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HISTORY

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THE QUANZHOU SHIP — A WINDOW INTO 13TH-CENTURY GLOBAL MARITIME TRADE

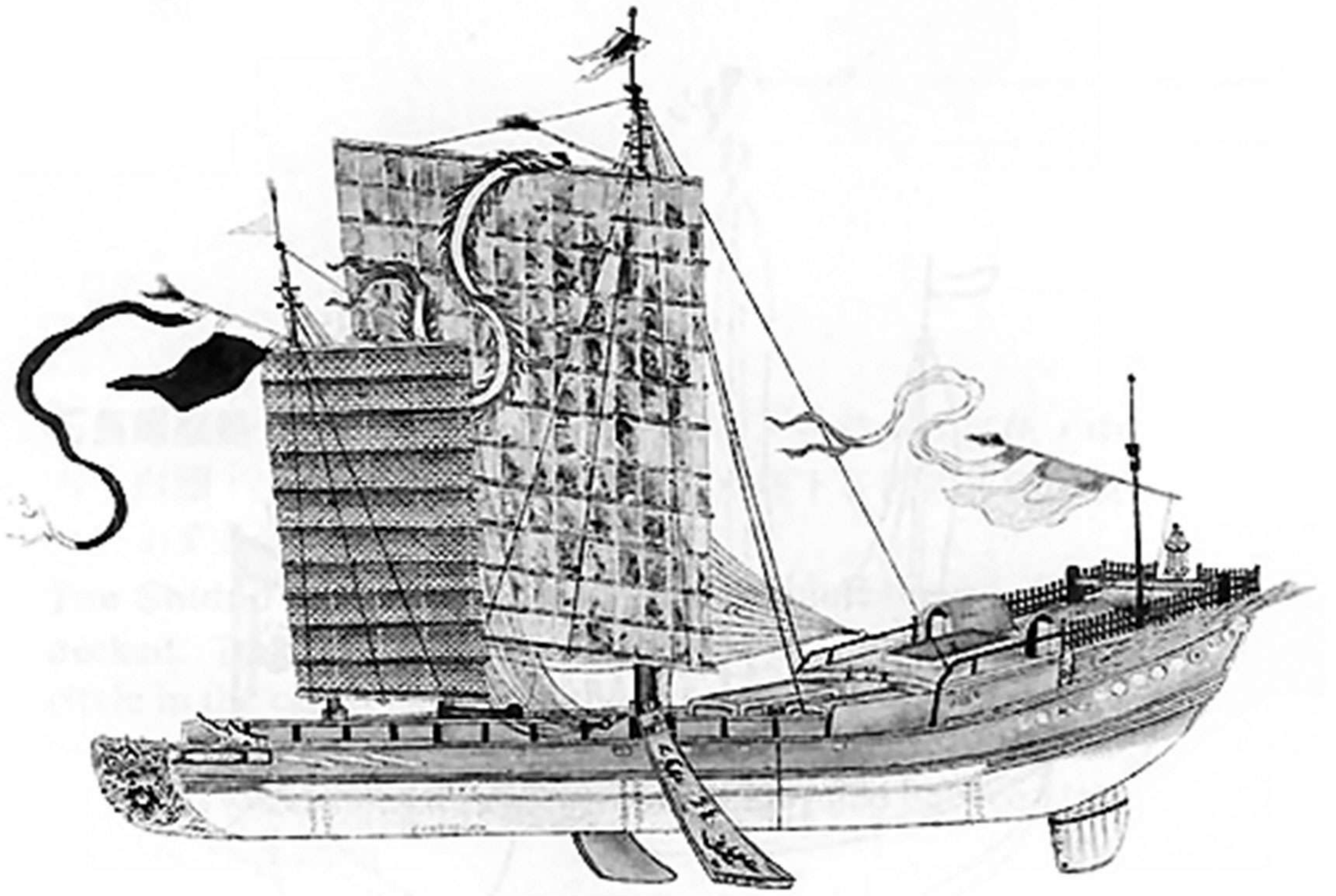
One of the lesser-known but historically significant ships is the 13th-century Chinese junk excavated near modern-day Quanzhou (Fujian Province), commonly referred to as the “Quanzhou ship.”

