



## 8. FIND THE LANDING LOCATION

## SOLUTION

The military field headquarters is abandoned – all personnel must have gone to the landing site. A large screen displays a message which must be the secret location of the landing site. But, it is encrypted.

**GMIQRKQRBGRCQIPMMDBGRQIXCRGRX**

You quickly look around the HQ and find two grids that seem to be somehow related to the encryption scheme, along with some text that may provide clues. The text itself is rather cryptic, and – this being a military base and all – some important *directions* seem to have been redacted.

Cryptic answers, with redacted "directions" in bold:

### **FROM grid:**

- A1 (S) BAKER (BK around A + **E** + Rye starter)
- C1 (E) QUESTION (QUE + **S** + INTO anagram)
- D2 (SW) PARSEC (PAR + **SE** + C)
- D2 (S) POWER (IPO - I + **W** + ER)
- B4 (N) RED **SEA** (even letters of fRiEnDs + **SE** + A)
- B4 (SE) REGAN (R + **E** + initial letters of Governs Area Near)
- C4 (SW) EXECUTE (EX + **E** + CUTE)
- D5 (NE) GNOME (center of eGo + **N** + OMEN - N)
- E5 (SE) ANNO (A + **N** + ON reversed)

### **TO grid:**

- E1 (S) TONER (NOT reversed + **E** + R)
- C2 (E) SCONE (odd letters of SiCkOs + **N** + E)
- C2 (SE) SENT (S + **E** + NOT - O)
- C3 (SW) ANNALS (AND - D + **N** + FALSE - FE)
- A4 (E) ANSWER (first letters of Ask Not + **SW** + RE reversed)
- B5 (N) ENTREAT (RENT anagram + **E** + AT)
- C5 (E) MISER (MI + **SE** + R)
- D5 (N) INWARD (I + **NW** + YARD - D)
- B6 (E) GUINEA (GI around U + **NE** + A)

Enter these into the grids, starting at the specified location and direction, and making a turn in the appropriate direction after entering the redacted directional letter(s). Put the redacted part in a single square, even if it is two letters.

Look up each letter from the encrypted string in the "FROM" grid, and use the letter in the corresponding position in the "TO" grid.

This forms the phrase: IOTAN LANDING AT COORDINATE G NINE