The Great Pyramid of Giza (Solution)

Each of the hex clues are numbered and solve to a six-letter answer. These answers can be placed in the pyramid starting at the appropriately numbered space and proceeding in the indicated direction around the hex. The tier clues are separated into six tiers with tier 1 corresponding to the top of the pyramid and tier 6 corresponding to the bottom of the pyramid. The answers for the tier clues vary in length and are placed in the pyramid starting at unmarked spots in each tier but always proceeding clockwise around the pyramid in order of the given clues for each tier. The answers to the clues are:

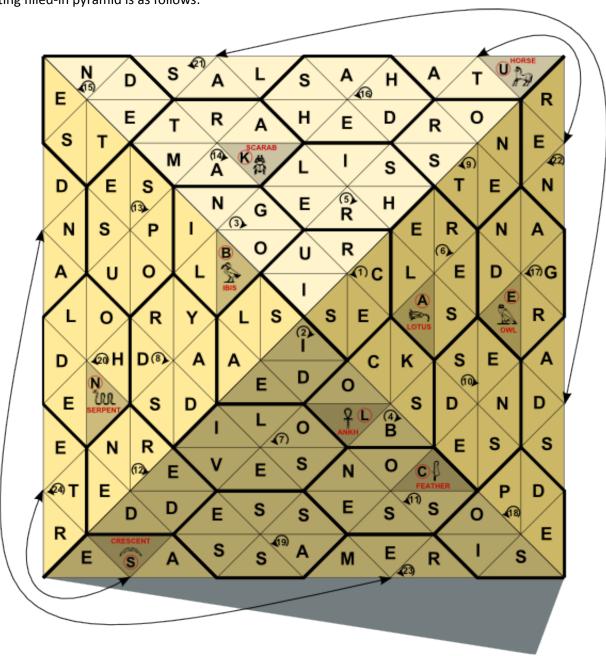
	<u>Hexes</u>	
1.	Pleasure voyage	CRUISE
2.	Standards of perfection	IDEALS
3.	Small, grotesque fantasy	
	creature who may work at	GOBLIN
	Gringotts	
4.	Cubical toys for tots	BLOCKS
5.	Pickle condiment	RELISH
6.	Secondhand transaction	RESALE
7.	Pimiento holders	OLIVES
8.	Wood nymphs	DRYADS
9.	Some choir members	TENORS
10.	Heard, smelled or tasted	SENSED
11.	English tea treats	SCONES
12.	Blush with embarrassment	REDDEN
13.	Better half	SPOUSE
14.	Passenger railway company	AMTRAK
15.	Fitted together like Russian dolls	NESTED
16.	Chopped up, like breakfast potatoes	HASHED
17.	Male goose	GANDER
18.	Composed and ready for action	POISED
19.	Appraise	ASSESS
20.	Caulfield from "The Catcher in the Rye"	HOLDEN
21.	Leafy lunches	SALADS
	Alternative to nurture	NATURE
23.	Sent back to a lower court	REMAND
24.	Short movie trailer meant to entice	TEASER

Tier 1		
Egyptian goddess of fertility	ISIS	
Tier 2		
Cover story given to police	ALIBI	
2011 Gyllenhaal film	SOURCE CODE	
<u>Tier 3</u>		
Why you can't get money on Christmas	BANK HOLIDAY	
or Fourth of July	BANK HOLIDAI	
Stick around	LINGER	
Opposite of good-bye	HELLO	
Elephant's long teeth	TUSKS	
<u>Tier 4</u>		
Lock of hair	TRESS	
Overcome or vanquish	DEFEAT	
Long-legged wading bird of the family	HERON	
Ardeidae	HERON	
Cuts off	SEVERS	
Bits of rain	DROPS	
Eye makeup	MASCARA	
Utter joy	BLISS	
<u>Tier 5</u>		
4-sided pyramidal shape	TETRAHEDRON	
Fund, as a museum	ENDOW	
Eye part or camera attachment	LENS	
In need of an exorcism	POSSESSED	
More closely packed	DENSER	
Top floor apartment	PENTHOUSE	
<u>Tier 6</u>		
Readied a golf ball	TEED	
England's westernmost cape	LAND'S END	
Mexican dip	SALSA	
Egyptian goddess of love	HATHOR	
Sister of athlete Venus	SERENA	
Alums	GRADS	
Streetcar name?	DESIRE	
Slaughters	MASSACRES	
Middle	CENTER	

Each hex answer fits exactly in its hexagon but the tier answers do not always fit exactly. The key insight is that the letters forming the name of an Egyptian hieroglyph are replaced with the named glyph. This occurs nine times:

Clue answer(s)	Hidden glyph	Glyph	Result in pyramid
ALIBI SOURCE CODE	IBIS	\$	AL SOURCECODE
BANK HOLIDAY	ANKH	7	BPOLIDAY
HELLO TUSKS	LOTUS	፟	HEL≫KS
DEFEAT HERON	FEATHER	1	DE∮ON
MASCARA BLISS	SCARAB	А	MAÅLISS
ENDOW LENS	OWL		END ENS
DENSER PENTHOUSE	SERPENT	M	DENWPENT
HATHOR SERENA	HORSE	H	HAT ARENA
MASSACRES CENTER	CRESCENT		MASSA∞ER

The resulting filled-in pyramid is as follows:



The spaces where the glyphs appear in the pyramid do not match the letters obtained from the corresponding hex clues. These letters are circled in red above and taken in either hex or row order, they spell **BLACKEN US** which is a hint for the final extraction. The only unused parts of the puzzle are the two columns of hieroglyphics on the clue page. Blackening in the glyphs in those columns that also appear in the pyramid results in:





And thus the final answer is MARKER.