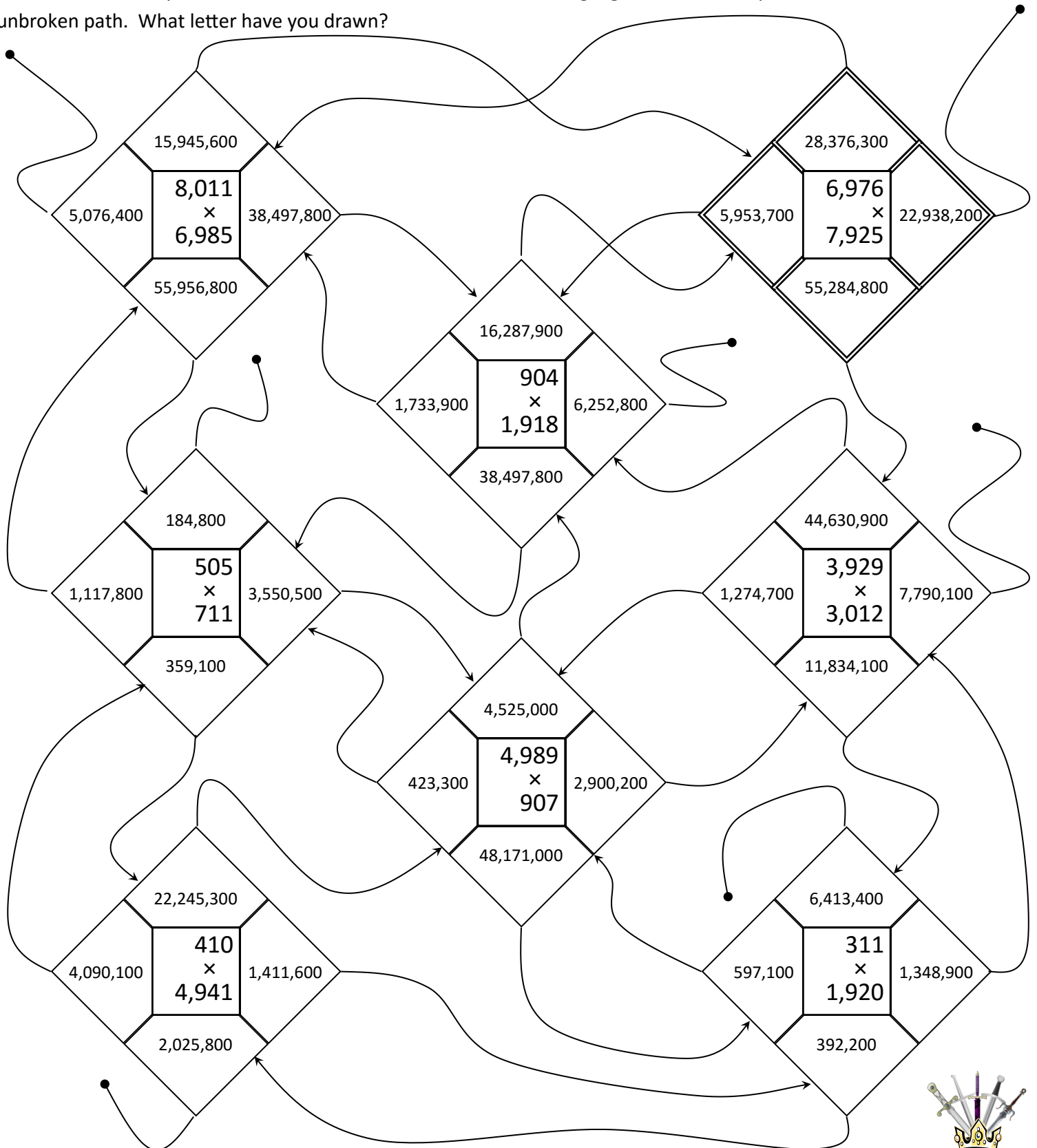
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