Discovered in 1973 and excavated in 1974 from a few meters of mud in Quanzhou Bay, the wreck gave archaeologists rich material evidence of shipbuilding technology and maritime trade during the era of the Song dynasty.



Measurements of the ship estimate a length of about 34 m and a beam (width) of roughly 9.8 m — substantial for a 13th-century vessel. The construction and design details confirm that Chinese shipbuilders then had mastered complex seagoing junk designs capable of long-distance voyages — not just coasting or river travel.

The significance of the Quanzhou ship lies in what it reveals about global maritime trade well before Europeans dominated oceangoing commerce. Its existence demonstrates that in the 1200s, there were established sea routes connecting China with Southeast Asia, South Asia, and possibly beyond — carrying goods, culture, and ideas. Maritime history scholars regard such finds as crucial proof that global trade networks via sea were thriving long before what many consider the “age of discovery.”



Understanding such episodes from maritime history helps frame modern shipping not as a recent phenomenon but as the latest chapter in millennia-old global trade traditions. The Quanzhou ship reminds us of the deep historical roots of seaborne commerce and how ancient civilizations mastered complex maritime logistics centuries ago.

NEWS

ARTICLE

LNG CARRIER RATES SURGE AHEAD OF WINTER DEMAND

The global shipping industry is seeing renewed pressure in liquefied natural gas (LNG) transport as shipping rates for LNG carriers have surged to multi-month highs.



According to recent industry data, this spike is driven by tighter vessel availability, delayed cargo deliveries to certain destinations (notably Egypt), and increasing demand ahead of the Northern-Hemisphere winter.

The current environment indicates a sharp tightening of supply in LNG-shipping capacity — meaning fewer vessels are available for hire relative to demand. This tightness is pushing shipping firms and cargo owners to compete more aggressively for available carriers, which likely increases charter rates and premiums.

For the broader maritime and energy markets, higher LNG shipping rates can lead to elevated costs for end consumers, especially in regions dependent on imported gas for heating during winter. The pressure may also incentivize charterers to lock in long-term contracts earlier, disrupt spot-cargo plans, or even seek alternative fuel/energy supply arrangements.



In addition, persistent high rates may influence future investment decisions: shipowners might be encouraged to order more LNG-capable vessels or retrofit existing ships for dual-fuel operation — which ties into long-term trends around shipping decarbonization and flexibility under supply-chain stress.

Overall, this surge in LNG shipping rates underscores how energy demand cycles, seasonal demand, and vessel availability continue to shape the fortunes of global maritime transport — even in 2025.

