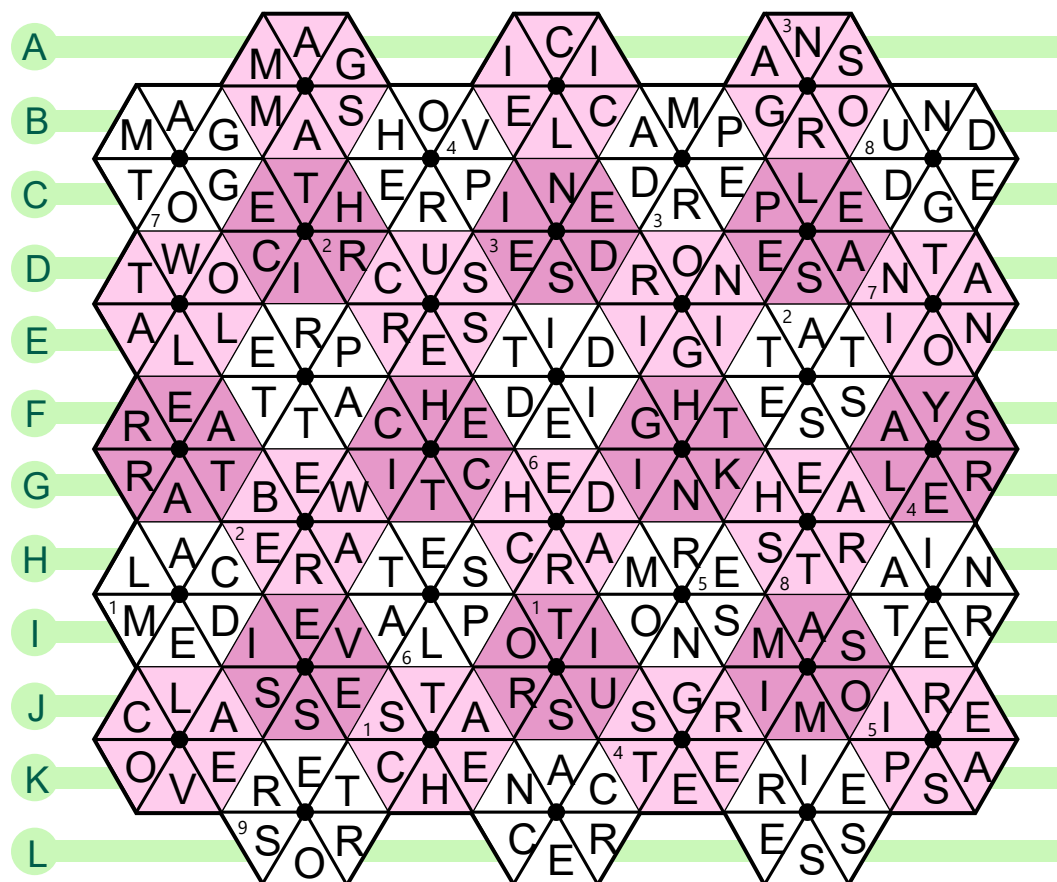




Flower Bouquet

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ANSWER:
GROOT



After solving the bouquet, collect all the letters in numbered petals. Each bloom colour spells a different word, which yields the final clue: MARVELOUS SENTIENT TREE. Solve this clue for the final answer: GROOT.

CLUES	ANSWERS
ROWS	
Conjurors	MAGICIANS
Semifluid igneous rock	MAGMA
Scooping tool	SHOVEL
Tent site	CAMPGROUND
United	TOGETHER
Yearned for	PINED
Promise again	REPLEDGE
Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Bros. (2 words)	TWO CIRCUSES
Airborne toy	DRONE
Jolly presenter	SANTA
To go, to Henri	ALLER
Sleight of hand	PRESTIDIGITATION
Fastened again	REATTACHED
Magic ball	EIGHT
Op-eds	ESSAYS
Brown rodent	RAT
Under a spell	BEWITCHED
Quill partner	INK
Physician	HEALER
Cut	LACERATE
Take off	SCRAM
Limit	RESTRAIN
Antiquated	MEDIEVAL
Snape's title (2 words)	POTIONS MASTER
Groups	CLASSES
Ankle bones	TARSUS
Necronomicon, e.g.	GRIMOIRE
Carve too far (2 words)	OVER ETCH
Make law	ENACT
Spooky announcement (2 words)	EERIE PSA
Maleficent, e.g.	SORCERESS



WHITE BLOOMS	
Before the carpool lane	PRE-HOV
Celestial crab	CANCER
Delivered on Sunday	SERMON
Earthquake creators	PLATES
Elbowed	NUDGED
Hang on to	RETAIN
Immature bug	MAGGOT
Light downfall	PATTER
Muffle	DAMPER
Ohio and Utah	STATES
Pacified	CALMED
Postal worker	SORTER
Regular TV show	SERIES
Spruced up	TIDIED
LIGHT PINK BLOOMS	
Beginning	ORIGIN
Bless with oil	ANOINT
Body parts	ORGANS
Candle ingredient	TALLOW
Cupid's suit	HEARTS
Curved	ARCHED
Dishonest players	CHEATS
Frozen drip	ICICLE
Greek thirds	GAMMAS
Magic carpet shrub	SPIREA
One who swears	CUSSER
Says hello	GREETES
Wall nook	ALCOVE
Watch out	BEWARE
DARK PINK BLOOMS	
A Sir	KNIGHT
Baton races	RELAYS
Brunch cocktail	MIMOSA
Frenzied	HECTIC
Kitchen meshes	SIEVES
List of corrections	ERRATA
Once, twice, and again	THRICE
Repudiates	DENIES
Romantic admirer	SUITOR
The magic word	PLEASE