META Escape from New Yorks
by Dan Rosart

"There you are," the sentient New York from earlier says. "Now that that's taken care of, I can help you get home. Just like a subway map distorts space to give logic to the connections between stations, the subway distorts space-time to give logic to the connections between universes, which is why using it to revisit the realities you've passed through is the way to go back to your own.

"The first thing you'll need is a **PATH**. Actually the last thing you'll need is also a PATH, but in the latter case I mean the Port Authority Trans-Hudson line. Once you cross the border into New Jersey, you should snap back to your reality."

You thank New York for their help and start planning your itinerary, but pretty quickly you realize you have a problem: every version of New York has a slightly different currency, and your bank account and credit cards only work in your own universe. How are you supposed to pay for this trip?

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42 St - Bryant Park　B D F M 7

ONE of your answers contains a man's given name as a whole word. (Not as part of a word as in three others.) PREPEND to your path the FIRST LETTER of that name.

49 St　N Q R W

ONE of your answers starts with part of a boat. APPEND to your path the LAST LETTER of THAT PART. (Not the last letter of the whole answer.)

50 St Broadway　1

TWO of your answers that are THREE WORDS long end with the same TWO LETTERS, in order. Your path CURRENTLY ends with the LAST LETTER of the FIRST WORD of ONE of those answers. APPEND to your path the LAST LETTER of the FIRST WORD of the OTHER answer.

59 St - Columbus Circle　1 A B C D

ONE of your answers is the name of a PLACE in a DIFFERENT STATE. SURROUND your path in the ABBREVIATION for the STATE that place is in.

66 St - Lincoln Center　1

ONE of your answers contains the name of a SUPERHERO. PREPEND the FIRST letter of their name to your path.

86 St　B C

TWO of your answers are DUOS, in different senses. APPEND to your path the FIRST LETTER of the answer where the duo were HUMANS.

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96 St　6 6

ONE of your answers consists of TWO WORDS of EQUAL LENGTH. APPEND to your path the MIDDLE LETTERS of BOTH WORDS.

Broad St　J Z

ONE of your answers contains a FLOWER. CHANGE all copies of the FLOWER'S LAST LETTER to the FLOWER'S FIRST LETTER, and VICE VERSA.

Cortlandt Street　R W

ONE of your answers appears in the lyrics to the Jonathan Coulton song *Ikea*. DELETE from your path all instances of the LAST LETTER of that answer.

Main St (Flushing)　7 7

TWO of your answers have multiple words that start with the same letter. (As another word in the same answer.) In one of them, they are the first two words. APPEND to your path the SECOND letter of the SECOND word of that answer.

Grand Central　4 5 6 6 7 7 S

ONE of your answers contains the name of a METAL. PREPEND to your path the CHEMICAL SYMBOL for that metal.

Lexington Av - 53 St　E M

ONE of your answers contains a DIRECTION. APPEND to your path the FIRST LETTER of the OPPOSITE direction.

Mets – Willets Point　7 7

Your path contains the name of a GREEK LETTER. (in romanized form.) REPLACE it with the FIRST WORD of one of your answers so that the length of your path REMAINS THE SAME.

Pelham Pkwy　5

ONE answer has the name of a VEGETABLE in it. APPEND to your path ONE copy of the DOUBLE LETTER that vegetable contains.

Stillwell Av　D F Q

ONE of your answers contains an ANIMAL. PREPEND to your path the letter in the SUBWAY LINE BULLET on that answer's PUZZLE.

Times Sq - 42 St　1 2 3 7 7 N Q R W S

ONE of your answers is a place associated with CATS. INSERT into the MIDDLE of your path the letter in the SUBWAY LINE BULLET of that answer's PUZZLE.

West 8 St – NYC Aquarium　F Q

In one of your TWO WORD answers, the SECOND LAST letter of the FIRST word is the same as the SECOND letter of the SECOND word. ADD that letter (as in A=1, B=2) to the LAST letter of the FIRST word and SUBTRACT it from the LAST letter of the SECOND word. APPEND both MODIFIED letters to your path in THAT ORDER.

Westchester Sq – E Tremont Av　6

THREE puzzles have a numbered subway line bullet printed on them. Into the ANSWER to the puzzle of those three whose STICKER (that you got for solving it) is visited LAST by this itinerary, INDEX by that number and APPEND that letter to your path.