SPOTLIGHT

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DUBAI RUN 2025

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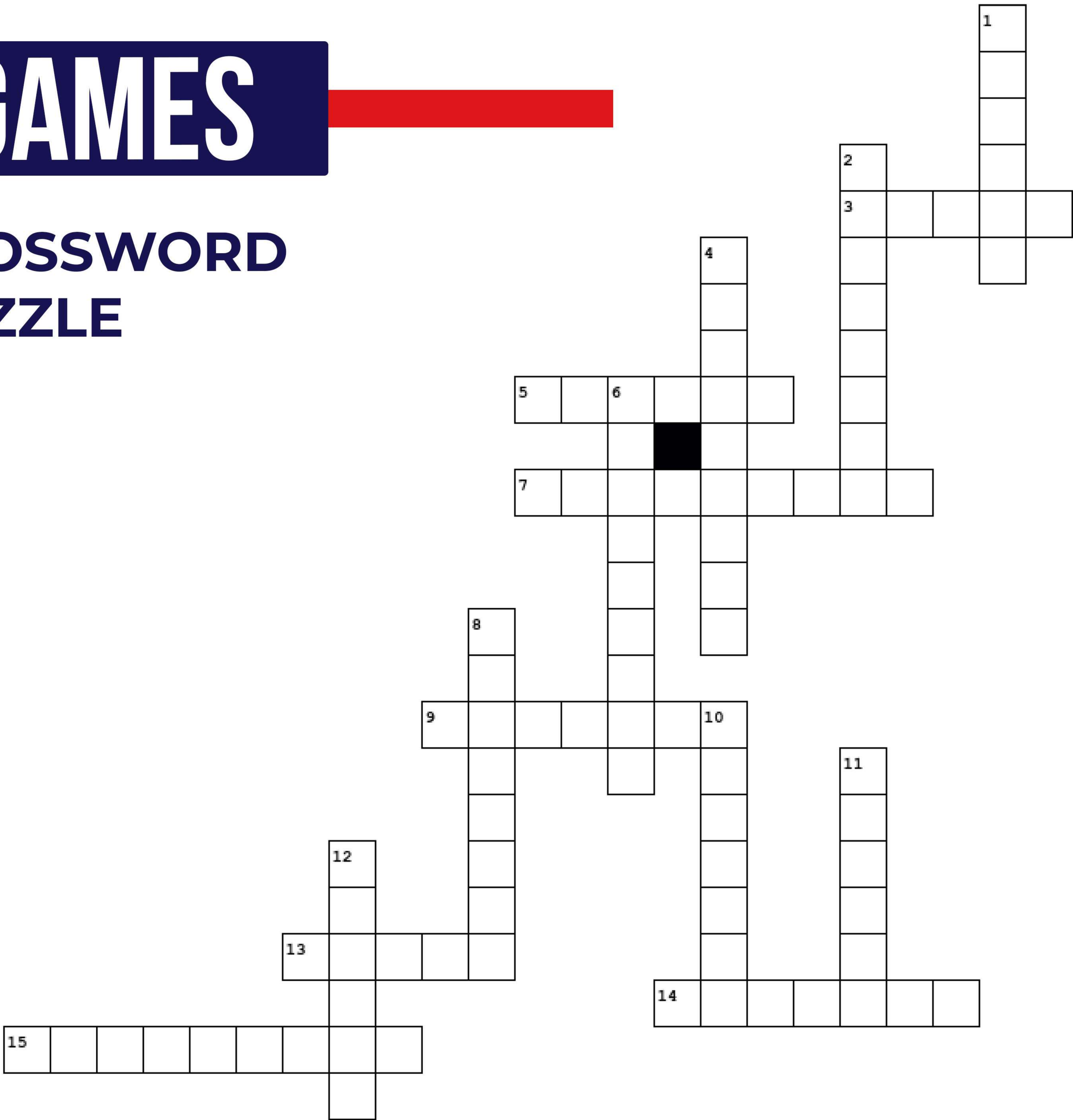
NAVIO FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2025

DSAA (Dubai Shipping Agents Association) hosted an exciting Football Tournament that united teams across the shipping community for a competitive and energetic day.



