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Do you know the name of the Palace these Towers belong to?

Brig is a major town in the upper Valais. It lies at the crossroads of the main Alpine routes leading over the Simplon, Furka, Grimsel and Nufenen passes and through the Loetschberg Tunnel. Located on the Rhone, that the town takes its name from the bridges that span the river at this spot, where a Roman settlement once stood.

During the 17th century, the trade route to Italy, leading over the Simplon Pass, was controlled by the ???? family of merchants. Kaspar Jodok ???? von Thurm gave Brig its finest monument, a Renaissance Baroque palace built in 1658-78. The building is set with three tall square towers crowned by cupolas known as Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The palace has an attractive arcaded courtyard and a chapel dedicated to the Three Kings, with an exquisite silver altarpiece made by Samuel Hornung of Augsburg. The palace houses various offices and history museum. Brig also has other historic buildings, town houses and churches, including the pilgrimage church in Gils, built in 1642-59.



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The winner was:
Kate Appert, Okato, Taranaki

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