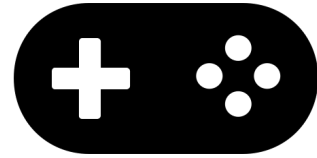


Deep Discount
SOLUTION

Spring 2018

The solution to this puzzle requires the use of the previous pre-event puzzle, Bob's Farm Fresh Cream. The solution to that puzzle is CHEEP CHEEP PRICE, which in combination with the flavour text implies that we want to "swim with the Cheep Cheeps" to get the "Cheep Cheep price" on the special menu.

Observing the image, we note that the underwater Cheep Cheeps are missing their (blue) bodies. This implies that when underwater, anything blue "disappears". Thus, we "submerge" the menu and ignore the blue characters. The modified menu now reads:

Menu Item	Bob's Creamery Flavour	Price
PV	Pedicured Vegetable	6
SLBSH	Stop Leaving but Saying Hi	10
CL	Canned Lychee	6
W&V	Wine & Vinegar	4
ES	Enraged Sophomore	15
AWS	Albatross Wings Special	15
DBE	Dearest Baked Egg	13
DM	Darkening Mists	2

As seen above, the prices have now changed (they're deeply discounted!) and only a few letters remain on each menu item. These menu items map to flavours from Bob's Creamery in the previous pre-event puzzle. Indexing into each flavour name by the new price (e.g. take the 6th letter of 'Pedicured Vegetable') we get the solution UNDERSEA.

Author's notes: This puzzle is very unconventional in that it requires the use of a separate puzzle to solve.

- A more common way for puzzles to involve other puzzles is through the use of a meta-puzzle, which is a puzzle that can only be solved after having solved a significant portion of other puzzles. These will typically use the solution words from other puzzles, or the submission system will give a metapuzzle "token" upon solving other puzzles. For an example of a metapuzzle, see "[Ane and Friends](#)" from the [previous CPH's pre-event](#).
- Usually, puzzles don't relate to one another to this extent (e.g. this puzzle requires the very flavours from Bob's Creamery), but nothing is impossible!
- Finally, this puzzle also demonstrates a very common extraction technique: using a number (the price in this case) to index into some word (the ice cream flavours in the case) to produce a solution.