GAMES

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

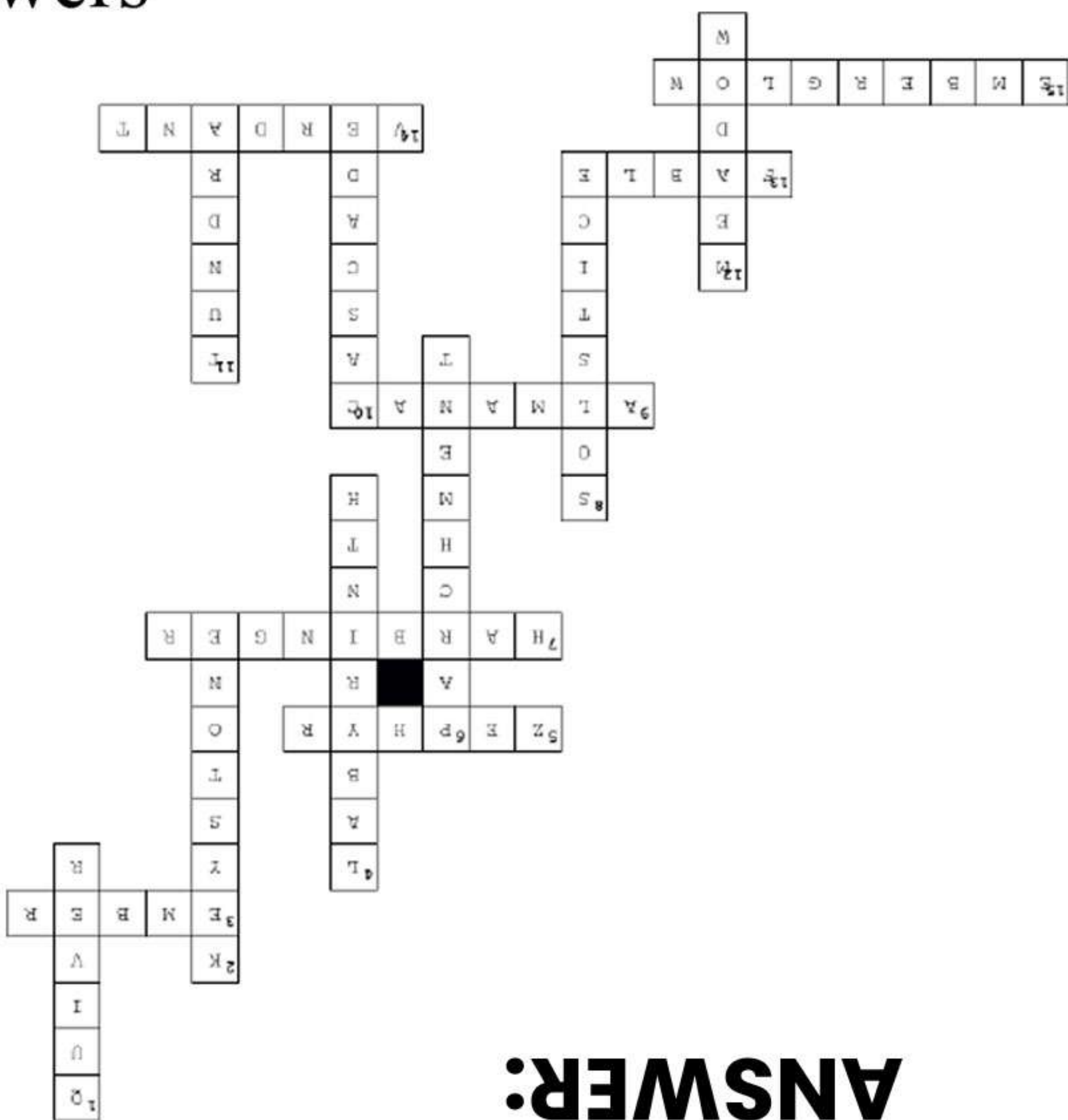


Across

- 3. A glowing piece of wood from a fire
- 5. A gentle, mild breeze
- 7. Someone or something that signals what is to come
- 9. Annual publication of useful dates and statistics
- 13. A short story conveying a moral lesson
- 14. Green and lush with vegetation
- 15. Soft light produced by dying coals

