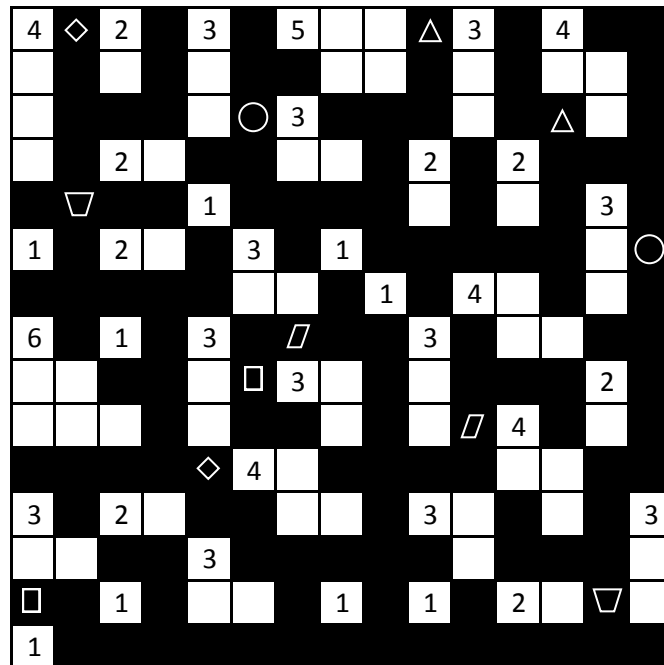


Solution to Nurikabe

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Nurikabe is the name of a logic puzzle where you fill in the grid with black “streams” and white “islands”. The islands each have exactly one number in them, which is the number of cells in the island. The streams cannot “pool”, which is to say no rectangle made up of four or more cells can be entirely black. Also, all streams must connect, so there must be a path from any black cell in the stream to any other. This path is the basis for the answer, which is obtained by counting the steps along the path from one letter to its duplicate.

Answer: **Thwomp** (Mario villain based on Nurikabe from Japanese folklore)



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