A GAME FOR YOUR CLUB

EASTER EGG HUNT

Tom studied computer science, and he hid four tributes to computing history in Artificial Wisdom. Can your club find them all? Write the name you find under each clue. Answers are on the next page, so no peeking.

1

A law firm named after the father of a famous test for machine intelligence.

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2

A shadowy conspiracy group named after the inventor of the first mechanical computer.

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3

A flight that disappears without explanation. Its number is an error message.

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4

A genius whose name nods to the scientist who built HAL 9000, and to the author who wrote him.

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BONUS ROUND

Spotted something else that feels like a nod to a film, a book or a scientist? Send it to Tom when you register your club.

ANSWERS

HOW MANY DID YOU FIND?

1

TURING & TURING

Named after Alan Turing, whose “Turing test” asks whether a machine can fool you into thinking it is intelligent.

2

THE LEAGUE OF BABBAGE

Charles Babbage designed the Difference Engine and the Analytical Engine in the 1800s.

3

FLIGHT NC404

404 is the internet’s code for “Not Found”.

4

DR. MARTHA C. CHANDRA

Dr. Chandra builds HAL in Arthur C. Clarke’s 2010: Odyssey Two. “Martha C.” is a playful twist on “Arthur C.”

“My favourite Easter egg is the name of Dr. Martha C. Chandra, the genius who created the AI Solomon.” — Thomas R. Weaver