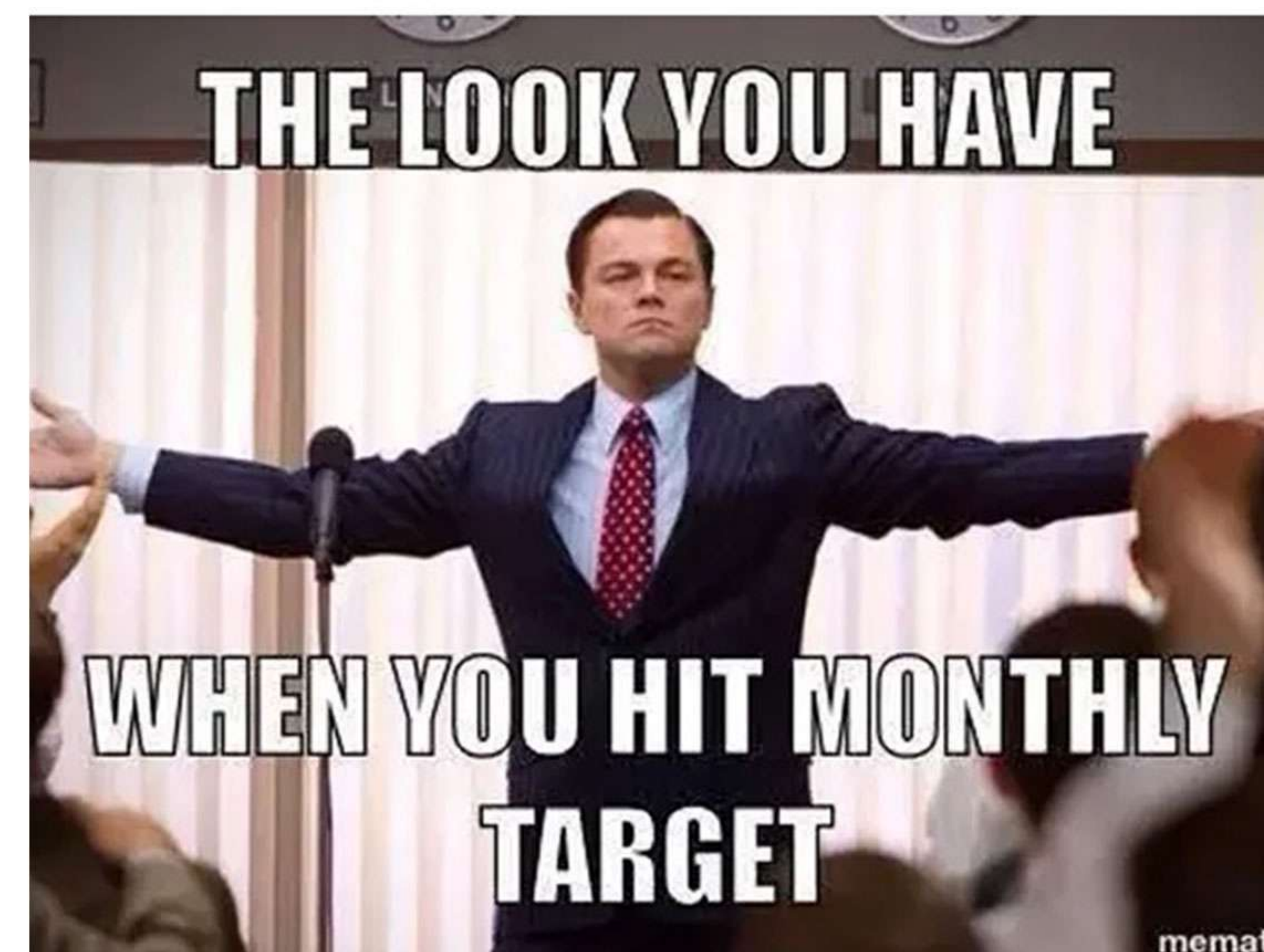
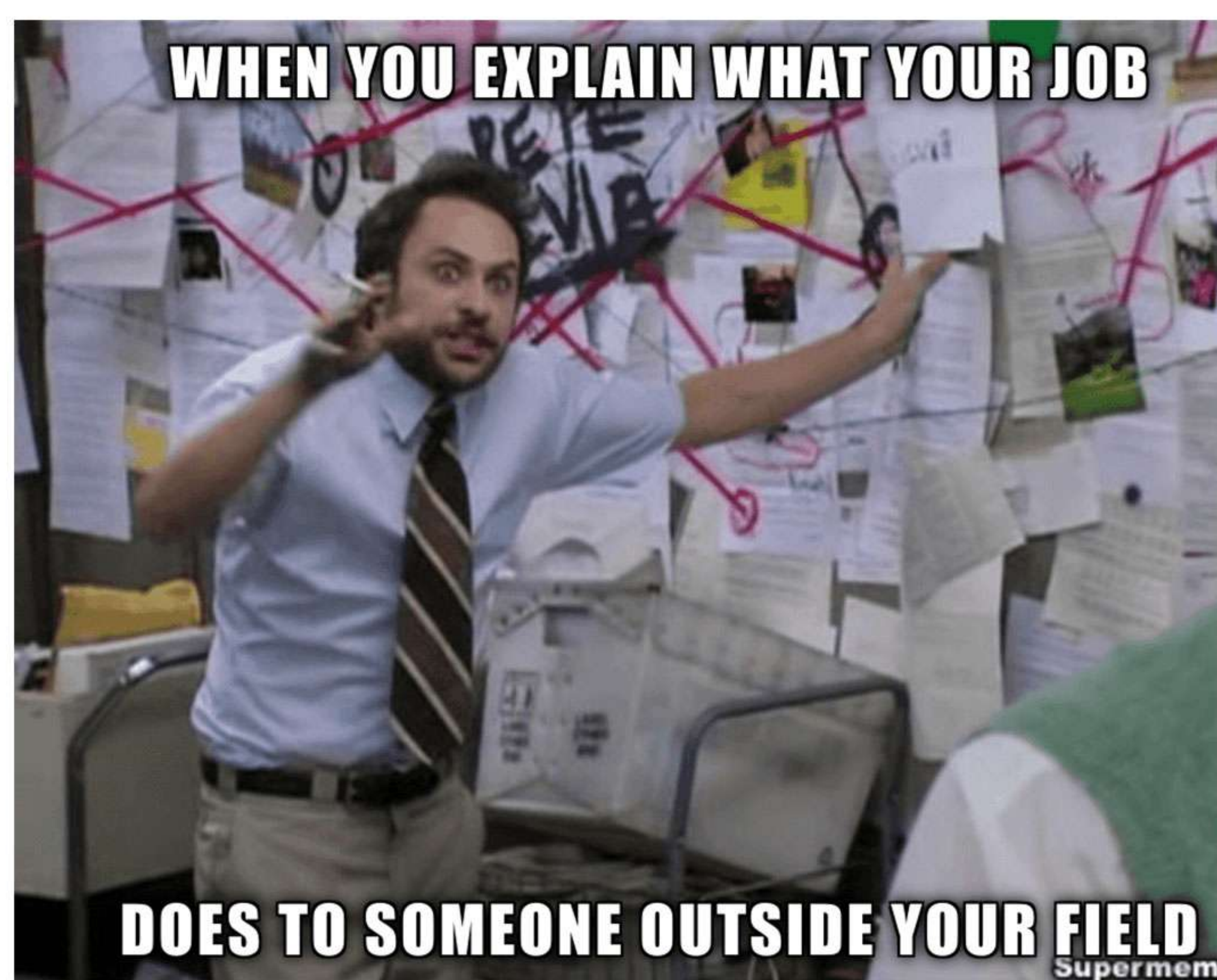
Down

- 1. A slight trembling movement
- 2. Central supporting element in a structure
- 4. A complex and confusing network of paths
- 6. Stiff, thin writing material used historically
- 8. Longest or shortest day of the year
- 10. A small waterfall or series of waterfalls
- 11. Treeless Arctic plain with frozen subsoil
- 12. A field of grass and wildflowers



ANSWER:

MEMES



QUOTE

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow is our doubts of today.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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